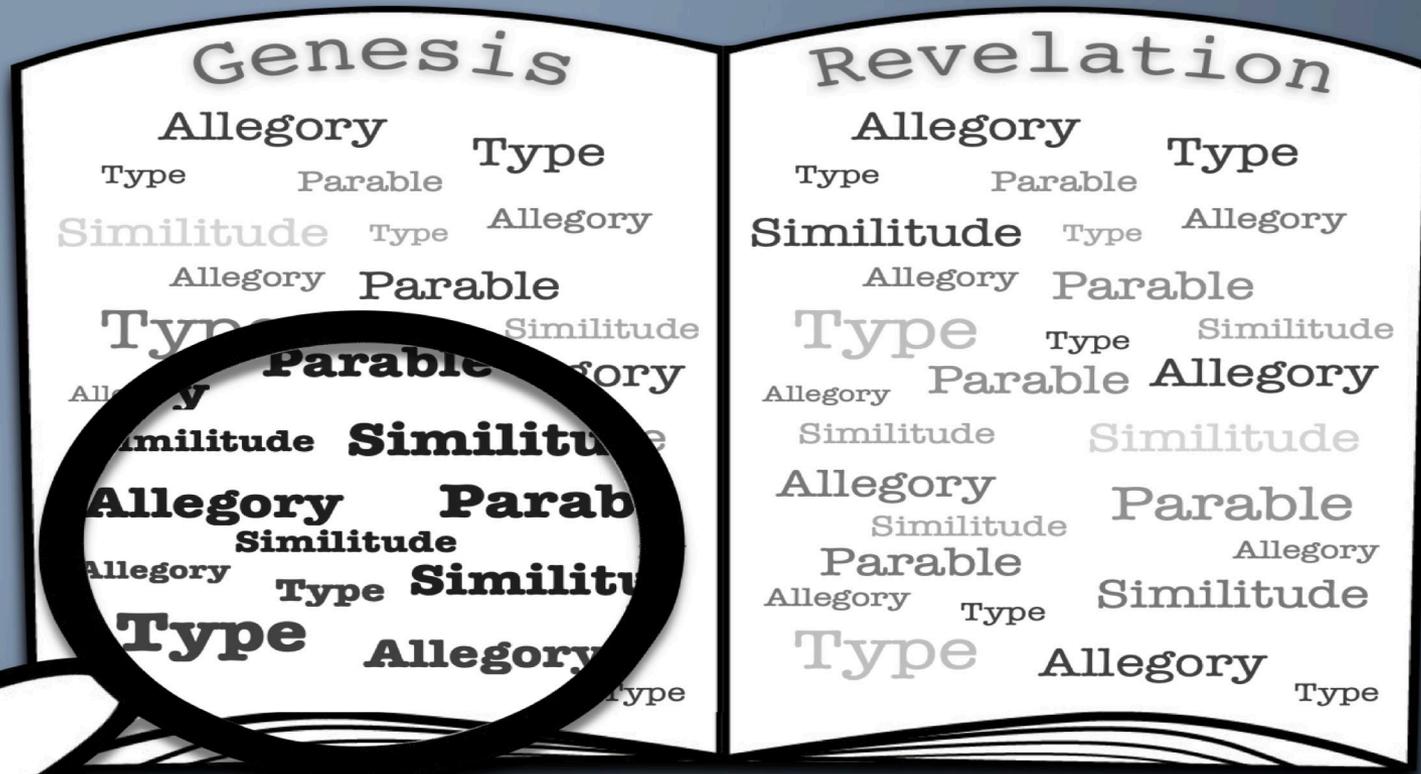


Reasoning out of the Scriptures by Allegory & Type



Study 6

The Tabernacle class 2 - The Outer Court

Exo 25:10 And **THEY SHALL MAKE AN ARK** *of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.*

Ark—the “they shall make” command given to Moses begins with the Most Holy: the Ark. **WHY?** Because the Truth begins with Yahweh. The Tabernacle reveals the principle that each of us have been called to manifest. Note, however, Bro. Roberts’ excellent comment—

□ “The ‘shalt make’ series begins with the ark, mercy seat and cherubim, while the ‘did make’ series begins with the curtains, boards and bars; in brief, one begins with the inside, and the other with the outside—which is in harmony with the fact that in the historic evolution, the inside matters comes **LAST** in realization, though **FIRST** in promise”—*Law of Moses, pg 105.*

Principle: *the purer the metal, the closer to Yahweh’s Glory and presence. Pure Gold in the Most Holy. Brass primarily in the Outer Court. As suggested, we begin from the outside and move inward.*²

Exo 27:9 And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the SOUTH SIDE southward *there shall be* hangings for the court *of fine twined linen* of an hundred cubits long for one side...

Exo 27:10 And the *twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets shall be of brass*; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *shall be of silver*.

Exo 27:11 And likewise for the NORTH SIDE in length *there shall be* hangings of an hundred *cubits* long, and his *twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of brass*; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of silver*.

- ❑ “A wall of white linen separates the Sanctuary (or tent of Yahweh) from the tents of the Israelites, thus teaching that ‘the flesh profiteth nothing’ (John 6:63). The court is primarily A BARRIER, preventing unlawful approach, and so protects the worship of Yahweh against defilement. It represents A CLEAR LINE OF DEMARCATION, emphasising the separateness which is an essential feature of acceptable worship. It makes clear THE WAY OF APPROACH, teaching Israelites to realise that Yahweh dictates the terms of worship” —*HPM, Expositor*

Fine Twined Linen—hangings represent Yahweh's righteousness

Rev 19:8 “And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in *fine linen*, CLEAN AND WHITE: *for THE FINE LINEN is the righteousness of saints*”

- The “clean and white” standard of the “fine linen” is a purity only associated with Almighty God Himself. It is granted to those whose garments have been made “white in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev 7:14).

Rev 3:4-5 “Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and **THEY SHALL WALK WITH ME IN WHITE: FOR THEY ARE WORTHY.** He that overcometh, the same shall be *clothed in white raiment*; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life...”

- Jesus was wrapped in “fine linen”; garments of purity (Mar 15:46).

Act 1:10 “And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them **IN WHITE APPAREL**” (angels)

- “Fine linen” was the garment of priests (Exo 28:39-40)! When Joseph was taken from the prison and exalted by Pharaoh, he was “arrayed in fine linen” (Gen 41:42). When Mordecai was exalted he was arrayed in a “garment of fine linen” (Est 8:15). *Note the types*

Righteousness—the standard of Yahweh, not man.

- **Saints are not, nor do they claim to be “righteous.” God alone is righteous (Psa 71:16), and there is great condemnation on those who imply personal self-righteousness (Mat 9:13; Rom 10:3).**

Rom 3:10-12 “As it is written, *There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one*”

- **Abraham “staggered not at the promise of God” and “therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness” (Rom 4:20-24; Jam 2:23). Thus, the faithful will receive “a crown OF righteousness”—not a crown “FOR” being righteous (see: Phil 3:9; Jer 33:16)**

2Tim 4:8 “There is laid up for me *a crown OF righteousness*, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing”

- **Saints do not assert personal purity. In fact, we confess the need for cleansed from all unrighteousness (1Joh 1:9). The upholding of God’s righteousness is confirmed by the “pillars”—**

- **Pillars in sockets of brass—rep. the saints; those who uphold the Truth; suspending the “white linen” righteousness of Yahweh.**

Gal 2:9 “When James, Cephas, and John, *who seemed to be pillars*, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we *should go* unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision”

Rev 3:12 “Him that **OVERCOMETH** *will I make a pillar in the temple of my God*, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is new Jerusalem*, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon him my new name*”

1Kin 7:21 “(Solomon) *set up the pillars in the porch of the temple*: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz”
(“*two pillars of brass*” 1Kin 7:15)

- **The two pillars in Solomon’s temple represent the two classes of those redeemed for Yahweh’s Name: Jew and Gentile.**

- **We are NOT upholding our own self-righteousness, but that which belongs to another; even Yahweh. This is a critical principle for understanding God Manifestation. The “pillar” then, is a standard of upholding the teaching of the Truth.**

Jer 1:17-19 “Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee”

- **Upholding the Truth is the duty of the ecclesia of the Living God—**

1Tim 3:14-15 “These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in THE HOUSE OF GOD, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth”
(Temple is called “house of God” 1Kn 6:1; John 2:13-17).

- **The scripturally defined principle of the “pillar” is that of setting a mark of separation between the Truth and the World. The same Hebrew word is employed in the Exodus—**

Exo 14:19-20 “And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; *and THE PILLAR of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night”*

Sockets of brass—wherein the pillars were set, rep. flesh purified:

Num 16:38-39 “The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar... and Eleazar the priest took *the brasen censers*, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad *plates for a covering of the altar”* (“brass” is trans. “filthiness” Eze 16:36)

- **The brazen serpent set upon a pole (Num 21:7-9), typified the Lord’s crucifixion on the cross (John 3:14-15); a partaker of flesh and blood (Heb 2:14-18).**

- The pillars were of “shittim wood” (Exo 26:32,37). Wood is a symbol of human nature; man cut down (humbled in death, mortality), and only then—measured to Yahweh’s exact pattern to be shaped for His purpose (Romans 6).

1Pet 2:24-25 “(Jesus) who his own self *bare our sins* IN HIS OWN BODY ON THE TREE, *that we*, BEING DEAD TO SINS, SHOULD LIVE UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls”

Gal 3:13 “Christ hath *redeemed us from the curse of the law*, being made a curse for us: for it is written, CURSED IS EVERY ONE THAT HANGETH ON A TREE” *Shittim is a thorny tree: the curse (Gen 3:18)*

- **Flesh humbled, typically baptized, used for the glory of Yahweh’s house in the days of David’s Son (typical of Christ Jesus):**

1Kin 5:6-9 “Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: *and I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir*. My servants shall BRING THEM DOWN FROM LEBANON UNTO THE SEA: AND I WILL CONVEY THEM BY SEA IN FLOATS UNTO THE PLACE THAT THOU SHALT APPOINT ME”⁹

- Furthermore, a literal count reveals there were 60 individual “pillars” that made up the outer court of the Tabernacle.

☐ EXO 27:9-10 “SOUTH SIDE... <u>TWENTY</u> PILLARS”	20
☐ EXO 27:11 “NORTH SIDE... <u>TWENTY</u> PILLARS”	40
☐ EXO 27:12 “WEST SIDE... <u>TEN</u> PILLARS”	50
☐ EXO 27:13-15 “EAST SIDE... <u>THREE</u> PILLARS, <u>THREE</u> PILLARS”	56
☐ EXO 27:16 “FOR THE GATE... <u>FOUR</u> ” PILLARS	60 TOTAL

THE “DOOR” (CHRIST—JOHN 10:7-9) SUSPENDED BY FOUR PILLARS, ANSWERING TO MATT, MARK, LUKE AND JOHN

- There were “60” valiant men appointed over David’s army, described as “mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom” (1Chr 11:9-10, 15,25; 12:4).
- Likewise, in the Song of Solomon, the glorified saints are those who hold the Word (sword) are experts in warfare with the flesh, and set in place for defense against the evils of darkness (night):

Song 3:7-8 “Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel. They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night”

Fillets of Silver—redemption, atonement (Exo 30:12-16; 38:25-26; 1Pet 1:18). These were rods on top connecting the pillars. Heb. word means simply “to attach, to join.” These were also of silver. Hence, the saints (pillars) are unified (fillets) by the principle of redemption or atonement (silver); together upholding the Truth!

1Cor 12:12 “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, *are one body*: so also *is Christ*”

Eph 4:11-16 “He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ... *From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love*”

- **Brass on bottom and silver on top demonstrates man understanding his earthy, fleshly nature looking up to redemption by upholding Yahweh’s righteousness (Luke 21:28; Phi 3:20-21).**

Exo 36:13 And he made fifty *taches* of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: *so it became ONE tabernacle.*

Exo 36:18 And he made fifty *taches of* brass to couple the tent together, *that it might be ONE.*

Taches—clasps or pins, in their various uses—brass or gold—to draw the pieces of the together to become “one tabernacle.” The Truth is intended to unify brethren as “one” on the principles of God Manifestation.

Phi 1:27-28 “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, *that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;* And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God”

- It is called “the gospel of peace” (Rom 10:15; Eph 6:15). The word means “to join.” Truth unifies brethren for God-Manifestation.¹²

Unifying in Truth is very different than uniting in the flesh. Brethren only become “one” by the common faith of glorifying Yahweh.

Joh 17:19-23 “And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE; AS THOU, FATHER, ART IN ME, AND I IN THEE, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE ONE IN US: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me”

Eph 4:1-7 “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is ONE BODY, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” 13

Why the Truth unites men in the Worship of Yahweh?

- All are sinners, not one is righteous (Rom 3:9-20)
- All have sinned and are subject to death (Rom 5:12)
- All are subject to the one and same Law (Exo 12:49)
- All begotten by the same Word; accountable to same Law (1Pet 1:23)
- All confirm the same one faith, doctrine (Eph 4:1-7)
- All equal as brethren with one Master (Mat 23:8; Gal 3:26-29)
- All to be conformed to the image of the one Son (Rom 8:29)

1Cor 12:4-14 “Now there are *diversities of gifts*, but *the same Spirit...* there are diversities of operations, *but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.* For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will... For as the body is ONE, and hath MANY members, and *all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ*”

EGYPT OR INHERITANCE—four things that snared Israel in the Wilderness

- They looked back, preferring bondage in Egypt (Num 11:5; Exo 16:3)
- They complained about the temporal provision (Num 11:6; 21:5)
- They doubted the reality of the future promise (Num 13-14)
- They were taken in by the present (Num 25)
- This is the problem common to every generation, and why God wisely keeps the promises *in front of us*: the Abrahamic, Davidic covenants, the Kingdom Age... etc. The children of Israel claimed everything was either Moses' fault or Yahweh's deception.

Deu 8:1-6 “Thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, *and* to prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him”

Exo 27:1 And thou shalt make an ALTAR OF SHITTIM WOOD, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits.



Shittim Wood—a worthy rep. of man's nature. Not a very impressive tree, outwardly. Called the "thorn-tree" (Gen 3:18). As Christ was "hanged on a tree" (Act 5:30; 10:39), which represents sin's flesh humbled and crucified. Only humbled man can be used for God (Rom 6)

Tree—symbolic of the stature and countenance of men. The pride and power of Babylon was described as such, only to be "hewn down" and humbled (Dan 4:10-11, 20-26). A great tree can represent one whose "heart is lifted up" in pride (Eze 31). Thus, a tree cut down signifying the humbling of man, brought low by and for God.

Exo 27:1 And thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be *foursquare*: and the height thereof *shall be* three cubits.



Altar—Heb. “to slaughter.” It teaches the need for death to the flesh in order to worship Yahweh! It is the very first object entering the court of the Tabernacle. Though men may love the future things associated with the Kingdom of God and eternity, servitude is first.

Exo 40:29 “He put the altar of burnt offering *by the door of the tabernacle*” (Exo 35:17, called “*the gate*” in Exo 27:16)

- Christ is “the door” (John 10:9). It is through him all men must enter to approach Yahweh if they desire to worship God (John 14:6); therefore, a deliberate association with the door and altar.¹⁷

Rom 6:3-6 “So many of us as were baptized **into** Jesus Christ were baptized **into** his death?... Knowing this, that *our old man is crucified with him*, that the *body of sin might be destroyed*, that henceforth we should not serve sin... (v.18) *ye became the servants of righteousness*”

Mark 8:34 “Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross (WOOD), and follow me”

Luk 14:33 “So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple”

- Thus, the altar was made of “wood” —The Christ-altar humbled as Yahweh’s “servant” (Phi 2:5-19). Heb 13:10 “We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle”
- The altar was covered with “brass” —representing flesh purified by fire; the purging of our character (Gal 5:24-25).

1Cor 3:13-15 “Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is”

- The “Word” is the inspecting fire (Jer 23:29; 1The 5:19).

Exo 30:28 this brazen altar in the outer court is called “the *altar of burnt offering* with all his vessels...”

- **A significant name.** There were four main altar offerings. But it is called “the altar of burnt offering”—the foremost of all offerings and first addressed in the Law of Moses (Leviticus 1). Very fundamental for us to understand. The “burnt offering” was the sacrifice dedicating to Yahweh all of one’s service; as the “the head, fat... inwards and legs” were offered (Lev 1:12-13).

Mar 12:32-33 “... There is one God; and there is none other but he: *And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than ALL WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS and sacrifices*”

- **Paul declares brethren must “present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom 12:1-2).**

Exo 27:1 And thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be *foursquare*: and the height thereof *shall be three cubits*.

Foursquare—dimension used to represent Yahweh's people (Israel):

Exo 28:15-21 “Thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment ...

Foursquare it shall be *being* doubled; a span *shall be* the length thereof, and a span *shall be* the breadth thereof... **AND THE STONES SHALL BE WITH THE NAMES OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL”**

- “Foursquare” is also the description of the “new Jerusalem” (Rev 21:2, 16), as well as the Temple in the Age to come (Eze 42:17-20).
Sacrifice (altar) for the purpose of future glorification (Jerusalem)

Mar 8:35 “For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; *but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it”*

Three Cubits—sacrifice is everywhere throughout the Word. Thus, the “height” of the altar of burnt offering was “three cubits.” Self-sacrifice to resurrect to the new man is an elevated teaching, which requires higher thinking (Exo 3:18; Mar 8:31; Mat 12:40; Rom 6).

Exo 27:2 And thou shalt make *the horns of it upon the four corners thereof*: his *horns* shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with *brass*.

Horns—this is where the “sacrifice” was “bound” (Psa 118:27). The horn also represented God’s mercy. Personal sacrifice opens up the principle of mercy from God (Mat 5:7; 18:33-35; Eph 4:32):

1Kin 1:51 “It was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, *lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar*, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he will not slay his servant with the sword”

1Kin 2:28 “Then tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And *Joab fled unto the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar*”

- The principle: Yahweh’s “mercy” to those who dedicate themselves in sacrifice, and do His commandments (Deu 5:9-10; Dan 9:4; John 14:15, 21). **Mercy is power Luke 5:24**

Four Corners—mercy extended to all men thru Israel’s scattering:

Isa 11:12 “He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, *and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the FOUR CORNERS of the earth*” **(all nations)**

Act 10:11-12 “(Peter) saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet *knit at the FOUR CORNERS*, and let down to the earth: Wherein were *all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth*” (Rev 7:1)

Mat 24:31-32 “He shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect *from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other*. Now learn a parable of the fig tree...” (Jer 37:9; Dan 7:2; 8:8; 11:4; Zec 2:6).

Kindred, tongues, peoples, nations

- The altar of burnt offering symbolizes the hope of redemption for all who embrace the Hope of Israel (Rom 3:9; 1:16).

Luk 13:29 “They shall come *from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south*, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God”

Exo 27:3 And thou shalt make his *pans* to receive his ashes, and his *shovels*, and his *basons*, and his *fleshhooks*, and his *firepans*: ALL THE VESSELS thereof thou shalt make of BRASS.

All the vessels—there are five; the number that marks the altar of burnt offering: “five cubits long and five cubits broad” (v. 1); five animals offered: bullock, sheep, goat, pigeon, dove (Lev 1). Brass vessels used for Yahweh by the principle of grace.

- “Vessels” represent the saints, which are used in conjunction with and related to the Christ-Altar (Heb 13:10)—

2Cor 4:7 “We have this treasure *in earthen vessels*, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us”

- **Vessels filled with contents of Yahweh’s Truth** (Rom 9:20-23; 1The 4:1-5; 1Pet 3:7).

Act 9:15 “The Lord said unto him, Go thy way: *for he is a chosen vessel unto me*, to bear my name before the Gentiles”

2Tim 2:20 “In a great house there are not only *vessels* of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour”

Exo 27:4 And thou shalt make for it *a grate of network of brass*; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the **FOUR CORNERS THEREOF**.

Brass—flesh/sin purged by sacrifice (Num 21:7-9; Joh 3:14).

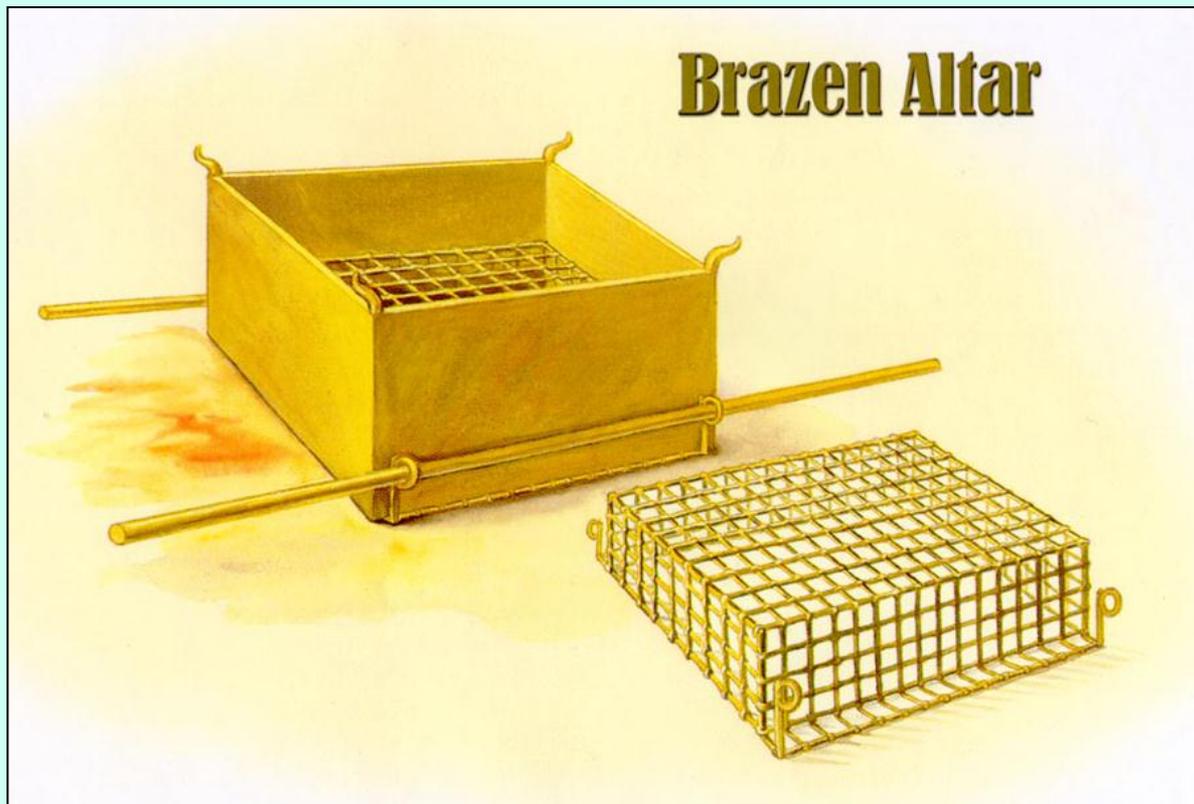
Num 16:37-40 “Speak unto Eleazar... take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hallowed. *The censers of these sinners* against their own souls, let them make them broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed: and they *shall be a SIGN* unto the children of Israel. **AND ELEAZAR THE PRIEST TOOK THE BRASEN CENSERS, WHEREWITH THEY THAT WERE BURNT HAD OFFERED; AND THEY WERE MADE BROAD PLATES FOR A COVERING OF THE ALTAR: To be A MEMORIAL** unto the children of Israel, that no stranger, which *is not of the seed of Aaron*, come near to offer incense before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses”

- The “covering” of the plates was connected with the “censers of these sinners.” It underscores the principle of Atonement.

Exo 29:37 SEVEN DAYS thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy: *whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.*

- ❑ “All who touched the altar were made holy; in its antitype, all who make contact with Christ through baptism are constituted holy (Rom 6:1-3)” — *Exodus Expositor*, pg 493

Heb 13:10 Christ-Altar



Seven Days—Divine Plan of Redemption and Atonement.

Heb 3:1 “Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus”

The Altar—

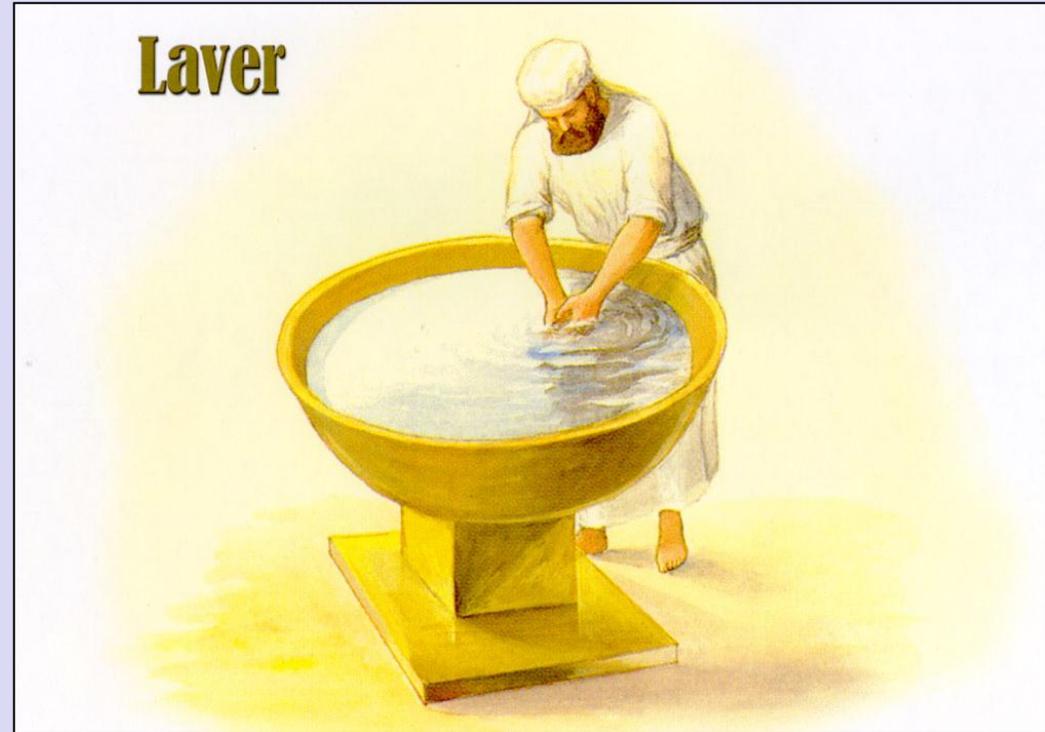
- ☐ “It tells us that sinful man, even with the utmost docility of spiritual circumcision, and desiring to come within the walls of righteousness, cannot approach God acceptably except by sacrifice” —*Law of Moses, pg 149***
- ☐ “The truth is that man, as he now is, is separated from God, and cannot return except in the way of God’s appointment, and must perish apart from that way. No truth is more clearly visible than that, as we gaze upon the tabernacle, standing inside its curtained enclosure of linen. Men think God is bound to save them if they are ‘good,’ as the popular phrase runs. They forget that they are sinners, and in a state of alienation from Him, ending in death, which He alone can terminate. They forget that God made man for His own objects, and that He will save them for no other. They altogether fail to realize the relative positions of God and man” —*Law of Moses, pg 151***

Exo 30:18 Thou shalt also make *a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass*, TO WASH WITHAL: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. **Laver means "round"*

Laver of Brass—rep. the cleansing of the Word.

Eph 5:25-26 “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word” *Gk “loutron” laver.*

Brass—remember what this metal represents. Thus, the purpose of the Word: to cleanse and purify the flesh (John 15:3; 17:17; 1Pet 1:22)



1Pet 1:22 “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth”
“purify” Greek, “to make clean” 27

Tit 3:5 “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, *by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit*”

- **“Washing” is *loutron*. (John 3:18-21)—only way to salvation.**

Psa 119:9 “Wherewithal shall a young man *cleanse his way?* by taking heed *thereto according to thy word*”

- **“Sanctify them through thy Truth; thy word is Truth”—John 17:17. Sanctify means “to make holy, to purify.”**

Exo 38:8 “He made the laver of brass, and the foot of it of brass, OF THE LOOKINGGLASSES (mirrors) of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation”
(spiritual women: note Eli’s sons: 1Sam 2:22)

- **A man’s deep inspection comes by the Word, AND is manifested through the reflection of the mirror of the Word.**

Jas 4:8 “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. *Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded*”

Jam 1:22-25 “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, *he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:* For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But *whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed*”

☐ “After sacrifice (the altar), washing—purification, making clean. THIS IS NO ACCIDENTAL ORDER OF EVENTS...It is not enough to have God’s righteousness declared in sacrifice, and endorsed in our baptism into the death of Christ; we must wash in the laver. We must conform to the exhortation, ‘Wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings’ (Isa 1:16). Literally this is done by subjecting the mind to the influence of the Word of God” —*Law of Moses*

2Cor 7:1 “Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, *let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God*”

Exo 30:19 For *Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: (works of hands and walk of feet)*

Exo 30:20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, **THAT THEY DIE NOT**; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:

☐ “The Lord Jesus and the saints are the antitypical Aaron and his sons” —*Law of Moses, pg 151*

Christ is called High Priest, Heb 2:17; saints are called priests, 1Pet 2:9

- Children of God are only “born” by one means: the Word of God. They must be nurtured by the “milk” of the first principles (Heb 5:12; 1Cor 3:2), then the mature to “meat” (Heb 5:13-14). Paul exhorted brethren to increase “knowledge” —

Php 1:9-10 “This I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more *in knowledge and in all judgment*; That ye may *approve things that are excellent*; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ”

1Pet 1:23 “Being BORN again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, *by the word of God...*” (1Pet 2:2)

Jas 1:18 “Of his own will BEGAT he us *with the word of truth*, that we should be a kind of firstfruits...”

- **Spiritual growth by study of the Word increases knowledge of Yahweh’s character, the condition of man, the Kingdom...etc. Twice the apostle rebuked brethren for not growing spiritually—**

Heb 5:12-14 “When for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again *which be the first principles of the oracles of God*; and are become such as have need of MILK, and not of STRONG MEAT. For every one that useth MILK *is unskilful in the word of righteousness*: for he is a babe. But STRONG MEAT belongeth to them that are of full age, *even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil*”

1Cor 3:1-2 “I, brethren, *could not speak unto you as unto spiritual*, but as unto carnal, *even as unto babes in Christ*. I have *fed you with milk, and not with meat*: for hitherto ye were not able to *bear it*, neither yet now are ye able”

Exo 30:21 So they shall *wash their hands and their feet, that they die not*: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

Psa 51:2-3 “*Wash me* thoroughly from mine iniquity, and *cleanse me* from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me” (John 13:8)

That they die not—sin is the cause of death. The purpose of the Laver is to cleanse us from the filth of the flesh, which is why it was BRASS.

- The Laver had no dimensions. Why? Because the Word of God has no limits in its ability to clean all filthy, fleshly sins (2Tim 3:15-17; 1Joh 1:8-10).
- “The Word of God...makes baptism valid. The priests washed at the laver both *before and after* attending the altar of sacrifice...The antitype is revealed in the influence and need of the Word both before baptism (i.e., in making contact with Christ as the altar of sacrifice), and after baptism (when walking in the holy place in the course of daily life)” —*Expositor, pg 413*

Exo 30:18 Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his FOOT also of brass, to wash withal: and *thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and THOU SHALT PUT WATER THEREIN.*

Note the Location of the Laver—deliberately situated between the place of personal sacrifice (altar) and the place representing the ecclesia (tabernacle of the congregation). Those who administer the water of the Word personally are then able to help their brethren ecclesially (1Tim 4:16). *It is also significant that Moses is directed to “put water” in the Laver. The Law of Moses, as a reflective Laver, revealed “sin” (Rom 3:20; 7:7-9; 5:13,20; 8:2; 1Cor 15:56).*

2Tim 2:15 “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”

Phi 2:12 “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”

- **No one can do it for us (1Cor 2:1-5; Act 20:30-32)**