

# THE TABERNACLE AS THE PATTERN FOR HEAVEN

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# THE TABERNACLE IS A PICTURE OF HEAVEN

## □ Hebrews 8:5,

Who serve unto the **example** (i.e. pattern, copy, imitation) and **shadow** of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the **pattern** (i.e. type) shewed to thee in the mount.

## □ Revelation 21:3,

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men**, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

# THE TABERNACLE SERVED AS THE TESTIMONY OF GOD'S PRESENCE

## □ Exodus 33:14,

And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.

## □ Exodus 40:34-35,

Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

## Revelation 15:8,

And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.

# THE TABERNACLE FORESHADOWED JESUS TABERNACLING ON EARTH

## □ John 1:14,

And the Word was made flesh,

and dwelt (*tabernacled*) among us,

(and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,)

full of grace and truth.

# The Tabernacle and the temple Foreshadowed Heavenly Realities

## □ Hebrews 9:24,

For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures (i.e. types or counterparts) of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

# THE FURNITURE IN THE TABERNACLE FORMED A CROSS



**East**

**Judah**

**Issachar**

**Zebulun**

**Naphtali**

**Moses  
&  
Aaron**

**Reuben**

**North**

**Asher**

**Merrari**

**Tabernacle**

**Kethath**

**Simeon**

**South**

**Dan**

**Gershon**

**Gad**

**Benjamin**

**Manasseh**

**Ephraim**

**West**

# THE COURTYARD IN THE HEAVENLY TABERNACLE

- There is no mention of the Bronze Altar. This does not mean that it does not exist.
- The focus instead is on the SACRIFICE - the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- There is reference to the crystal-like sea that corresponds to the bronze laver or sea.

# THE BRONZE ALTAR IN THE COURTYARD



# THE BRONZE ALTAR CORRESPONDS WITH THE SACRIFICE OF THE LAMB OF GOD

## □ **John 1:29,**

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

## □ **John 1:36,**

And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

# THE BRONZE LAVER IN THE COURTYARD



# THE BRONZE LAVER/SEA CORRESPONDS WITH CLEANSING

## □ **John 2:6,**

And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying (ceremonial cleansing) of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece.

□ **John 3** – “born of water” and John baptizing with “much water”

□ **John 4** – “living water”

□ **John 5** – “moving of the water”

# THE BRONZE SEA/LAVER

## CORRESPONDS W/THE CRYSTAL SEA

- **Ezekiel 1:22,**

And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

- **Revelation 4:6,**

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

- **Revelation 15:2 ,**

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

# THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND



# THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND CORRESPONDS WITH JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

## □ John 8:12,

Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

## □ John 9:5,

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

# THE LIGHT OF THE HEAVENLY CITY

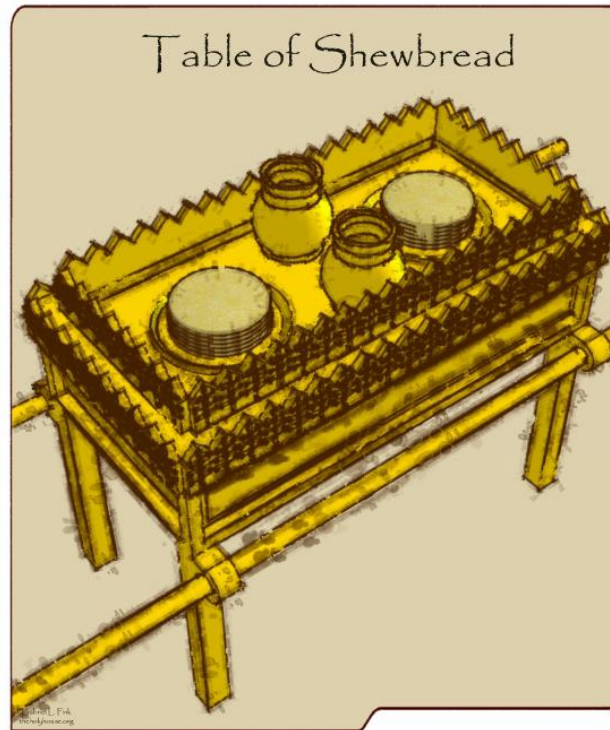
## □ **Revelation 21:23,**

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

## □ **Revelation 22:5,**

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

# TABLE OF SHEWBREAD



# THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD CORRESPONDS WITH JESUS THE BREAD OF LIFE

## □ John 6:33-35,

For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

## □ Revelation 7:16a and 7:17a,

“They shall hunger no more”

“For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them”

# THE GOLDEN INCENSE ALTAR



# THE GOLDEN INCENSE ALTAR CORRESPONDS WITH CHRIST'S HIGH PRIESTLY PRAYER

- **John 17:9,**

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

- **John 17:15,**

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

- **John 17:20.**

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

# THE GOLDEN ALTAR

## □ **Revelation 8:3,**

And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

## □ **Revelation 8:5,**

And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

## □ **Revelation 9:13 ,**

And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

## □ **Revelation 14:18,**

And another angel **came out** from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

# THE HOLY PLACE IN THE HEAVENLY TABERNACLE

- Only The Golden Altar of Incense is directly mentioned in the book of Revelation.
  - The Golden Lampstand is not mentioned.
  - The Table of Shewbread is not mentioned.
- \* The fact that the lampstand and the table of shewbread are not mentioned in the book of Revelation, does not mean that they do not exist in the heavenly tabernacle.

# THE HOLY OF HOLIES – “the vaos”

- The word vaos can mean the Holy of Holies or it can mean the entire temple complex. Context determines the broader or narrower use of the word.
- **Revelation 15:5,**  
And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple (vaos) of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:
- **Revelation 21:22,**  
And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.
- The Holy of Holies is a cube – so is Heaven!

# THE ARK OF THE COVENANT



# THE CHERUBIM ON ARK CORRESPOND WITH THE CHERUBIM IN HEAVEN

## □ Revelation 14:3.

And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

# THE ARK OF THE COVENANT AND MERCY SEAT CORRESPONDS WITH CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS

## □ **John 19:17,**

And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

## □ **John 19:30,**

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

# THE THRONE OF GOD in the Holy of Holies is Related to the Mercy Seat

- Revelation 7:15,

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple (vaos): and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

- Revelation 11:19,

And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple (vaos) **the ark of his testament**: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

# INVITATION:



Dear Lord:

Please forgive me of all my sin so I can be a clean vessel fit for your presence. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died for me and rose again. I want Jesus Christ to be my Lord and Savior. Please make me a child of yours and come dwell within me.

I Pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.