

THE SEVEN ARTICLES IN THE TABERNACLE

* * * THE MOST EXTENDED TYPE OF LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE BIBLE * * *

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IN THE COURTYARD

Note: There was only **one** entrance into the Tabernacle. "I am the door" (Jn10:9); "I am the way" (Jn14:6).

- 1) **The (Brazen) Altar.** The sacrificial animals were offered on this altar. "Behold the lamb of God" (Jn1:29); "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many" (Heb9:28).
- 2) **The Brass Laver.** Also called the Molten Sea (Cp., Rev4:6). Used by the priests to wash their hands and feet (Exod30:18-19). Jesus gives "living water", a type of the Holy Spirit (Jn4:10; 7:37-39). Also a type of the written word of God (Eph5:26; cf. Exod38:8; Jas1:22-25). Only article for which no dimensions were specified; thus, amount of water was unlimited.

IN THE HOLY PLACE

- 3) **The Table of Shewbread.** 12 loaves arranged in two rows of 6. "I am the bread of life" (Jn6:35). Also a type of the written word of God (Deut8:3).
- 4) **The Golden Lampstand.** An oil-fed (oil is a type of the H.S.), 7-branched lamp (cf. Isai1:2; Rev4:5); the only source of light, which illuminates the shewbread (cf. 1 Cor2:14). "I am the light of the world" (Jn8:12).
- 5) **The Altar of Incense.** Also called the Golden Altar. Incense burned using live coals from the Brazen Altar (Lev16:12-13); the "cloud" of the incense penetrated the "veil" and entered the Holy of Holies (a picture of the intercessory prayer of Christ; cf. Heb7:25; Rev5:8).

IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES

Note: The Holy Place and the Holy of Holies were separated by a "veil". The veil was a type of the "flesh" of Christ (Heb10:20), which had to be "rent" (Matt27:51) by death to open access for all into the Holy of Holies (cf. Heb4:16; 10:19).

- 6) **The Ark of the Covenant.** Wood overlaid with gold (a picture of the human and divine natures of Christ), it contained the two tables of stone upon which the 10 Commandments were written with the finger of God (Exod25:16; 31:18).
- 7) **The Mercy Seat.** Pure gold, with two cherubim extending their wings (Exod25:17-20). God was said to dwell "between the two cherubim" (Exod25:21-22; Lev16:2). In the N.T., the Greek word translated "mercy seat" is also translated "propitiation" (e.g., Rom3:25).

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| <p><u>OBJECT LESSON:</u> When God, who dwells between the Cherubim above the Mercy Seat, looks down toward the earth, He sees His Law, which has been broken by all men, and which demands judgment. However, between God and the broken Law is the shed blood of Jesus Christ, which propitiates the justice of God (Rom3:25).</p> |
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