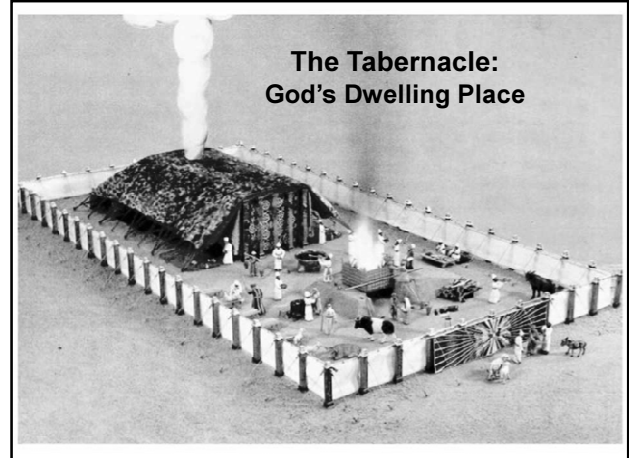


## Gleanings from the Pentateuch

### The Day of Atonement Leviticus 16



## Message of Leviticus

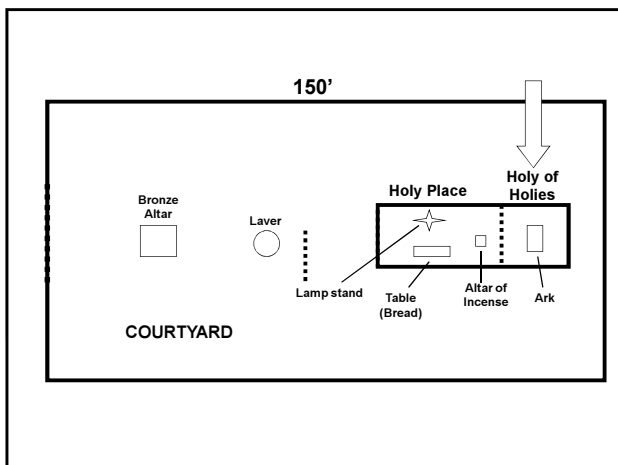
➤ Living in the presence of a holy God...

- the necessity of atonement for sin
- through a substitutionary death
- presented by a qualified priest

## The Day of Atonement

The Purpose:

- to provide complete atonement once a year for the tabernacle, the people and the priests
- God's provision to cleanse from every sin and every defilement so that His presence might remain



## The Day of Atonement

### The Ritual:

#### 1. Entering Inside the Veil

- incense shielded the Lord's presence from Aaron's view
- Aaron made atonement by sprinkling blood on the atonement cover

*Allows God to dwell with His people in peace*

## The Day of Atonement

### The Ritual:

#### 2. The Goat of Removal ("scapegoat")

- the sins of the people were symbolically transferred to the goat
- the goat was driven into the wilderness

*The sins of the people were completely removed*

## The Day of Atonement

### The Inadequacies:

#### 1. No permanent or final atonement

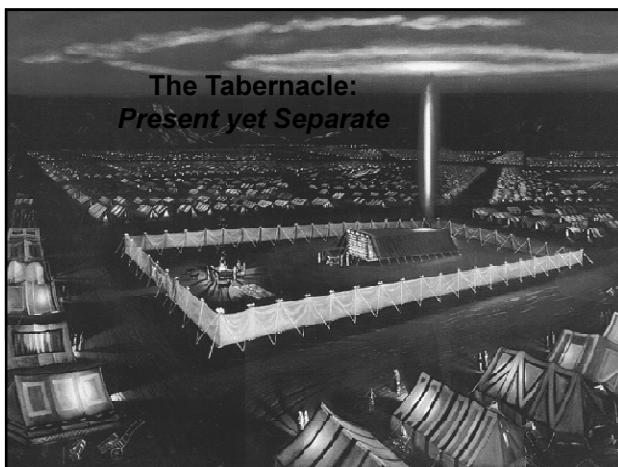
- Atonement needed to be made over and over again
- The Day of Atonement needed to be repeated every year

## The Day of Atonement

### The Inadequacies:

#### 2. No permanent, unshielded enjoyment of God's immediate presence

- *Very restricted access...*
  - only the High Priest once a year
  - only with shielding incense
  - only for atonement
  - only briefly



## The Day of Atonement

### The Fulfillment:

- through the perfect atonement of Jesus' death, we have unlimited enjoyment of God's presence forever

## **The Day of Atonement**

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Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,  
by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh,  
and since we have a great priest over the house of God,  
let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

– Hebrews 10:19-22