

God, Man, the Tabernacle and the Universe ©

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The earthly Tabernacle foreshadows Jesus Christ And His Church in explicit detail. The earthly Tabernacle also reveals the 3 parts of the Godhead, the 3-part nature of man and the structure of the universe. - in type. That is the overall theme of this document.

We will start with the following premise - If God made the universe for humanity to dwell in then the Tabernacle, as the home humanity made for God to dwell in, must be a representation of the infinite God Himself.

The Tabernacle of Moses was a type (or picture) and a shadow of heavenly things to come. The Tabernacle pictures Jesus Christ and His ministry. "Tabernacled" is the Greek 'skhnovw' (*skenoo*), which means to live in a tent; to dwell. The purpose of the Tabernacle was to be a dwelling place for God among men.

Exodus 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:9 According to all that I shew thee, [after] the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make [it].

– The earthly Tabernacle is a picture of the heavenly Tabernacle.

Hebrews 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

The Bible places great importance on the Tabernacle. This can be deduced from the fact that 50 chapters are devoted to the Tabernacle and the feasts and offerings. This is more material than in the book of Genesis, twice as much material as in any New Testament book.

The breakdown is as follows:

- Exodus has 13 chapters devoted to the Tabernacle.
 - Leviticus has 18 chapters devoted to the Tabernacle.
 - Numbers has 13 chapters devoted to the Tabernacle.
 - Deuteronomy has 2 chapters devoted to the Tabernacle.
 - Hebrews has 4 chapters devoted to the Tabernacle.
- = 50 Bible chapters devoted to the Tabernacle.

God lived in the Tabernacle in the midst of His people, Israel. The presence of the Lord filled the holy of holies of the Tabernacle:

Exodus 40:34 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Exodus 40:35 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.

The term describing the dwelling or presence of God is the Hebrew word *Sh'cheenah* or as we pronounce it Shekinah. The term Shekinah was many times used interchangeably with the word God. In the Jewish mind it always spoke of the fact that He "dwelt in". His presence (the word *Shekhinah*, Divine presence, comes from the same root as *Mishkan*, sanctuary or tabernacle) lives in "the work of our hands" – whatever we do in accordance with His will - "rested upon" those who merited His favor, whether an individual, a community.

God told Moses how the Tabernacle should be built and who would build it -

Exodus 31:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Exodus 31:2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

Exodus 31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

Exodus 31:4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

Exodus 31:5 And in cutting of stones, to set [them], and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

The name Bezaleel means "in the shadow of God." Bezaleel would require a filling with the spirit of God if he was to do this work in a manner that met God's standards for the Tabernacle. Bezaleel would have to have the same 'inputs' that God used in designing and constructing the universe - wisdom, understanding and knowledge.

Proverbs 3:19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens.

Proverbs 3:20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew.

So Bezaleel, in a sense, knew how to make the universe.

The 3 parts of the Tabernacle picture the body, soul and spirit of God.

God Himself is the pattern of the Universe. The tabernacle is a definition of His spiritual personification. By examining the structure of the tabernacle and the functions of the priests therein, one can begin to understand the structure and function of God's spiritual personification. The tabernacle is composed of three compartments, divided by veils, with a total of nine major vessels therein.

The three compartments of the tabernacle are a type of the structure of the Godhead.

1) The Most Holy Place pictures God the Father.

God resided above the most holy place and this is where the mercy seat (of the Ark of the Covenant) is found. The 10 commandments are inside the ark. The blood is on top of the ark. God was on the mercy seat. When He looked down into the ark He looked past the blood. Once every year the high priest put the blood on the mercy seat and never wiped it off. The ark held the 10 commandments.

When God looked at the 10 commandments He had to look at them thru the blood. If we broke then we were covered. If there wasn't blood on them He'd behold iniquity in us. This explains why the iniquities of Old Testament saints are looked at as if these iniquities never occurred when these saints are spoken of in the New Testament.

It's called a mercy seat cause God sets up mercy for us by the blood of Christ - breaking the law of God required a payment and when He looks down at the law He sees the payment

2) The Holy Place pictures God the Son.

The candlestick pictures the light of Jesus Christ, our light of understanding the Word, seeing our way through the darkness of the world.

3) The Outer Court pictures the Holy Spirit in concrete form.

The sinner is saved at the brazen altar after making a blood sacrifice.

The brazen altar is a type of the cross. Salvation itself is a work of the Holy Spirit. When you accept Christ the Holy Spirit resides inside you and you are 'sealed until the day of redemption'

Ephesians 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

The 3 parts of the Tabernacle picture the body, soul and spirit of man.

The tabernacle/temple was designed with three main chambers - the Outer Court, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies. Symbolically this characterizes for Christians today that we are the temples of God, our body, soul, and spirit respectively.

* Body - The Outer Court is represented by the body. The body is like the outer court, occupying an external position that is visible to all. The Outer Court is filled solely with natural light while the other parts of the Tabernacle are filled with the light of God. The natural man cannot understand or benefit from any of the light that is inside the Tabernacle.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.

The body is the outer and visible part of our personality; it is the place of sacrifice and cleansing

Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.

Romans 12:2 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.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* Soul – The soul is represented by the holy place. The soul constitutes the inner life (self-consciousness). The soul consists of our emotion, will, and intellect. Thus, the Bible often refers to man as a “a soul.” In the Temple, this was the area into which only the priests were allowed to enter and where they presented oil, incense and bread to God. They were close to God—but not nearest because they were still outside the veil, and therefore, unable to stand in His presence.

Once in the holy place the Christian can use his/her will (soul) to decide whether to enter the most holy place to have communion and fellowship with God OR to go back into the outer court where the natural man lives, where there is only created light and no spiritual thing can be found.

The way of the cross is a way and not a goal. To be in the holy place means we are already saved. Christians have already been to the cross. Their goal is now to serve God in the holy place and to fellowship with Him in the most holy place. There are three stages of growth – being forgiven by God, serving God and

fellowshipping with God. We have already met the requirements of the first stage (the service at the Brazen Altar). It is now time to exercise your will (soul) and advance to the higher stages of Christian growth.

* Spirit - The spirit is represented the holy of holies. The Holy of Holies is symbolic of our spirits and the indwelling Holy Spirit. There is no light in this chamber except for that which came from glory of God. We enter through our prayer life, the study of the Word, and an obedient relationship with Him.

The Holy of Holies is a place of communion, or of dialogue with God -

Exodus 25:22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which [are] upon the ark of the testimony, of all [things] which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

God now dwells in the Christian in a part of the body He has made righteous by a righteous sacrifice or there would be no dwelling place. God only dwells in righteous, sinless places. His dwelling place is in the most holy place of the 'tabernacle' of the Christian's body and He 'dwells' there permanently. God resides in the holy part of the Christian, who can serve and have spiritual fellowship with Him.

The spirit is also the place of intuition, which is our sensing function. Intuition is the knowledge that we obtain without any help from the mind, emotion, or will. We "know" through our intuition; our mind merely helps us to "understand." The revelation of God and the movements of the Holy Spirit are known to the believer through his intuition.

Mark 2:8 And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

Also, the spirit is where man unites and communes with God -

John 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

1 Corinthians 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Intuition is related to communion or worship in that God is known by man intuitively and reveals Himself to man through intuition.

The order, which is presented to us, is important (body, soul, and spirit) because the spirit is the pre-eminent part. It is important that the spirit remain pre-eminent because what is uppermost in our lives controls the rest of life. The body is the lowest and, thus, is mentioned last. The soul stands between and is mentioned between. All activities in the Holy Place and in

the outer court are regulated by the presence of God in the Holy of Holies. Although it may seem as though all the work is being done by the priests in the Holy Place (they even direct the activities of the outer court), all activity is actually directed by the revelation in the utter quietness and peace of the Holy of Holies—the place of true worship.

In man, the soul stands between the body (outer court) and the spirit (most holy place). The holy place stands between the outer court and the most holy place. Scripture positions the soul in between the spirit and the body as well.

1Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, the soul possesses the free will to choose between the two environments. So in the context of post-death-burial-resurrection of Christ, now that a person has been to the cross (typed by the Brazen altar) he/she can use their soul (typed by the holy place) to decide whether or not to communion and fellowship with God *spiritually* (typed by the most holy place).

The Tabernacle is a representation (type) of the Universe.

The universe, like the Tabernacle, is a 3-part entity, one of many types of the Trinity. The structure of the universe is a triangle with 3 sections. That is the structure that resulted when God created the universe.

Genesis 1:7 And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which [were] under the firmament from the waters which [were] above the firmament: and it was so.

Genesis 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

Genesis 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry [land] appear: and it was so.

The firmament deals with the structure of the present heavens and Earth. There is presently a three heavens structure as is the Tabernacle.

The first heaven is the Earth's atmosphere –

Genesis 1:20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl [that] may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

The second heaven is the vast expanse of the physical universe; outer space, as we call it:

Genesis 1:14 And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years:

These two heavens constitute a continuum called the "firmament" and this firmament is collectively called "Heaven" –

Genesis 1:8 And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

The Third Heaven is above this higher "Sea" and this higher sea is before and below the Throne of God –

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.

This particular "Sea" above the firmament is above the known physical universe. Since the sun, moon and stars are "in" the firmament this "Sea" must be above them.

On the second day of the creation, the Lord God "divided" the waters of the great "deep" into two parts with a "firmament" in the middle. Both the waters that were upon the face of the Earth, and the waters, which He placed above the firmament, He called "Seas".

Genesis 1:10 And God called the dry [land] Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that [it was] good.

In the construction of Moses' Tabernacle in the wilderness there were three main parts:

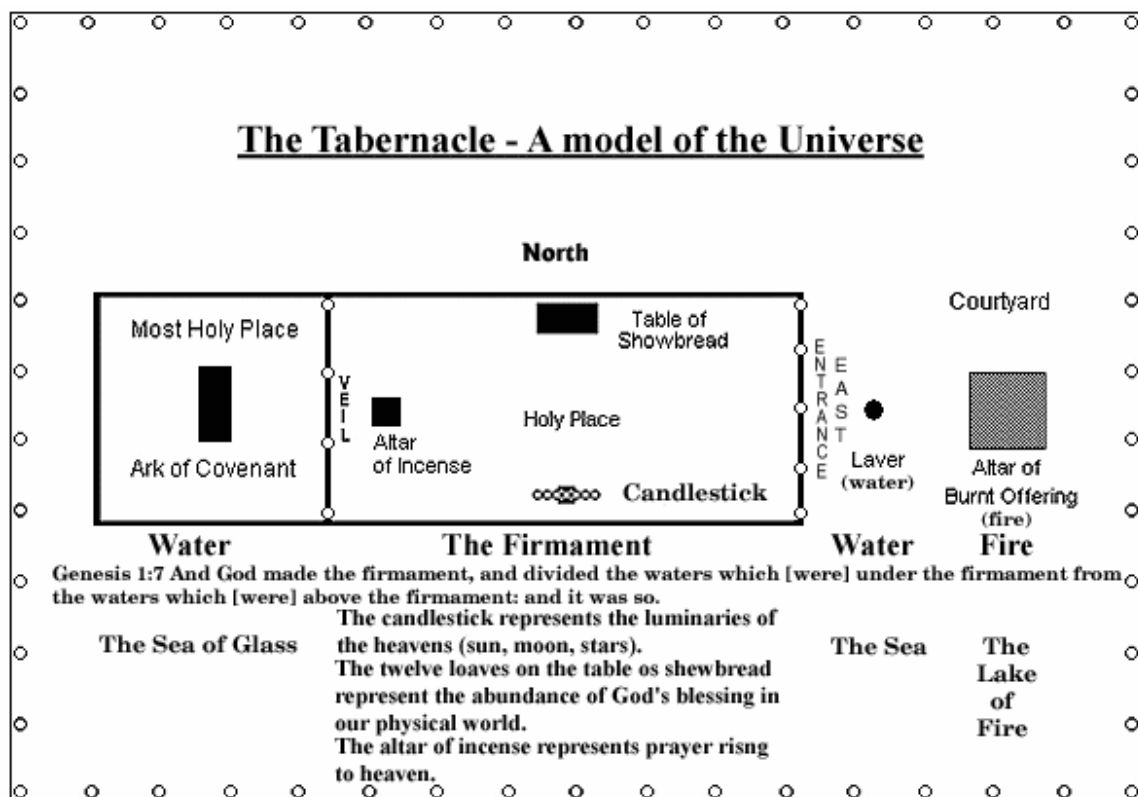
- 1) The outer court, where the brazen altar of sacrifice was.
- 2) The Holy Place, where the candlestick, table of shewbread and golden altar of incense were found.

3) The Holy of Holies where the Ark of the Covenant was. Between parts 2 and 3 was a curtain for a partition, which matches the "sea" above the firmament (in type) in the structure of the Three Heavens.

In summary, here is the structure of the physical world, as it now exists, from the face of the Earth upwards:

- The lower sea of physical waters (our seas and oceans)
- The first heaven (the atmosphere)
- The second heaven (outer space)
- The sea above outer space and below the third heaven (a sea of separation)
- And above it all, there is the Third Heaven.

The diagram below is based on this Biblical geometry. The earthly Tabernacle previews where God will dwell for all eternity. Items in the earthly Tabernacle and their heavenly counterparts are discussed in detail in the section titled "Items in the earthly Tabernacle and their heavenly counterparts" later in this document.



The tabernacle is a representation (type) of New Jerusalem.

The Tabernacle with the surrounding tribes will be a shadow or type of the Millennial Kingdom. Jerusalem will be the home of the Temple and the capital of Israel and the world. The Tribes of Israel will own land around Jerusalem in fulfillment of the Palestinian Covenant. And the Gentile nations will occupy the rest of the Earth. The Heavenly (New) Jerusalem will be surrounded by the nation of Israel with its Tribes, and the Gentile nations will occupy the rest of the Earth. The Church will live in the Heavenly Jerusalem to rule and reign with Christ.

Understanding the Tabernacle

Immediately following the making of a covenant with Israel at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19-24), God commanded Israel to make for Him a special house because He would dwell in their midst. Later, He declared that He had delivered them out of Egypt for this purpose.

Exodus 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Exodus 25:9 According to all that I shew thee, [after] the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make [it].

In the instructions given to Moses, God emphasized that the special house be built according to the pattern shown to Moses on the mountain –

Exodus 25:40 And look that thou make [them] after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.

Exodus 26:30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was shewed thee in the mount.

Moses saw a vision of the New Jerusalem on the mountain. John in Revelation gives the primary vision of the New Jerusalem to us in the Bible. John describes the city of New Jerusalem as being a perfect cube of fifteen hundred miles on the side.

Revelation 21:16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

The city was made of pure gold and the Holy One and the Lamb dwelled there

Revelation 21:18 And the building of the wall of it was [of] jasper: and the city [was] pure gold, like unto clear glass.

Revelation 21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

Moses and John saw visions of the same thing — the ultimate dwelling place of God.

Ezekiel recorded a vision of something very similar. He named it: ‘the Lord is there’ - יהוה שמה .

Ezekiel 48:30 And these [are] the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.

Ezekiel 48:31 And the gates of the city [shall be] after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.

Ezekiel 48:32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.

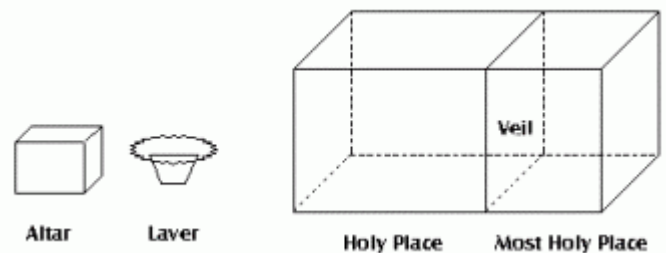
Ezekiel 48:33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.

Ezekiel 48:34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, [with] their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.

Ezekiel 48:35 [It was] round about eighteen thousand [measures]: and the name of the city from [that] day [shall be], The LORD [is] there.

The city of New Jerusalem corresponds to the Most Holy Place of the tabernacle. The Most Holy Place was a perfect cube of about 15 feet on a side. Everything in the interior was gold including the ark, which represented the throne of God.

Moses also saw a second chamber associated with the Most Holy Place. This is referred to as **קֹדֶשׁ** — the *Holy Place*. It is the same width and height as the Most Holy Place and twice as long (~ 15' x 15' x 30'). The most holy place was a perfect cube.



The Shape of New Jerusalem is a type of the shape of the Universe

The most holy place is a type of New Jerusalem. Just as God dwelled in the most holy place of the Tabernacle He will dwell on the throne in New Jerusalem. But rather than New Jerusalem having the shape of a cube, Scripture indirectly favors a pyramid structure. As the Tabernacle most holy place was cubical, a 'square pyramid' would fit in the dimensions of a cube shape perfectly. It would be triangular on each of its 4 sides and its base would be a perfect square. The height of the pyramid would be the same as one of the 4 sides of its square both, giving it cube-like dimensions.

The pyramid shape is consistent with the shape of the universe. The universe is triangular in shape. Israel is a type of the universe (with Jerusalem as its capital) and it is triangular in shape. The land grant promised to Abraham is triangular in shape. Furthermore, Albert Einstein stated that all rays of light converge as infinity is approached.

In cross-section the structure of this triangle shape has water above and a firmament below with the universe sandwiched in between the waters. God called the firmament Heaven. Right in the middle of the vacuum was our planet. Then He creates an atmosphere around our planet. The Earth was floating in the water. Then he divided the deeps and created the universe.

The Earth was without form and null and void. God's spirit moved upon the face of the deep, the face of the waters, that's when the earth was overflowed with water. It sunk right into the great deeps and the God divided the deeps and created the universe.

The whole creation is as a garment. God will lay it aside and fold it up, as easily as a man lays aside a garment that he will wear or use no more. Concerning Christ's last clothing He has four pieces -

Matthew 27:35 And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garmets among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots.

This garment was without seam -

John 19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also [his] coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

His garment (coat) is a poncho with a hole in the top. Your regular poncho is such a piece of material; it has a hole on top and the person puts it over his neck, and it hangs down over the outside. This arrangement can be visualized as triangular in shape -like a pyramid.

Thus the Creator 'folds' up the universe and makes it new.

Isaiah 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Revelation 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

In Scripture Christ Jesus is likened to the head cornerstone of a pyramid. Usually the cornerstone is at the base of a building. However, with a pyramid, the cornerstone is the top stone, and all the other stones must conform to it, so that the final structure itself looks exactly like the top-stone. A pyramid is the only structure that offers this feature. The crowning feature of God's Kingdom fulfilled will be Christ, the acknowledged Head over all, its top stone.

Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner [stone], a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Psalms 118:22 The stone [which] the builders refused is become the head [stone] of the corner.

'stone' - refers to Christ's rejection at His 1st coming

Israel rejected that Stone for which they could recognize no place until the building was completed. He became a "Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense" to them –

1Peter 2:7 Unto you therefore which believe [he is] precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

1 Peter 2:8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, [even to them] which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

The capstone of a pyramid has five sides and five corners, the chief of which always points heavenward. Anyone falling upon it would be "broken" or injured, and were it to fall on anyone, it would grind him to powder.

Matthew 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

Matthew 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Matthew 21:44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

Ephesians 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner [stone];

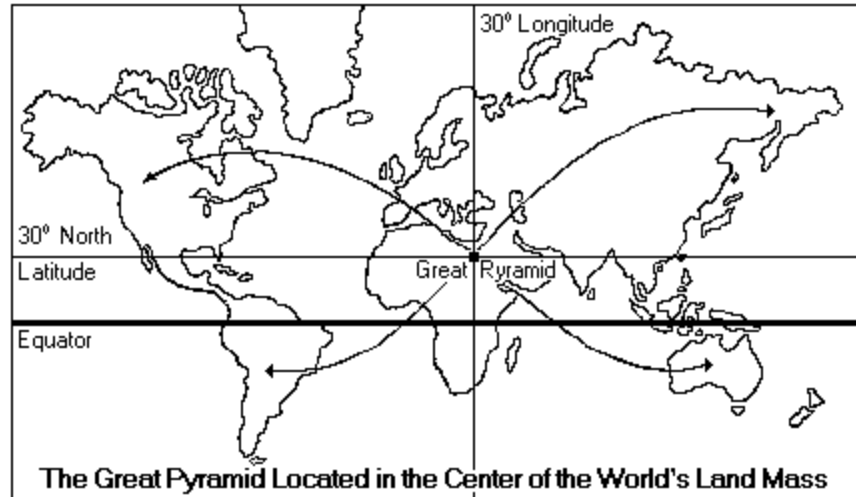
The Great Pyramid of Africa – a ‘type’ of the location of New Jerusalem on the Earth and in the Universe

The Great Pyramid is the oldest and the largest of the three pyramids, located in what is now Cairo, Egypt in Africa. The oldest and only remaining member of the Seven Wonders of the World, it is believed to have been constructed over a 20 year period concluding around 2560 BC. The Great Pyramid was built as a tomb for Fourth dynasty Egyptian pharaoh Khufu.

This pyramid lies in the center of gravity of the continents, dividing earth's land mass into approximately equal quarters. The north-south axis (31 degrees East of Greenwich) is the longest land meridian, and the east-west axis (30 degrees North) is the longest land parallel on the globe. The only place where these lines of the terrestrial earth can intersect is at the Great Pyramid. Its possessed an advanced knowledge of geography, knew the size, shape and position of all the continents and were accustomed to thinking on a global scale. There is a biblical reference to the Great Pyramid –

Isaiah 19:19 In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.

Isaiah 19:20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.



In the book of Daniel King Nebuchadnezzar has a dream about the kingdoms of the earth. It ends with a stone that was cut out without hands destroying all these kingdoms. This stone then became a great mountain and filled the whole earth:

Daniel 2:34 Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet [that were] of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.

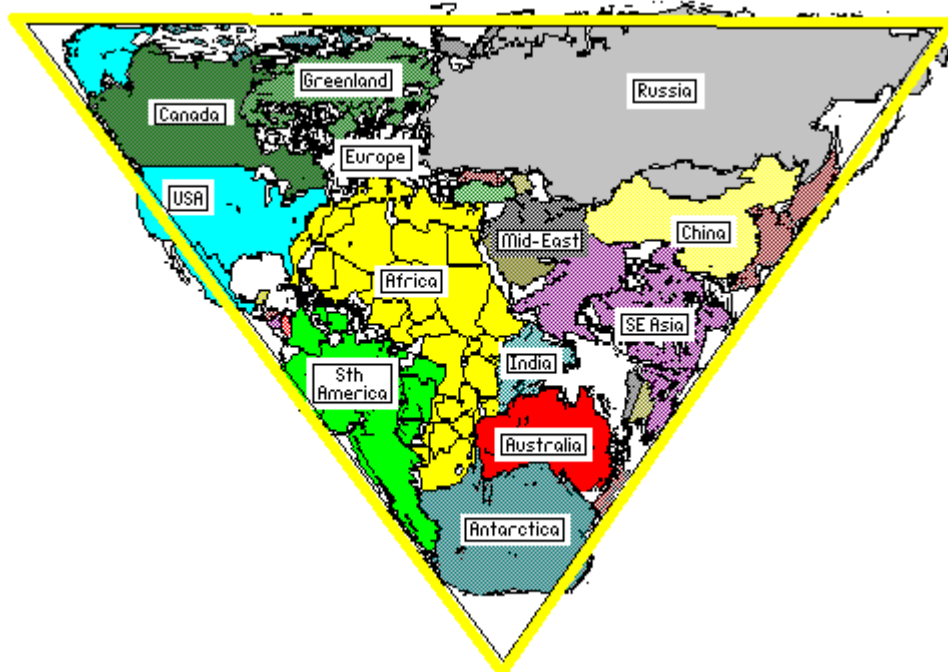
Daniel 2:35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

These events can only be describing a reshaping of the earth's land that will occur at the time the new earth is created -

Isaiah 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

It is interesting to look at a world map and notice how well the continents would interlock if they were merged together (See below). A pyramid design is the natural result of doing this. Only the pyramid can represent God manifested in the saints of all Ages, the New Jerusalem. No other architectural form has a chief corner stone, which is reproduced by the building it completes. The geographic result would be the city of Jerusalem, Israel being the center of this pyramid.



When the heavenly city of New Jerusalem sets down on the new earth in the position now occupied by the earthly city of Jerusalem it will therefore be in the center of this triangular, pyramid shaped land mass. Whether or not the earth is the center of the universe cannot be concluded from Science, but logically consider these facts, which are ordered to lead to a definite truth -

- 1) Scripture points to the universe being triangular (pyramid) shaped (a type of the Trinity).
- 2) The triangular landmass that will be the new Earth is a type of the universe.
- 3) The new Earth will have Jerusalem, Israel as it's geographical center.
- 4) New Jerusalem will occupy the very location of Jerusalem, Israel.
- 5) If Jerusalem, Israel is the center of a landmass that, in type, is the universe, then the fulfillment of that type must be that New Jerusalem (and thus Earth itself) will be the center of the new universe.

From a purely scientific standpoint the dynamics of an expanding universe are described by Einstein's general relativity theory. If this is true then God created a universe that was already in an expanding condition. Over the last few decades, new evidence has surfaced that places Earth in a central place in the universe. Astronomers have confirmed that numerical values of galaxy redshifts are 'quantized', tending to fall into distinct groups. According to Hubble's law, redshifts are proportional to the distances of the galaxies from Earth. Then it would be the distances themselves that fall into groups. That would mean the galaxies tend to be grouped into (conceptual) spherical shells concentric around our home galaxy, the Milky

Way. Earth being the center of our triangular-shaped universe means that the universe is expanding in all directions *away* from Earth itself. It has been found that the stars and their galaxies give off a red light shift away from their natural color because they are, in fact, all moving away from the Earth. This supports the earth *currently* being the center of the universe from a scientific standpoint. It is beyond the scope of this document to resolve this issue any further.

As far as whether or not *this* earth being the center of *this* heaven is important Biblically, it should be kept in mind that *this* heaven and *this* earth will soon be destroyed. That is precisely why the Bible urges the Christian to -

Colossians 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

The Tabernacle in the Old Testament foreshadowed the coming tabernacle in heaven. The New Jerusalem has no Temple, because God Himself is dwelling inside the city. God will have a personal relationship with those who live in the city. God personally wiping away the tears of those who live in New Jerusalem demonstrates God's restored relationship. The city is called the bride, because those who dwell in it are the saints, the bride of Christ. We are the living stones in God's holy Temple, finding fulfillment as we enter New Jerusalem, the eternal dwelling place of the saints.

1 Peter 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

John describes the city in the form of a cube with 12 walls and 12 gates with 12 angels at the entrance of each gate.

Revelation 21:12 And had a wall great and high, [and] had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are [the names] of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

Revelation 21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

Revelation 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

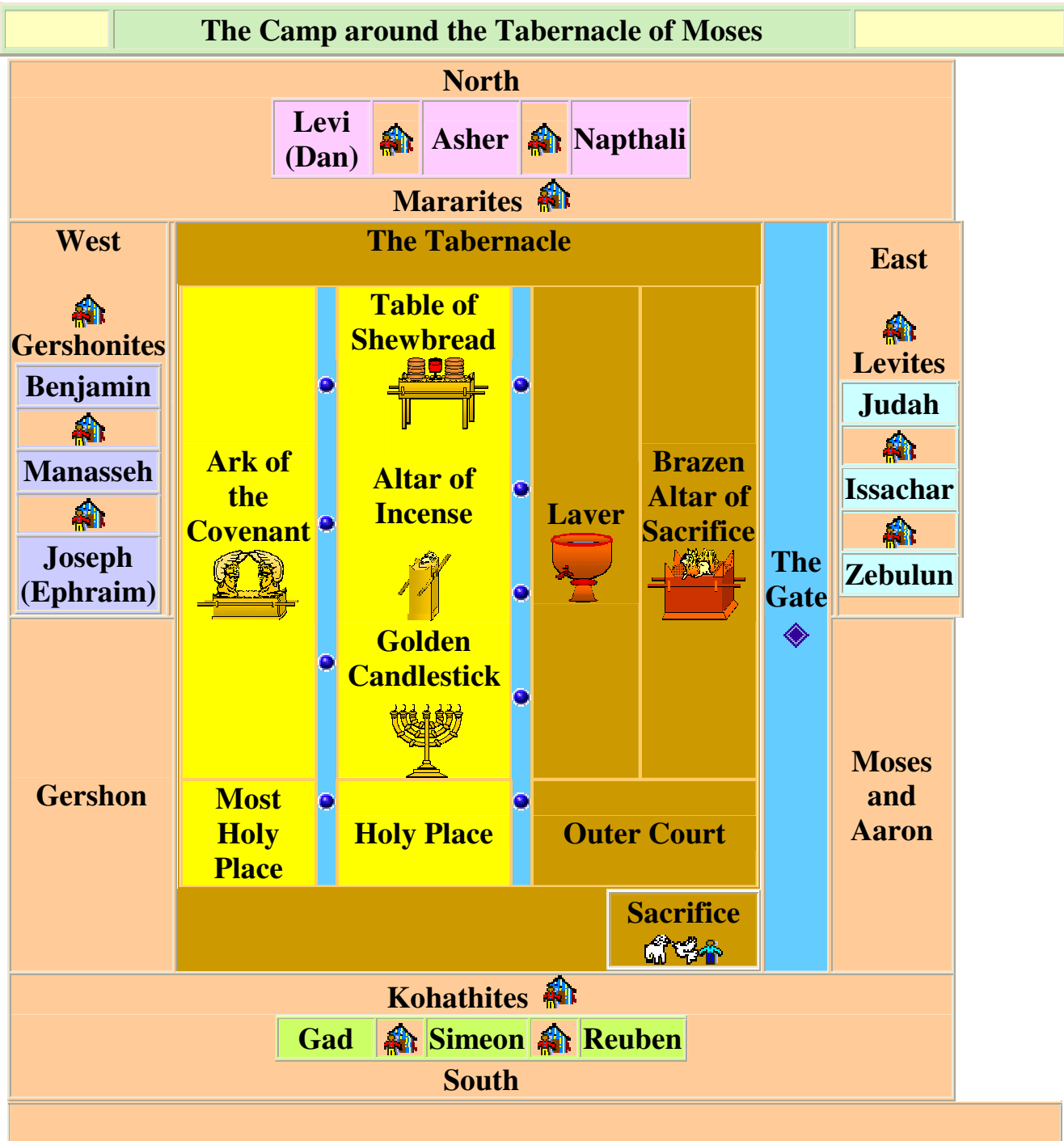
Revelation 21:15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

The 12 foundations

A part of the description of the city is the foundation stones that make up the 12 walls that enclose the city. The foundation stones are nearly identical to the stones worn by the High Priest, as he would minister before the Lord. The priest would wear a breastplate with 12 stones precious stones, each matched with a name of the tribe of Israel.

Revelation 21:19 And the foundations of the wall of the city [were] garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation [was] jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

Revelation 21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.



The 24 Elders

The Placement of the Tribes and Their Elders

God gives the arrangement of the tribes, as they were to be grouped around the Tabernacle, in Numbers, chapters 2. In the following chapter, He goes into further detail, giving the assignments of the tribes of the three children of Levi as well as their children (a total of eight grandchildren). The tribes of Levi did not have a place with the other twelve, rather these children and grandchildren were placed in the area closest to the Tabernacle as shown above by the names Merari, Gershon and Kohath (the three children). Not shown are the names of the tribes of the eight grandsons of Levi; Libni, Shimei, Amram, Izechar, Hebron, Uzziel, Mahli and Mushi.

Numbers 3:17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.

Numbers 3:18 And these [are] the names of the sons of Gershon by their families; Libni, and Shimei.

Numbers 3:19 And the sons of Kohath by their families; Amram, and Izechar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

Numbers 3:20 And the sons of Merari by their families; Mahli, and Mushi. These [are] the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

This resulted in a final total of 24 groups, represented by 24 elders, (all mentioned by name) who surrounded the Tabernacle. The breakdown is as follows:

- (1) Moses' family
- (12) The 12 tribes
- (3) The tribes of the 3 sons of Levi
- (8) The tribes of the 8 grandsons of Levi

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There is an obvious parallel to the book of Revelation:

Revelation 4:4 And round about the throne [were] four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

According to John, the New Jerusalem is "pure gold, like clear glass" and its "brilliance [is] like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper." The street of the city is also made of "pure gold, like transparent glass". The base of the city is laid out in a square and surrounded by a wall made of jasper. John writes that the wall is 144 cubits, but is unclear if he means tall or thick. 144 cubits are about equal to 65 meters, or 72 yards.

There are twelve gates in the wall; three each on the east, north, south, and west sides, suggesting that the wall surrounding the New Jerusalem is also a square. There is an angel at each gate. The gates are each made of a single pearl, giving them the name of the *pearly gates*. The names of the twelve tribes of Israel are written on these gates.

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Like the city, there were 12 stones on the Ephod of the High Priest. He would wear it as he ministered by before the God, representing the children of Israel to God.

Ephod	New Jerusalem
12 precious stones	12 precious stones
Square arrangement	Square arrangement
3 stones to a side x 4 sides	3 gates to side x 4 sides
Each stone represent a tribe	Each gate represents a tribe
Worn by the High Priest	Around the city of God, New Jerusalem

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Exodus 28:15 And thou shalt make the breastplate of judgment with cunning work; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; [of] gold, [of] blue, and [of] purple, and [of] scarlet, and [of] fine twined linen, shalt thou make it.

Exodus 28:16 Foursquare it shall be [being] doubled; a span [shall be] the length thereof, and a span [shall be] the breadth thereof.

Exodus 28:17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, [even] four rows of stones: [the first] row [shall be] a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: [this shall be] the first row.

Exodus 28:18 And the second row [shall be] an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond.

Exodus 28:19 And the third row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.

Exodus 28:20 And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.

Exodus 28:21 And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, [like] the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.



Breastplate Order

3 זבולון Zebulon	2 יששכר Issachar	1 יהודה Judah
6 גד Gad	5 נפתלי Naphtali	4 דן Dan
9 לוי Levi	8 שמעון Simeon	7 ראובן Reuben
12 בנימין Benjamin	11 יוסף Joseph	10 אשר Asher

The order is very similar to the encampment order around the Tabernacle. The first three stones correspond to Judah, Issachar and Zebulon, exactly as in the encampment order. The next three correspond to the north direction, being Dan, Naphtali, and Gad. The next three correspond to south in the exact birth order expected: Reuben, Simeon and Levi. Finally the last three also are in perfect order: Asher, Joseph and Benjamin.

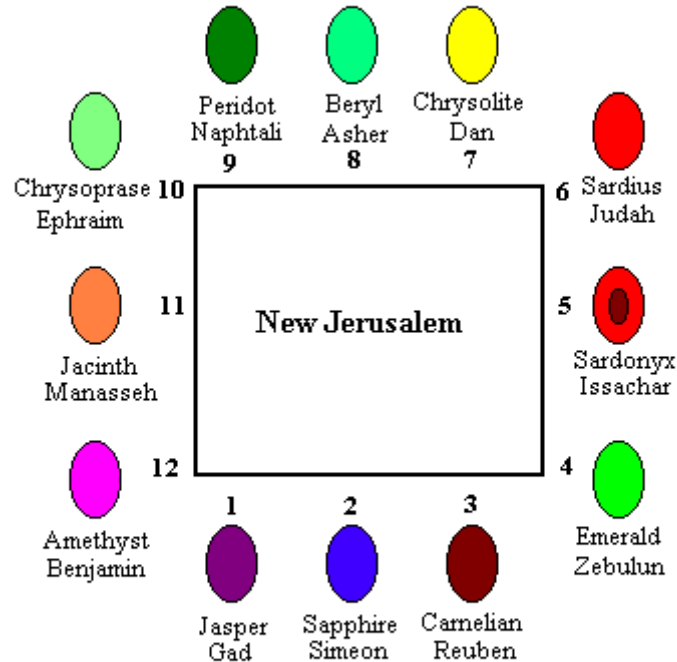
The names and colors in the breastplate in order

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The Gates of New Jerusalem and the Tribes of Israel

The Tabernacle with the surrounding tribes will be a shadow or type of the Millennial Kingdom. Jerusalem will be the home of the Temple and the capital of Israel and the world. The Tribes of Israel will own land around Jerusalem in fulfillment of the Palestinian Covenant. And the Gentile nations will occupy the rest of the Earth. The Church will live in the Heavenly Jerusalem to rule and reign with Christ.



The Heavenly Tabernacle

We have shown how the earthly tabernacle represents the three-part nature of the Godhead, the three-part nature of man and the three-part nature of the universe. We have also shown how the elements of the earthly tabernacle picture the heavenly city of New Jerusalem.

The Earthly Tabernacle foreshadows Jesus Christ And His Church

The activities performed with the vessels of the Tabernacle were types of the things that take place in the heavens.

Hebrews 9:23 [It was] therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Every part of the earthly tabernacle was typical of the nature of God, the coming redemption, the sinfulness of man, the means of pardon through grace and the full reconciliation of man to God. The tabernacle demonstrates how God can extend His mercy to the sinner yet

not abolish the demands of His Law. The activities that took place in the earthly Tabernacle foreshadowed the heavenly realities embodied in the Tabernacle that exists in heaven.

Items in the earthly Tabernacle and their heavenly counterparts

- The Brazen Altar is a type of Christ our Substitute and Sacrifice.
 - o Sin had to be dealt with by sacrifice, for the Law thundered “without the shedding of blood is no remission.” Here at the Brazen Altar the Israelites’ sin was dealt with in the offering of a lamb, etc.

1 Peter 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

- The Laver is a type of Christ our cleansing and regeneration.
 - o At the altar, the blood of the sacrifice was shed, typifying the once and for all washing of the whole person in the blood of Christ. At the brazen laver, the washing of hands and feet (not the body) is a type of cleansing by the Word of God, of daily application of God’s Word cleansing heart and conscience for His service in witness and work.

Ephesians 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

- The Candlestick is a type of Christ the Light of the World.
 - o The candlestick was beaten out for light for us. This pictures how Christ changed form - pure gold → man so we could have light, to show us our sins. There were no windows or other means of light inside the Tabernacle except for the Candlestick. This pictures the church's total dependence on Christ.

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 Table of Shewbread is a type of Christ the Bread of Life.
 - o The priests ate the bread. Each Sabbath the priest would take 12 new loaves from the people and the Aaronic priesthood ate the 12 old ones. This pictures feeding off the word of God at His table.

John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

- The Incense Altar is a type of Christ our Intercessor and Advocate. The Altar of Incense speaks of the worship of Jesus Christ and God's people through him as our high priest and mediator.
 - o The Tabernacle priest had to burn incense at this altar in the morning and at twilight. The burning incense stands for prayer rising up to God.

Hebrews 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

- The Ark of the Covenant - An ark is like a chest to preserve things in. The Ark of the Covenant contained the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded and the 10 commandments. These items picture the spiritual necessities Christ provides for the Christian. Blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat, which on the top of the ark. God abided on the ark in the Tabernacle cloud, which was directly over the mercy seat. When He looked down into the ark He looked past the blood.

Once every year the high priest put the blood on the mercy seat and never wiped it off. When God looked at the 10 commandments He had to look at them through the blood. If the people broke any of these commandments they were covered. If there weren't blood over them He wouldn't forgive their iniquities. All the mercy of God is based upon the blood. The blood was given for an atonement.

If you sin God requires your life. He has to see blood to show that you died. He demands the death of the sinner so blood must be shed - yours or a righteous substitute. God accepts Christ's blood as a substitutionary atonement. Without His blood there's no forgiveness for sin, no redemption.

- o *1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:*

Romans 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

God dwelled among men in the earthly tabernacle,

Exodus 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

God's presence was manifested to Israel through this tabernacle. This presence was demonstrated during their wilderness wanderings by a pillar of fire by night over the Most Holy Place of the Tabernacle and a cloud by day. Here Moses would actually speak with God, and here the high priest would learn of God's judgments through the Urim and Thummim.

Exodus 33:8 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, [that] all the people rose up, and stood every man [at] his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle.

Exodus 33:9 And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood [at] the door of the tabernacle, and [the LORD] talked with Moses.

Exodus 33:10 And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand [at] the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man [in] his tent door.

Exodus 33:11 And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Exodus 33:12 And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight.

Exodus 33:13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation [is] thy people.

Exodus 33:14 And he said, My presence shall go [with thee], and I will give thee rest.

Numbers 14:10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

Exodus 28:30 And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

Leviticus 8:8 And he put the breastplate upon him: also he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim.

God's presence would manifest itself above the Ark of the Covenant, first mentioned in *Exodus 25*. God, in his holiness could not reside in this "unclean" earth, nor in the same fashion with His chosen people after the sin of the golden calf. Therefore, He had to create a special means for Himself to be manifest among His people as their atonement.

The full relationship between God and man was lost and God had a plan to restore that relationship.

1Timothy 2:3 For this [is] good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

1Timothy 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1Timothy 2:5 For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

1Timothy 2:6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

This plan is termed 'atonement' and is revealed through God's Tabernacle among His people, Israel. But the Tabernacle was just a preview of heaven for the Christian, where the blood of Christ has already been shed. His Word is the water that cleanses us. He is the light by which we see. He is the bread and the manna that can sustain us. We will fellowship with Him in the spirit. We will live in the mansion He built for us in New Jerusalem.

Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster [to bring us] unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

Hebrews 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, [and] not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

God speaks to the church through the many symbolic lessons of the Tabernacle arrangement. The Tabernacle and the priests who served it were but an example or shadow of heavenly (spiritual) things.

Hebrews 8:5 Who serve unto the example 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 shewed to thee in the mount.

The first Tabernacle structure was an allegory or type of the spiritual truths of God's plan for the atonement of mankind.

Hebrews 9:6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service [of God].

Hebrews 9:7 But into the second [went] the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and [for] the errors of the people:

Hebrews 9:8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

Hebrews 9:9 Which [was] a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

The activities of the Tabernacle represented Christ's sacrificial sufferings, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven itself, into the presence of God.

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Hebrews 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, [which are] the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Hebrews 9:25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

God's Plan Defined in the Tabernacle

When the sacrifices were concluded in the Tabernacle on the Day of Atonement, all of the people of Israel received this Atonement and were no longer considered estranged from God. This pictures the time when the sacrifice of Christ and his church are complete. Those who avail themselves of the atoning blood of Christ will have access to God through our mediator, Jesus Christ

Hebrews 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us].

Hebrews 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:15 And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions [that were] under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Then, God's tabernacle will be symbolically among men, and "he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. This is the inheritance of the saints.

Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as [it is] in heaven.

New Jerusalem and the Universe

The Bible clearly states that, ultimately, God will create a new heaven and a new earth.

Isaiah 66:22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

2Peter 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Job 22:12 [Is] not God in the height of heaven? and behold the height of the stars, how high they are!

This suggests the height of heaven is even higher than the stars, thus indicating yet another heaven. But it's Paul who truly reveals a third heaven. In 2 Corinthians 12:2 he wrote, 2Corinthians 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

2Corinthians 12:3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

2Corinthians 12:4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

- The 3rd heaven is also called 'paradise'.

The 3rd heaven was the paradise of God. -

Revelation 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

God's throne in His holy temple is in heaven -

Psalms 11:4 The LORD [is] in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne [is] in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

So clearly God resides in the 3rd heaven.

The New Heavens and New Earth are *eternal* rather than temporary, and--as is stated plainly God the Father and Jesus the Son will dwell with redeemed mankind on the New Earth

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Revelation 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

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.

New Jerusalem is said here to come down out of heaven. The New Jerusalem that "comes down" rests on the ground of the New Earth in the same way the Old Jerusalem is built on the ground of this Old Earth.

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So the New Jerusalem will be located where God placed the first Jerusalem.

The New Heavens will probably be structured similarly to the present heavens...with the one significant difference: the place of God's abode. Whereas His temporary abode is plainly described as being located at the furthestmost (highest) extremity of the Third Heaven in the firmament, it is equally clear that His eternal abode will be *on* the New Earth

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Revelation 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. in New Jerusalem which "comes down" for all of redeemed mankind -

John 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so], I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.

Like the earthly Tabernacle built by Israel so that God might dwell among His people, the New Jerusalem will serve as a tabernacle, an eternal and perfect sanctuary, in which God will dwell with his people forever.

Revelation 22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

*Revelation 22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name [shall be] in their foreheads.
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.*

THE GARDEN OF EDEN WILL BE RESTORED

Revelation 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Revelation 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] the tree of life, which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations.

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The tree of life that was present in the Garden of Eden will again be present here.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

That creation is what is called here "the old heaven and the old earth." They shall pass away, but a new heavens and a new earth are coming.

2Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

This is the structure of the physical world, as it now exists, from the face of the Earth upwards:

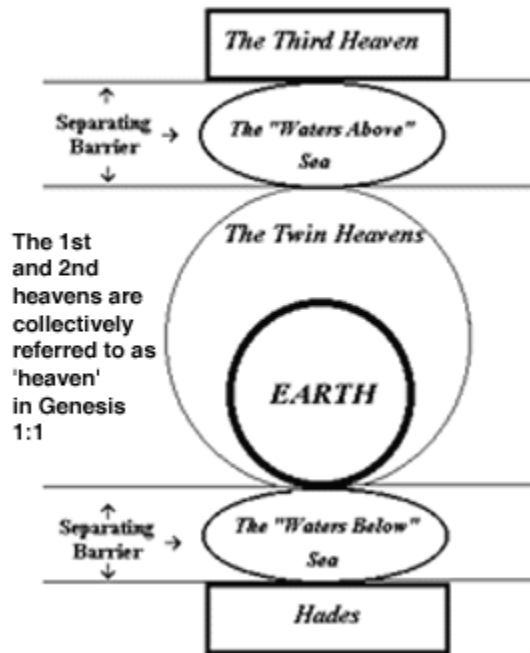
- The lower sea of physical waters (our seas and oceans)
- The first heaven (the atmosphere)
- The second heaven (outer space)
- The sea above outer space and below the third heaven

Above it all, there is the Third Heaven.

The 1st and 2nd heavens collectively are referred to as 'heaven' in Genesis 1:1 –

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Since the 3rd heaven was already in existence at the time of Genesis 1:1 and the 1st and 2nd heavens constitute heaven, it is geologically correct for the King James Bible to say 'God created the heaven and the earth'.



The universe itself is between the waters above and the waters below.

New Jerusalem will serve as the ‘capital’ of the new Universe. Since God dwells in the third heaven, we can conclude that He has prepared this city to eventually become the capital city. When the new heaven and earth are finished, the New Jerusalem will come down out of the third heaven.

Earthly Israel with capitol city Jerusalem is a picture of the universe with capitol city New Jerusalem. The northern part is Galilee and that is where heaven is in the universe.

What you should do now if you are not yet saved

Realize you are a worthless sinner and that Jesus Christ died personally for you. Then pray this prayer and mean it with all your heart:

Dear Lord,

I now admit that I am a worthless sinner who deserves to go to hell, but I want Jesus to come into my heart and save me. I now cease to rely on myself, my church, my religion or anything else that I might do to help save myself.

Thank you for dying on the cross to save me from my sins. I now completely trust you as my Saviour, to pay for my sins and to keep me from going to hell.

Thank You, Lord Jesus.

Amen

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