

THREE-PART SERMON SERIES

PRIORITY ACCESS

PART ONE

TABERNACLE (DWELLING)



**The Lord's tented dwelling place in the midst of Israel
as they traveled from Sinai to Canaan (Numbers 10-21)**

Dictionary of the Old Testament

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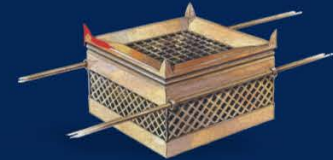
**MOST
HOLY PLACE**



**HOLY
PLACE**



**OUTER COURT /
COURTYARD**



**In accordance with the Lord's instruction (Exodus 25-32),
tabernacle was constructed (Exodus 35-40)**

Not drawn to scale

- The Lord occupied the Tabernacle in His glory promptly after its completion
- Exodus 40



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THE PRESENCE OF GOD

EXODUS 25:8-9
EXODUS 29:44-46



⁸ “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. ⁹ Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

EXODUS 25:8-9 NIV



⁴⁴ "So I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar and will consecrate Aaron and his sons to serve me as priests. ⁴⁵ Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God. ⁴⁶ They will know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God.

EXODUS 29:44-46 NIV



In the Garden of Eden
with Adam and Eve

GENESIS 3:8

In the New Creation
REVELATION 21:3

The glory of God filled
the tabernacle
EXODUS 40:34

God desires to dwell among His people

Holy Spirit now
lives in us
JOHN 14:17

Jesus came to us
MATTHEW 1:23
JOHN 1:14





God initiates in coming to us
Yahweh is relational and not distant





Worship begins not with human initiative,
but with God's desire to be present with His people
God is here as we worship Him!



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In the church
community
1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

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MATTHEW 1:23
JOHN 1:14





*God's desire is for a community
as His dwelling*






*God is not looking for visitation—
He is looking for habitation*





*A Jewish family sitting in a sukkah during the holiday of Sukkot, Oct. 2, 2020.
(Photo: Yossi Aloni/Flash90) <https://allisraelnews.com/israel-celebrates-sukkot-the-feast-of-tabernacles>*

Personal Altar Kit



TRINITY
CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Building Strong Personal Altars

The personal altar symbolizes our relationship with God.

In Gen 8:20-22, Noah builds an altar to God after the flood and sacrifices burnt offerings on it.

In 1 Kgs 18:30, Elijah repairs the altar that symbolized Israel's relationship with God.

In Rom 12:1, we offer our bodies as a living sacrifice.

Let's build our personal altar with **WORSHIP**, **PRAYER** and **SACRIFICE**, and experience God's pleasure and manifestation in our lives.


Month-by-month focus for us to grow our relationship with God

Getting started


Ideas to inspire you and help you take a first or a further step

Share ideas, encourage one another through the year


Giving God our time



Identify blocks of time to dedicate to God, e.g. Spend half your mealtime or first 30 minutes of the day before work or the day itself to pray, read the Bible and/or worship.




Set aside additional time for longer, unhurried Time Alone with God (TAWG).




Take leave to go for an MIT trip and/or attend church camp.

02 FEB SACRIFICE

Committing our work/studies to God



Start your day at work or school in prayer, asking God for His wisdom, guidance and opportunity to make an impact where you are.



Embrace your identity as God's servant in every assignment, project, or meeting. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to perform your duties with excellence, selflessness and integrity.

03 MAR WORSHIP

Praying using A.C.T.S.

Focus on one aspect each day, or pray through all four, stretching yourself week by week.

Adoration

Adore and praise God for who He is as you contemplate His greatness, holiness, power, glory and more. (Psa 8 & 145)

Confession

Humbly come before the Lord and ask Him to show you any offensive way in you (Psa 139:23-24, Psa 51:16-17).

Acknowledge areas in which you have fallen short. Ask God for His forgiveness. (1 Jn 1:9)

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to God for what He has done. Thank Him for His faithfulness and grace in your life. Thank Him for life and every day's blessings.


Supplication

Present your requests and needs to God (Phil 4:6) Intercede for the needs of others (Acts 12:5)


04 APR PRAYER

Praying in tongues


The one who speaks in tongues speaks to God and is edified (1 Cor 14:2, 4a). The Holy Spirit who knows the mind and the will of God, strengthens and leads us as we engage in our spirit through praying in tongues (Rom 8:26-27). Stir up your most holy faith as you pray in the Spirit (Jude 10). Let the Holy Spirit transform you (2 Cor 3:17-18).



Pray in tongues continuously for longer stretches at a time: From 3-5min, to 10min, to 15min daily. Keep focusing on the Lord.




Pray in tongues whenever you can (Eph 6:18), e.g. when you are commuting, doing chores, when you wake, until you fall sleep.



As you pray in tongues, allow the Holy Spirit to refresh and strengthen you.

05 MAY PRAYER

Reading a book on prayer



Receive fresh revelation and grow in prayer by reading any of these recommended books:

Going Higher with God in Prayer - Cultivating a Lifelong Dialogue by A.W. Tozer, and James Snyder

Praying: Finding Our Way Through Duty to Delight by J.I. Packer and Carolyn Nystrom

Power Through Prayer by E.M. Bounds

Breakthrough Prayer by Jim Cymbala

A Treasury of Prayer: The Best of E.M. Bounds by E.M. Bounds, Leonard Ravenhill (Compiler)

06 JUN PRAYER



THE CENTRALITY OF GOD

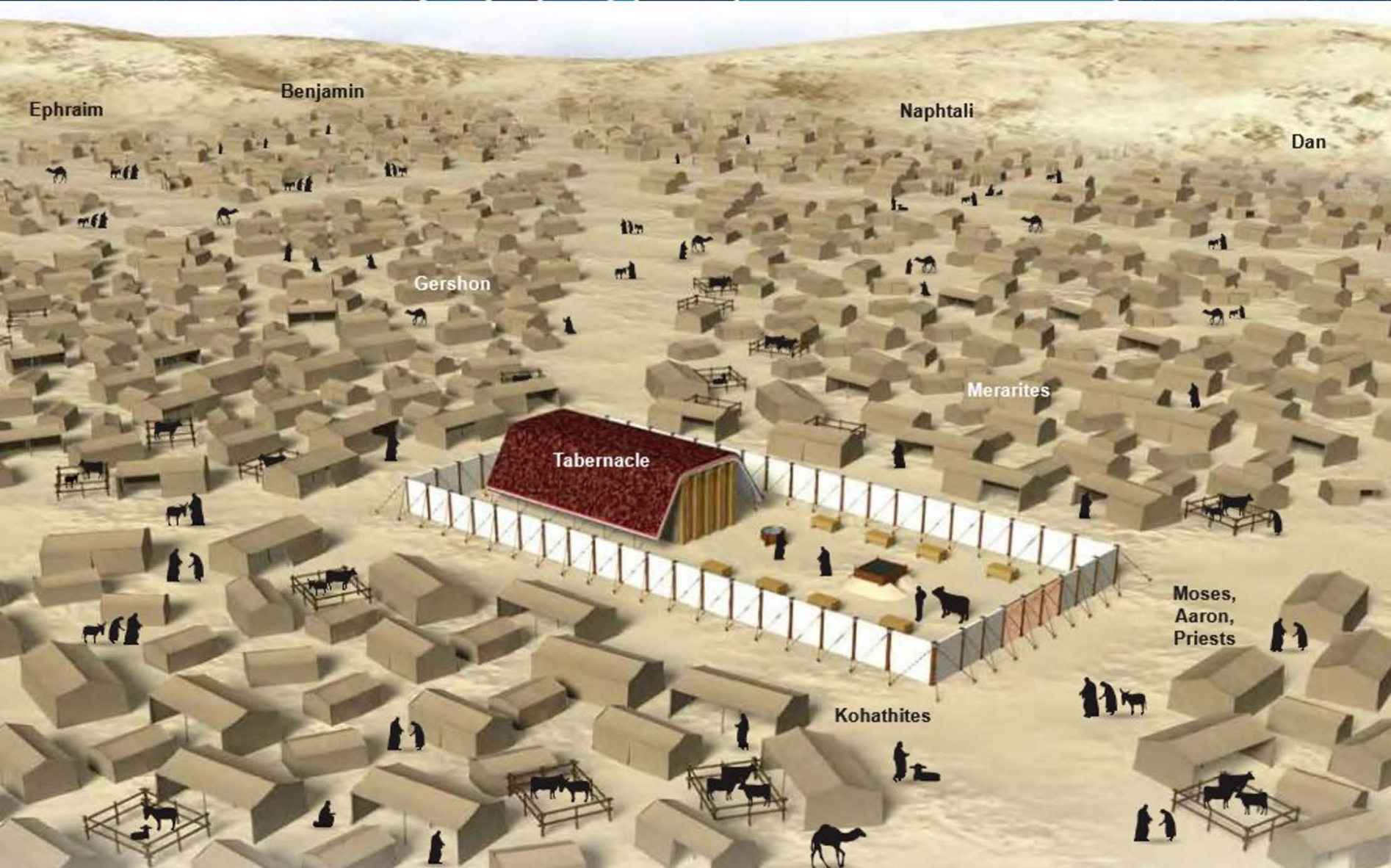
NUMBERS 2:1-2



¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron:
²"The Israelites are to camp around the tent of meeting some distance from it, each of them under their standard and holding the banners of their family."

NUMBERS 2:1-2 NIV





The Israelite Encampment

The Book of Numbers describes the layout of the encampment during Israel's 40 years of wilderness wanderings (2:1-34). The tribes encamped around the tabernacle, both in order to stay close to the tent of meeting and to defend it during attack. The four sides were surrounded by four groups, led by Judah, Reuben, Ephraim, and Dan. The Levites—specially chosen to be close to God—camped around all sides of the tabernacle.

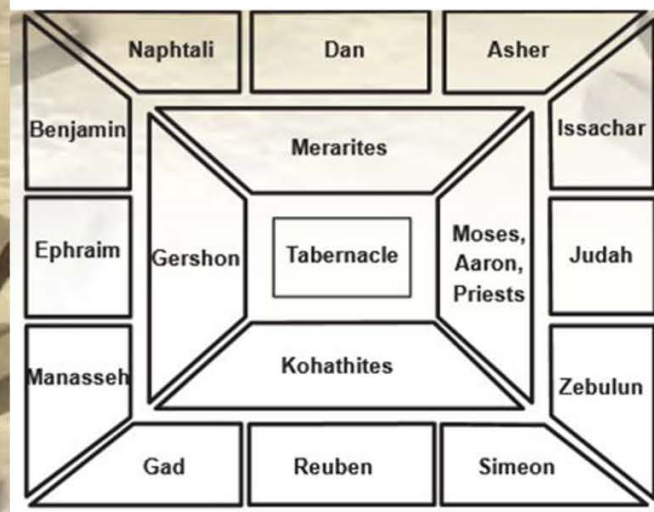




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The 7 Appointed Feasts of the Bible



PASSOVER (PESACH)	UNLEAVENED BREAD (CHAG HAMATZOT)	FIRSTFRUITS (YOM HABIKKURIM)	WEEKS SHAVUOT "PENTECOST"	TRUMPETS (YOM TERUAH)	DAY of ATONEMENT	TABERNACLES (SUKKOT)
Nisan 14	Nisan 15-21	Nisan 16	50 Days after Firstfruits	Tishrei 1	Tishrei 10	Tishrei 15-21

— God's Prophetic Calendar of Redemption —



*Whatever is at the center of your life
determines how you live your life*





*You have made us for Yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.*

Saint Augustine





*When God is at the center,
worship becomes alignment –
not entertainment, not obligation,
but adoration*





THE HOLINESS OF GOD

EXODUS 25:8-9



**Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings
exactly like the pattern I will show you.**

EXODUS 25:9 NIV



**Whenever they enter the tent of meeting,
they shall wash with water
so that they will not die...**

EXODUS 30:20

**But the Kohathites must not go in to look
at the holy things, even for a moment,
or they will die."**

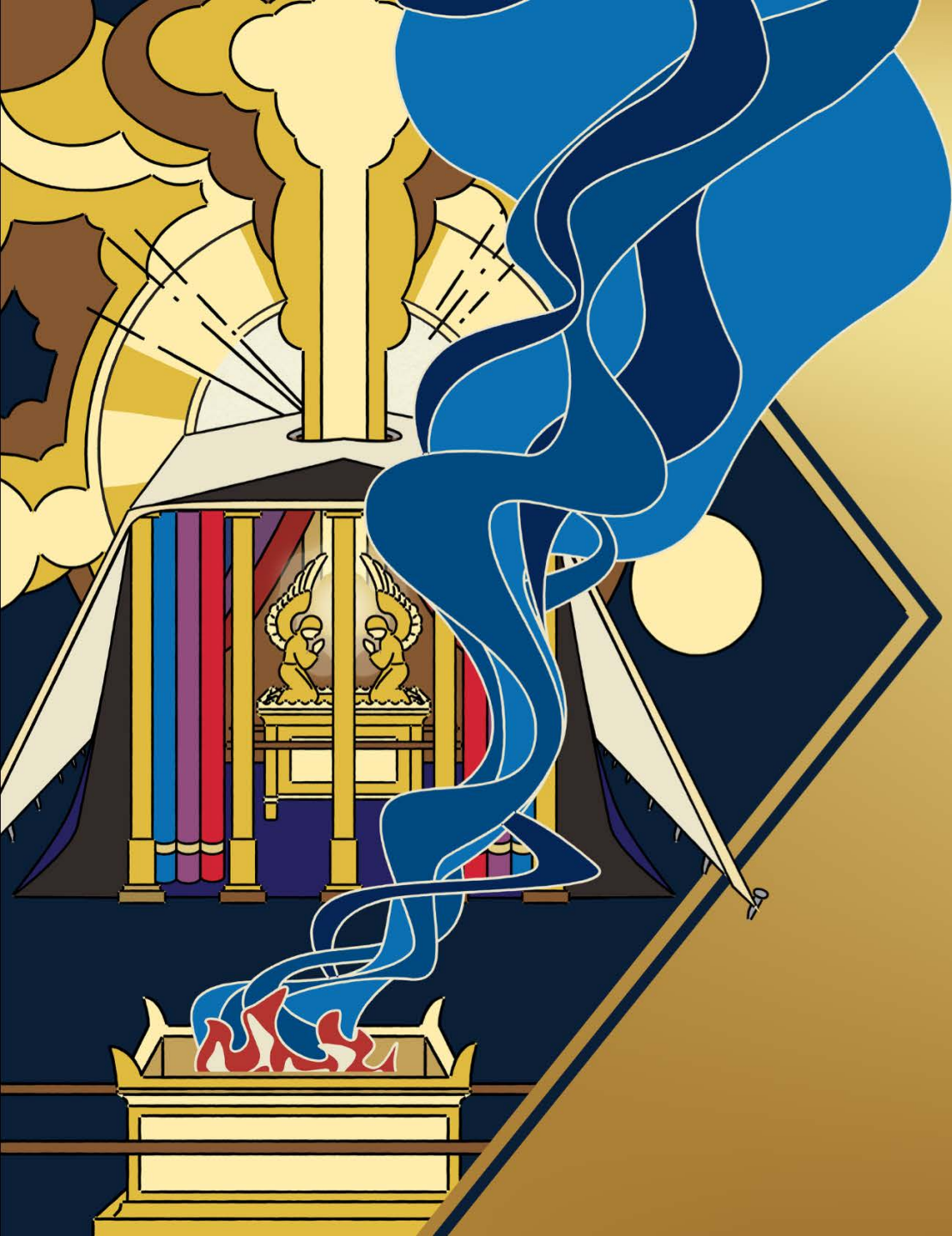
NUMBERS 4:20 NIV



**I am the Lord your God; consecrate
yourselves and be holy, because I am holy...**

LEVITICUS 11:44





Tabernacle worship speaks of the
PRESENCE OF GOD
CENTRALITY OF GOD
HOLINESS OF GOD