

YAIY NEWS



Things of the Tabernacle/Temple

SOME OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT THE TEMPLE AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO US:

- **WHITE CURTAIN** – PURITY – ARE WE WILLING TO OBEY AND BECOME A FIRSTFRUIT?
- **DOOR** – TO THE COURTYARD AND THE SANCTUARY – YAHSHUA IS THE DOOR AND THE ONLY WAY WE CAN ENTER INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH YAHWEH.
- **BRAZEN ALTAR** – DO WE ACCEPT YAHSHUA'S BLOOD SACRIFICE AS A COVERING OF OUR SINS?
- **LAVER** – AFTER ACCEPTING YAHSHUA'S SACRIFICE ARE WE WILLING TO CLEAN UP OUR LIVES?
- **SHEWBREAD** – FIGURATIVELY EAT YAHSHUA'S BODY AT PASSOVER.
- **MENORAH** CANDLESTICK (LAMPSTAND) – ARE YOU ALLOWING YAHSHUA (THE LIGHT) TO GUIDE YOU?
- **ALTAR OF INCENSE** – ARE YOU OFFERING PRAYERS TO YAHWEH IN YAHSHUA'S NAME?
- **ARK AND MERCY SEAT** – WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE NEW COVENANT. WE HAVE TO OVERCOME TO OBTAIN EVERLASTING LIFE AND TO REIGN WITH YAHSHUA, OUR HIGH PRIEST.

THERE IS MUCH MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE TO THE LAYOUT OF THE TABERNACLE AND TEMPLE (THE SANCTUARY), THE COURTYARD, THE PIECES OF FURNITURE AND THE COLOR SCHEME AND THEIR RELATIONSHIPS TO YAHSHUA AND TO OUR LIVES.

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.

— Exodus 25:9 KJV

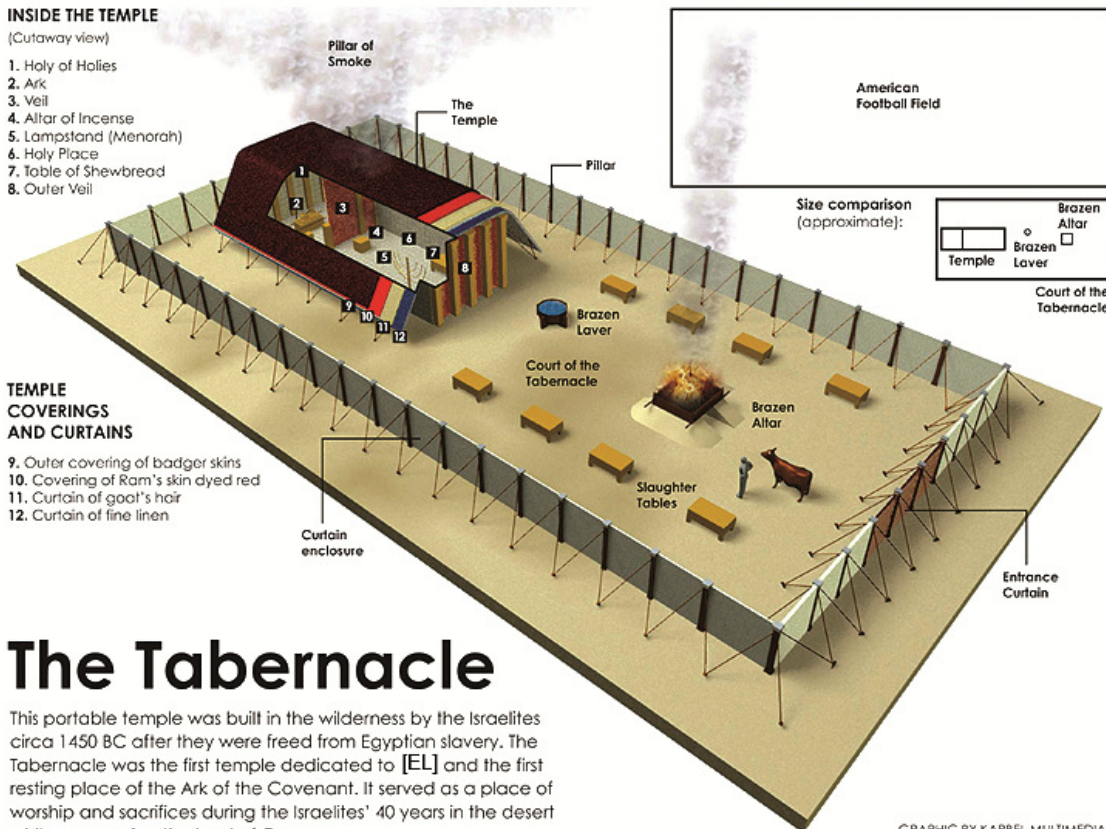
INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

1. Holy of Holies
2. Ark
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Shewbread
8. Outer Veil

TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen



Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is among them.

— Leviticus 15:31 KJV

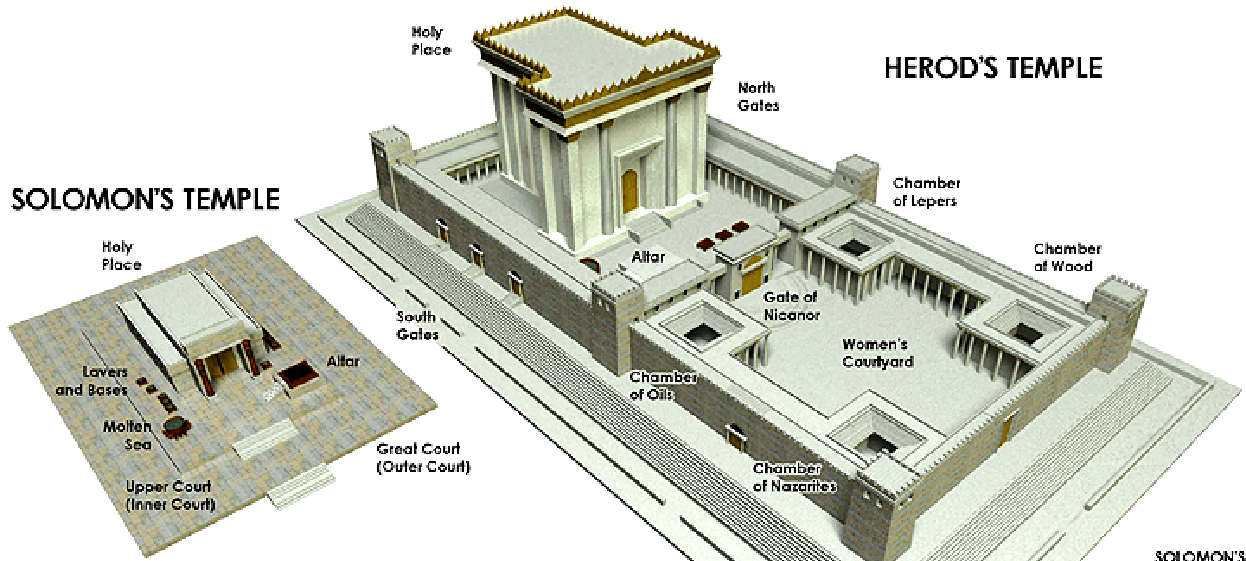
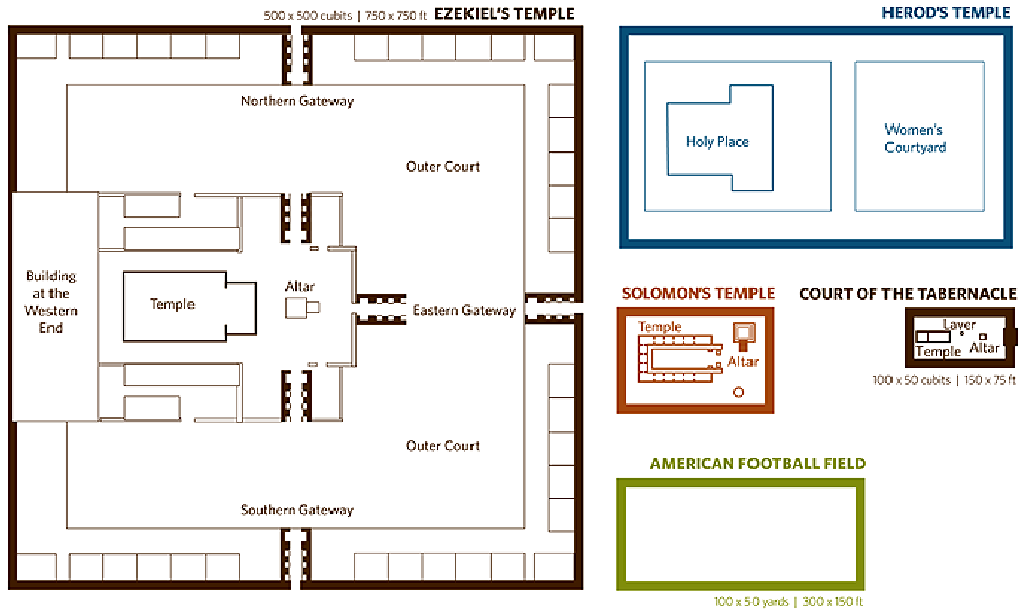
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The Tabernacle

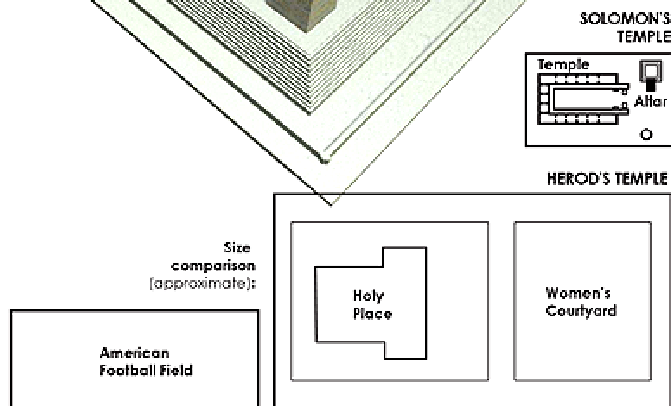
This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to [EL] and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.

Temple Size Comparisons



Temple Comparison

Solomon's Temple, finished in 957 BC, was less than one-half the size of Herod the Great's expanded Second Temple in Jerusalem, built in 20-19 BC.



Assembly in Focus: Pergamos

Pergamos (gamos=married-to the high tower, exalted, fortified, elevated by marriage) Pagan doctrine era – 300-600 AD

Also called Pergamum, lies about 20 miles inland from Smyrna. Like Ephesus and Smyrna it was a wealthy city, but it was degenerate with lascivious sexual vice and pagan worship. Residents were literate and sophisticated. Residents participating in pagan cults worshiped Asclepius (god of medicine and healing) Athena, Dionysus, and Zeus. Pergamos practiced the ancient system of sun worship from Babylon. It was a center for this tradition and the place where the famous giant altar of Zeus (120 by 112 feet) overlooked the city on its citadel. Local pagan leaders emulated the ancient Babylonian mysteries including pontiff-father titles and vestments. The last pontiff king of Pergamos was Attalus III, who bequeathed his title to Rome in 133 BC. The atmosphere of this city was unfavorable to faithful believers. The civic leaders were the first to invite the Romans into the affairs of Asia Minor. As a result, Pergamos was the center for imperial cult worship in the province.

In the Apostolic period, emperor worship was commemorated on Pergamum's coinage. Local rulers had been worshiped before the Roman period but Pergamum was one of the first cities of Asia to build a temple on the citadel for a Roman emperor. All citizens were expected to participate in local civic pagan religious traditions or they would be suspected of disloyalty against the state. True believers would not participate in imperial festivals or eat the meat sacrificed to pagan idols. As a result, some believers were suspected and often prosecuted for blasphemy against the Emperor. The death penalty was the usual sentence for a conviction.

Excavations have unearthed a vast building complex including two temples, a theater, and a medical library. Some of the most famous early physicians learned and practiced medicine here. The medical symbol adopted in Pergamos was a serpent wrapped around a pole which is very similar to the modern Caduceus representing medicine today. Pergamos boasted the world's second largest library (after Alexandria), with a collection of some 200,000 volumes. The city was also known for manufactured parchment paper called *pergamena*. Pergamos marks the beginning of the church/state union.

Rev 2:12-17 – Assembly of Pergamos – compromising, needs to repent vs. 16

Salutation	Vs 12 – He that has a 2 edged sword=salvation & death/mercy & judgment
Assets	Vs 13 – works & where you live (Satan's seat of emperor worship cult – beginning of state sponsored religion), keeping my name and faith, Antipas was boiled alive in a brazen bull shaped tub refusing to renounce Yahshua (92AD)
Liabilities	Vs 14 – some seduced by Balaam, pagan worship and immorality creeping in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Syncretism of beliefs, 2 Pet 2:1-22, Jud 1:11 Vs 15 – Nicolaitan doctrines growing inside assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licentious, tolerant, fraternizing with pagan practices
Rebuke	Vs 16 – repent (change)
Exhortation	Vs 16 – repent or the sword of my mouth will come, Rev 1:16 - sharp 2 edged sword, 2 Thes 2:8 - spirit of my mouth, Jer 23:29 – word is as fire and hammer
Post Script	Vs 17 – he that has an ear
Reward	Vs 17 – Jo 6:48-50 eat of hidden manna (Yahshua vs. meet offered to idols), white stone=acquittal in legal case, victory in athletic contest, expression of welcome to a guest new name=Isa 62:2-3, Isa 65:15

- Attributes - beginning of church/state union (Pergamos= married to the high tower)
- 2 Co 11:13-15 – beginning of the apostate church
- Nu 22-24, 25, Nu 31:16 – Balaam and Balak
- Jer 23:11-27 – false prophets/priests, vs 20 – in latter days, vs 36 – perverted word
- Rev 2:12 - double-edged sword (Rev 1:16, Rev 2:16, Rev 19:15, Rev 19:21), separates believers from the world and condemns the world for its sin, sword of salvation vs. the sword of death.
- Parable – Mt 13:31-32 – mustard seed
- Paul's parallel epistle – Corinthians (partnering with the world), disunity, immoral behavior
 1. 1 Co 1:10-12 – no divisions
 2. 1 Co 5, 6, 7, 8 - Corinth was in the world but the world was in Corinth



Should we say Yahwehshua?

Saying "YahwehShua" is like saying "HalleluYahweh." It's from the imaginations of men to pronounce them in such a way. The letters for the Savior's Name, which ended up in the New Testament, are *yod shin waw ayin* (Y'shua).

We understand that the yod should have been vowel pointed to express "Yah" rather than "Yeh." See our mini-study called, **How the Savior's Name was Changed.**

It appears that the Masoretic vowel pointing, done in the 9th or 10th of the Common Era, is still going to be a stumbling block for some. The Masoretes, as understood, were non-Messianic, in addition to, holding fast to the doctrine of the Ineffability of the Sacred Name.

There will always be those who want to be different and pronounce words in their own "special" way. Don't let them bother you nor keep you from the truth of Yahweh's Word.



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Fall Appointed Times

We're looking forward to coming before Yahweh at this year's Feast of Tabernacles. Yahweh's Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day begins at sunset on October 1st, 2012 and ends at sunset on October 9th, 2012. We hope you can make it.

We encourage you to keep Yahweh's appointed times locally even if you cannot come to the assembly meetings or to the designated Feast Site. Yahweh does look at each of our hearts, but our faith must be in combination with actions, James 2:14-22.

Do what you know to be right in Yahweh's sight and be blessed. Make sure His Kingdom and His righteousness are in the forefront of your mind, Matthew 6:33.

The Feast of Trumpets is expected to arrive at the sighting of the new moon on the evening of the 17th, making the 18th of September the first day of the seventh month.

If the new moon, which sets the seven Annual Holy Days, is seen a day late, it will therefore push the date to the 19th.

If our calculations are correct, though, the Day of Trumpets will be on the 18th and nine days later will be Atonement, September 27th. Please keep in mind these dates are for the North American Region, which includes the United States.



Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Michelle Love and Family, Jewell Holt, Dolores Parker, Elder Don Mansager's Family/Friends, Maxine Conrad, Terrel Frasure, Lois McDonald, David and Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, Dries Van Zyl, Daphne Griffith and Family, Donald Carringer, Clare Kane, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, David Wilson, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers, Elder Yahkara Sunith, Robert and Patricia Potter, Benjamin Francis, Manuel Longoria and Family, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Donnie and Roland Miller, Al Pagano, Jessie Hoffman, Rachel Rodgers, Serena & Sonya Siangco, John Cole, Cindy Gustke and Family/Friends, Helen and Tim Rose, Glen Jones, Cindy Smith, Pamela Woodfork, Carol Isdell and Family, Loretta Reyes, May Rodgers, Bonnie Merryman, Gerald Bennet and Family, Jesus Onate, Shawn Allen, Tiffany Harris, Skip Franchino and Family, Sharon Scott, Clyde Scott, Inez Scott, Editha Joseph-Wayland, Paul Oliver, Collette Jazaerli, Dirk Coetzee, George Simon, Jim Still, Larry Skinner and Family, Dennis Kimonge, Elsie du Plessis, Sandra Gets, Garry Rivers and Family/Friends, Johan Smit, Kerry Alexander, Jim Colletti and Family, Dan & Geri O'leary, Cleo Willard-Weems Karen van Schalkwyk, Jerry Richardson and Family, Kay Manning, Michael Johnson, Kent Hovind, Claire and Albert Hendricks, Peter Still, brethren around the world, world leaders, Jerusalem and all the land of Israel.