

INTRODUCTION TO LESSON 2

It seems most important to me for you to understand that our study is being developed from the view that the Tabernacle symbolically represents your perfect(ed) spiritual body. The Biblical Truth shows that you are in Christ and Christ is in you; and Our Heavenly Father relates to you only in His Anointing and in His Perfection.

Our interpretation is a bold reformation view. You are not becoming more and more righteous and spiritually perfected. You are simply discovering your perfect ONENESS with our Father and His Son, Yeshua the Christ.

You cannot become what you already are.

Your life was hid with Christ and in God before you were Earth born. Because of the imprisoning force of the Limiting Sensual Mind plus religious teaching, it has been very difficult to embrace the Truth which is in the Mind of Christ -- You are Spirit, and in Him... Perfect.

When you were “born again,” the Truth already in you that you were born before, born above by the Spirit as a Spirit, was resurrected in you.

Jesus said, “...rejoice, because your names are written in heaven,” i.e. rejoice because your birth certificate is registered in Heaven’s Court House (Luke 10:20). Your citizenship is in a higher dimension of spiritual awareness (Heaven).

We’re different.

James 1:18, “**Of His own Will begat He us, with [His] Word of Truth [before the foundation of the world].**”

James 1:21, “...receive with meekness the engrafted Word [already in you], which is able to save your souls.”

1 Peter 1:23, “**Being [we are] born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible [Seed], [begotten] by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.**”

Note: WILL = WORD = WILL

John 3:3, 7, “[You must be] **born again**” - ‘*anóthen*’ - Strong’s #509, from #507: “*from above, from the first, from the beginning (very first).*”

I Peter 1:23, “[You were] **born again**” - ‘*anablepsis*’ - Strong’s #309, from ‘*anablepo*’ #308 : “*restoration of sight; - recovery of sight.*” From ‘*ana*’ #303: the primary preposition and adverb “*up*” - in compounds (as a prefix), “*repetition, intensity, reversal.*”

May I suggest that the previous scriptures indicate that your “**born again**” experience was a spiritual reversal or return *back* to your awareness of your true original birth “in the beginning,” returning to the awareness of your functional part of Him Who is The Beginning (*Reshiyth*). Studying The Tabernacle from this spiritual perspective will be an enlightening spiritual experience.

The Tabernacle is God’s provision and definition of Grace. Without the Tabernacle’s Substitution of Grace for Justice, everyone under the Constitutional Law of the Decalogue (the Ten Commandments) would be condemned to death. Death is the state into which we came; into the Earthy Adam. So God’s Law was not given to “condemn” man. The purpose of The Law, which is spiritual, is to reveal to your Spirit the imprisoned condition of your earth man’s sensual mind which is “dead to God.”

Ephesians 2:1, “**And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins** [Mistaken Identity (Col. 2:13)].”

“For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” (John 3:17, 18).

When we became a part of the corporate body of the only begotten Son of God, we gave up the idea of our individuality of Adam. The Life which we now live in the flesh is in Reality (Truth) the Life of Christ - yea, the resurrected Life of Christ.

When we were born into this physical earth body, we were, according to the Apostle Paul, born into a life which was “dead to God’s plan and purposes.” We were “**dead in trespasses and sin.**” Everyone called it life, so we thought it was life. But it was spiritually... death.

When we were born into this physical body, we called the narrow spectrum of natural sight, Light. But in spiritual truth, we were born into darkness and spiritual blindness. We needed to be translated out of darkness into Light, the Light of His Word.

We were born humanly into a quality of life where individual freedom was paramount. In reality, we were born into a “captivity,” into a bondage to the flesh, into an ego centered death. We needed the Captain of our Salvation -- Jesus Christ -- to lead us “captives” into His Captivity.

His Captivity is not being free to do your own will, but being captive to the Will of Him Who sent you.

Everyone asks, “Who am I? Where did I come from? What is the purpose?” You might also ask, “**Why should I be interested in studying the Tabernacle?**”

Because: The Tabernacle is your answer to “Who am I?” The Tabernacle reveals that you are Spirit; and who you are is “I Am,” ‘*Hayah,*’ (Who He is).

Because: The Tabernacle is like a “Time Capsule,” containing symbolic secrets of the patterns of how Spirit Life functions. Those patterns are unchanging.

Because: The Tabernacle reveals the operation of the Light Body within you. It reveals how you, led by the Holy Spirit, can train your earth “suit” to be conformed to the eternal Light of Christ.

Because: The Tabernacle reveals, through the miracle of Re-Membering, where you came from and what you were like before you came here.

Because: The Tabernacle reports to you, via the ministry of the Priest, what your purpose as Man is in God’s Plan.

The Hebrew word for The Tabernacle of God is ‘*mishkan*’ - #4908, and means “*a permanent residence,*” from #4906: ‘*miskiyth,*’ and means “*an image,*” from #4904: ‘*mishkab,*’ and means “*intercourse.*”

The Truth is that The Tabernacle of God is Man (in man and as man). The True Tabernacle is ‘*Mishkan,*’ it is permanent because it is Spiritual. The Spiritual Tabernacle is designed to project spiritual consciousness onto the screen of the physical body -- it is the intercourse between the spirit and the flesh with the Light or Truth of God’s Nature within man, shining through the film of Man’s spiritual consciousness which tells the Truth physically about God. Anything else is bearing false witness. Everything else is taking God’s name in vain.

Should you study the Tabernacle?

Of course.

Suggested Scripture for Lesson 2

I'm sure that you are aware of how helpful it is to read scripture from more than one translation and to research key words in a Concordance.

Numbers 10:13-28	The Marching Order for the tribes of Israel.
Genesis 35:22-26	The birth order and names of the mothers of the sons of Jacob/Israel.
John 1:1-14	Note the word "dwelt" is actually the word "tabernacled."
Exodus 23:14-7 and Leviticus 16:16	The 3 Feasts or Memorial Days.
Romans 8:1	Notice that there is a Law of Spirit Life.
Hebrews 3:1-6	Jesus is our High Priest -- Aaron was a shadow or type.
Hebrews 5:6-10	Jesus elevated the Priesthood to the Kingly Authority.
1 Kings 1:1-45	Shows the roles of a King and Priest. King - <i>Melke</i> Priest - <i>Zadok</i> <i>Zadok</i> means Righteousness. David means Love. Love was King and Righteousness was Priest.

THE ENCAMPMENT

(Numbers 2:1-34, 10:14-23)

When the Lord God brought Israel forth out of Egypt, He instituted for them a new calendar. Their new year would begin in the spring instead of the fall when the Egyptian new year had begun. And Israel’s new year would begin with the new moon; their new calendar would now consist of months, lunar months instead of solar months, approximately 28 days instead of 30 days. This change emphasized that the focus was to be on the feminine aspect of Man, or the Soul. The goal of this school system was to change the thinking in the Soul. Eve was deceived into accepting the physical flesh realm as Truth, which resulted in perpetuating incorrect thinking.

The new system was greatly simplified in that everyone would now know precisely when a new month commenced just by observing the first sliver of light of the new moon.

This new way of counting time was such an important element in the training program, which the Lord God had commenced for Israel, that He designated the new moon a Sabbath for them.

Since the phases of the moon are completed every 27-1/4 days, this cycle did complicate the balancing of the seasons with the calendar. It is quite complicated, but the Priests were responsible to add one month about every three years to keep the seasons regulated.

The Encampment consisted of the families or descendants of the twelve sons of Jacob/Israel who became the twelve tribes of Israel, and were a kind of calendar themselves.

The placement of the tribes is interesting in that the Lord did not place them according to their birth order, but as a teaching symbol of Spiritual Order.

On the east side, or at the entrance of the Tabernacle, were the camps of Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. The Lord actually, as an emphasis, stated that when the camp of Israel moved, Judah was to go first. Also, in the alignment of the stones on the Ephod (breast plate of the High Priest), Judah’s stone was first in the order of the first row.

We deduct from this information, gleaned from the Torah, that Judah represented the first month of the year, Aviv, also called Nisan. The new year begins in the spring; so we conclude that Judah, Issachar and Zebulun would represent the spring months: April, May, and June.

These months also mark the spring festivals of Passover and Pentecost; and the spring harvests of Barley, associated with Passover; and the wheat harvest, associated with Pentecost.

Many, many special events in the history of Israel can be seasonally identified. If you pay attention to the recording of the events, you will notice phrases as: “at the time of the barley harvest”; “he was threshing wheat”; “they were gathering grapes,” etc. For instance, when the spies returned from the “promised land” to Israel in the wilderness, they brought huge bunches of grapes. From this we know it was fall or the time of the Feast of Tabernacles.

The summer months were marked by the southern camps of Reuben, Simeon and Gad; the fall months by the camps of Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin; the winter months by Dan, Asher and Naphtali.

Because of the progression of the lunar cycles, you can now understand how the beginning of the year can actually change as much as a month. Nisan can begin as early as March 22nd or as late as April 26th, which explains why Easter (First Fruits) can vary from late March to late April.

Are you celebrating the “New Creation” everyday?

Easter, which is the Feast of First Fruits on the Hebrew calendar, is always the morrow (next day) after the Sabbath from Passover. And Passover is always the 14th day of Nisan. The Hebrew Sabbath was Saturday, so First Fruits (Easter) was and is always celebrated on Sunday, the first day of the week -- the eighth day and a new beginning.

Easter is the celebration of a new creation man. Every Sunday is a celebration of Easter. Every Lord’s day should be the celebration of the new creation. Two thousand years ago, God instituted a new world order. But there are people today, who think that they invented the term.

Another interesting aspect of the way the tribes of Israel were placed around the Tabernacle is that each tribe was instructed to raise a standard with their own insignia over their camp.

Because of the identifications we are given in the Bible, it is easy to see that each tribe was associated with a sign of the Zodiac. After many years of researching ancient writings, Dr. E.W. Bullinger, in his book, “The Witness of the Stars” (1893), identified and recorded the standard flown over each tribe as follows:

The Tribes of Israel

<u>Tribe</u>	<u>Standard</u>	<u>Stone</u>	<u>Month</u>
Judah	Leo the Lion	Ruby	April
Issachar	Cancer the Crab	Topaz	May
Zebulun	Virgo the Virgin	Emerald	June
Simeon	Pisces the Fish.....	Sapphire ...	August
Reuben	The Man Aquarius	Turquoise ..	July
Gad	Aries the Lamb.....	Diamond ...	September
Ephraim.....	Taurus the Bull (left horn).....	Jacinth	October
Mannasseh ...	Taurus the Bull (right horn)	Agate	November
Benjamin	Gemini the Twins	Amethyst ...	December
Dan	Scorpio the Scorpion	Beryl	January
Asher	Sagittarius the Horse & Rider	Onyx	February
Naphtali.....	Capricorn the Goat	Jasper.....	March

There is plenty of evidence that when the Lord brought Abram out of his tent and told him to look toward the heavens, He revealed to him his families’ national history written in the heavens. His family is “the Family of Faith.”

The tragedy is that this God-given insight was eventually perverted and became astrology. The original “astronomical” Truth was from God. Paul said that this Truth given in the Heavens left all men without excuse.

The High Priest of Israel could actually receive directives from God through the “Calendar” Ephod called the Breast Plate which he wore upon his heart. The 12 different precious stones on the Breast plate represented the different 12 tribes of Israel. They were placed in 4 rows of 3 stones, each stone simulating the camp assignments of each tribe. The High Priest was playing the role of our High Priest, the Messiah, who had a “built in” Ephod. Jesus knew what was in man. He knew what His Father would say, and what His Father would do. He knew the signs of the time. The signs of the times are actually the progression of the equinox or the signs in the heavens.

The gospel was first given in the stars, in the heaven. Then the gospel was given in the Tabernacle. Finally the gospel was given in the Son of God, the Son of Man.

Mankind perverted the gospel in the stars and used it for fortune telling, seers, necromancers, witches, sorcerers, wise men, etc.

Mankind perverted the pure gospel given in the Tabernacle by making it religion -- with traditions, and rituals, and dogmas, and doctrines of demons, and church laws.

Mankind has and is actually trying to pervert the Gospel of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ by having Him removed from the realm of personal reality into a make believe paradise somewhere far away and for a future time.

Do you know that we are the last generation?

It is recorded in Numbers chapter 33 that The Tabernacle was taken down, dismantled, moved, and led by the Cloud 41 times in the wilderness. The 42nd erection of the “House of God” was in the Promise Land at Shiloh. This fact would probably not have special significance unless you became aware that when Matthew carefully listed the genealogy of Jesus Christ, there is an accounting of 42 generations.

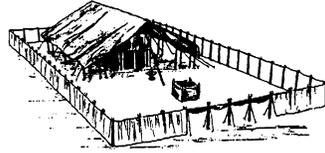
But careful inspection of this generational record brings out a very edifying truth. When you count for yourself, there at first seems a discrepancy in Matthew chapter one; instead of listing each generation here, I trust you will turn to the record and read the account and count the generations for yourself.

But I will write the summary Matthew has given us, **“So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations [count them for yourself]; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations [count them for yourself]; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations”** (Matt. 1:17). This is where you need to carefully count. **There are actually thirteen generations.** So you must go back to Matthew 1:1 to see what the Holy Spirit had instructed Matthew to write.

Matthew 1:1, **“The book of the generation [singular] of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”** Do you notice the difference? Here in Matthew 1:1, he starts the genealogy of Jesus Christ. Matthew 1:17, his summary, records that the last generation is **“unto Christ”** (Matt. 1:17). Actually, from the carrying away into Babylon, there are thirteen generations to Jesus -- the 14th generation is unto Christ.

The Spirit has left this wonderfully exciting truth to those who will search out a matter. The 42nd generation is the resurrected, new generation man -- the Body of Christ.

Do you remember Jesus said, **“This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled”** (Matt. 24:34, Mark 13:30, Luke 21:32). There has just been ONE generation, in God’s sight, since the Resurrection of Christ. That generation is all of us, you and I, who know that our life is Christ; for me to live -- is Christ. There is overwhelming evidence that we are living at the “time” when all things shall be fulfilled. Praise the Lord!

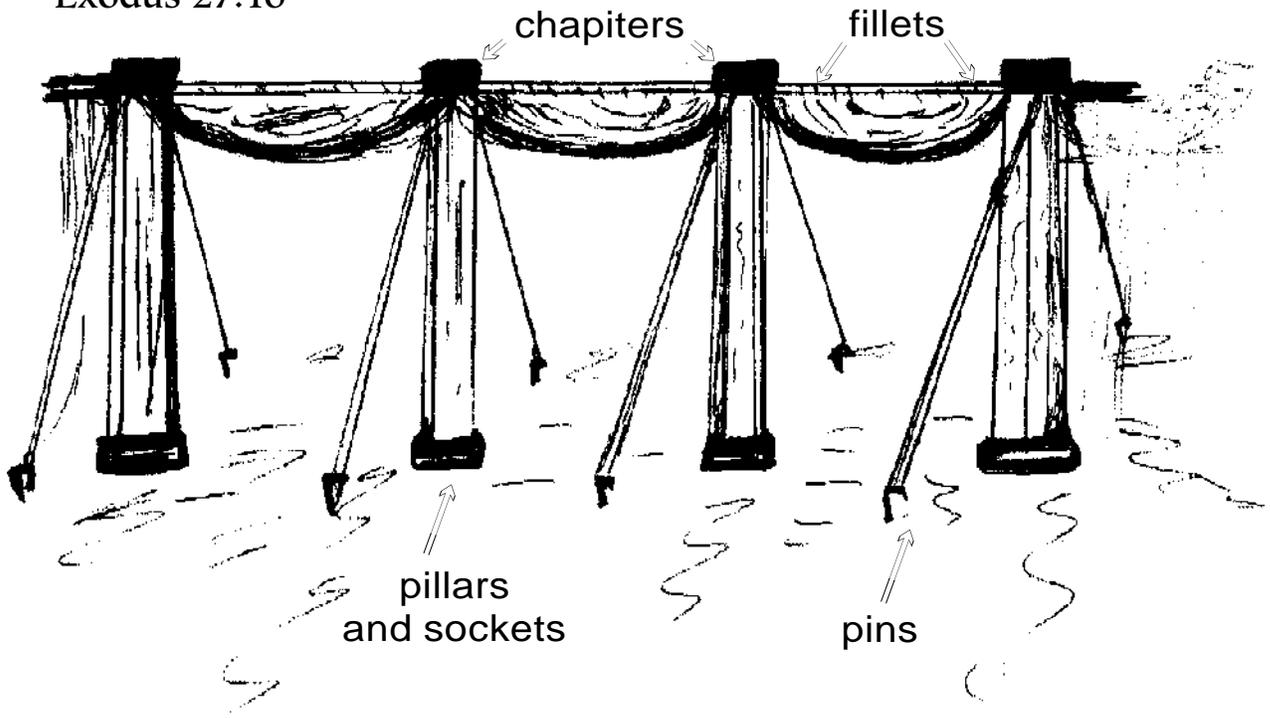


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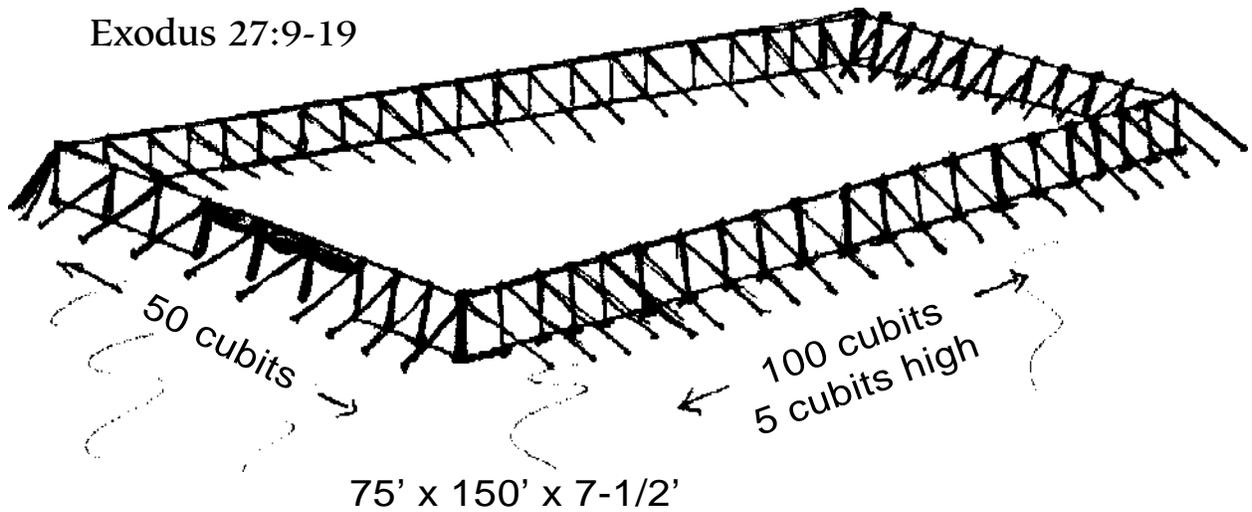
THE GATE (WAY)

Exodus 27:16



THE COURT

Exodus 27:9-19



THE GATE OF THE COURT

Exodus 27:16

“And for the gate of the court *shall be* an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined [white] linen, wrought with needlework: *and* their pillars *shall be* four, and their sockets four.”

We are not told, but the Gate was most likely: 1) either rolled up from the ground to provide an entrance or, 2) it was open from the center and pulled back in each direction to provide passage.

However its arrangement... the Priest, Levites, and whosoever brought a Sacrifice, each person found the only way into the ‘Court’ -- the only way to approach the Altar for the first Act of Worship -- was through the Gate.

A Gate or a Door is fulfilled in its role in the Pageant, when a person comes to the Door and goes through the Door, moving from one position to another. A door is not fulfilled by two persons standing in it. Its function is only completed when a person completes the journey from one side to the other -- one realm to another -- one level of Truth to another.

In this Gate, the way into the Salvation Pageant of the Lord, the colors are of important significance. The exact same colors in the Gate are designated for the Curtain at the entrance of The Holy Place, and in the Veil which separates The Holy Place and The Most Holy Place. Also, the same colors are in the inner tent of the Tabernacle. They are also incorporated in the garments of glory and beauty, the costume of the High Priest. So we cannot over emphasize the importance of color. I believe that originally, God created colors to be symbols.

The blue is recognized by every student as the color which represents Heaven, or the Heavens, or the dimension of Spirit. So, the first inference is that the colors “must” represent dimensions or levels of Spiritual understanding. So, the person who goes through the blue should pick up the idea, or the suggestion that he is identified with Heaven or Spirit; he has moved into a Spiritual dimension and the only way to function in a Spirit dimension is from a Spirit’s perspective.

The second color mentioned in the scriptural passage above is purple. From earliest history, records have identified or associated this color with royalty. The Holy Spirit referenced Jesus as a Royal (King) Priesthood, called Melchizedek Order. The Apostle Peter referred to Israel as “a royal Priesthood” which is also associated with Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul asked, **“Who are Israelites?”** (Rom. 9:4), and then immediately answers the question, **“to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises.”**

An Israelite, **“Thus saith the LORD, *is my son, even my firstborn,*”** according to Exodus 4:22. Jesus is **“the firstborn from the dead”** (Col. 1:18). Every Believer, who has identified with Jesus in His Resurrection, is counted as an Israelite and part of the Corporate First Born from the dead -- Body of Christ.

Israel is a personal identification; not a natural, fleshly, human genetic descendancy; and definitely not a geographical national citizenship. In Christ, you are Spiritually, Israel. “Hello, Son of God.”

The next color in the Gate is scarlet, and is associated with shed blood, the blood poured out in the substitutionary sacrifice. Ultimately the scarlet, or crimson color, points to the shed Blood of the Lamb of God, our Savior -- Jesus. **“Behold the Lamb.”**

“And without the shedding of blood is no remission” (Heb. 9:22). **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul”** (Lev. 17:11).

Note the difference: In the book of Hebrews it says, that the shedding of Jesus blood is for remission (removal); but in Leviticus, the promise is atonement. There is a world of difference. Remission removes; atonement covers temporarily.

The fourth color in the Gate is white, if you can call white a color. White in Revelations 19:8 is clearly identified as representative of righteousness. Christ is made unto you -- righteousness as a free gift (Rom. 5:17 & 1st Cor. 1:31). We learn from viewing light through a crystal prism that white, or light, is a combination of all the colors of the rainbow.

In summary: In the gospels, we see the color symbols as prophetic in that they are fulfilled in the trial of Jesus in the Jewish and Roman Courts prior to His Crucifixion. In each Court, His robe was changed -- from blue, to purple, to white, to crimson.

When a person goes through the colors, he or she is identified with the complete Salvation Ministry of Jesus -- as we continue with Him to and through The Holy Place and to and through the Veil into intimacy with the Father in The Holy of Holies. There, in the Secret Place; there in the Place of Secrets, we discover our True Identity of Oneness.

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“That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.” John 1:9

THE COURT/THE SANCTUARY (SAINT)

EXODUS 25:8, 27:9-17

The word “Court” is an excellent translation of the Hebrew word “*Chatsar*,” which is Strong’s #2690, because the activities in that realm depict the function of a legal Court Room. The Altar, just inside the Gate, was like a place of judgement. It was the place where our Heavenly Holy Judge gave His prescription for the flesh nature. The appetites of the demanding, selfish, impatient flesh can only be dealt with by fire. And it is the Love of God portraying at the Altar: His tough love, to change our nature from being controlled by earthy animal appetites into a spiritual controlled nature of peace, and patience, and gentleness. And He reveals to us that His Way for the metamorphosis is through a Substitute -- the Lamb.

The Hebrew word *Chatsar* is formed from 3 consonants. *Chet* is the first consonant and the 8th letter in the Hebrew Alphabet. We are told that in the Torah, the scribes formed this letter using two *Zayin* (the 7th letter) standing side by side and touching in the center or roof by a *Yod*, or just a dot. You can see, I hope, that the two *Zayin*, are two wise men, representing two witnesses, with the Presence of God connecting them in the head.

The second consonant in the word *Chatsar* is the letter “*Tsadi*.” *Tsadi* is the foundation for the Hebrew word for righteousness, *Tsadek*. Righteousness, of course, implies a “Right Covenant Relationship” to God and is depicted in this word by the *Yod*, the Presence of God, connecting at the head two wise people. (They two shall become one, in perfect Covenant/Agreement.) God portrays Righteous Judgement, as two agreeing... “*CH-Ts*.”

The third consonant in the word *Chatsar* is the letter “*Resh*.” *Resh* is the 20th letter of the alphabet, or you might say the opposite of God’s Presence in the *Yod*, 10. If God is good then *Resh* is evil. The Hebrew word “evil” is “*Rah*.” And the word for “wicked” is “*Rasha*.” There are good and evil aspects of life. But if you can see God in the evil, it is good. Could this be the Tree of Life? Is the Tree of Life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil the same tree? -- determined by perspective?

When you define the meaning of the Court, the *Chatsar*, by interpreting each letter (which I believed the Rabbi and Scribes endeavored to do), we conclude this translation; By the wisdom of two witnesses, in a righteous relationship to God, the correct judgement can be made in order to correctly enact the provisions of God to allow the Spirit of the Word to become manifest in flesh.

The pageantry of the Court portrays death and life; death to the powerful flesh nature, and life to the uplifting spirit nature. Within the gospel of the Court is shown the reversal (repentance) of the two natures.

The Court was 50 cubits wide and 100 cubits deep, front to back. There was a Post, to hold the Fence, every 5 cubits; 20 down each side (40), 10 on the east and 10 on the west (20); for a total of 60 Posts. The space between each Post was 5 cubits (7-1/2 feet), and the height was 5 cubits (7-1/2 feet). Using the standard measurement of 1 cubit equals 18 inches, the Court was 75 feet wide and 150 feet deep (or long), which suggests to me that God's nature of forbearance or long suffering exceeds His demands (Psa. 106:45).

After all, His great salvation of us is for His own sake; **“For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory [my Christ] unto another”** (Isa. 48:11). **“Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known”** (Psa. 106:8).

**In His Sovereign Will
He will order His Kingdom on this Earth;
He will save His Earth.**

The material for the Post is not given in the scriptures, but we presume (every writer I have researched all agree) that the Post was of Acacia wood, or as the Septuagint renders “Acacia” as “incorruptible wood.” In other words, the Post would not rot, nor was it subject to worms, bugs, or termites.

Now everything in the Tabernacle was of special significance, and in the structure of the Fence for the Sanctuary it was especially so.

Wood speaks of humanity; but this incorruptible wood speaks of the spiritual aspect of humanity. These Acacia wood Posts stood, securely, separated from the earth, or sand, by blocks of brass or copper Sockets -- heat resistant metals. Copper or brass symbolizes judgement, i.e. the Altar and the Laver. This means that symbolically, this Believer (the Post) was standing on the foundation of judgement that had been taken by another, who had been tempered in tribulation's fire, and was refined, and pure, and heat resistant.

Each Post had a silver Cap or Capital covering the top of the Post. You will recall that when the Census was taken, there were 603,500 men above 20 years of age. Each was required to give one half (1/2) shekel of silver as a token of the redemption from Egypt. Exodus 38:27-28 records that the total amount of silver was 301,775 shekels (603,500 x 1/2). 100 talents (1 talent = 3000 shekels) of the silver was used for foundation of the Tabernacle boards and for the foundation Caps for the Pillars which held up the Curtain and the Veil. This left 1,775 shekels for the Posts. That is just a fraction under 30 shekels for each Post of the Court.

You must remember that each male was allowed to give 1/2 shekel (Ex. 30:14-16). **“The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, ...to make atonement for your souls”** (Ex. 30:15). Silver represents the Blood of the Lamb that atoned for their Soul. And there were 60 Posts around the Fence of the Court; $60 \times 1/2 = 30$ shekels of silver... The price of Blood.

Zech. 11:12-13, **“If you think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter; a goodly price that I was prised [priced] at of them.”**

God has established some very interesting silver tables in the scriptural record. In Exodus 21:28-32 it is recorded what the judgement is, if an ox gores a servant and the servant dies. The owner of the ox is to pay the master of the servant 30 shekels of silver. The price therefore of a servant is set at 30 shekels. In our money at that time this would have been about 3 months wages or several thousand dollars. The price of 30 shekels was also the Court’s evaluation for One who could give life to another -- a Female (Lev. 27:4).

Isn’t it fascinating that the 30 shekels of silver paid to Judas, as the price of Jesus Blood, was cast by Judas into the temple in his remorse for what he had done. And, the Priest took the money and put it into the treasury, because they said it was the price of blood (Matt. 27:5-6). **“And they took counsel, and bought with them [the 30 shekels] the potter’s field, to bury strangers in”** (Matt.27:7). I’m sure they did not remember Zechariah’s prophecy, nor Moses’ record of the price of a servant, nor the scripture in Leviticus where we are told that the Priest had the responsibility of placing the value of a poor man. And that’s what the Priests did; they valued the life of Jesus at 30 shekels of silver -- the designated value for a female.

Jesus said, **“Search the scriptures... they are they which testify of me”** (Jn. 5:39). And after Jesus had spoken to the two on the road to Emmaus, **“Ought not Christ to have suffered these things,”** then **“...beginning at Moses and the prophets, He expounded unto them, in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself”** (Luke 24:26-27).

The Law surely does prophesy.

But, the most fascinating of the concealed truth in the Court yard Post is the Hook; we might even say that it is the most exciting hidden truth in the entire Tabernacle. The scripture doesn’t actually tell us what the Hook is for, but the Spirit of God left it for those who would “search out a matter.”

The first indication that there is something interesting here is in the Hebrew for the word “Hook.” It is actually the 6th letter of the alphabet, the **Vav** (pronounced “**WOW**” in Hebrew). They pronounce the “V” like we say our “W.” And by the way, there is no “W” in their alphabet.

So the Hook is the **Vav**. And the **Vav** is formed like a smith’s nail; a pointed shaft with a hook or a one-sided head. I concluded that the Hook was to attach the Fence, through an eyelet, to the Post. The Hook was of silver, so it was a symbol of the price, or the preciousness, of blood. So there is quite a message developing here. It is the blood which adheres and holds the pure, white Righteousness, represented not only in the Fence attached to the Post, but also in the robe of the Priest. The Post is the Believer, the one standing on the sure foundation of the suffering Savior, the one who will make up the “hedge” of the Sanctuary -- called the Tabernacle of God.

And there is more. It is wonderful to me, how the Holy Spirit can conceal so much wealth in the smallest packages. Do you imagine we have overlooked so much more?

The **Vav**, the Hook, is the 6th letter of the alphabet, and it means “to join or to connect.” It is the letter which signifies the operation of a Covenant, that “**they two may become one.**” And Man was created on the 6th day. He is God’s “WOW” to join or connect Heaven and Earth, that in Man the two will become one. The PLAN is for Heaven and Earth to become One -- IN MAN.

There are several deeper truth researchers, students of God’s Word, who believe that God wrote only 10 Hebrew letters, the first 10 letters of the alphabet, on the two tablets of stone for Moses. Moses was anointed by God to translate those symbols into what we have called the Ten Commandments. The first letter on the second stone was the sixth or the **Vav**, which means union, or joined, or oneness. It was translated by Moses; “**Thou shall not kill.**”

**Can you hear what the Spirit is saying
to the Church of the living, life-giving God?**

Spiritually, killing is about separating mankind from God’s Life. Killing is about separating Man from God’s gift of Righteousness. Killing, is to preach that Man is not one with His Creator. Killing is the lie of separation which is a curse and caused in Man a consciousness of duality -- a sense of dichotomy.

From my perspective, preaching duality is a homicide. It darkens the mind to Oneness with Christ, and is a road block to total Salvation.

Oh, the wonder of it all. The story of the silver Hook; the half has never been told; your 1/2 shekel involvement in God’s reconciliation of the Earth, makes you invaluable to Him. It is no wonder -- God loves you.

Another very interesting, hidden aspect of the Court Post, which is not clarified in the written scriptures is the Fillet.

In Webster’s Dictionary, the word “fillet” is from the French word “file.” One of the definitions, besides putting things in an order, is “a line of people standing in an order,” which is descriptive of the line of Posts forming the Court.

With that thought in mind, let’s turn to the original Hebrew thought. The word translated “fillets” is Strong’s #2836 and is “*Chashaq.*” *Chashaq* is defined by Dr. Strong; “to join in love, to cling, to delight in, set in love.”

Most writers have illustrated the Fillet as a cord or a rod -- joining Post to Post, which would have a steadying quality. However, when you involve the symbolism of the Hebrew thought, you can readily see the spiritual “supportive and joined to every other Believer in love” message -- not just when the conditions are good, but “SET IN LOVE.” **Set; “Established in Love.”**

In summary, it is clear that God had designed the Court as a message:

- The Post** -- “You as a Believer”
- The Socket** -- “The Foundation of Judgement, finished and settled forever by your Substitute”
- The Cap** -- “The Testimony of the Shed Blood as your covering from condemnation”
- The Hook** -- “The secured Power of the Blood Covenant”
- The Fillet** -- “The connecting Power of Love”
- The Fence** -- “The Gift of Righteousness in His Blood”

As the Court, He has established us, steadfast and sure, as a testimony to those outside the Court. Standing, hand in hand... **we are the Body of Christ:** the Body of Believers connected to every other Believer in the Righteousness of Christ; providing the Way into God’s Plan, where all Mankind can discover His Love and His Plan for Total Salvation -- “**The redemption of the body from the power of sensual flesh.**” WOW --

THE THREE LEVELS OF SALVATION

The design of the Tabernacle with 3 different progressive divisions -- the Court, the Holy Place, and the Most Holy Place -- encapsulates one of the Bible’s most rewarding secrets. When your ‘Teacher’ gets your attention on this principle, it will open up to you a pattern that will enrich your spiritual understanding beyond your dreams. This truth will enhance your confidence in your own ability to interpret the Plan of God, for you will see that He never departs from this 3-step program.

For instance; there’s Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; and Egypt, the Wilderness and the Promise Land; and spirit, soul and body; there’s faith, hope and love; there’s dust, sand and stars; and again there’s little children, young men and fathers; and of course... Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles; and what about the way, the truth and the life; and in the Tabernacle itself... the gate, the altar and the laver; the candlestick, the table of shew bread and the golden altar; in the Most Holy Place... the two tablets of stone, Aaron’s rod and the omer of manna; and the music goes on and on and on.

Why is this so valuable to you? This understanding will motivate you to not settle for the acceptable Will of God; but you will seek the good Will of God; and not stop until you know the perfect Will of God.

You will not settle for common salvation (Jude 3); but you will seek the greater salvation (Heb. 2:3); and you won’t stop until you attain to eternal salvation (Heb. 5:9).

You will not settle for salvation of your spirit (1st Thes. 5:23); but you will seek salvation of your soul (1st Peter 1:9); and you won’t be satisfied until you have salvation for your body (1st Thes. 5:23).

You will not be content in your personal salvation (Eph. 1:13); but you will strive for the salvation of others (Rom. 1:16, Heb. 5:9); and you will not be satisfied until there is salvation for all people (1st John 2:2); and all nature (Rom. 8:22); and the earth (Acts 3:21).

You will see God’s Plan, not through human eyes, but through the eyes of the Spirit, even from the viewpoint of Him... you have known from the beginning (1st John 2:13).

You will come to understand, even in Messiah, that there are three intimate relations for your own experience: first Jesus, then the Christ, and finally The Lord. Of course, we all were once introduced to Messiah as Jesus Christ the

Lord and became intellectually acquainted. But what I am saying refers to an intimate Oneness union, to the end that His Life becomes your life and your life becomes His. This kind of relationship takes time and develops only by living through experiences of joys and hurts and disappointments together, until there is a confident trust and an intimacy where there are no secrets.

The Plan that our Father designed for developing this journey away from an independent separated consciousness until you not only learn, but also understand your true spiritual identity as His Anointed Son, is presented in 3 steps; Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles -- the 3 “Feast Days” (Lev. 23: ?)

In Exodus 23:14-19, and also especially Deuteronomy 16:16, the directive is very clear; **“Three times in a year** [you must understand that the pageant for presenting His Plan for full salvation spanned a year] **shall all thy males** [in the pageant the male represented the role of your own spirit] **appear before the LORD thy God in the place which He shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread** [Passover], **and in the feast of weeks** [Pentecost; which was commemorated 7 weeks, a week of weeks after First Fruits, which was the Sunday after Passover, like Easter], **and in the feast of Tabernacles: and they** [the males] **shall not appear before the LORD empty.”**

The word “empty” indicates that each person is required to understand the individual application of each event and each symbol in Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits; in Pentecost with the Sinai experience of the giving and receiving of the Covenant Commandments and also why the “heave offering was two loaves of wheat bread baked with leaven; also in the Feast of Tabernacles which included the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement and the week of Tabernacles (Sukkoth) with the Great Day, the 8th Day. (*Sukkoth* is from the root “*Sukka*” -- a wedding booth.)

The fact is our Father has never deviated nor will He ever change from His 3-step progressive Plan to fulfill His purpose for mankind on the earth. Even though, through doctrines and traditions the established church has almost completely lost or departed from this Plan, our Father still holds fast. There is no other way to come to Him except through His Anointed Order.

It is possible -- and it would be wonderful, and it would produce mature Christians -- to structure a church which followed His Plan.

Lesson 2:

- Introduction to Lesson 2 ■ The Encampment
- The Court/The Sanctuary ■ The Gate ■ The Three Levels of Salvation

Your next lesson will be sent to you upon receipt of this completed questionnaire.

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THOUGHT PROVOKERS: *(Please circle the corresponding letters to your answers)*

1. **What is the Hebrew word for “Tabernacle” and “Dwell” which means permanent residence?**
A. Manna B. Meribah C. Mishkan D. Moshea E. Michigan
2. **What does the word “Tribe” represent?** A. a Son B. a Family C. a City
3. **Which Tribe or encampment was instructed to “go first” when Israel moved (relocated)?**
A. Reuben B. Dan C. Judah D. Ephriam
4. **Why is it important for you to know which Tribe was to lead every move?**

5. **What does the Hebrew word *Yudah* (Judah) mean?**
A. 1st born B. favored C. praise D. rejoice
6. **The Tabernacle Pageant was completed over a 7-month period. How many times in the “year” did God require every male to participate?**
A. 1 B. 3 C. 5 D. 7 E. 9

And why? _____

7. **How many posts supported the “Court”?**
A. 10 B. 60 C. 20 D. 40 E. 49

8. We welcome your Comments: *(Please use the back of this page if needed)* _____

