



# **SMOKE AND MIRRORS**

**Leviticus Chapter 1 – The Burnt Offering**



# Three Questions

- ① How is a burnt offering to be made?
- ② What did the offering communicate to an ancient Israelite?
- ③ What does it communicate to us today?

# Step 1 – “Choose your offering”

<sup>2</sup> ...you shall bring your offering of livestock from the herd or from the flock.

<sup>3</sup> “If his offering is a burnt offering from the **herd**, he shall offer a **male without blemish**.”

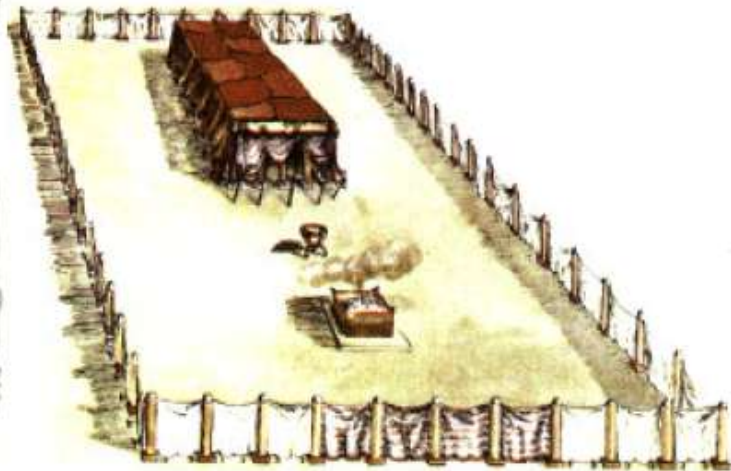
<sup>10</sup> “If his gift for a burnt offering is from the **flock**, from the sheep or goats, he shall bring a **male without blemish**”

<sup>14</sup> “If his offering to the Lord is a burnt offering of **birds**, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves or pigeons.”

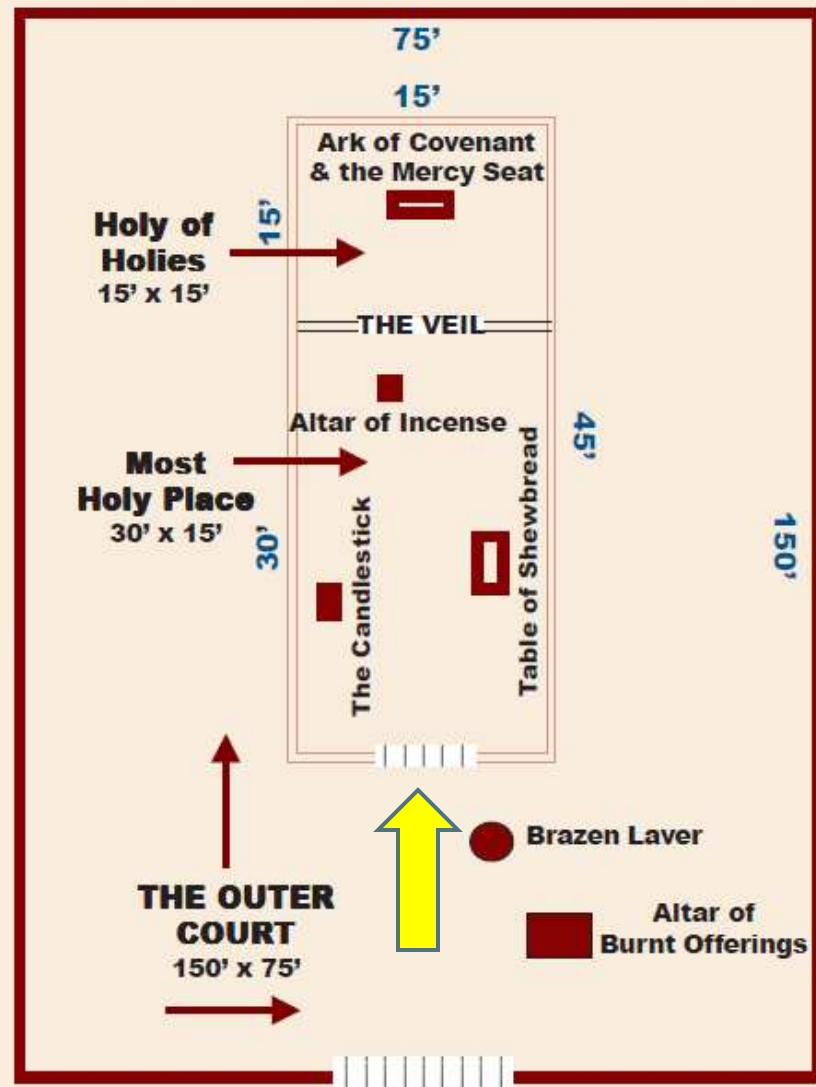
## Step 2 – “Bring it to the entrance”

*3b “... He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD.”*

# The Diagram of the Tabernacle



- TABERNACLE DIMENSIONS**
- Outer Court - 150' x 75'
  - Tabernacle - 45' x 15'
  - Most Holy Place - 30' x 15'
  - Holy of Holies - 15' x 15'



## Step 3 – “Leaning of the Hand”

*4 “He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.”*

## Step 4 – “Slaughtering & Placement of Blood”

<sup>5</sup> *“Then he shall kill the bull before the LORD, and Aaron's sons the priests shall bring the blood and throw the blood against the sides of the altar that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting.”*

*“For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life.” - Leviticus 17:14*



## Step 5 – “Skinning and Butchering”

<sup>7</sup> *“and the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire.*

<sup>8</sup> *And Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat, on the wood that is on the fire on the altar;”*

## Step 6 – “Burning the Offering”

<sup>9</sup> *“but its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall burn all of it on the altar, as a burnt offering, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the LORD.”*

What does it mean to us today?



## Step 1 – “Choose the Proper Sacrifice”

*“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”*

*- Romans 12:1*

## Step 2 – “Bring it to the Entrance”

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

*- John 14:6*

## Step 3 – “Lean Your Hand on Jesus”

<sup>9</sup> *“and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—<sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,”*

*- Philippians 3:9-10*

## Step 3 – “Lean Your Hand on Jesus”

<sup>9</sup> *“because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”*

*- Romans 10:9-10*

## Steps 4 & 5 – “Jesus is our Sacrifice”

**18** *“knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,*

**19** *but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”*

- 1 Peter 1:18-19



*“The preciousness of Christ to our hearts is this: through him we know God and come to God and experience the presence of God and offer acceptable sacrifices to God. Without him all is distance and darkness and wrath. Christ is precious, very precious!”*

- John Piper



## Steps 6 – “Burn the Offering”

*And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”*

*- Luke 9:23*

*“When Christ calls a man, he bids  
him come and die.”*

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer





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