

Session 3: Exodus 26

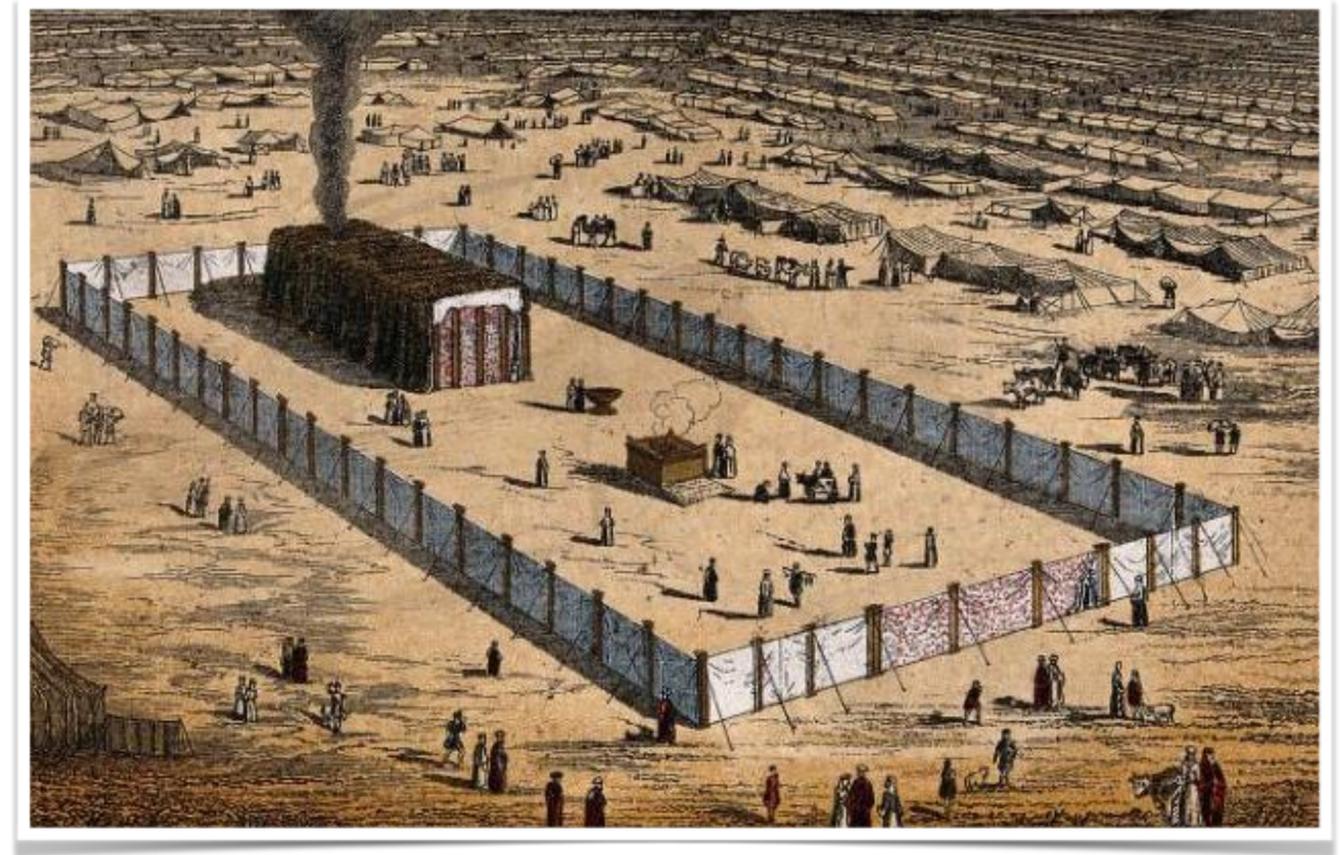
The Curtains, Boards, Bars & the Veil

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Overview

Read Exodus 26

- **The Curtains** (v 1-14)
 - Speaking of the Lord Jesus
- **The Boards, Bars & Sockets** (v 15-30)
 - Speaking of the Believer
- **The Veil** (v 31-37)
 - Speaking of the Lord Jesus (His Flesh)



The Curtains

Exodus 26:1-14

- Curtains:
 1. *Tabernacle* of fine twined linen
 2. *Curtains* of goats' hair
 3. *Covering* of rams' skins died red
 4. *Covering* of badgers' skins



1. Tabernacle of Blue, Scarlet, Purple & Fine Twined Linen

Overview

- Innermost curtains
- Furthest removed from the observer outside
- Nearest to the priests as they ministered inside.
- Cherubims speak of judgement



1. Tabernacle of Blue, Scarlet, Purple & Fine Twined Linen

Numbers & Dimensions

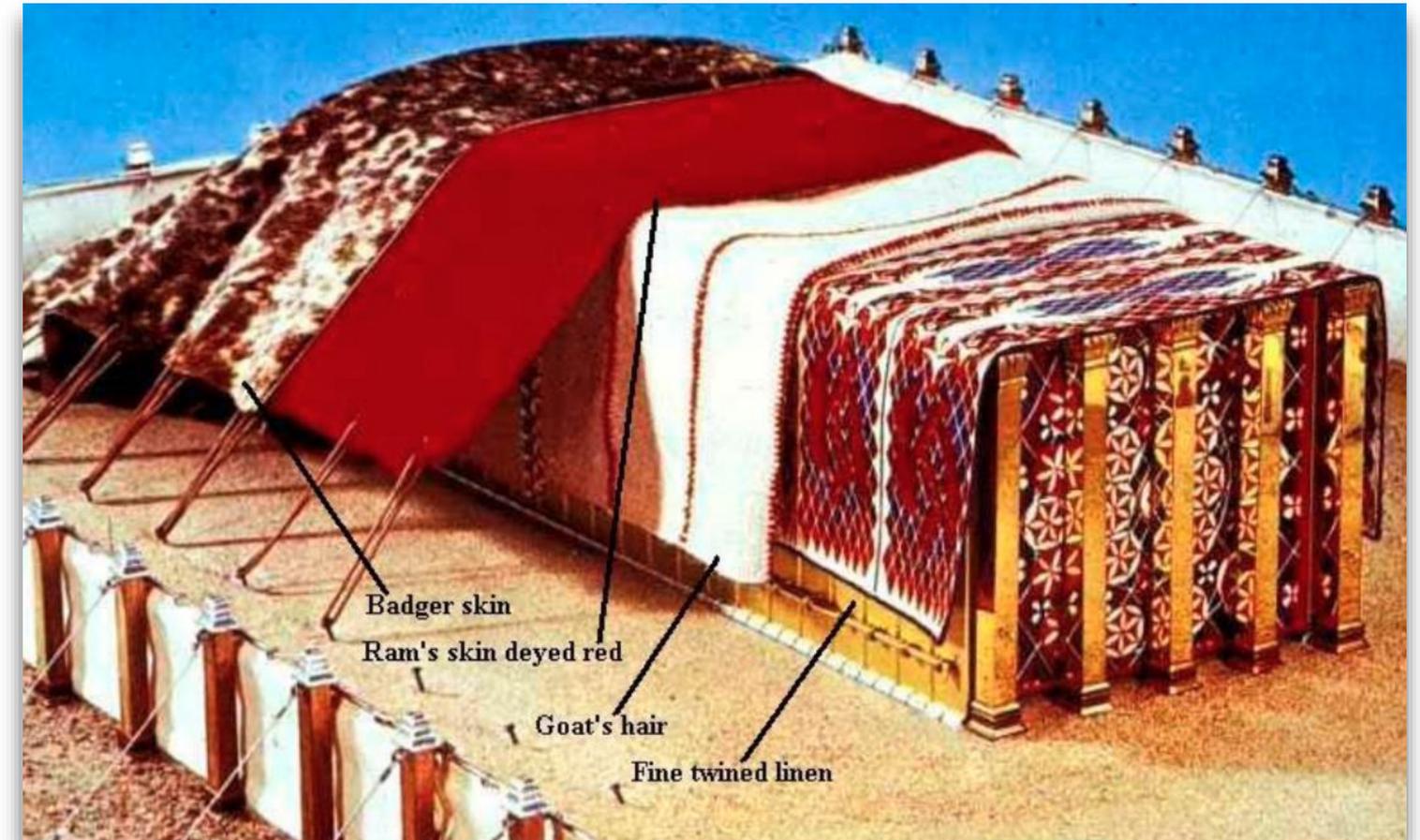
- 10 curtains
- Five curtains loops one to the other by loops of blue
- Fifty taches (or small hooks)
- Five (and multiples of 5) speak of responsibility Godward and manward, having been met perfectly by the Lord.
- Length - 28 cubits (4 x 7) seven squares of 4 cubits each.
- 7 is divine perfection, 4 sets forth what is universal.



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Fine Twined Linen

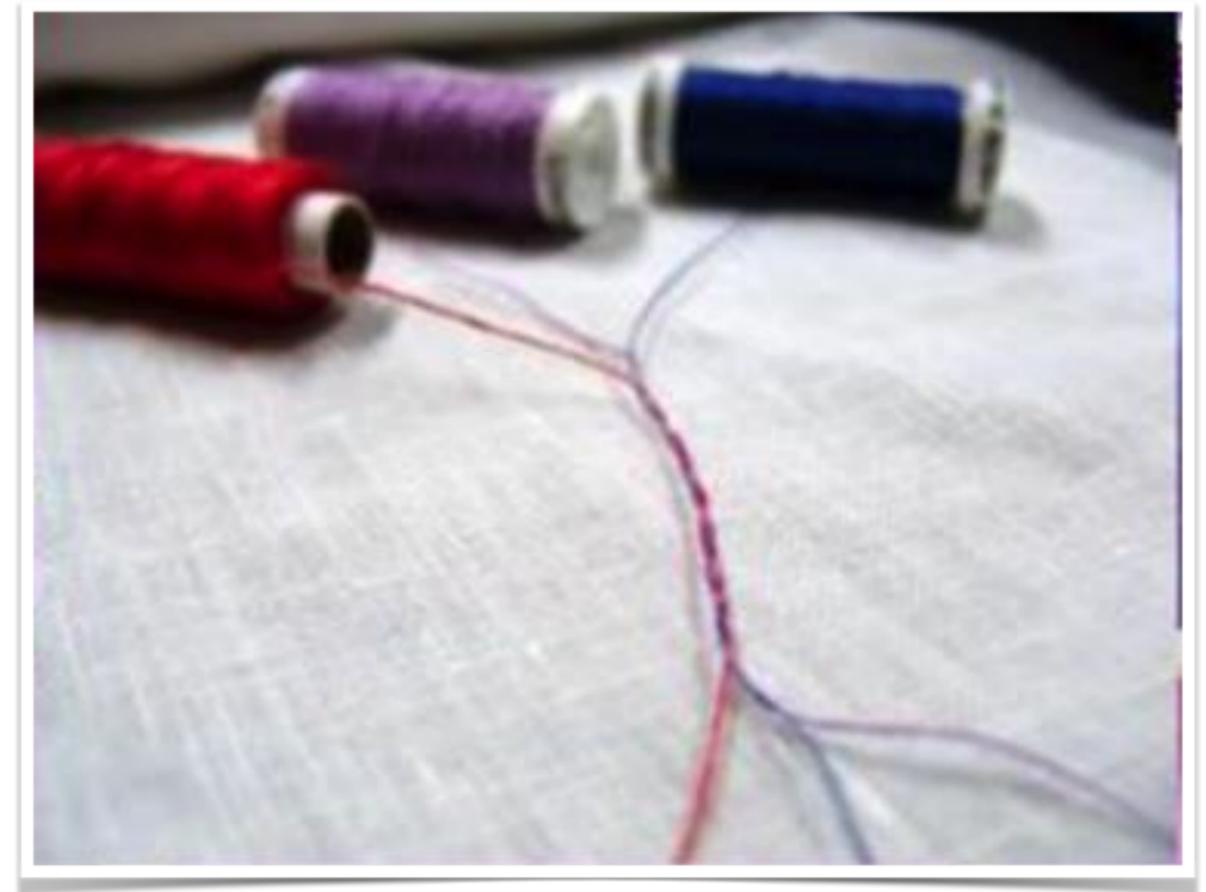
- Rev 19:8 - “fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints”
- Speaks of holiness in the Lord’s life and work.
- ‘Twined’ - each thread perfectly woven together - perfect harmony and balance, nothing out of place.



1. Tabernacle of Blue, Scarlet, Purple & Fine Twined Linen

Blue

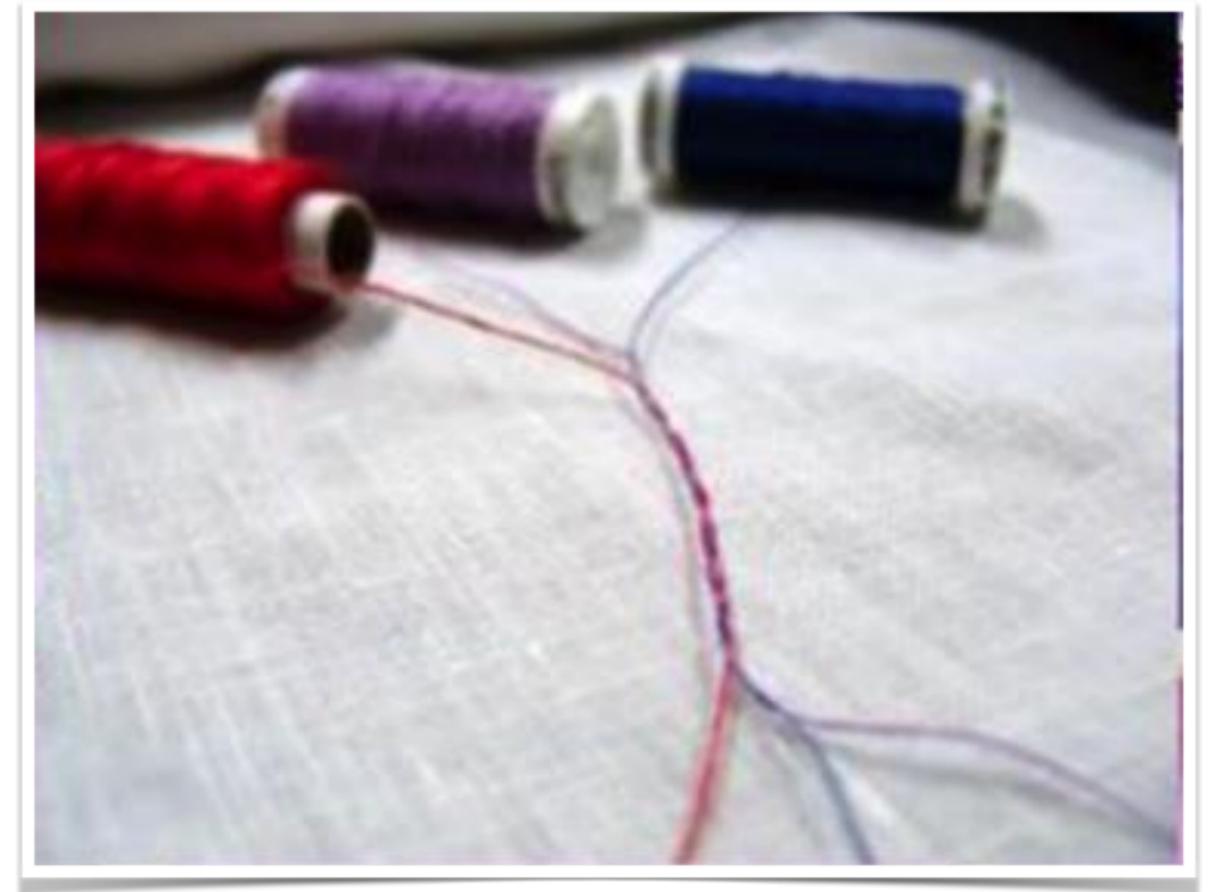
- “And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness.” Exodus 24:10
- The Man from heaven
- “The second Man is the Lord from heaven.” 1 Corinthians 15:47
- “Ye are from beneath; I am from above” John 8:23



1. Tabernacle of Blue, Scarlet, Purple & Fine Twined Linen

Purple

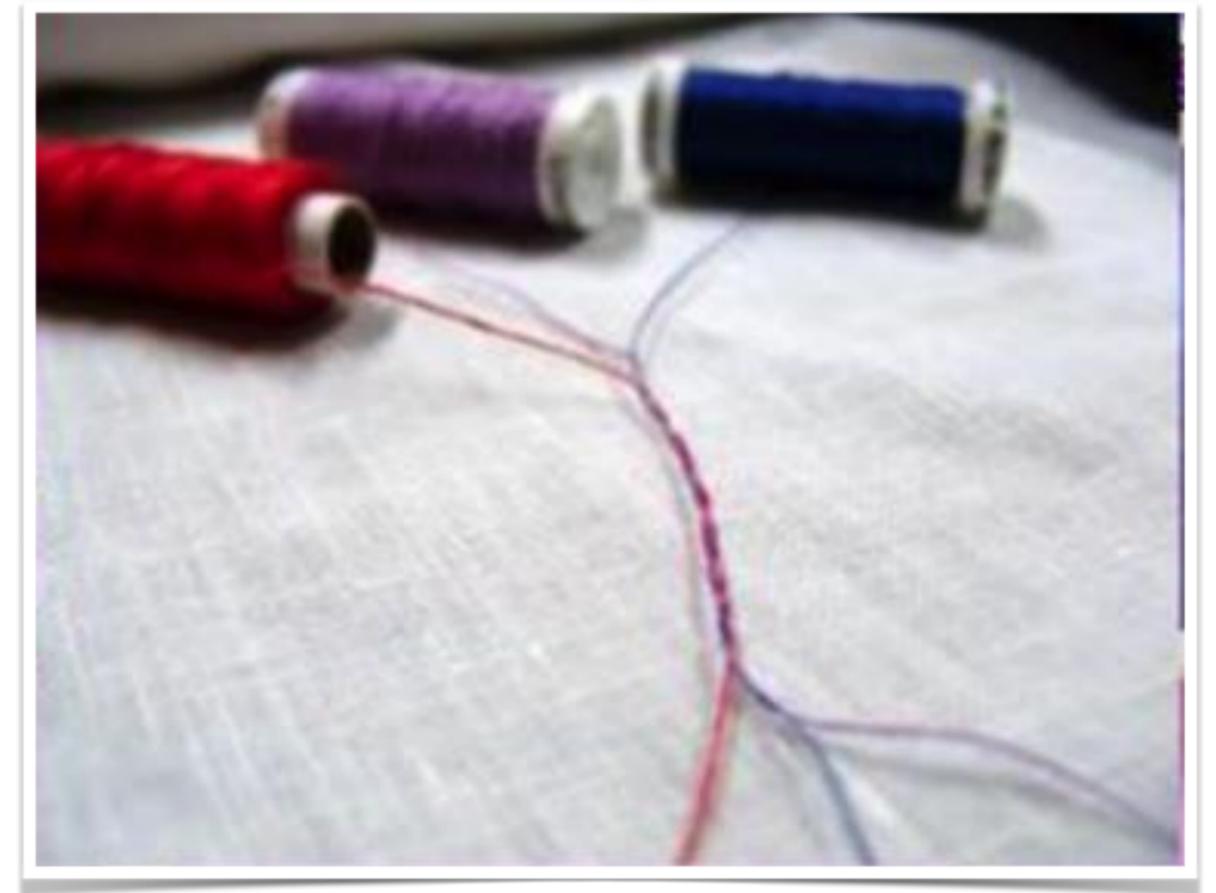
- Imperial majesty
- “Then Belshazzar commanded, and they clothed Daniel with **purple**, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.” Daniel 5:29



1. Tabernacle of Blue, Scarlet, Purple & Fine Twined Linen

Scarlet

- Glory (and kingship) in Israel
- “Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of **scarlet thread** in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.”
Joshua 2:18
- “Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in **scarlet**” 2 Samuel 1:24



2. Curtains of Goats Hair

Overview

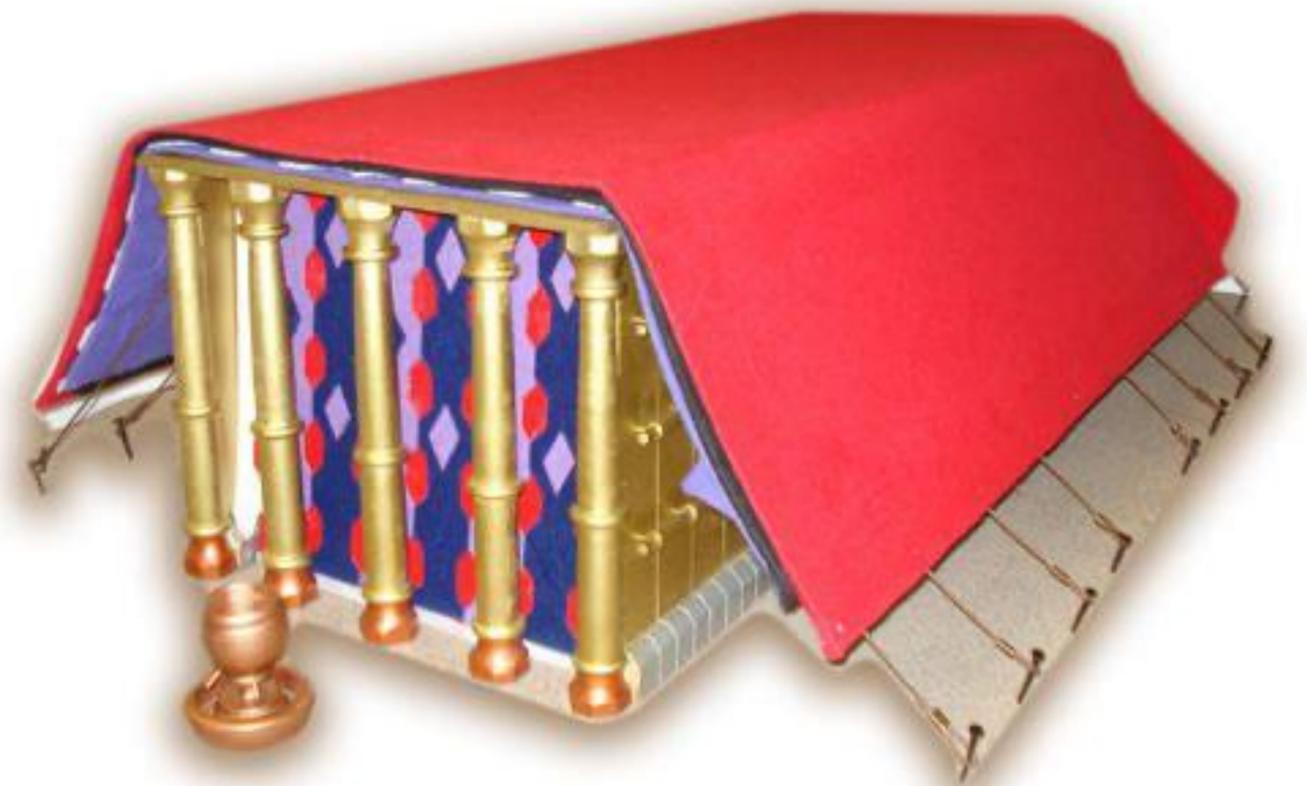
- Goats hair garments are typical of the prophet
- “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he prophesieth; neither shall they wear a **hairy mantle** to deceive.”
- “The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto Him ye shall hearken” Deuteronomy 18:15.
- Typified the tent, i.e. what is temporary, a wilderness provision.
- A prophet ‘brings their hearers into God’s presence as to their state before Him’ (e.g. the Lord in. John 4)



3. Covering of Rams Skins died Red

Overview

- Curtains present Christ personally
- Coverings present qualities that marked Him when on earth.
- First mention of a ram in connection with the tabernacle shows us the meaning.
- Two rams used for the consecration of Aaron and his sons. (Exodus 29)
- Speaks of 'ram of consecration'.
- Died red speaks of how far that consecration could go, even to Calvary's cross.



4. Covering of Badger Skins

Overview

- Resistant, durable material. Suitable for footwear.
- Ezekiel 16:10 says “I shod thee with badger skins”.
- Tough, hardwearing, not very attractive.
- How did the tabernacle appear from the outside? The Lord Jesus is the “altogether lovely one” (Song of Solomon 5:16)
- “He has no form nor comeliness and when we see Him there is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected of men” Isaiah 53:2-3
- “He came unto His own and His own received Him not” John 1:11



Boards

Overview

- 48 Boards
- Made of acacia wood, covered with gold, in sockets of silver, held together by bars.
- Represents the people of God in all the blessing that Christ has secured for them.
- In this structure that God was pleased to dwell.
- “Builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit” Ephesians 2:22
- Each board was 10 cubits high, 1.5 cubits wide



Boards

The position of the boards

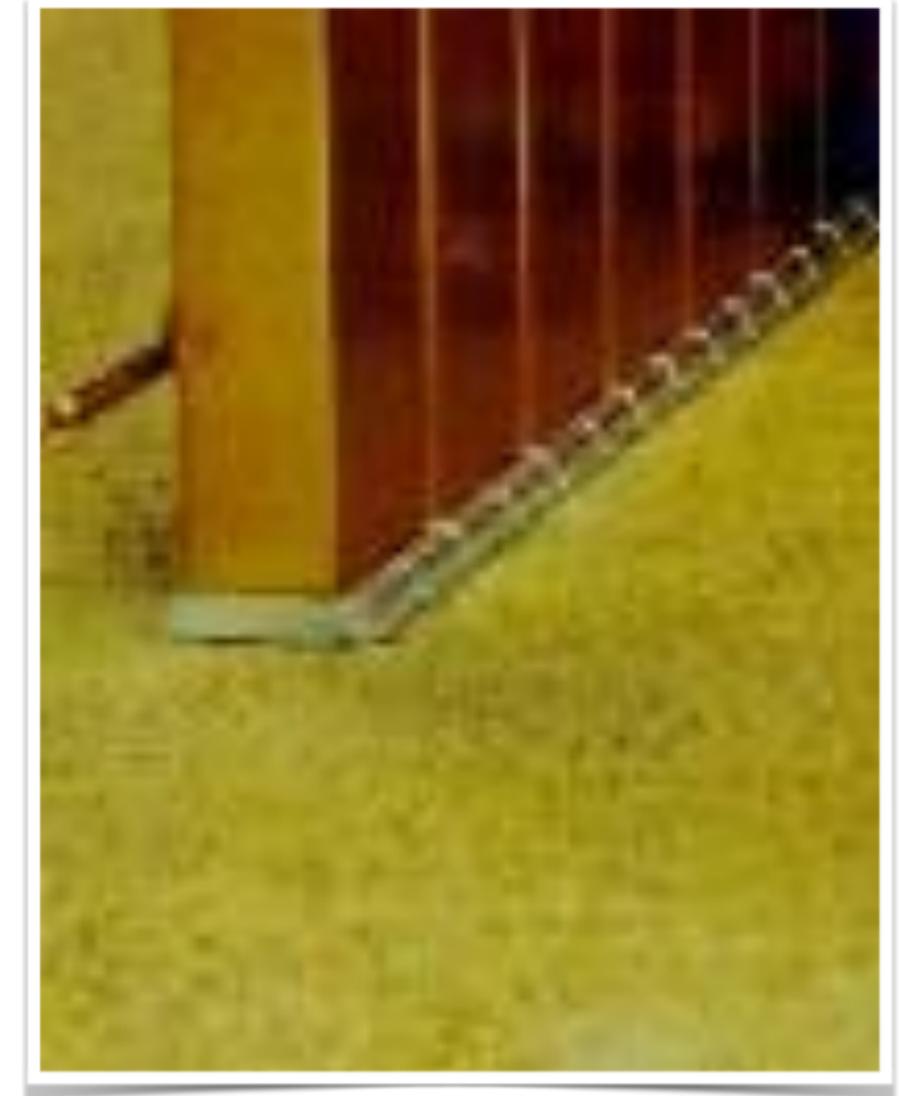
- Boards are ‘standing up’
- Speaks of the believers standing
- Our standing before God is entirely through the work of the Lord Jesus.
- “...them which are **in Christ Jesus**”
Romans 8:1



Boards

The foundation of the boards

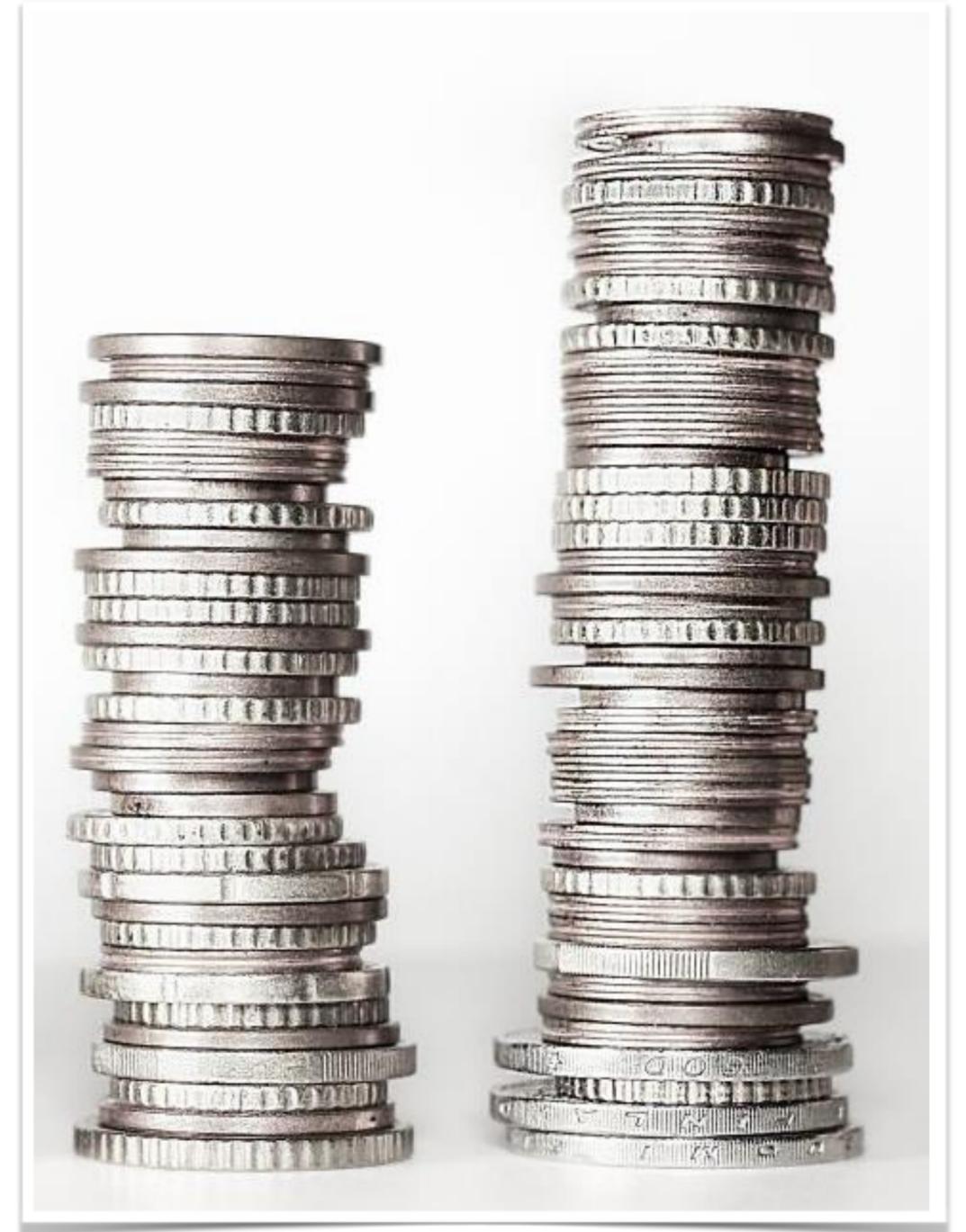
- Boards not resting on the sand.
- Resting on solid bases of silver.
- 2 x bases per board.
- Our standing before God is not on anything that this world can provide, nor upon anything that we can provide, but upon what God has done.



Boards

Silver Sockets

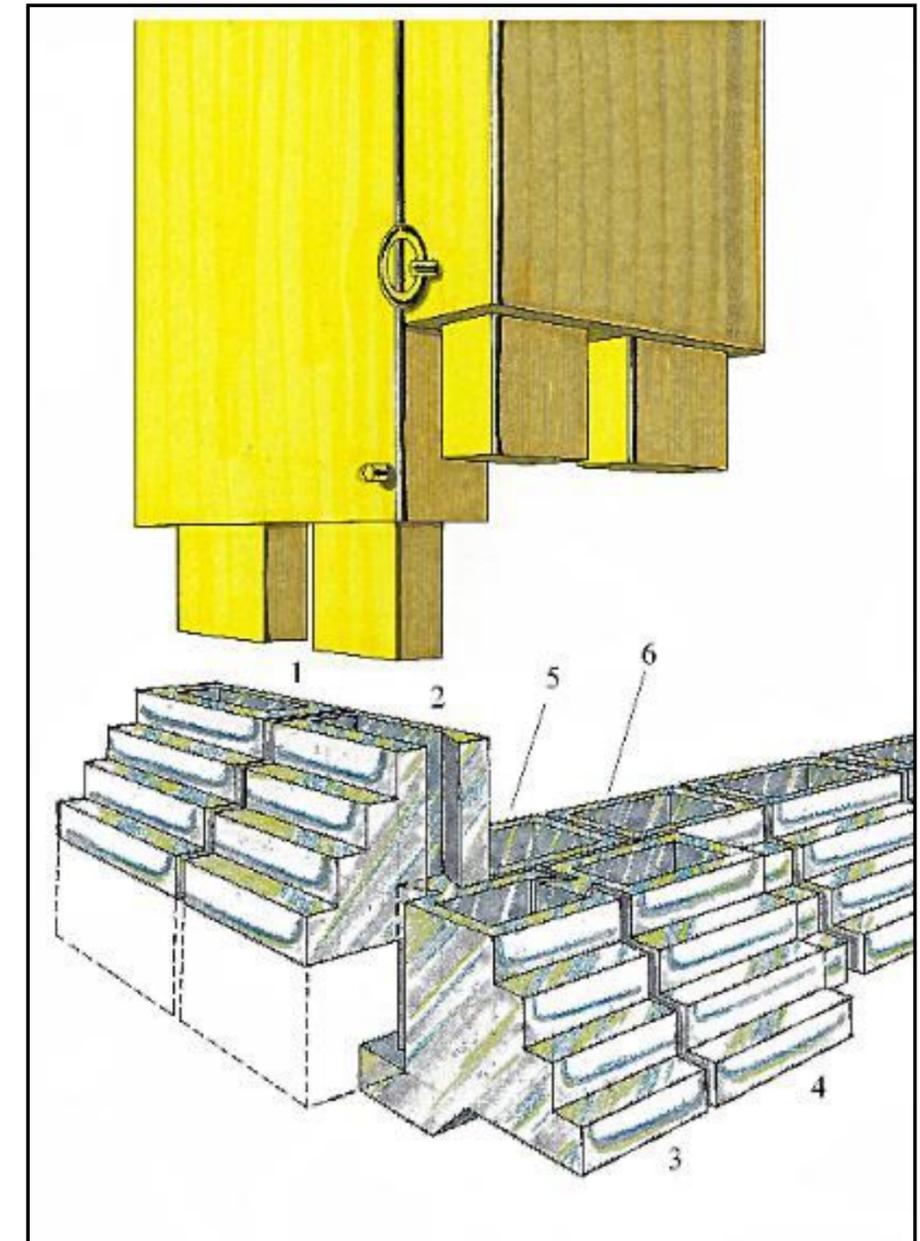
- Silver speaks of redemption
- See Exodus 30 v 11-16
 - Each person had to bring half a shekel of silver for each one.
 - “...they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the Lord...” Exodus 30:12
 - The poor didn't bring less and the rich didn't bring more.
 - Nothing to do with human attainment or human provision.



Boards

Tenons

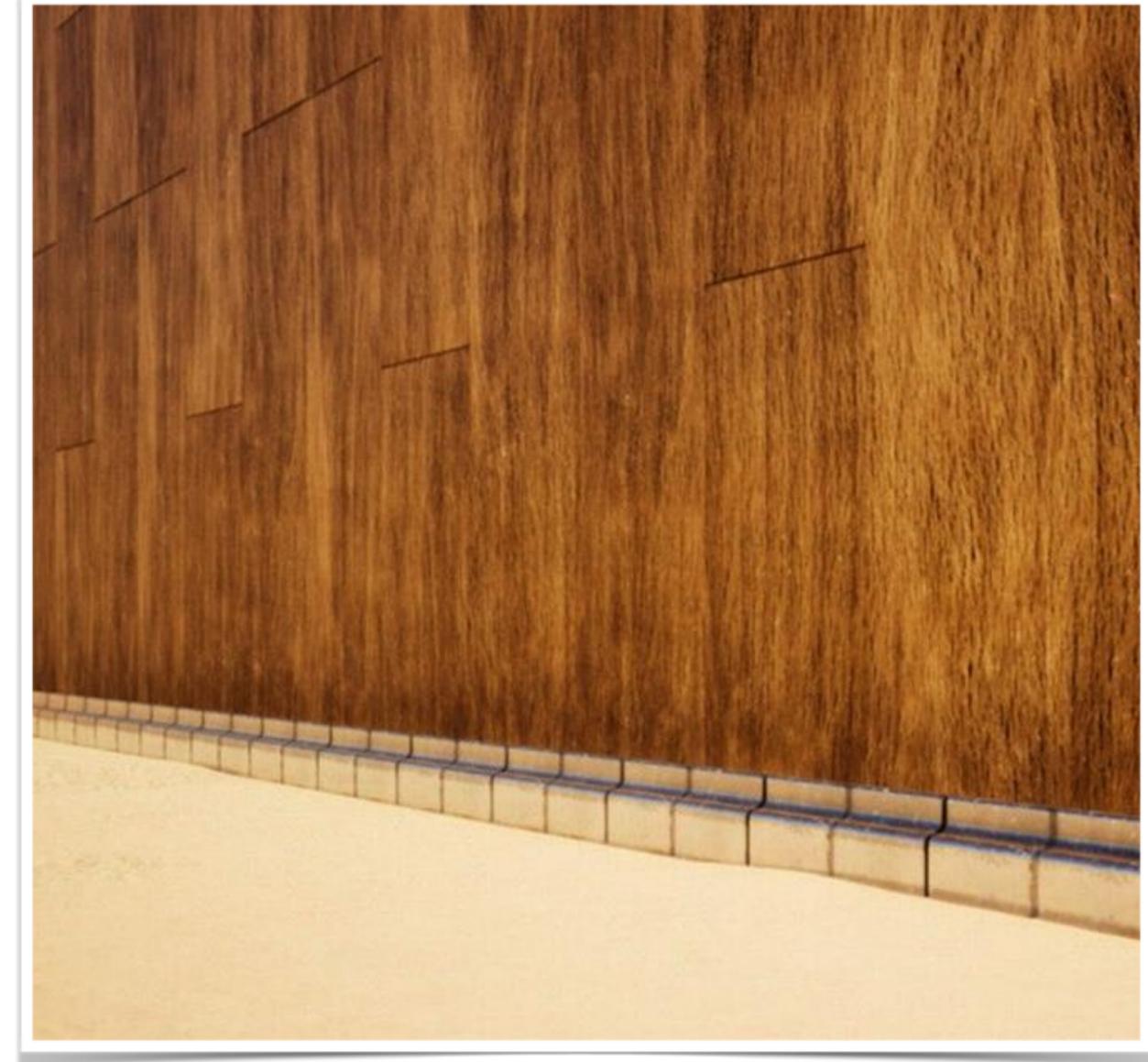
- 2 x tenons fitted into sockets of silver.
- Hebrew word indicates 'hands' and indicates the 'taking hold of'.
- Represents our apprehension of the work of the Lord Jesus and all that He has accomplished.
- We need to be grounded upon our standing before God, and all that is contained in the death and resurrection
- “Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace **in which we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” Romans 5:1-2



Boards

Acacia Wood

- Acacia wood - seen in the passages mentioned earlier as speaking of the manhood of Christ. A hard durable wood that resisted corruption - as the Lord resisted the evil that was around Him.
- The believer is given a new nature, which cannot be corrupted. We have a nature that doesn't sin and that cannot sin. This is how we stand before God.
- “Whoever has been born of God does not sin” 1 John 3:9
- “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit” Romans 8:9



Boards

Gold

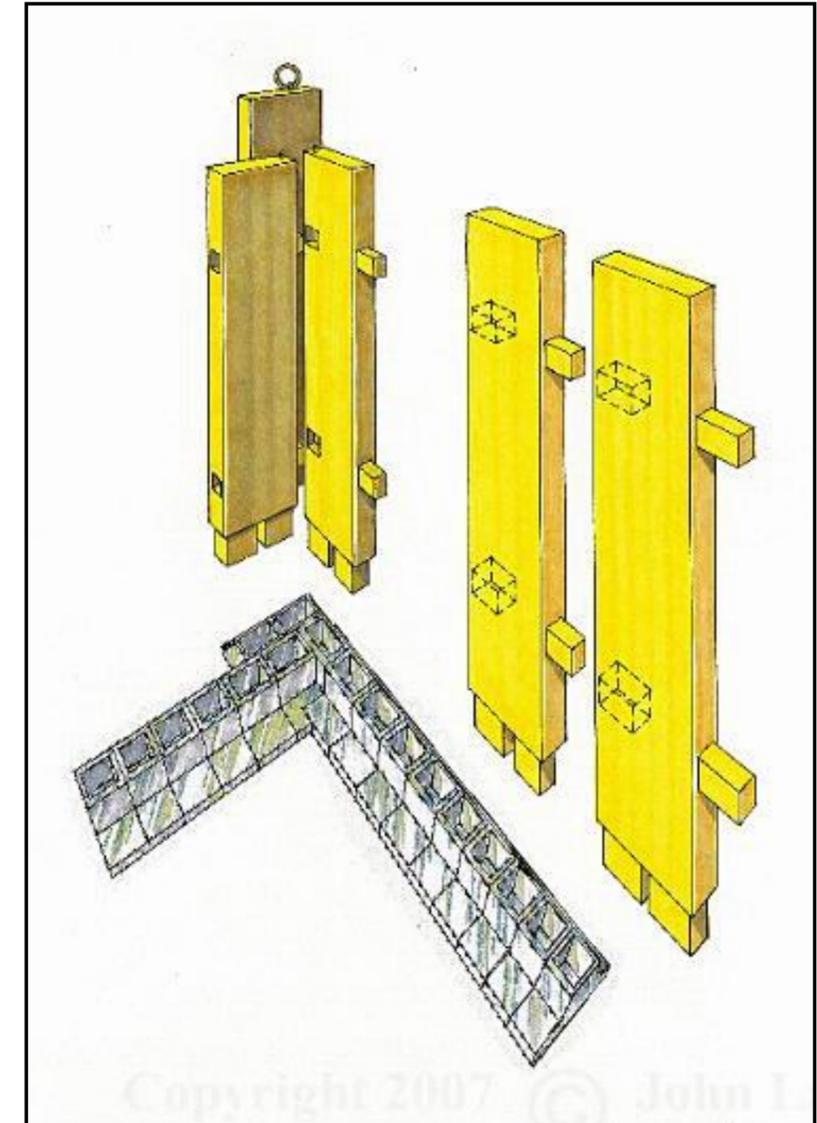
- Overlaid with gold - shows God's righteousness.
- “Even the **righteousness of God** which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe” Romans 3:22
- “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the **righteousness of God** in him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21



Boards

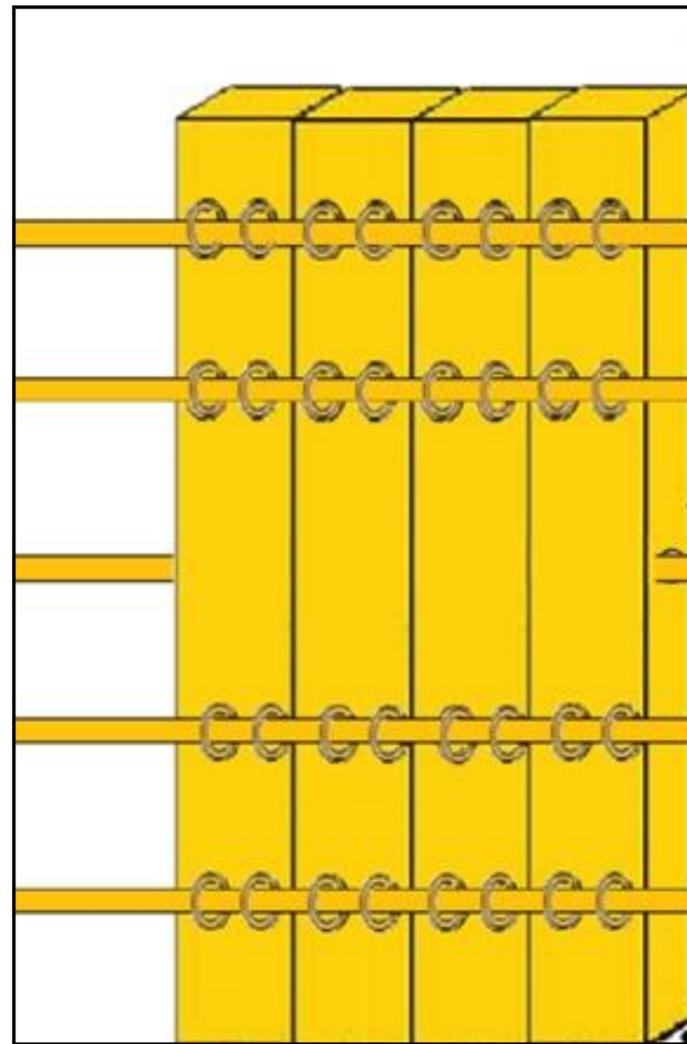
The corner boards

- Two extra boards that stood at the corners
- Strengthening boards
- Gave stability to the structure for external pressures that came upon it.
- Thank the Lord for those who can give strength and support in the midst of forces of opposition.



Bars

What did they look like?



Outer bar (x4)

The central bar

Bars

What do they typify?

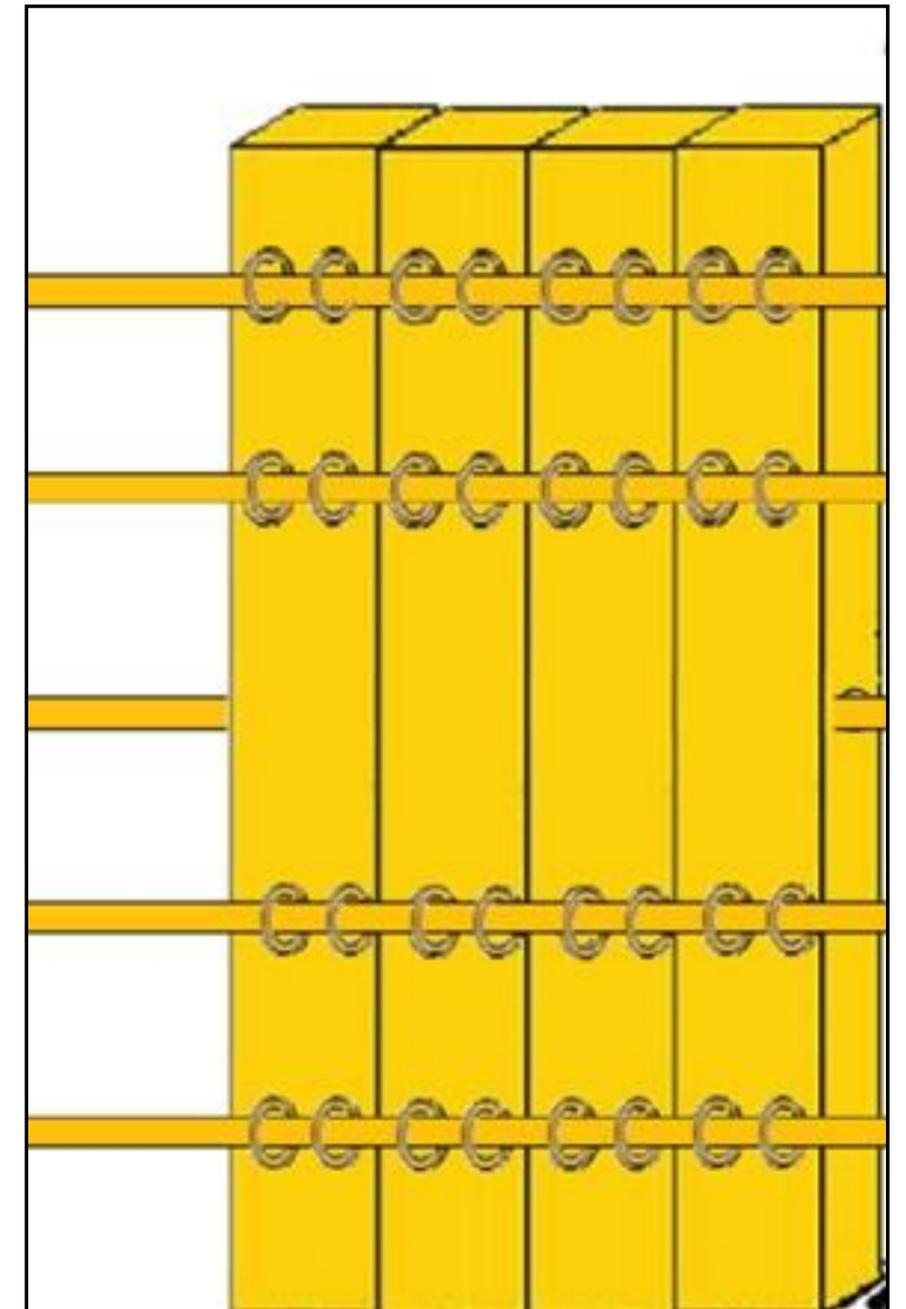
- The elements that connected the boards together.
- The boards did not stand up in isolation.
- Each board was connected to the surrounding boards.
- Speaks of the unity of believers in the sight of God.
- Unity still exists despite the break down we see around us.



Bars

Christian Unity

- “There is **one body**, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling” Ephesians 4:4
- “Ye are **all one** in Christ Jesus.” Galations 3:28
- “For to make in himself of twain **one new man**, so making peace.” Ephesians 2:15
- And I have other sheep which are not of this fold: those also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be **one flock**, one shepherd.” John 10:16
- “That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be **one in us.**” John 17:21



Bars

The central (unseen bar)

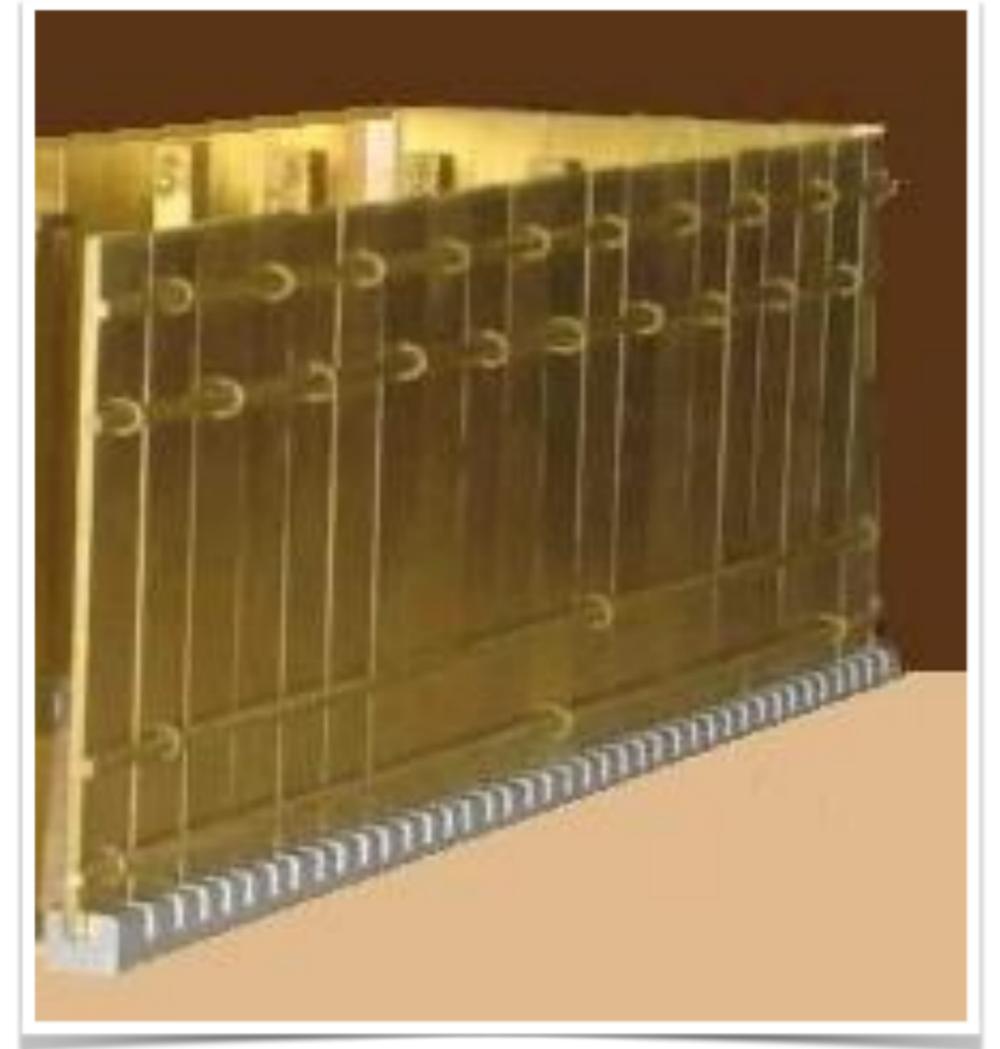
- “In the midst of the boards”
- Unseen element that kept all the boards together
- Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the uniting bond of peace
- Power of the Holy Spirit in binding the believers together.
- “And to all these add love, which is the **bond of perfectness.**” Colossians 3:14



Bars

The other four bars

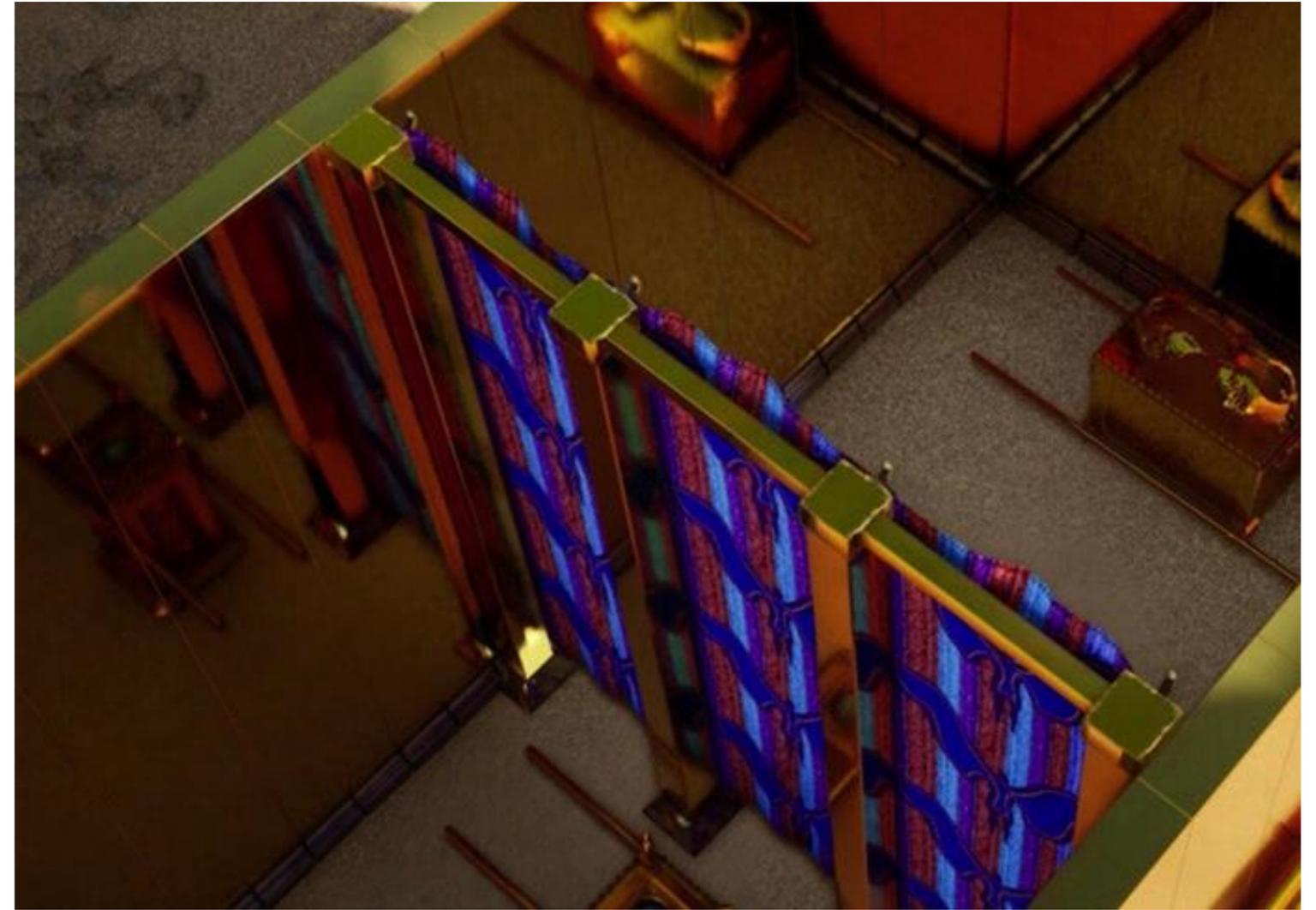
- What do the other bars stand for?
 - Suggestion 1: “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” Acts 2:42
 - Suggestion 2: “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.” Ephesians 4:11-12
- All accomplished in the power of the Holy Spirit.



The Veil

Overview

- Separated the holy place from and the most holy.
- Also used to cover the ark on journeys (see Numbers 4:5).
- The veil therefore hid the ark from every eye, except from the High Priest every year.
- "The Holy Ghost thus signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest" (Heb. 9:8).
- Contained cherubim, guarding the way.

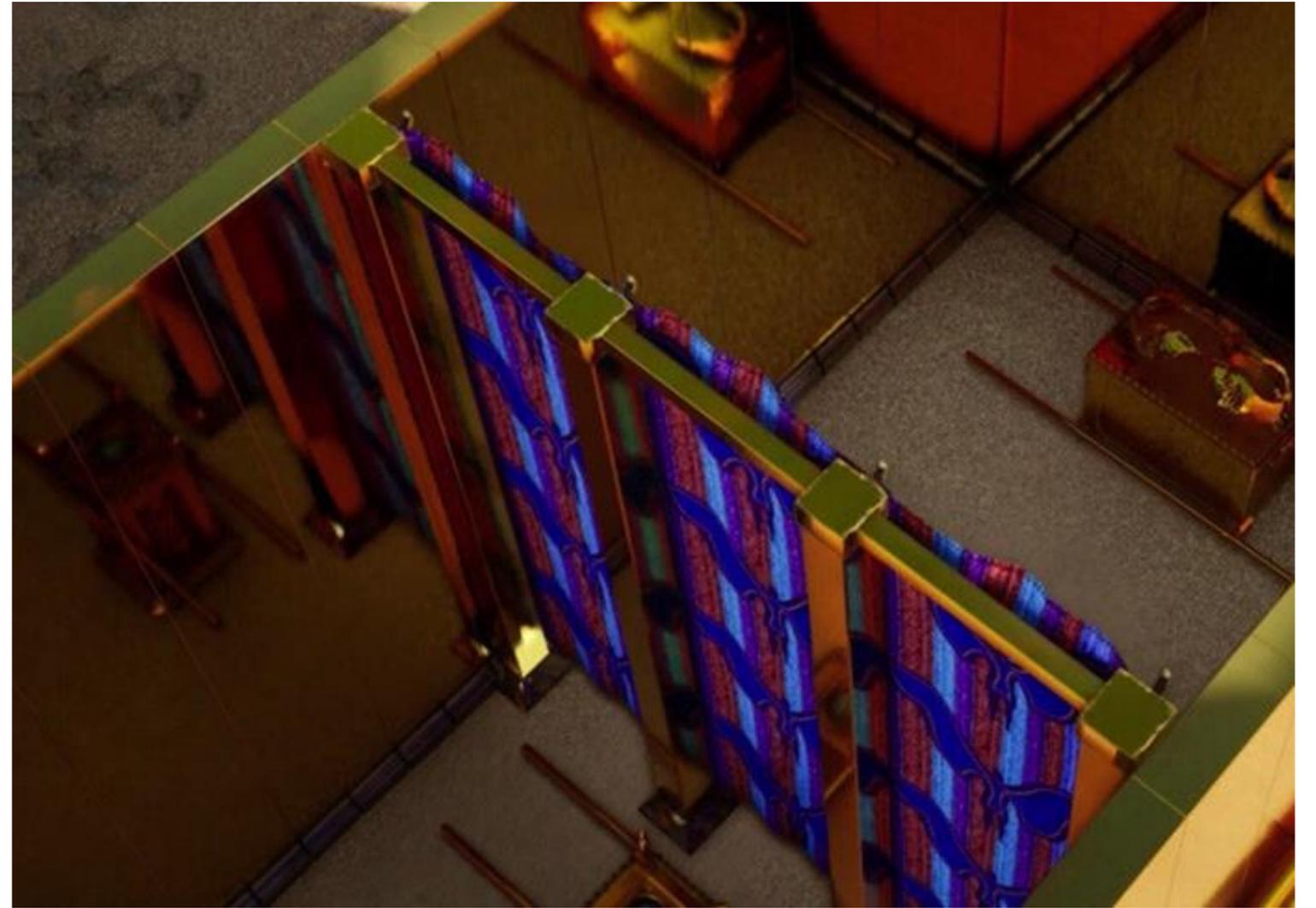


Caption

The Veil

Typical Meaning

- “And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.” Mark 15:38
- Symbolically done away in the death of Christ
- "Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, **His flesh**" (Hebrews 10:19-20).

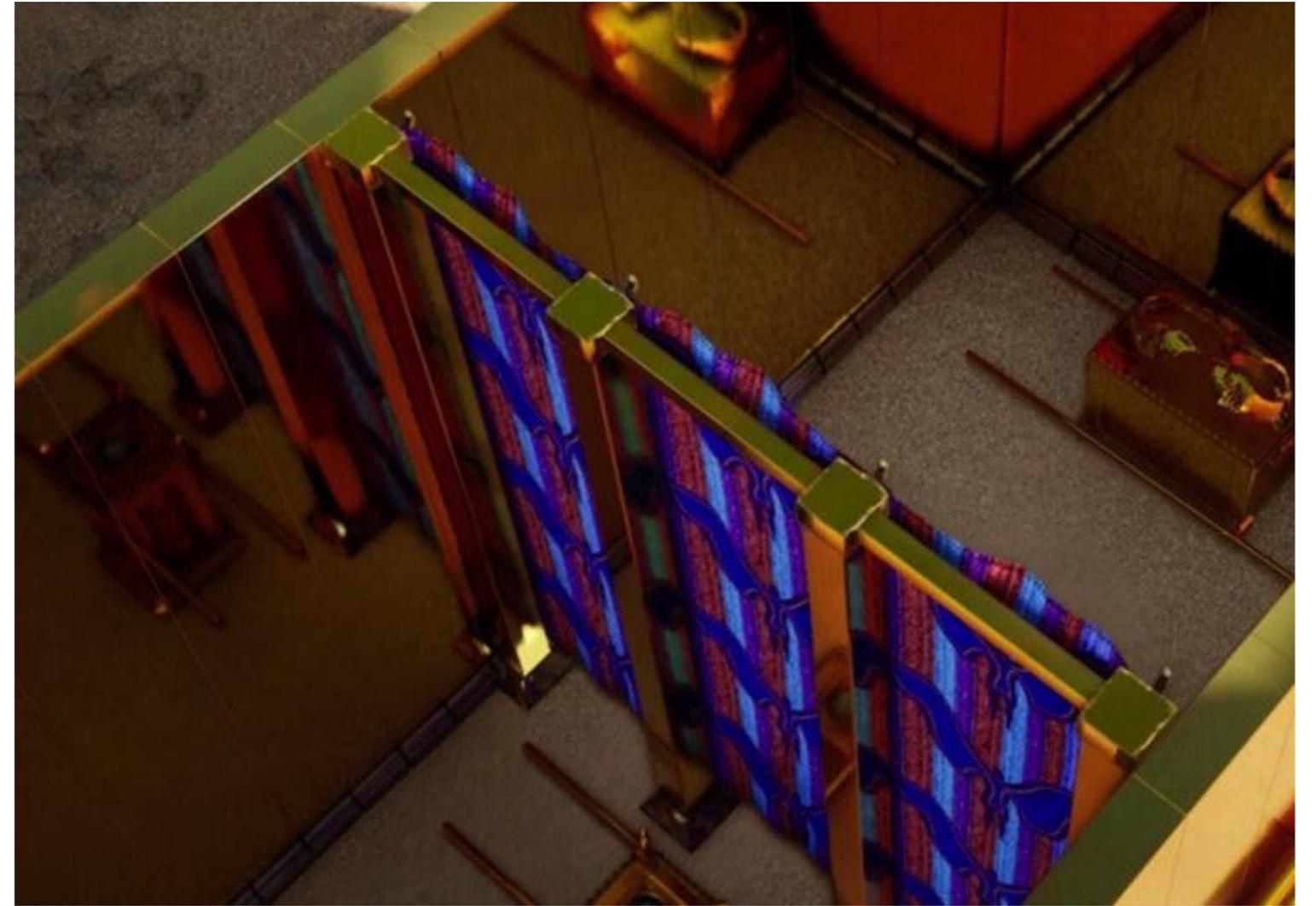


Caption

The Veil

Structure

- Made of blue, purple, scarlet and fine twined linen (with cherubim).
- Supported on four pillars
- Speaks of the Lord Jesus in manhood (His flesh - Hebrews 10:20)
- “The Word became flesh” John 1:14
- Four pillars could speak of the four gospels.



Caption