

# *A Reflection of* **JESUS**

## Lesson 3 The Courtyard of the Tabernacle

**“...It is impossible for the blood of bulls  
and goats to take away sins”**

(Hebrews 10:3,4)

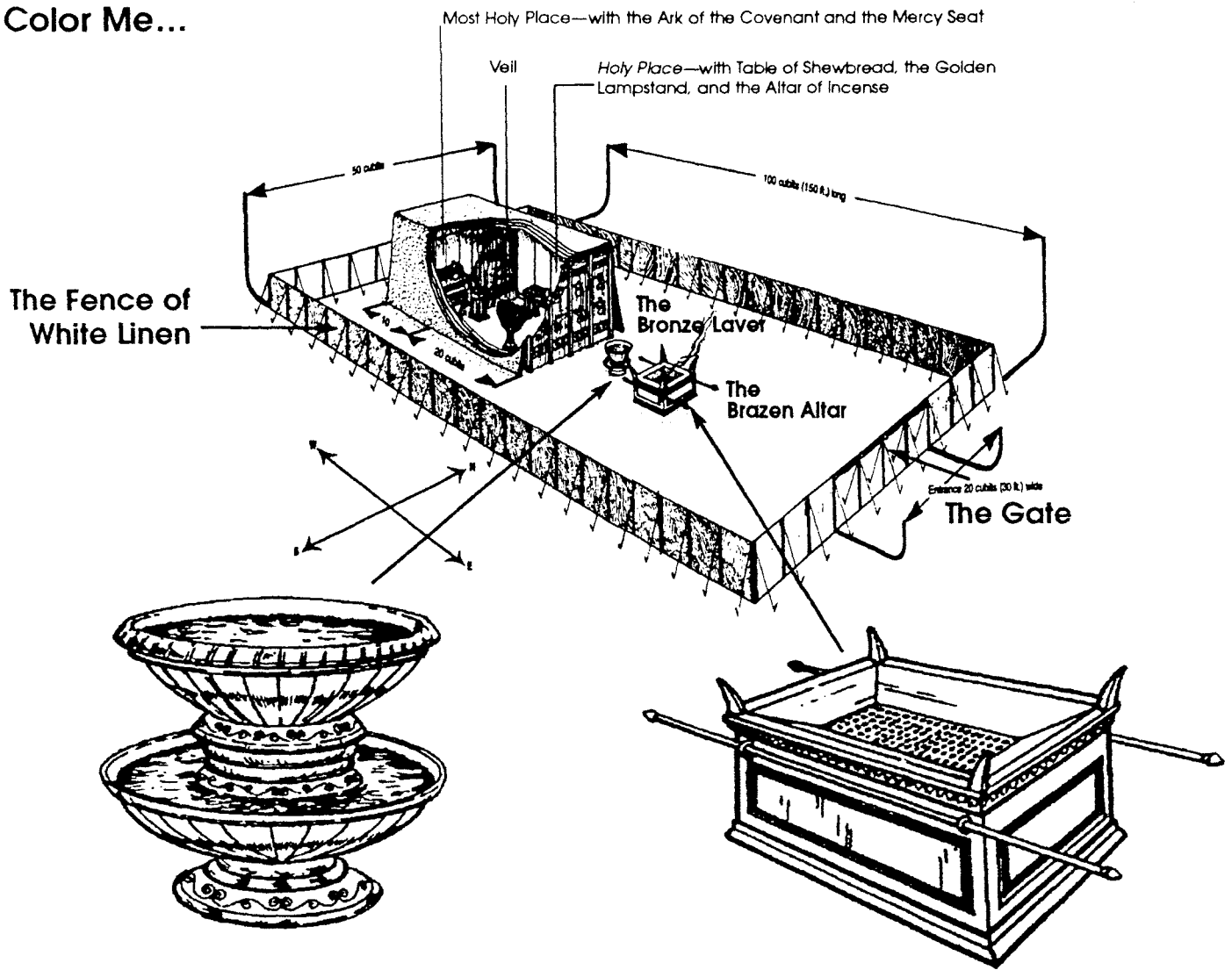
**G**od has always wanted to dwell among His people, and fellowship with them (Exodus 25:22). The Tabernacle provided a way for the sinner to approach the Holy One. For 400 years—from the time of the Exodus until the time of King Solomon, when the Temple was built—God dwelt with His children.

Christians can see the strong parallels and deeply symbolic meanings of this place of worship to our High Priest, the Lamb of God. The way into the Tabernacle for ancient Israel was called the *Gate*. A fence of white linen curtains, seven feet high, surrounded the Tabernacle. The way into the enclosure was through this “gate.” The Gate was a curtain made of blue, purple and scarlet. This entry was the **ONLY** way in to the courtyard. Correspondingly, there is only one way to approach God today and that is through Jesus Christ (John 14:6). In John 10:9, Jesus tells us that **HE** is the **GATE**.

At the eastern end of the courtyard, the Brazen Altar was placed. It was where burnt offerings were made. The Laver was a huge bronze basin filled with water, standing on a bronze base. The priests were to wash and cleanse their hands and feet before entering the Tabernacle or to offer a sacrifice. If they did not do this they would die. Only priests were allowed beyond the Bronze Altar to the Laver. Now all believers are priests (1 Peter 2:9). Jesus is our faithful **HIGH PRIEST**.

# The Tabernacle

Color Me...



Size: 5 cubits wide x 5 cubits long x 3 cubits high  
(1 cubit=18 inches=46 cm)

Size: no size indicated

**It's a Match:** Draw a line from each word on the left to its description on the right

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| Gate  | Elevated structure on which to offer sacrifice |
| Fence | A large basin of water                         |
| Altar | A barrier that marks a boundary                |
| Laver | An opening into an enclosure                   |

## Young or Old, Big or Little, Great or Small...

For anyone—big or little, great or small, rich or poor—to approach GOD there is only ONE way.  
That way is through JESUS. He is our GATE.  
Find the letters J-e-s-u-s and G-o-d in the picture  
Color the people.

