



The Tabernacle

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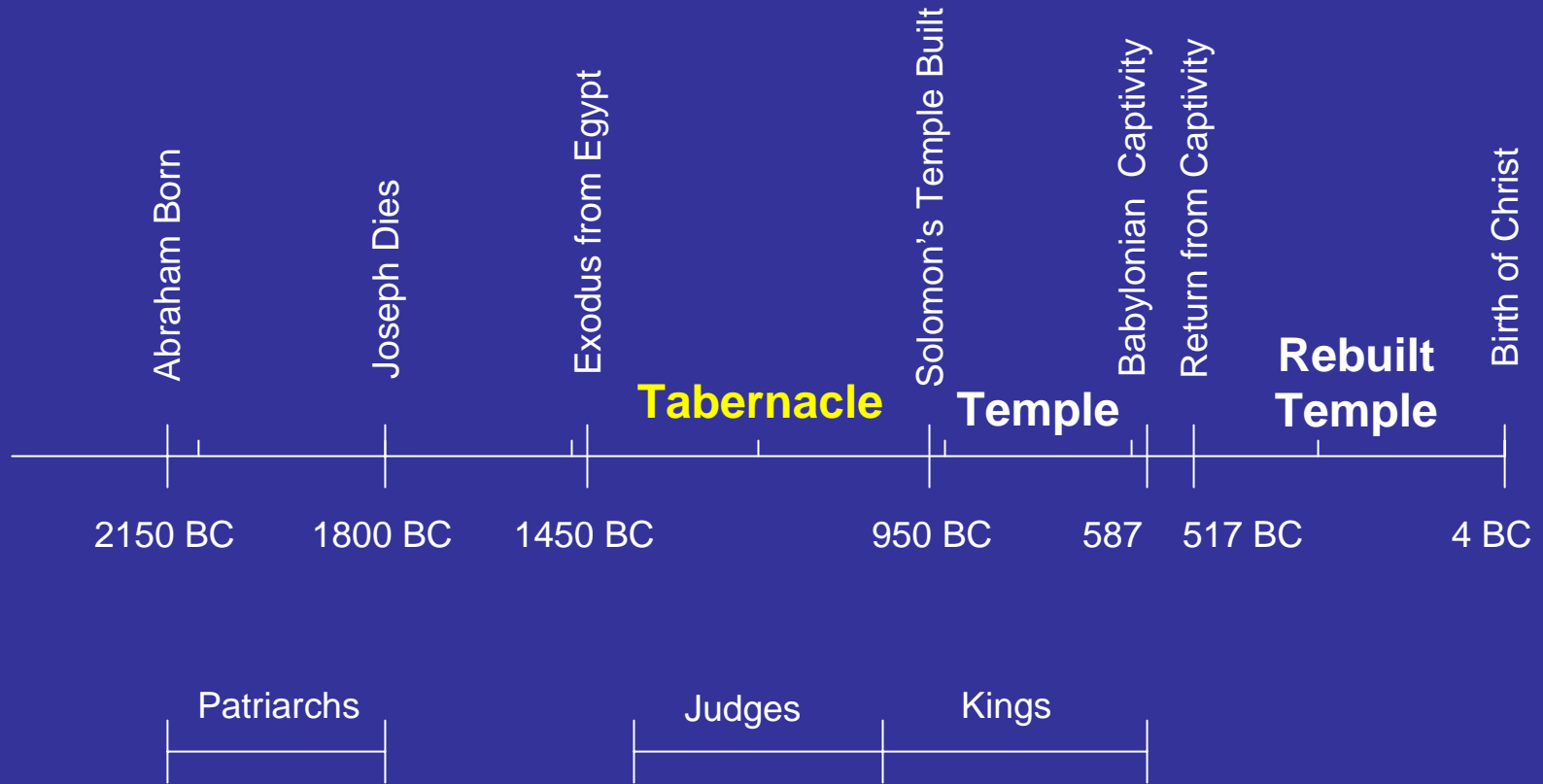
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Moses Meets with God in Exodus

- Ex 3-4 Moses meets God at burning bush
- Ex 5-11 The plagues
- Ex 12-18 God delivers His people
- Ex 19 Moses & Aaron ascend to meet with God
- Ex 20-23 Law & ordinances spoken to Moses
- Ex 24 Moses descends mountain, recounts Law to people, Moses ascends
- Ex 25-30 God describes tabernacle to Moses**
- Ex 31 God describes Sabbath, gives stone tablets to Moses
- Ex 32-33 Moses descends, golden calf, Moses breaks tablets
- Ex 34 Moses ascends mountain, descends with replacement tablets
- Ex 35-39 Tabernacle built**
- Ex 40 God indwells the tabernacle

Timeline of Israel



Command to Build the Tabernacle

- ❖ God commanded Moses to build a Tabernacle. (Exodus 25:1-9)
- ❖ The tabernacle was a movable “tent of meeting”.
- ❖ God wanted to dwell among His people, the Israelites, in order to have fellowship with them. (Exodus 25:8)

Description of the Tabernacle

- ❖ The Tabernacle was built using valuable materials such as gold, silver, bronze, precious woods, and rare cloth.
- ❖ The gold in the Tabernacle weighed over a ton. In modern terms, the cost would be nearly \$30 million.
- ❖ Offerings from the Israelites paid for all the materials. (Exodus 35:21–36:7)

Description of the Tabernacle

- ❖ The Tabernacle was in the center of the Israelite camp with the 12 Tribes of Israel encamped around it.
- ❖ It was Israel's spiritual center for 500 years until Solomon's Temple.
- ❖ Fifty chapters in the Bible discuss the Tabernacle.

Why Study the Tabernacle?

- ❖ The Tabernacle foreshadowed the person and work of Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 9)
- ❖ The real Tabernacle is in heaven where Jesus himself is our high priest. (Hebrews 8:1-5)
- ❖ The Tabernacle shows how man can have fellowship with a holy God.
- ❖ Appreciation of the tabernacle draws us to worship of Christ.

The Court Fence

The court fence was the outer border of the Tabernacle site. It consisted of the following:

- ❖ Linen curtains (probably white) (Exodus 27:9-18)
 - Made of a a high grade, finely twined material
- ❖ Pillars were made of bronze, hooks and caps were made of silver. (Exodus 27:10-18)
- ❖ Sockets (bases) of bronze (Ex. 27:19; 38:20)
- ❖ Pillars held up by ropes tied to pegs in ground

The Court Fence

The measurements of the court fence:

- ❖ 100 cubits long (150 ft. or 46 m)
- ❖ 50 cubits wide (75 ft. or 23 m)
- ❖ 5 cubits high (7.5 ft. or 2.3 m)

The Court Fence – Spiritual Significance

- ❖ It is a God appointed barrier. Man cannot approach God as he pleases.
- ❖ The fence excludes the sinner.
- ❖ The fence separates the believer.

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."

Genesis 15:1

The Court Fence – Spiritual Significance

❖ The white linen speaks of righteousness

And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Revelation 19:8

The Gate

The entrance to the court was made with:

- ❖ Hanging curtains (blue, purple, scarlet) (Exodus 27:16; 38:18)
- ❖ Four pillars of brass (Exodus 27:16; 38:19)
- ❖ Sockets of bronze (base) (Ex. 38:19)
- ❖ Hooks and fillets (caps) of silver at the tops of the pillars (Ex. 38:19)

The Gate

- ❖ The gate to the courtyard measures 20 cubits wide by 5 cubits high (30 ft. x 7.5 ft.)

The Significance of the Gate

- ❖ It was an **ONLY GATE** - One way
Acts 4:12
- ❖ It was a **WIDE GATE** - "Whosoever will"
Romans 10:13
- ❖ It was an **ACCESSIBLE GATE** - No locks, no bars, (no cherubims)
Luke 14:23
- ❖ It was an **ATTRACTIVE GATE** - A beautiful blend of colors
Psalm 27:4

Christ Illustrated by the Gate

- ❖ Christ refers to Himself as the “Gate” and the “Door” (John 10:7-9)
- ❖ Its materials remind us of Christ:
 - Blue: The Heavenly One (John – Son of God)
 - Purple: Royalty (Matthew - King of Kings)
 - Scarlet: Sacrifice, Death (Mark – Suffering servant)
 - Fine Linen: Righteousness (Luke – Perfect Son of Man)
- ❖ Gate faces sunrise – Christ is “the Light”
- ❖ One must make a decision to enter