



Hebrews: God has spoken...

3. Our Great High Priest

Two Vital Things

1. The Supremacy of Christ

After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much **superior to angels** as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs (Hebrews 1:3–4).

2. The Suffering of Christ

But we see him who for a little while was **made lower than the angels**, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone (Hebrews 2:9).

How do we find the Promised Rest?

1

Hebrews 4:11

By working at it



2

4:11

By believing in it

3

4:12

By letting the Word of God work in our lives

4

4:13

By having a living relationship with God,
through the Lord Jesus Christ

Greater than...



Moses



Joshua



Aaron

Seeing then that we have **a great (megas) High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession...

(Hebrews 4:14).



Angels



Priestly Qualifications

Hebrews	Christ	Elsewhere in Hebrews
4:14	He is a priest in heaven.	8:1-2
4:15-16	He can sympathise with our weaknesses because he was tempted in all points and will show us MERCY.	2:18; 5:2
5:8	He learned obedience by the things he suffered.	2:9-10; 13:12
5:9	He has been made perfect.	7:26-28
7:16-17	He is a Melchizedek priest, appointed by God, who has sworn an oath accordingly.	5:5-6,10; 6:20; 7:21

Priestly Qualifications

Heb 5:1-3

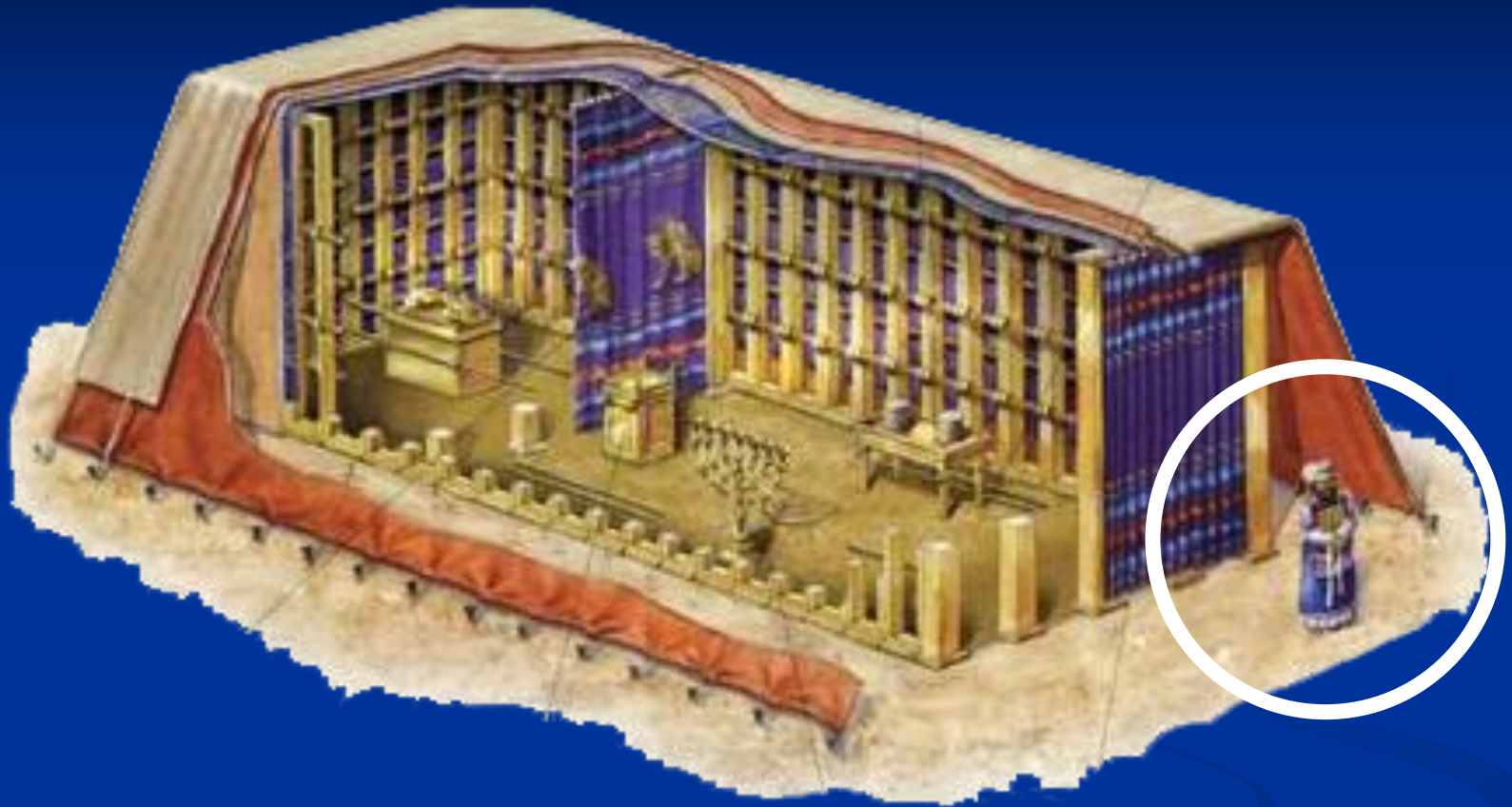
Aaron was set apart, he and his sons forever, that he should sanctify the most holy things, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister to Him, and to give the blessing in His name forever (1 Chronicles 23:13).



Aaron



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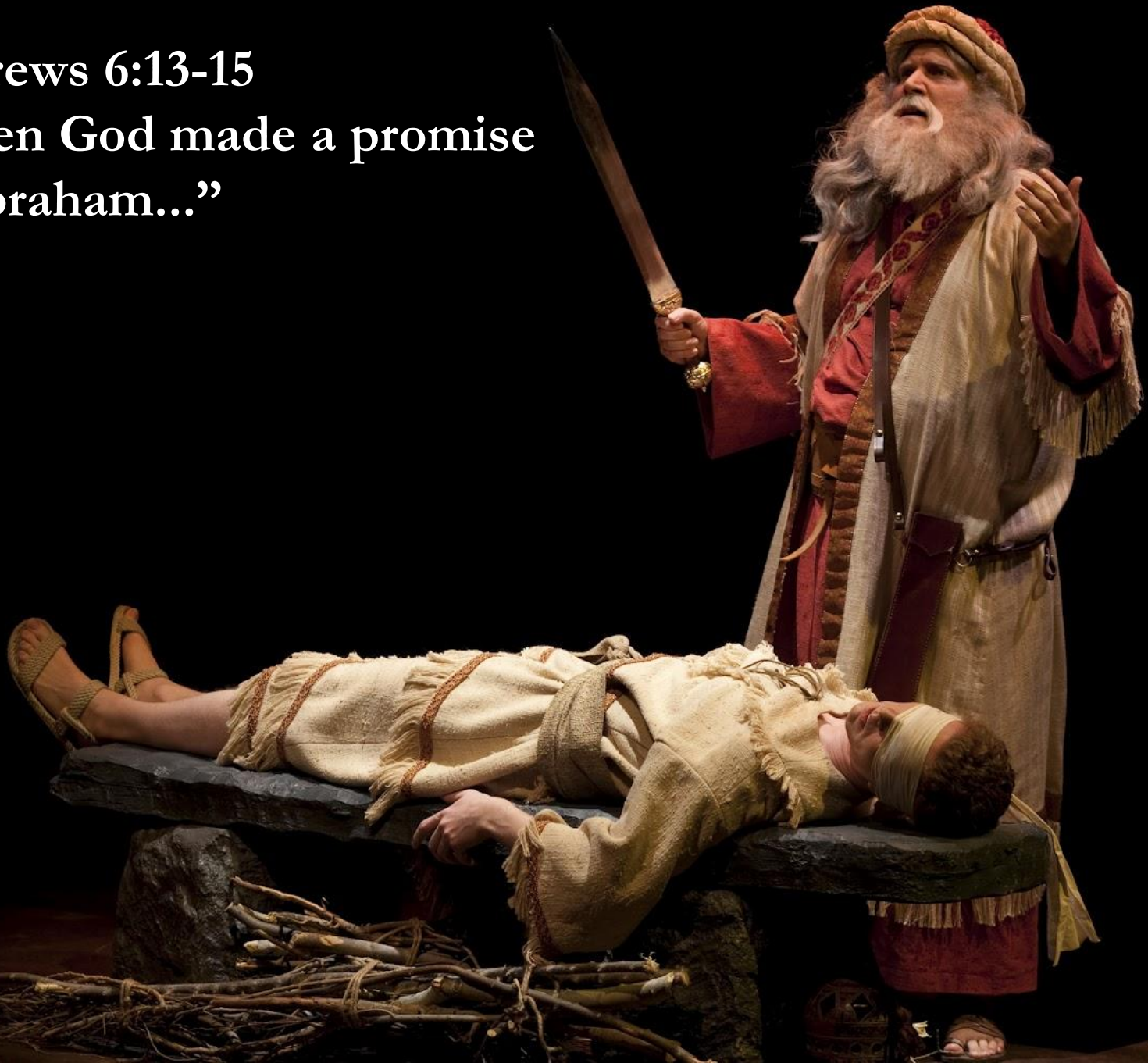


Malachi 2:4-8

“my covenant with Levi”



Hebrews 6:13-15
“When God made a promise
to Abraham...”





Hebrews 7:1-10

When Abraham
paid tithes to
Melchizedek it
was as though
Levi did so and
thus
acknowledged
his inferiority
and thus the
inferiority of
the entire
Levitical order!





Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron? (Hebrews 7:11).



Hebrews:
1:3,13; 5:6,10;
6:20; 7:3,8,11,
15-17,21,24-
25,28; 8:1;
10:12-13; 12:2.

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The LORD said to my Lord, “**Sit at My right hand, till I make your enemies your footstool.**” The LORD shall send the rod of your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers in the day of your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, you have the dew of your youth. **The LORD has sworn and will not relent, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek”** (Psalm 110:1–5).

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For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness ...

(Hebrews 7:18).



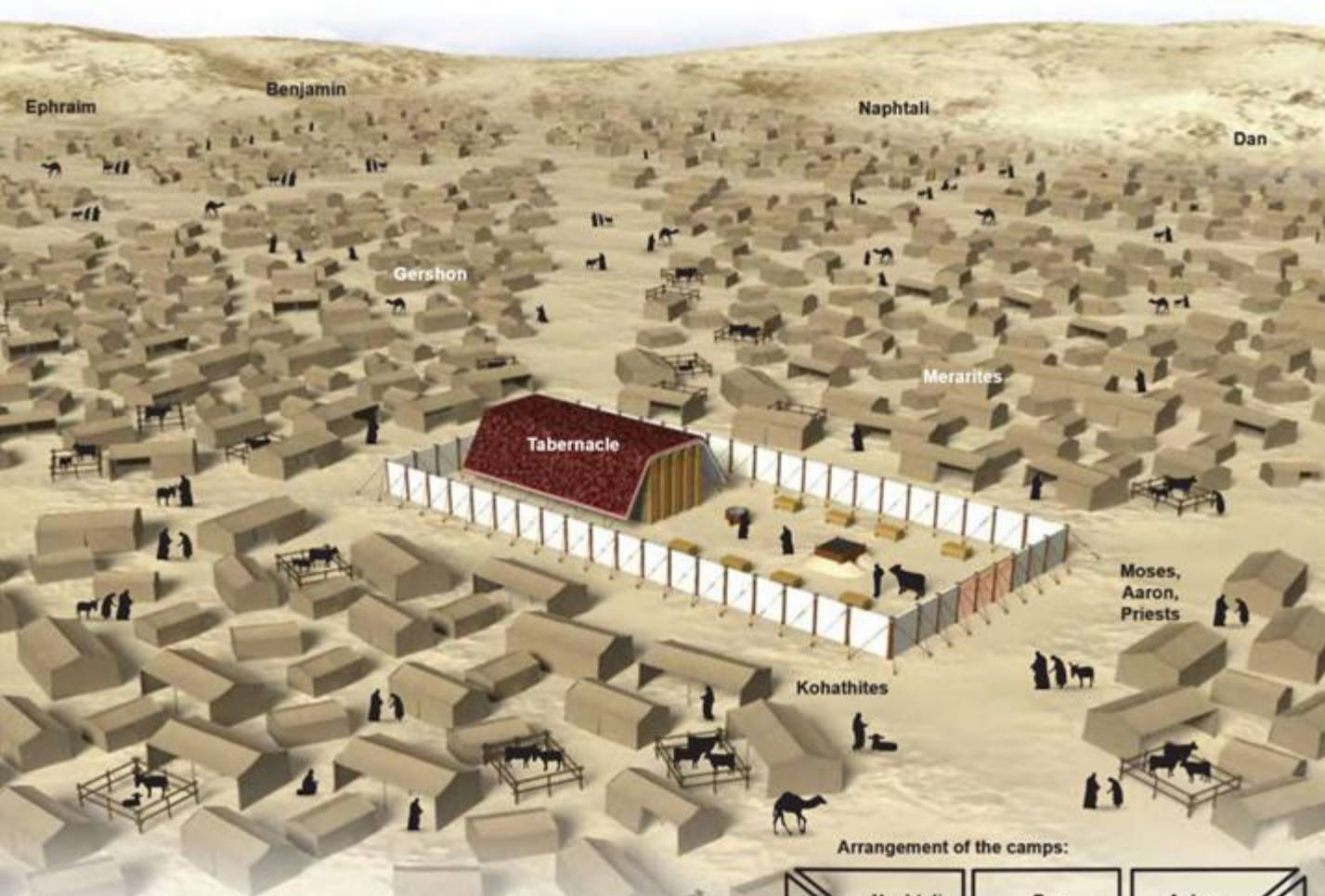


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The Israelite Encampment



no outsider,
 who is not a
 descendant
 of Aaron,
 should come
 near to offer
 incense
 before the
 LORD ...

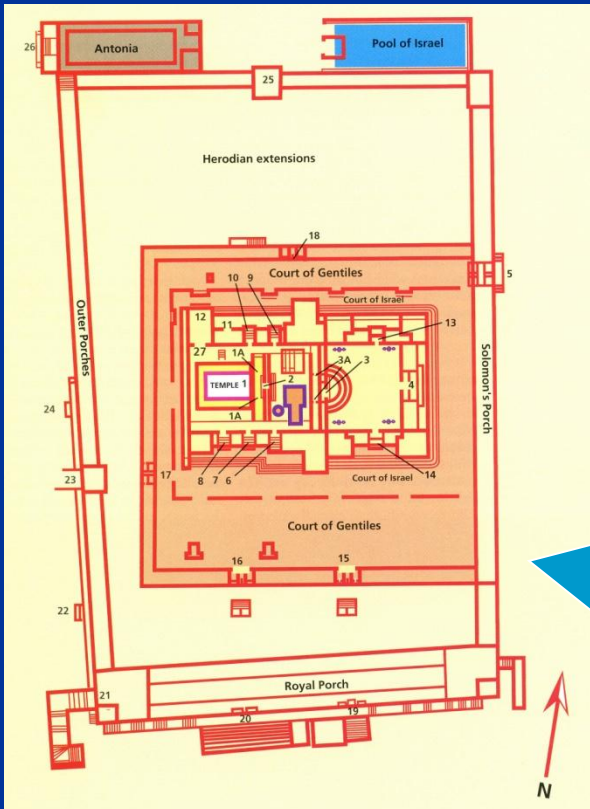
(Numbers
 16:40).

God has spoken...





NO FOREIGNER IS TO GO BEYOND THE BALUSTRADE AND THE PLAZA OF THE TEMPLE ZONE. WHOEVER IS CAUGHT DOING SO WILL HAVE HIMSELF TO BLAME FOR HIS DEATH WHICH WILL FOLLOW

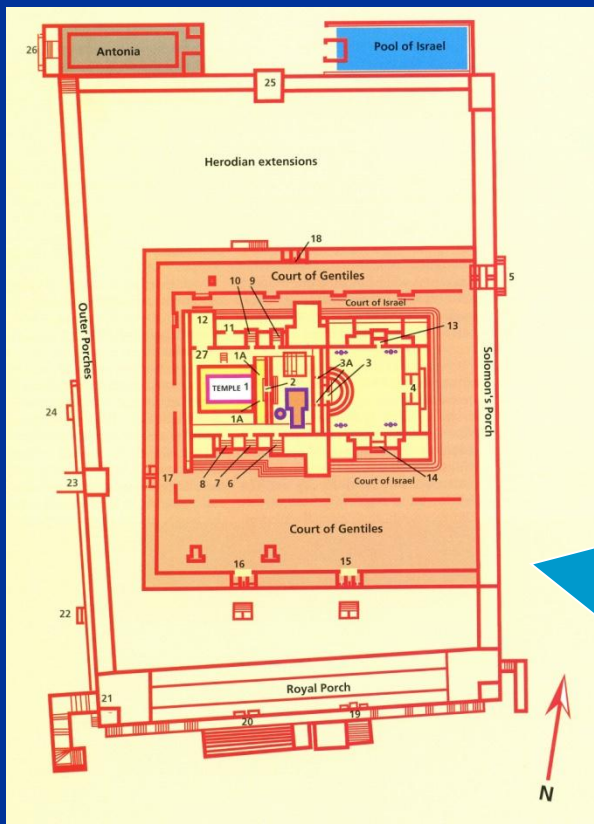


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But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13).



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As the Surety, he is the personal guarantee of the terms of the new and better covenant, secured on the ground of His perfect sacrifice

Vines Expository
Dictionary

by so much more Jesus has become a **surety** of a better covenant (Hebrews 7:22).

This makes Jesus the **guarantor** of a better covenant (ESV).



Therefore he is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through him, since he always lives **to make intercession** (*entynchano*) **for them** (Hebrews 7:25).

“to make intercession, plead with a person,” either for or against others (Vine, Expository Dictionary)

Against: Acts 25:24; Rom 11:2

For: Romans 8:26-27,34.



For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest,

- ✓ holy,
- ✓ innocent,
- ✓ unstained,
- ✓ separated from sinners, and
- ✓ exalted above the heavens

(Hebrews 7:26).





He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this **once for all** when he offered up himself

(Hebrews 7:27).





For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made **perfect** forever

(Hebrews 7:28).

