



Hebrews: God has spoken...

## 4. One Sacrifice for Our Sins

# Greater than...



Moses



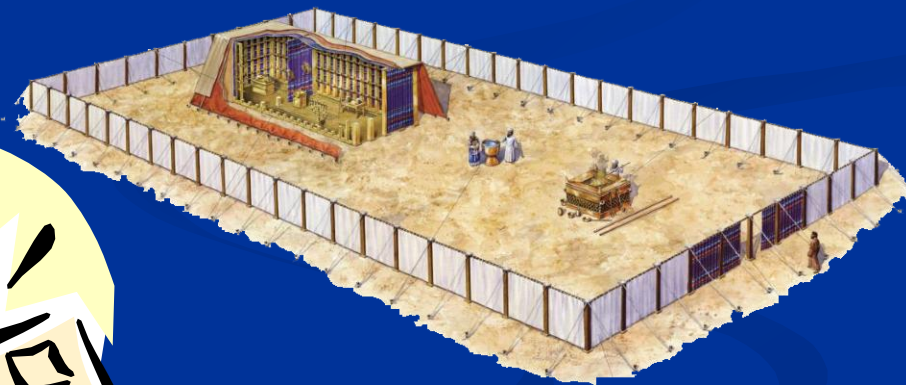
Joshua



Aaron



Angels



Tabernacle



Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the holy places, **in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man**

(Hebrews 8:1–2).



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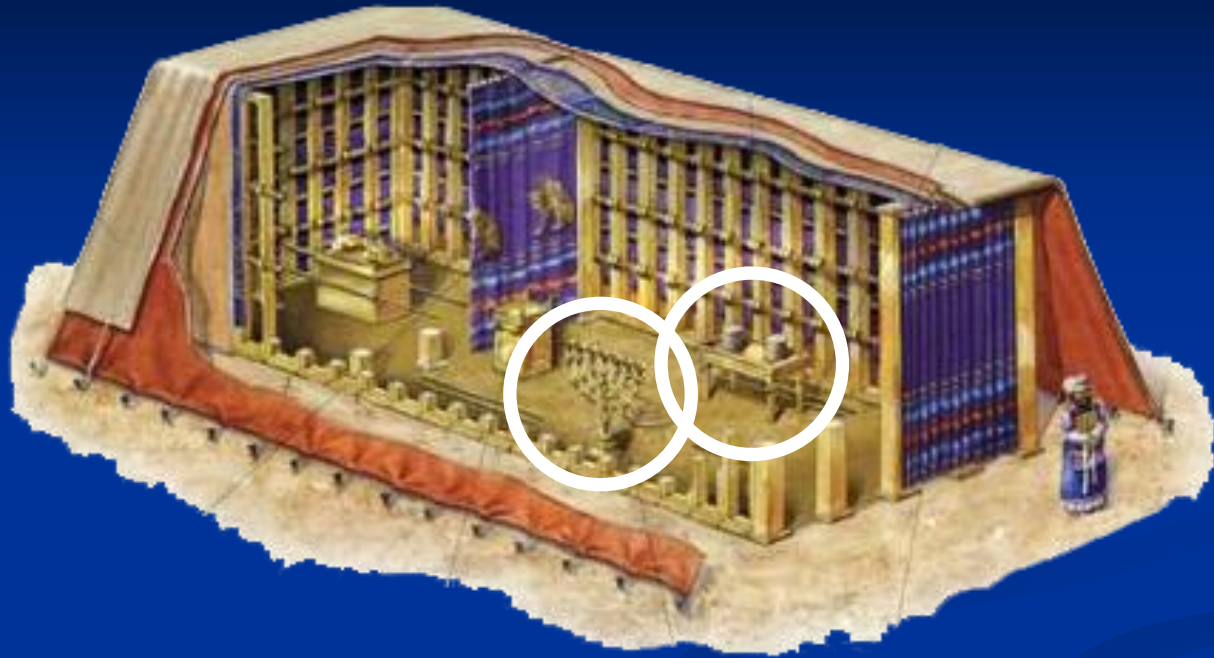




They serve **a copy and shadow of the heavenly things**. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to **the pattern** that was shown you on the mountain” (Hebrews 8:5).



# “A Copy and Shadow”



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For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus **it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer**. Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law... (Hebrews 8:3–4).



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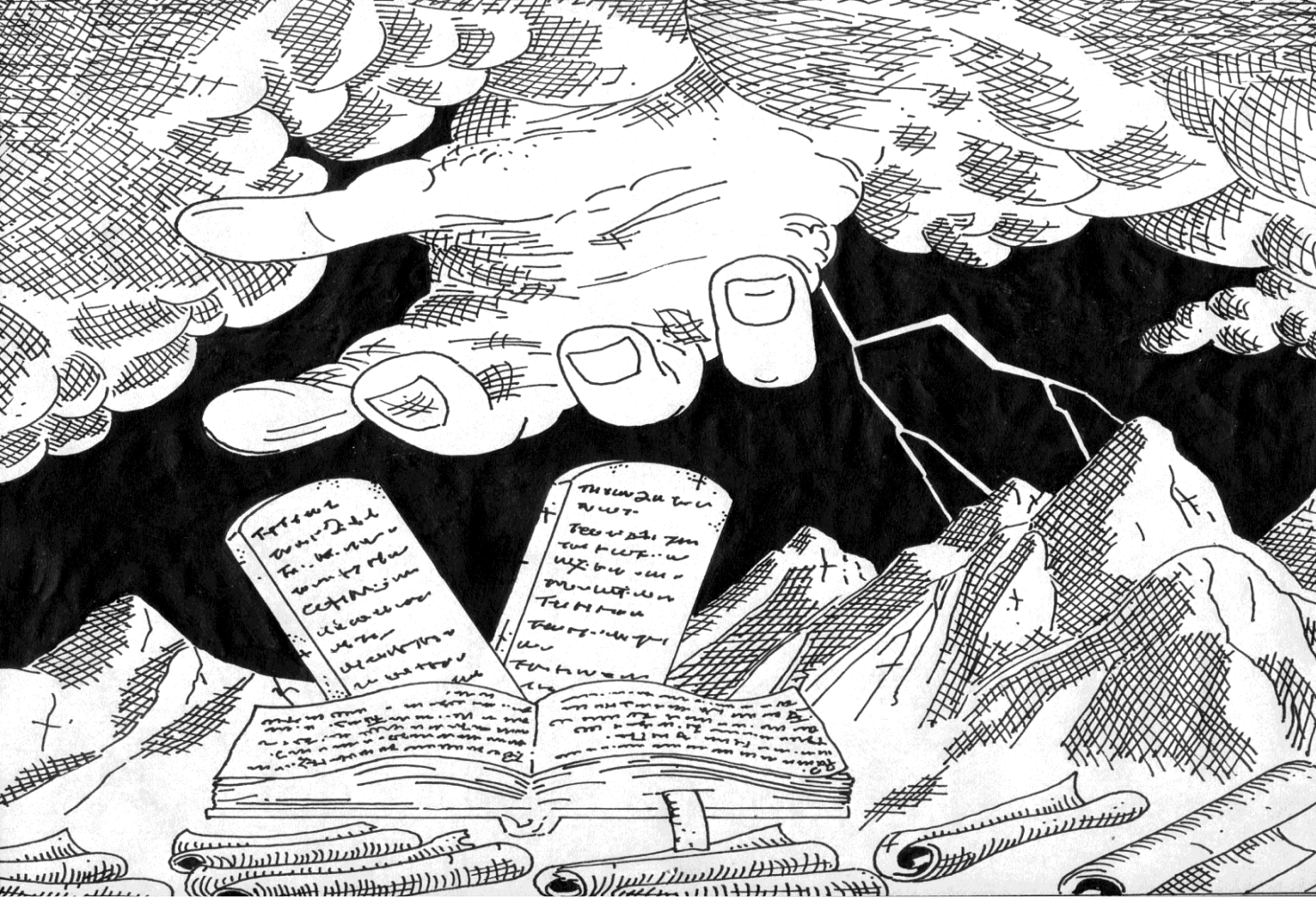




# Something Better

But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as **much more excellent** than the old as the covenant he mediates is **better**, since it is enacted on **better** promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second (Hebrews 8:6–7).

*mesites (S3316), lit., “a go-between” (from mesos, “middle,” and eimi, “to go”), is used in two ways in the NT (a) “one who mediates” between two parties with a view to producing peace (1 Tim 2:5), (b) “one who acts as a guarantee” so as to secure something which otherwise would not be obtained. Thus in Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24 Christ is the Surety of “the better covenant,” “the new covenant,” guaranteeing its terms for his people. Vine, Expository Dictionary*



God



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Israel

Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels **by an intermediary**... (Galatians 3:19).



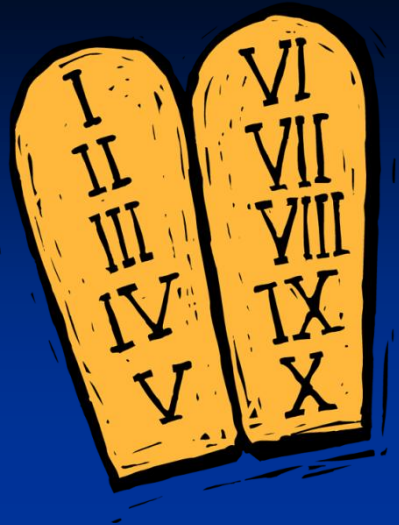
For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah”

(Hebrews 8:7–8 quoting Jeremiah 31:31-34).



“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: **I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.** None of them shall teach his neighbour, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for **all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more”** (Hebrews 8:10–12).





Clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, **not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart** (2 Corinthians 3:3).

the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones ... the ministry of condemnation (3:7,9).

But **we** all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3:18).





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The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to **love** them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day. Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your **heart**, and be stiff-necked no longer (Deuteronomy 10:15–16).

And the LORD your God will circumcise your **heart** and the **heart** of your descendants, to **love** the LORD your God with all your **heart** and with all your soul, that you may live (Deuteronomy 30:6).





# The Tabernacle Explained



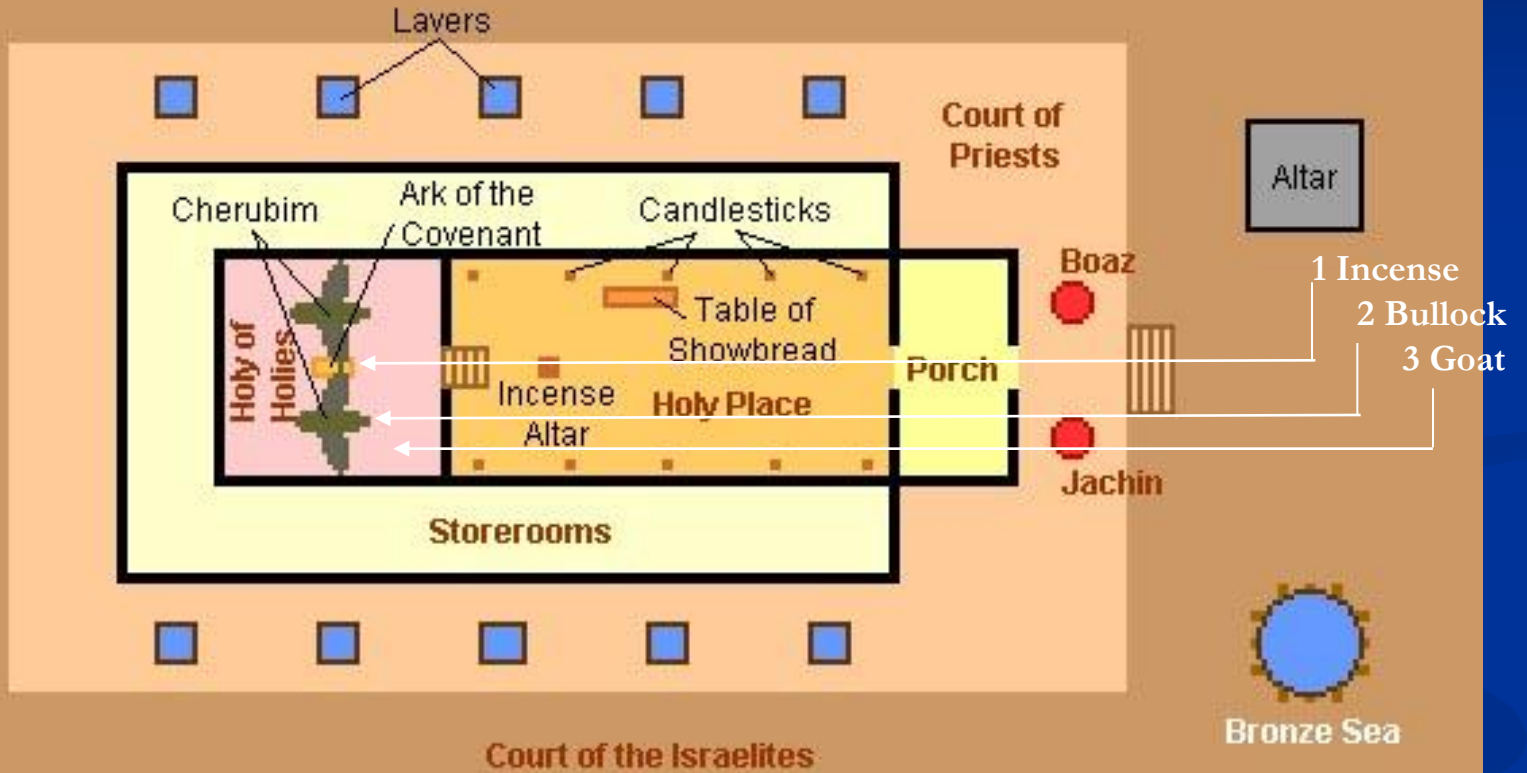
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But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance (Hebrews 9:7).





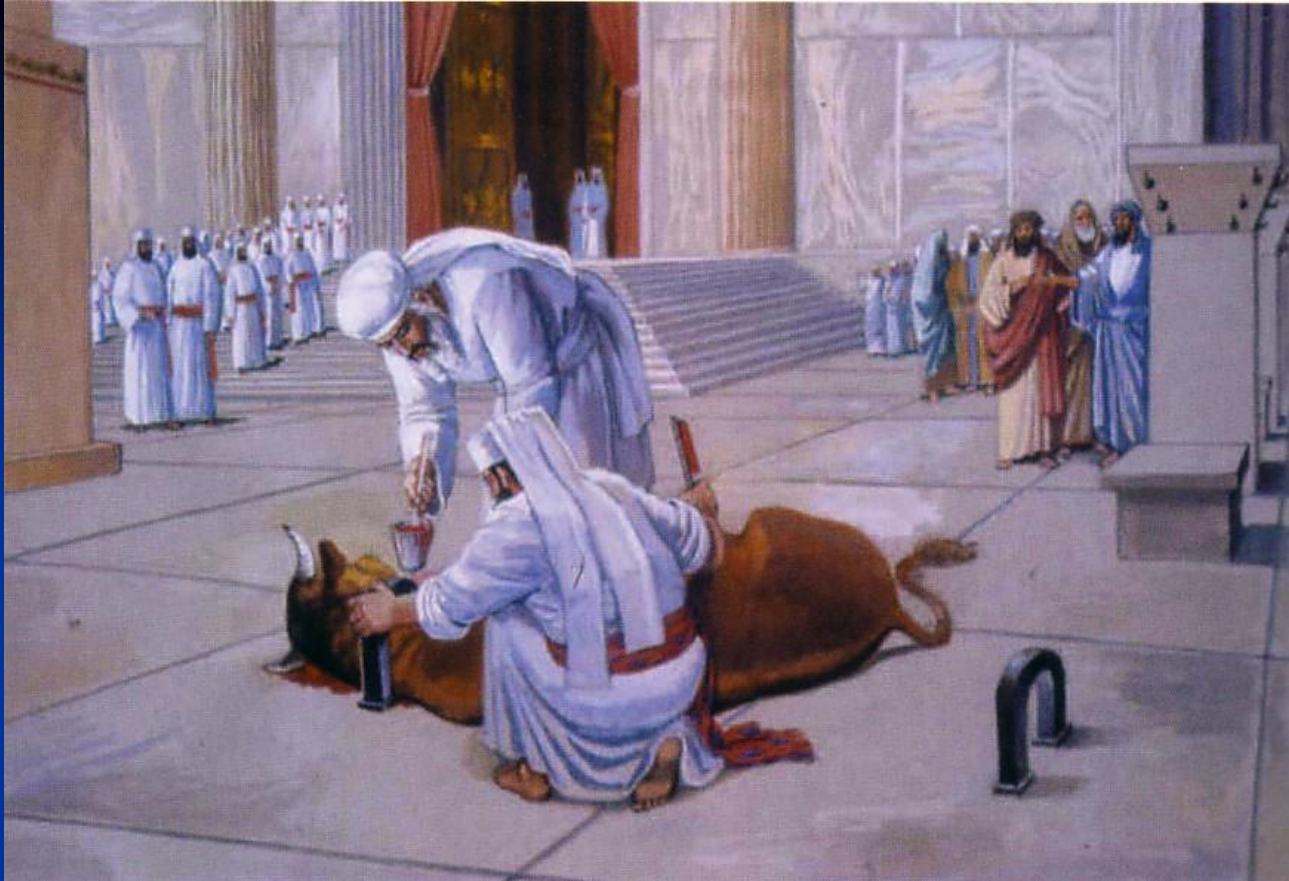
# Solomon's Temple





**Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house (Leviticus 16:11)**





He shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the mercy seat on the east side; and before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times (Leviticus 16:14).





Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, bring its blood inside the veil, do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before the mercy seat (Leviticus 16:15).





**The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness (Leviticus 16:22).**

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The bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried **outside the camp**. And they shall burn in the fire their skins, their flesh, and their offal (Leviticus 16:27).





This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, **once a year** (Leviticus 16:34).



# The Tabernacle Explained



Hebrews 9:1-10

It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered **which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience** (Hebrews 9:9).





For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, **how much more shall the blood of Christ,** who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **cleans your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?** (Hebrews 9:13–14).





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But this Man, after He had offered **one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are being sanctified (Hebrews 10:12–14).





And for this reason  
he is the Mediator of  
the new covenant, by  
means of death, **for  
the redemption of  
the transgressions  
under the first  
covenant**, that those  
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**We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation (Romans 5:11).**