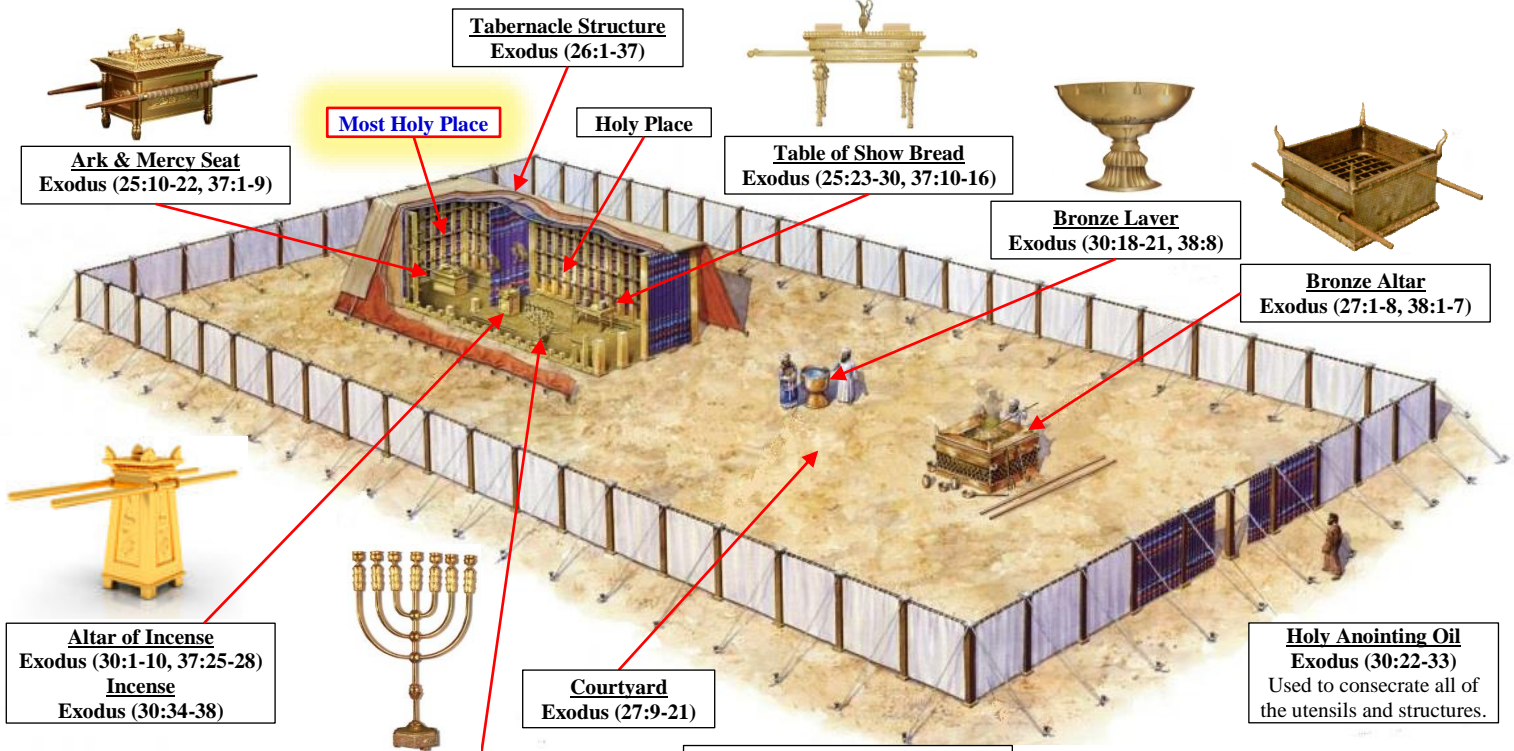


# 27 - The Tabernacle

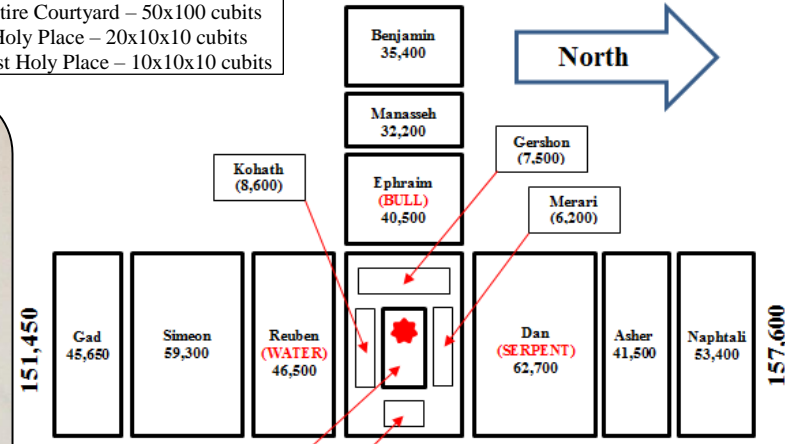
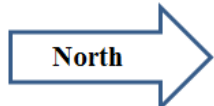


Moses was told by God that he needed to build the tabernacle so that there would be a place for the sins of the Israelites to be atoned for. God showed Moses a plan of the tabernacle (**Exodus 25:40**) and also gave him specific descriptions and measurements of all of the parts. Moses took the first "free will" offering of gold, silver, and various other materials needed to make everything (**Exodus 35:4-19**). God chose two skilled craftsmen, Bezalel from the tribe of Judah and Aholiab from the tribe of Dan to make the artful pieces (**Exodus 31:1-11, 35:30-35**). God also gave Moses directions to take a census and how to layout the camps for each of the twelve tribes around the tabernacle. The tabernacle has a threefold meaning... 1<sup>st</sup> it is a real structure anchored in heaven, 2<sup>nd</sup> it was a portable structure on earth, and 3<sup>rd</sup> it represents our physical bodies and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit for Christians.



**Measurements (1 Cubit = 18")**  
 Entire Courtyard – 50x100 cubits  
 Holy Place – 20x10x10 cubits  
 Most Holy Place – 10x10x10 cubits

108,100



**Israelite Wilderness Camps Numbers (2:1-34)**  
 Men >20 Years Old = 603,550  
 Estimated Others = 1.8 Million  
 Total Population = 2.5 Million

**Levites (Priests) Numbers (3:1-51)**  
 All males 1 month old and up:  
 Gershon = 7,500  
 Kohath = 8,600  
 Merari = 6,200  
 Total = 22,300  
 Firstborn Males = 22,273

**Israelite Camps**  
 Just like nearly everything in the Old Testament, even the layout of the camps was a shadow of Jesus Christ! Imagine someone looking down from a hilltop at night to see the campfires creating an illuminated cross filling the valley below!

