

The Holy Church



Ephesians 4:5

'one Lord, one faith, one baptism'

Meaning of Church:

“Church” is the translation of the Greek term *ekklesia*, and is used in the New Testament to identify the community of believers in Jesus Christ. It literally means “assembly,” “congregation,” or “meeting.”

Old Testament

= Covenant



Why

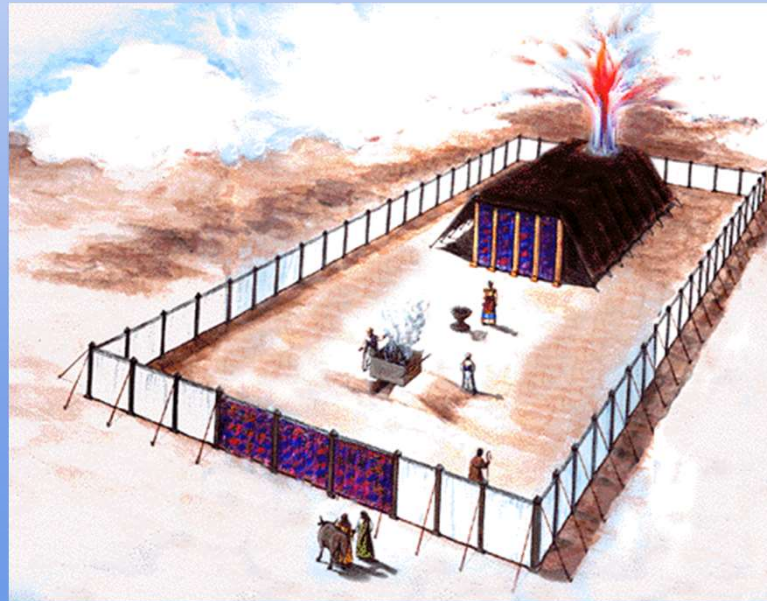
→ Worship

→ Sacrifice

→ Praise

Old Testament

1. Tabernacle:- *portable tent*



1. God Dwells Among His People

Exo 25:8

“And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.”

Exo 29:45-46

“I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God. 46 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them. I *am* the LORD their God.”

Priests => Levites



2. A Copy of Heaven

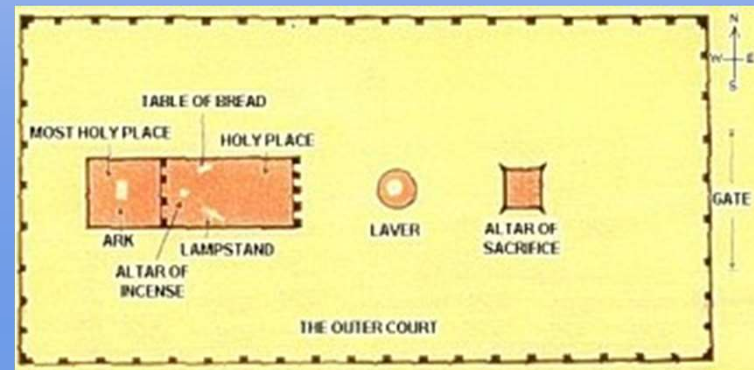
Rev 11:19, 15:5

“Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple.”

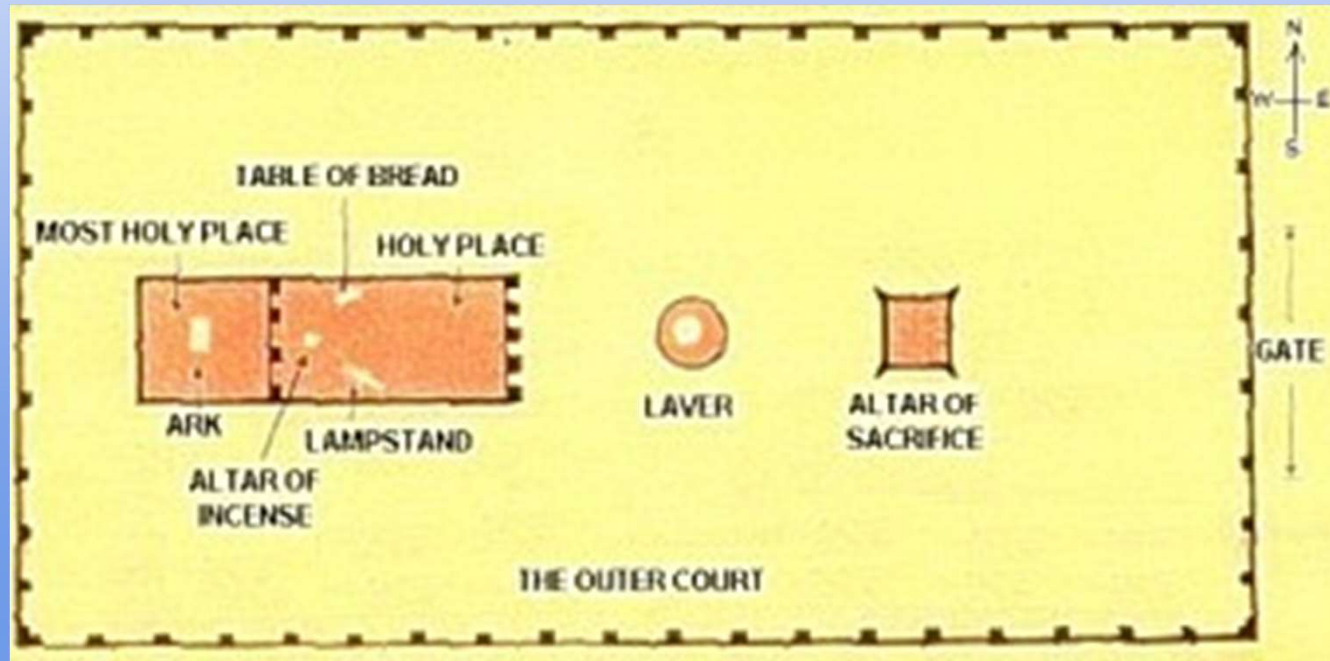
“After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened.”

3. Sections of the Tabernacle:

1. Holy of Holies : contained the Ark of Covenant
1. Holy Place: priests, lampstand, altar of Incense
1. Outer court: people



- Priest entered Holy of Holies once a year



Hebrews 9:1-4

“Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. 2 A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. 3 Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, 4 which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron’s staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant.

→ Moses to King David: Tabernacle was used

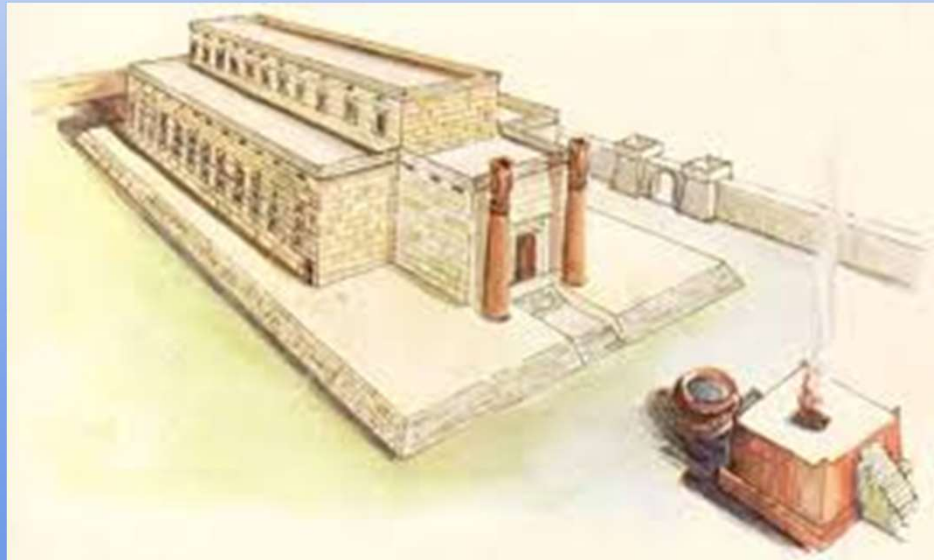
Acts 7:44

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.



2. Temple

Built by King Solomon



2 Chronicles 7:15-16

15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

16 For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

- Destroyed during the time of Babylonian captivity

2 Kings 25:9



- Restored in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah

Book of Ezra & Book of Nehemiah



Nehemiah 2:19-20

- Destroyed completely by the Romans in the year 70 AD.



Psalm 122:1

“I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the
Lord.”