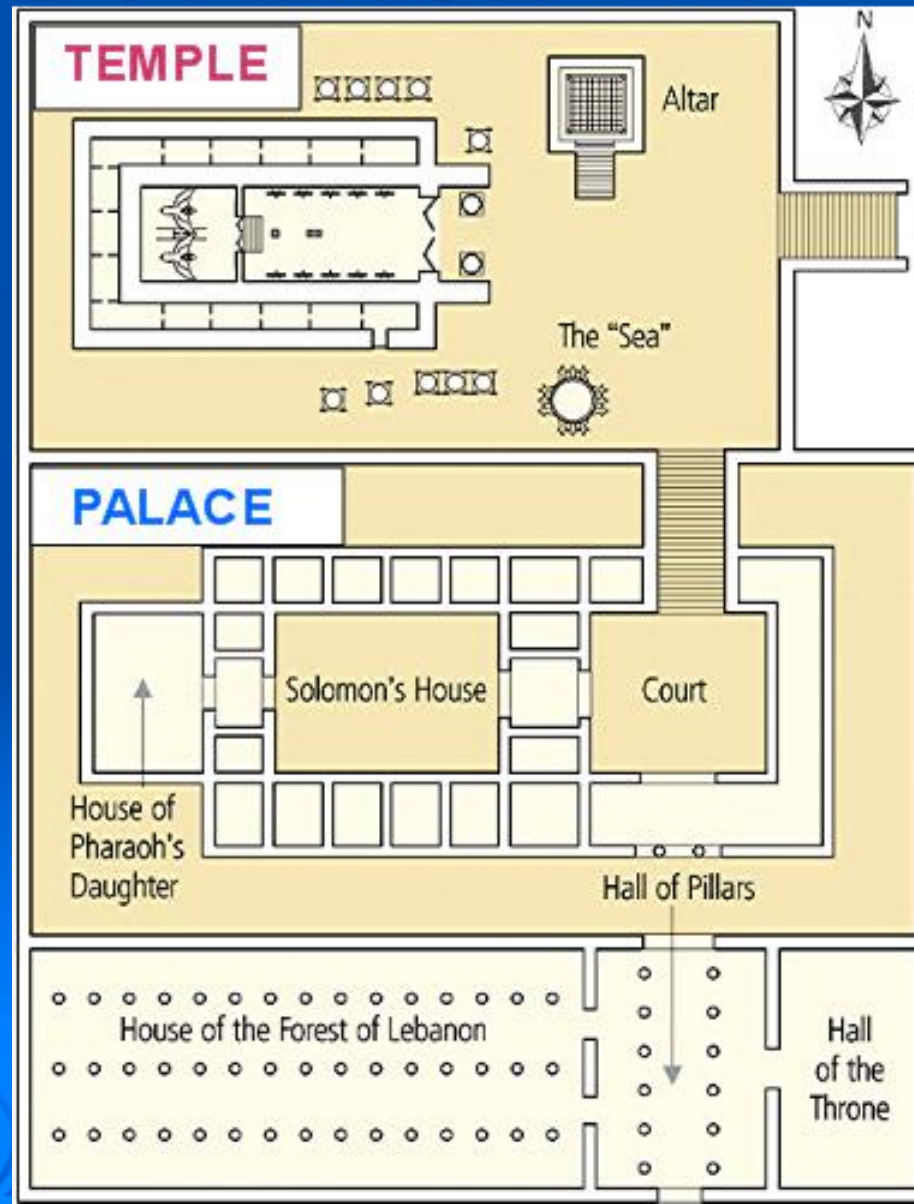


ORGANIC CONNECTION OF TEMPLE AND PALACE

- Israel is the context of redemption on earth
- The new reality of a Temple and Palace marked the end of Israel's unsettled condition
- **Mishkan** = Wilderness Tabernacle
- Land + Sanctuary = God's Kingdom
- Book of Judges emphasizes the **NEED** for a king!



ISRAEL AS A THEOCRACY



- Israel's king was NOT to be like a typical Oriental monarch
- NOT a vice-king with God as the ultimate king
- Israel's king was to be a servant of God, carrying out His will on earth
- God's will was that His covenants with Israel be guarded and carried out
- Ark placed into the Holy of Holies on the 10th day of the 7th month
- ***Sukkot*** began 5 days after ***Yom Kippur***





- **Zaqen** = the “old ones”, the elders. People’s representatives
- **Rosh** = the heads of the families and clans
- **Nasi** = the 12 hereditary tribal princes
- **Ish** = all the adult males of Israel

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- A 7 day celebration followed by an 8 day celebration
- The 8 day celebration was **Sukkot**
- The old **Mishkan** was brought to the Temple to be officially decommissioned
- ALL Israelite males required to appear because Sukkot is a **chag** festival (a pilgrimage festival)

ARK BROUGHT TO THE TEMPLE



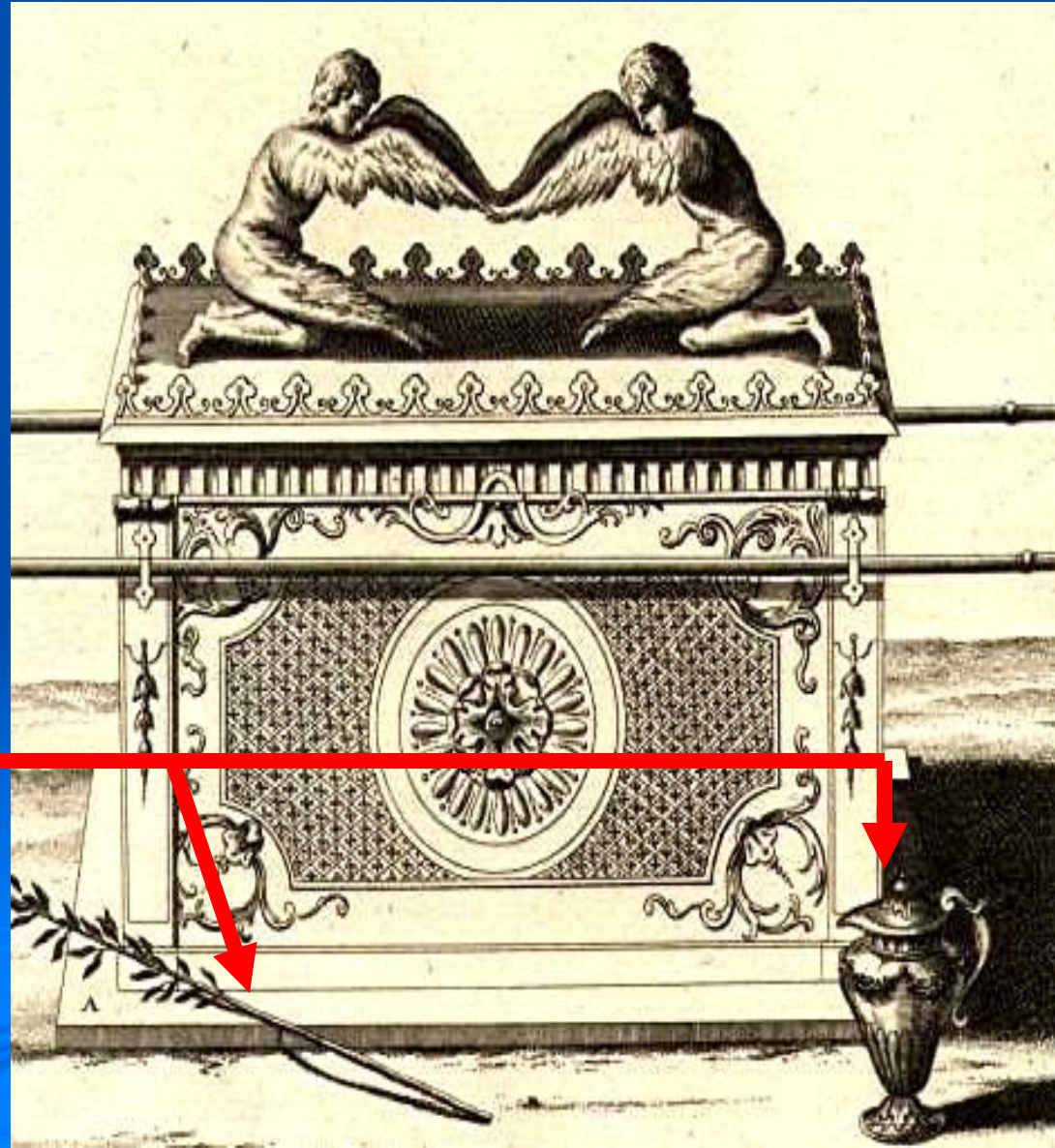
- Priests transported the Ark
- Num.7:9 says it was supposed to be the clan of Kohath
- Sages say now that Ark was permanently in the Temple Holy of Holies there was no need for Ark bearers

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- 8th day Ark brought to Temple
- 8th and 9th days Ark in the courtyard
- ★ 10th day (*Yom Kippur*) Ark placed into Holy of Holies
- 8th through 14th were the Temple Dedication days
- 15th through the 22nd were the days of Sukkot

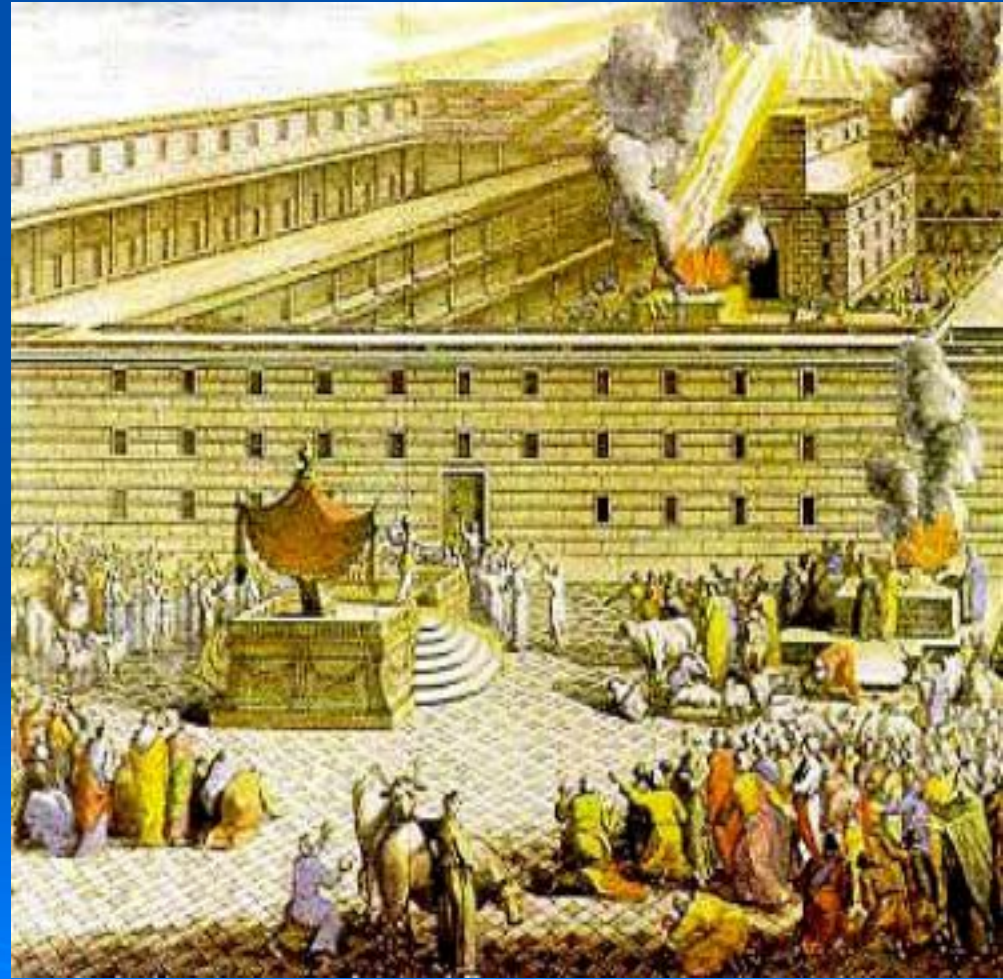
ONLY THE STONE TABLETS ARE INSIDE THE ARK OF THE COVENANT

- Hebrews 9:4 says manna and Aaron's rod are inside of Ark
- NOT TRUE!
- Num. 17:25, Ex. 16:33, and Jewish Tradition all say manna and rod were BEFORE the Ark not IN the Ark



THE AWESOME CLOUD OF YHWH

- The cloud marks the presence of the Lord
- God's presence IS the true consecration of the Temple
- **Kavod** = glory, or better abundant presence
- **Araphel** = dense cloud, NOT thick darkness
- **Choshek** = darkness, spiritually evil, terror
- The “cloud” speaks of an indeterminate form



THE FORMS OF GOD

THE CLOUD

SHEKINAH

SPIRIT (RUACH)

ANGEL OF THE LORD

THE GLORY (KAVOD)



SOLOMON'S PRAYER



- Solomon ascended the altar and knelt 2Chron.6
- “*Yehoveh, elohim* of Israel, there is no *elohim* like you in *shamayim* or on *eretz*. You keep *b’rit* and *chesed* with your servants provided they live in your presence with all of their *leb*.”

NEW TESTAMENT PARALLEL

➤ Romans 11:16 – 22

“So take a good look at God’s kindness and His severity.....God’s kindness towards you, provided you maintain yourself in that kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off !!”

Paul is applying this to those who are **BELIEVERS**



SOLOMON SPEAKS OF THE OMNIPRESENT GOD

- God dwells in the Temple, but lives in Heaven
- God doesn't travel between Heaven and earth
- For Believers: God lives in us, but He lives within ALL Believers at once
- He also simultaneously lives in Heaven
- Did PART of God move to earth when Christ appeared?
- Was God in Heaven now incomplete?
- Solomon says that despite his lack of understanding, he asks God to *shema* to his prayers
- *Shema* means to hear AND to act!