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Book of Hebrews Introduction

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Agenda

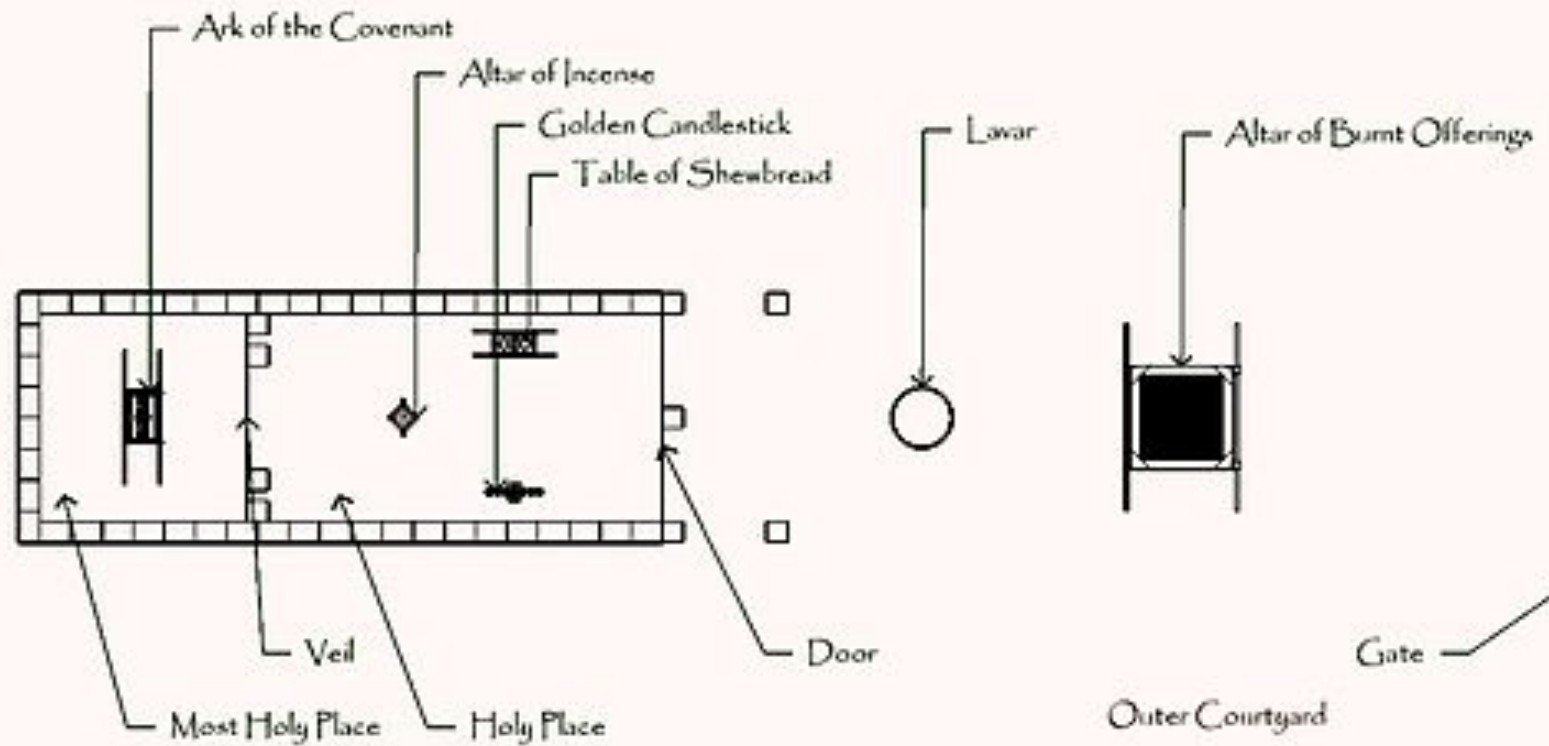
- Introduction to Hebrews
 - Writer, time period
 - Purpose
 - Tabernacle and Ark of the Covenant

Introduction to Hebrews

- Epistle (letter) to the Hebrews
- Anonymous Author
 - Could be Paul, Apollos (Martin Luther's view), Barnabas (Tertullian's view)
 - Some believe that Paul wrote it in Hebrew and then someone (either Luke or Clement of Rome) translated it into Greek (view of the Roman Catholic Church)
- Written before the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in 70 AD
 - Possibly written in 63 or 64 AD (before the Jewish rebellion against Rome began in 66 AD)

Introduction to Hebrews

- Target audience is Jewish Christians
- Contrasts the Old Testament sacrifices and covenant with Christ's sacrifice and the new covenant
- Seeks to demonstrate the following:
 - Jesus Christ is the Son of God
 - Jesus Christ is the true High Priest
 - The faith of the Old Testament patriarchs was focused on Christ
 - The Old Testament sacrifices and structures are fulfilled by Christ



Layout of the Tabernacle

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Model of the Tabernacle

View of the Holy Place, with the
Most Holy Place behind the
curtain

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The Tabernacle

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Ark of the Covenant

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Basilica Germigny-Des-Prés (France) - the central apse of the east contains a rich and complex mosaic showing two cherubim above the Ark of the Covenant.