

Soteriology

Session 3



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Isaiah 53:3–6

³ He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. ⁶ All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

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Jay Adams

Competent to Counsel, 70.



“But counselors, as Christians, are obligated to present the claims of Christ. They must present the good news that Christ Jesus died on the cross in the place of His own, that He bore the guilt and suffered the penalty for their sins. He died that all whom the Father had given to Him might come unto Him and have life everlasting. As a reformed Christian, the writer believes that counselors must not tell any unsaved counselee that Christ died for him, **FOR THEY CANNOT SAY THAT**. No man knows except Christ Himself who are His elect for whom He died.” [emphasis mine]

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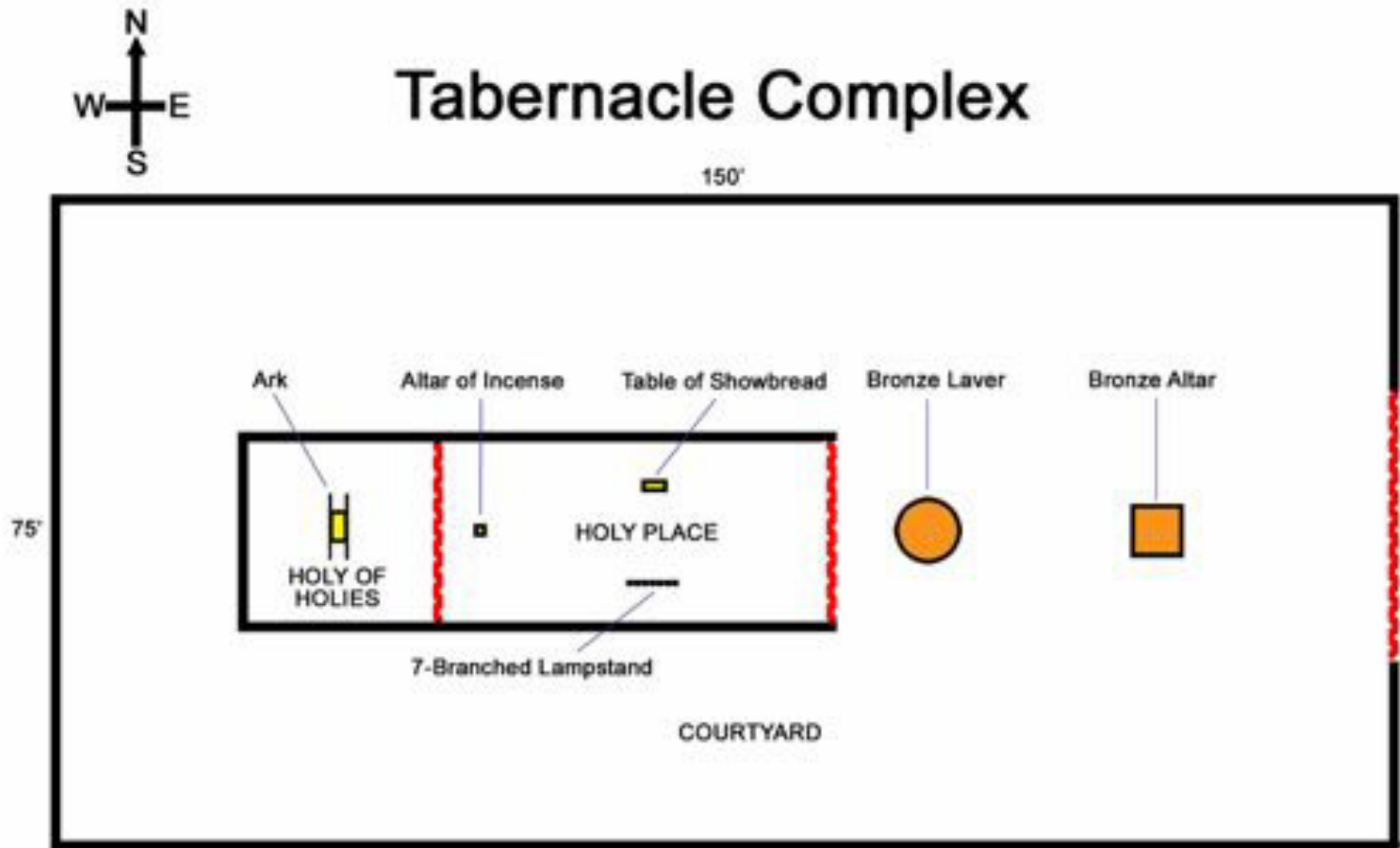
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Religion says...



This is salvation by works.

God says...



This is salvation by God's grace.

Romans 4:4-5



“ Now to the one who works, his wage is not credited as a favor, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness.”

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Mediterranean Sea

AMMON

CANAAN

MOAB

Nile Delta

Tenis

GOSHEN

Etham

Wilderness of Shur

EDOM

Kadesh bamea

SINAI Peninsula

Ezion-geber

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Land of Midian

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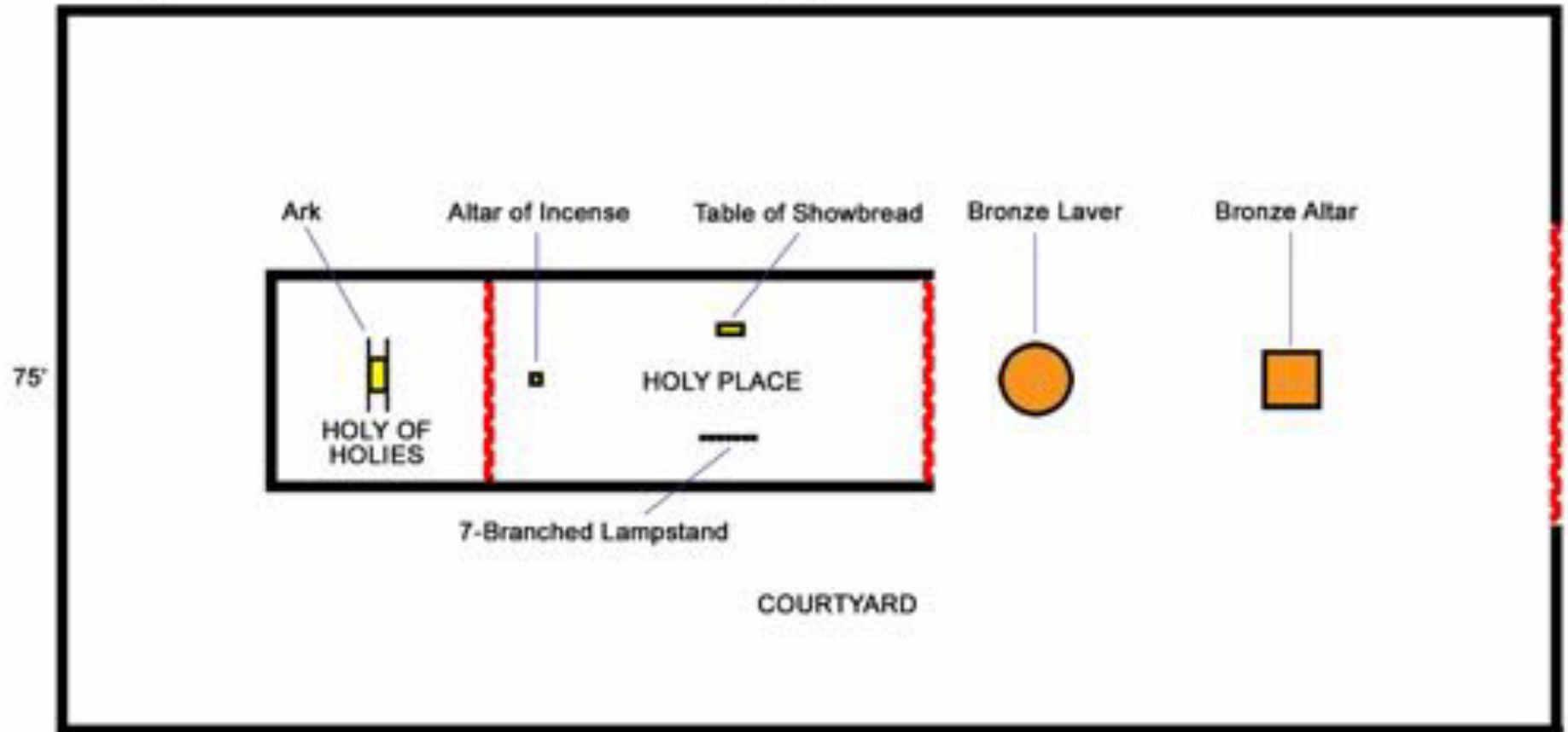
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Tabernacle Complex

150'

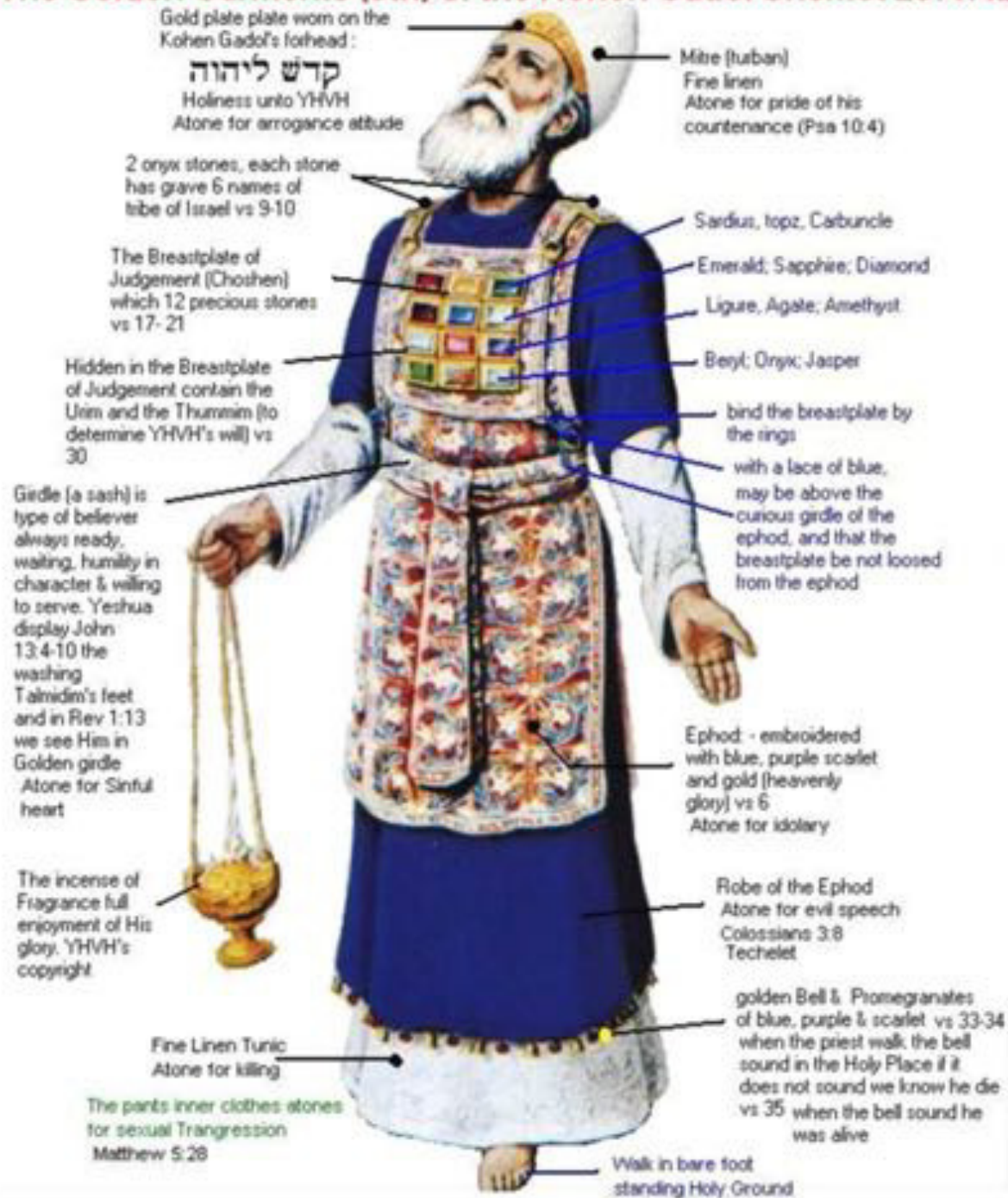


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Ark of the Covenant



The Golden Garments (8th) of the Kohen Gadol Shemot 28:4:42



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