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It is as if man reclined and ate at God's table only to find himself removed from the table, locked outside the room, and only able to commune with God through a keyhole. ~ *Randall Price*~

Questions:

- Garden of Eden the first temple?
- What does it mean for us?

1. Temple was unique place of God's Presence

- Eden unique place of God's presence
- Same verbal form “walking back and forth”
 - ◆ Lev. 26:12
 - ◆ Deut 23:14
 - ◆ 2 Sam 7:6-7

2. To tend and to keep

- Same Hebrew words, “cultivate and keep” (abad and shamar) used of priest in the temple (Gen. 2:15)
 - ◆ Numbers 3:7-8
 - ◆ Number 8:25-26
 - ◆ Numbers 18:5-6
- The word “put”

3. Tree of Life → Lampstand



EX. 25:31-37

4. Wood carvings - reflections

- 1 Kgs 6:18, 29,32,35
- 1 Kgs 7:18-20
- Where do we find garden-like vegetation and cherubim?

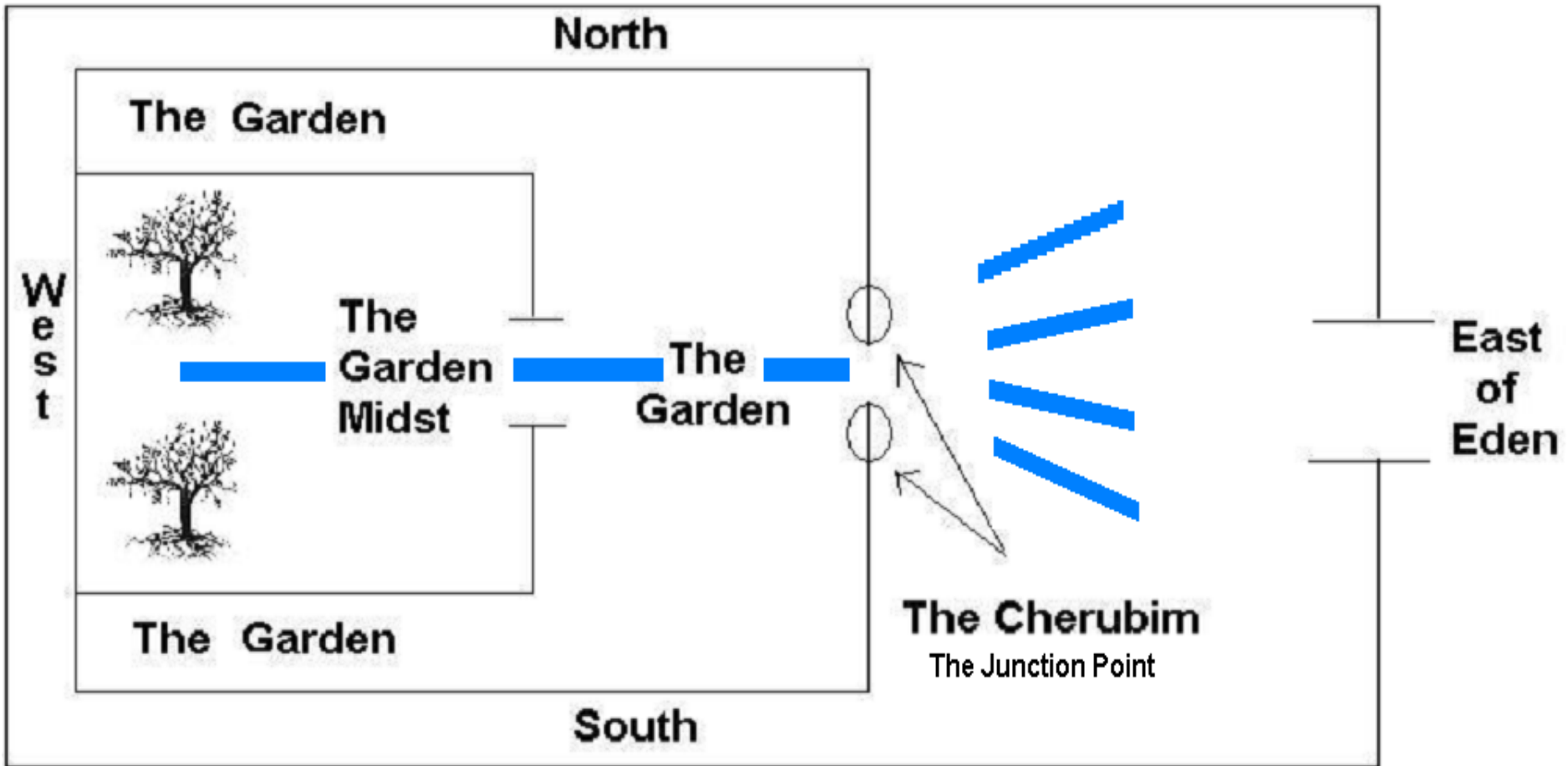
5. Later temples

- Eastward entrance
 - ◆ Exod 15:17; Ezek 40:6
- On a mountain
 - ◆ Ezek 40:2; 43:12

6. Flowing out of Eden

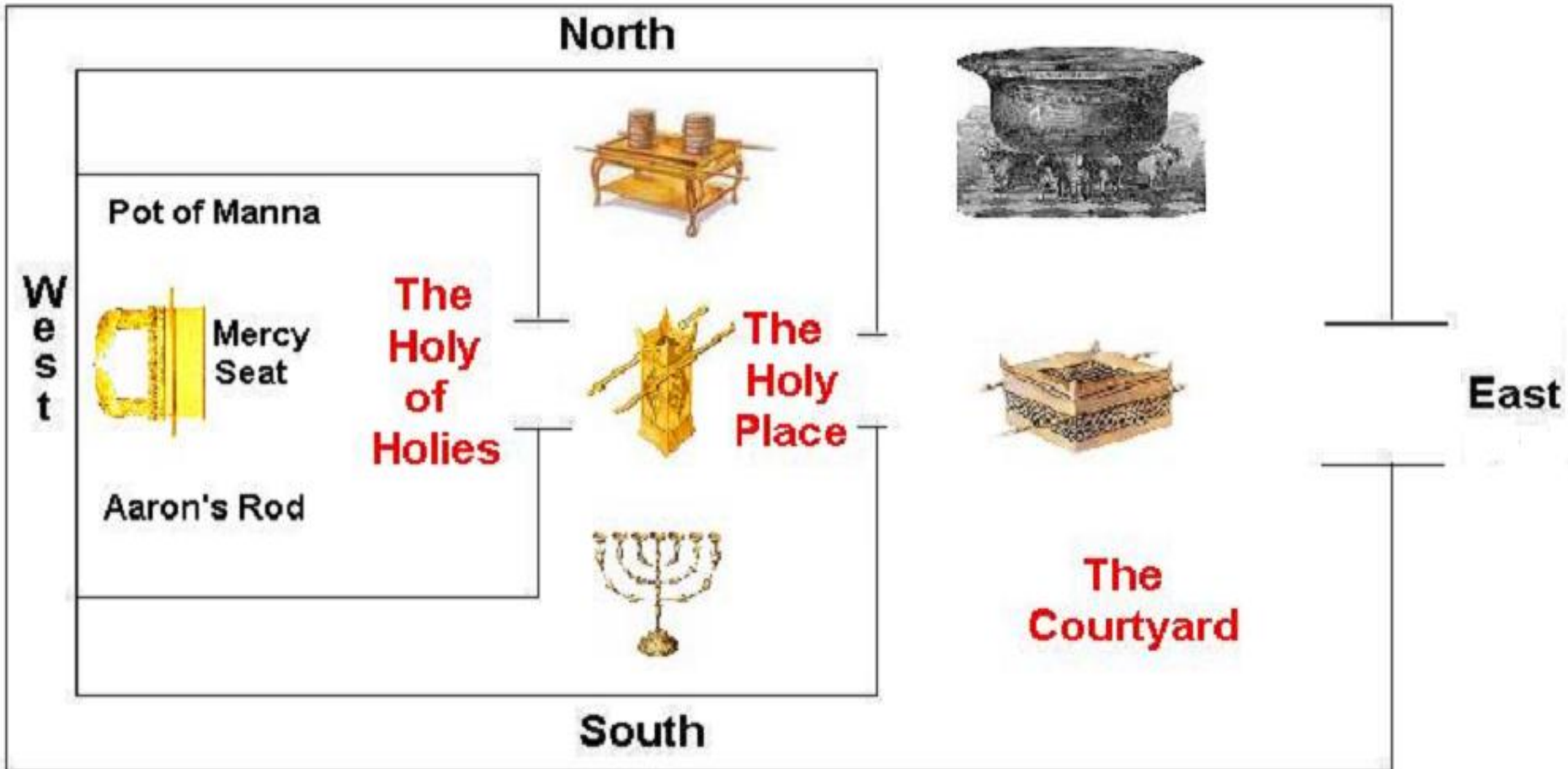
- River flows out of Eden – Gen. 2:10
- River flows out of Millennial temple - Ezek 47:1-12

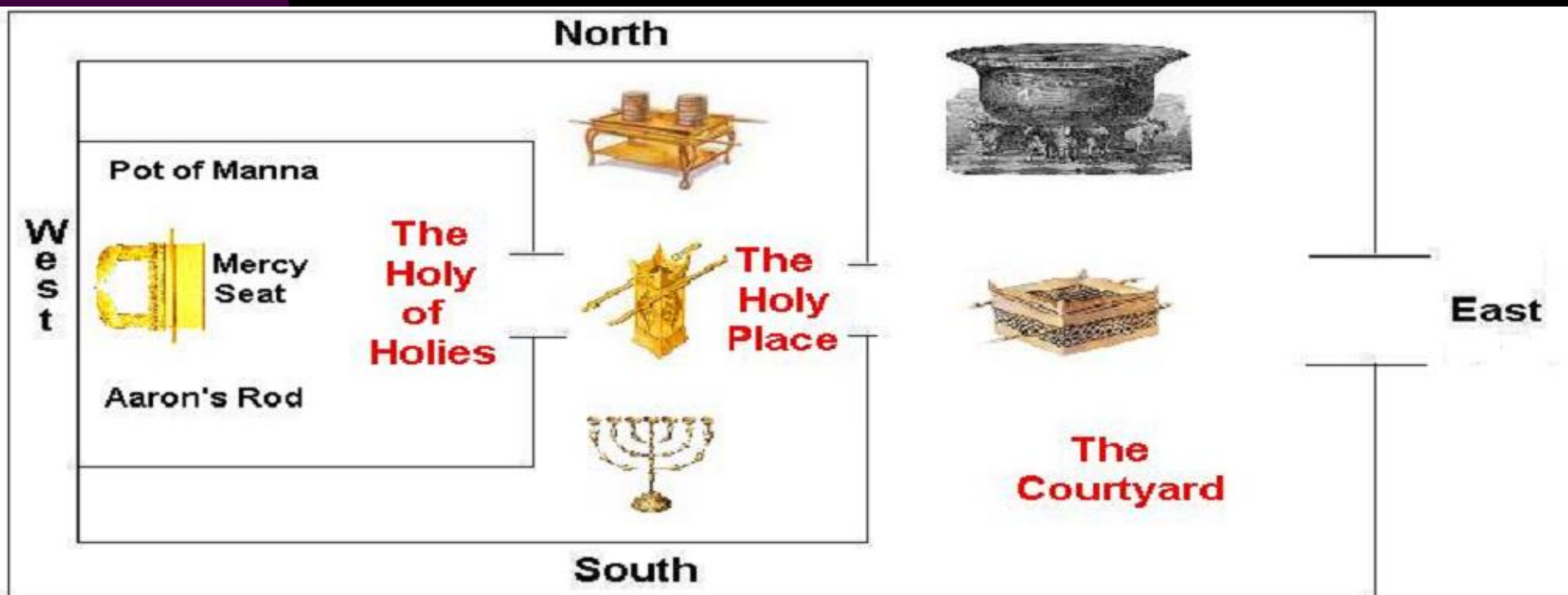
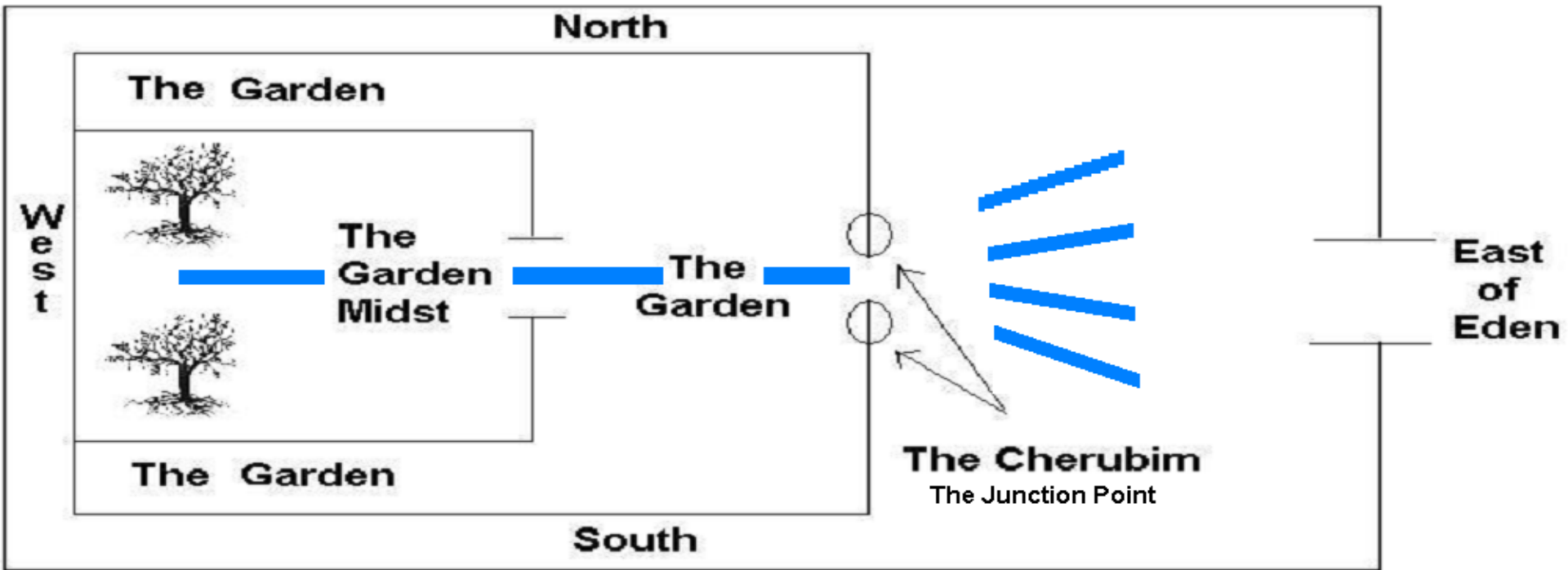
7. Three Sections



Gen. 2:10

Continued...Temple





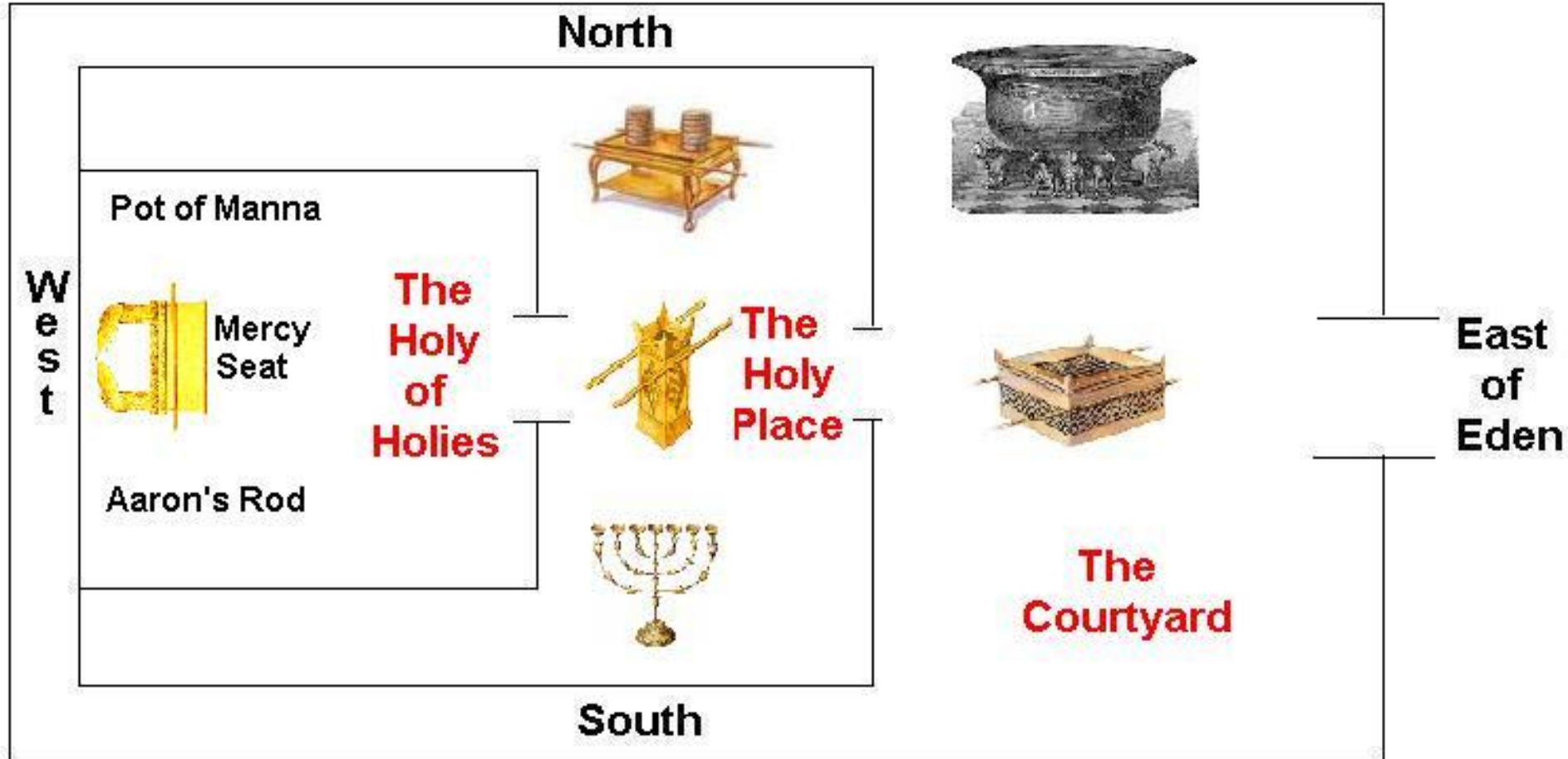
8. Allusions to Eden

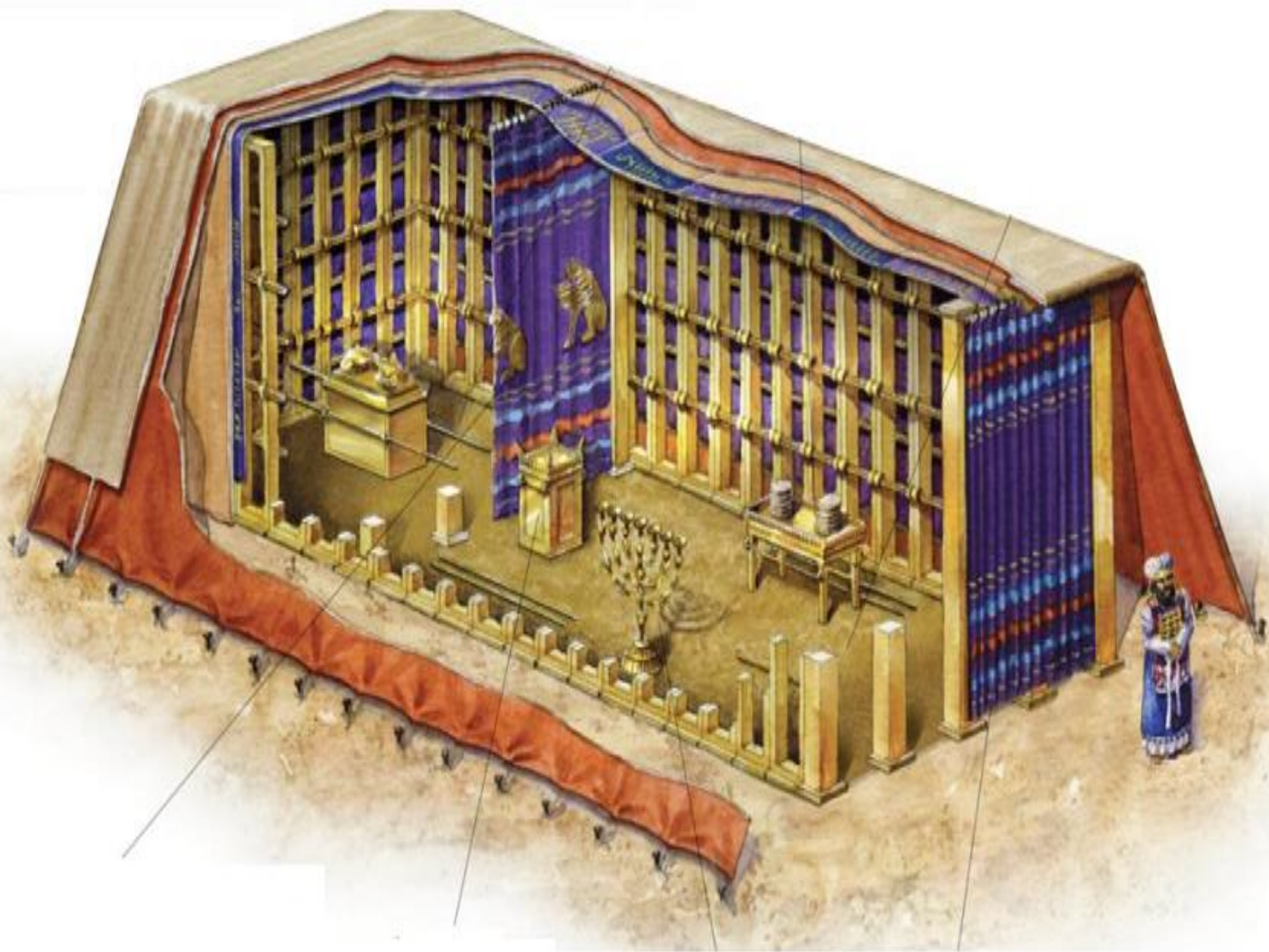
- Mountains - Ezek 28:13-14, 16
- Sanctuaries - Ezek 28:18
 - ◆ The same word used for Israel's tabernacle (Lev. 21:23) and temple (Ezek 7:24; Jer 51:51)

The Blueprint?

- Ex. 25:9 “[after] the pattern...”
- 1Chr. 28:12-19 “...the pattern...by the spirit...”
- Hebrews 8:1-5 “...to the pattern...”
- God gave the blueprint!

A Model of Heaven and Earth





Inside Solomon's Temple

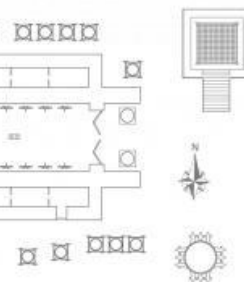
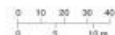
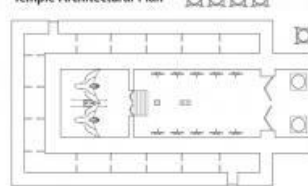
A structure with three levels was built around the walls of the temple. The lower chamber was 7.5 feet (2.3 m) wide, the middle chamber was 9 feet (2.7 m) wide, and the upper chamber was 10.5 feet (3.2 m) wide (1 Kings 6:5-6, 8, 10).

Two ornate wooden doors, overlaid with gold, separated the inner sanctuary from the nave (1 Kings 6:31-32).

The nave had clerestory windows with recessed frames (1 Kings 6:4).

The vestibule was 30 feet (9.1 m) wide and 15 feet (4.6 m) deep (1 Kings 6:3; cf. 2 Chron. 3:4).

Temple Architectural Plan



The hollow bronze pillar on the north was called "Boaz," and the one on the south was called "Jachin" (1 Kings 7:21; cf. 2 Chron. 3:17).

Two ornate wooden, folding doors, overlaid with gold, separated the nave from the vestibule (1 Kings 6:33-35).

The bronze altar for burnt offerings was 15 feet (4.6 m) high and 30 feet (9.1 m) long and wide (cf. 2 Chron. 4:1).

The inner sanctuary (or Most Holy Place) was a 30-foot (9.1-m) cube (1 Kings 6:15-29; 2 Chron. 3:8-14). Such rooms were often elevated in temples of the ancient Near East. Two massive golden cherubim stood on either side of the ark, each 15 feet (4.6 m) tall with 15-foot (4.6 m) wingspans (1 Kings 6:23-28). The ark of the covenant stood between the two cherubim (1 Kings 8:1-11; cf. 2 Chron. 5:2-14).

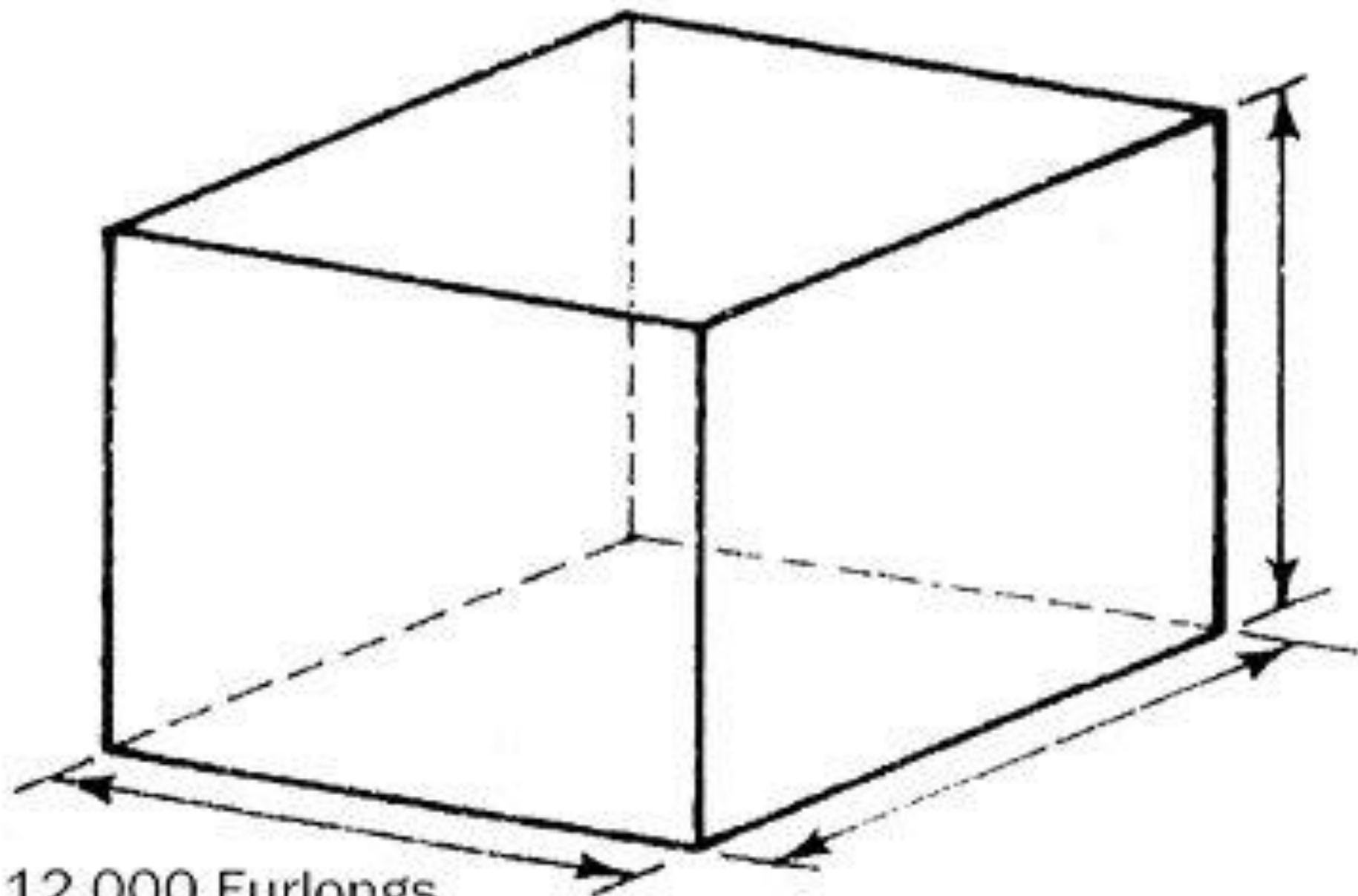
The nave (or Holy Place) was 60 feet (18 m) long and 30 feet (9.1 m) wide (1 Kings 6:15, 17-18; cf. 2 Chron. 3:5-7). It contained the golden altar of incense; the golden table for the bread of the Presence; and 10 golden lampstands, five on the north and five on the south (1 Kings 7:48-49; cf. 2 Chron. 4:7).

Ten bronze wheeled stands, each holding a large basin, contained water for rinsing off the animal parts that were used for the burnt offerings (1 Kings 7:27-38; cf. 2 Chron. 4:6).

The "sea" was a metal basin 7.5 feet (2.3 m) high and 15 feet (4.6 m) in diameter. It held 12,000 gallons (44,000 liters) of water for the priests to wash in. It was supported by 12 bronze oxen in sets of three, facing in each direction (1 Kings 7:23-26; cf. 2 Chron. 4:2-5).

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE

Solomon began to build "the house of the Lord" in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah in the spring of 967 or 966 a.c. (1 Kings 6:1; 2 Chron. 3:1-2) and completed it seven years later, in the fall of 960 or 959 (1 Kings 6:38). The temple itself, not including the surrounding chambers on three sides, was 90 feet (27 m) long, 30 feet (9 m) wide, and 45 feet (14 m) high. It stood in the middle of a court with boundary walls.



12,000 Furlongs
1,500 miles
[on each edge]

Holy unto YHVH



North



Pot of Manna



Mercy Seat

The Holy of Holies



The Holy Place

Aaron's Rod

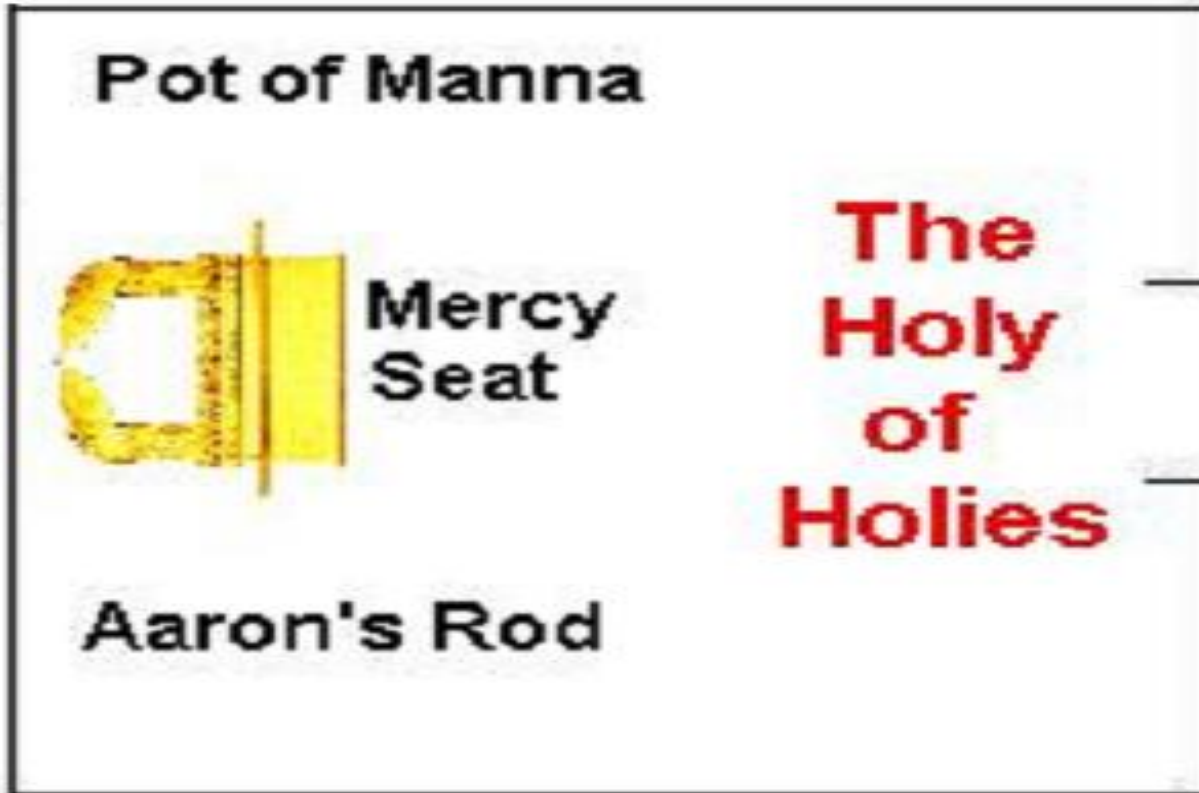


South

West

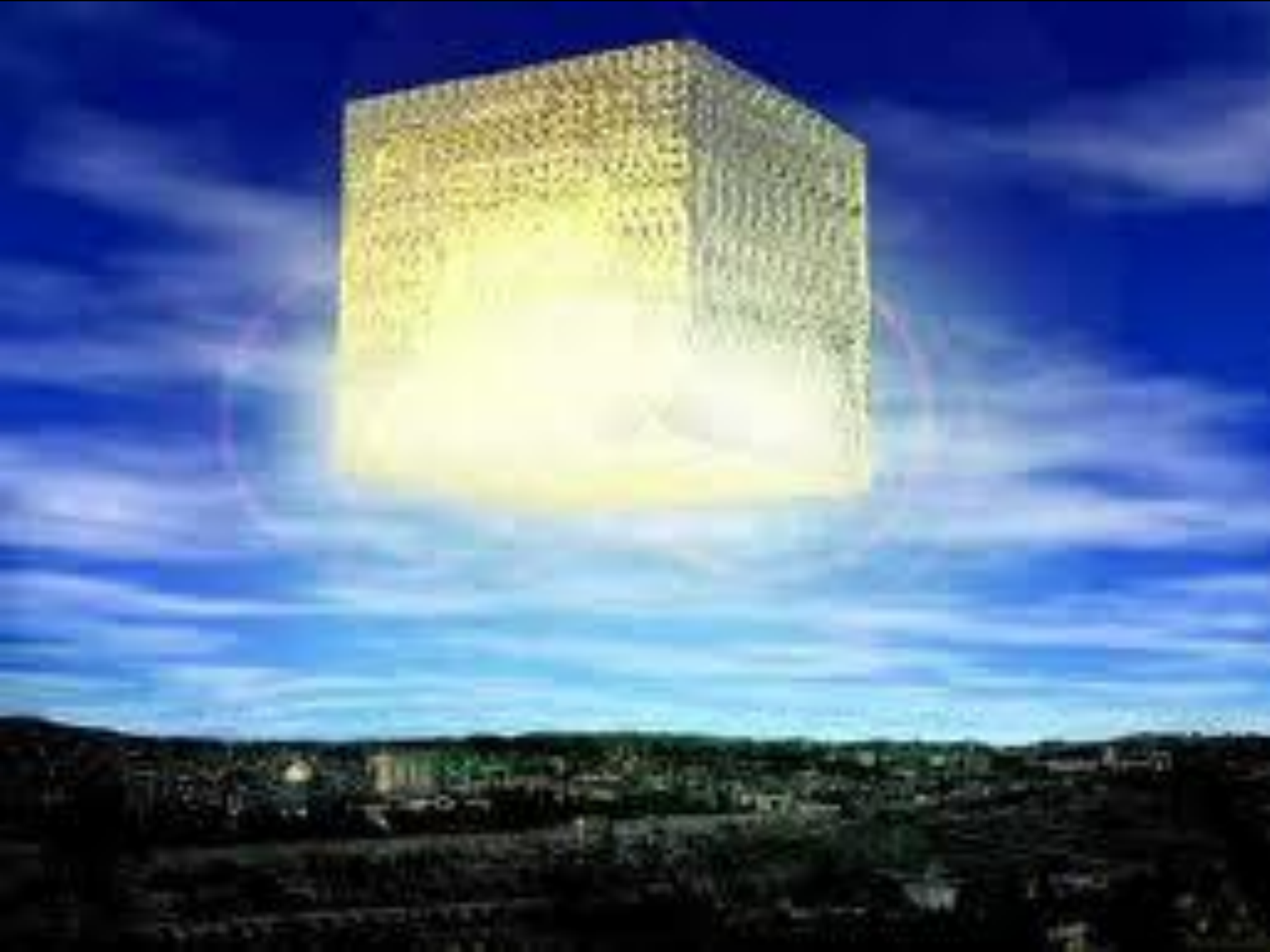
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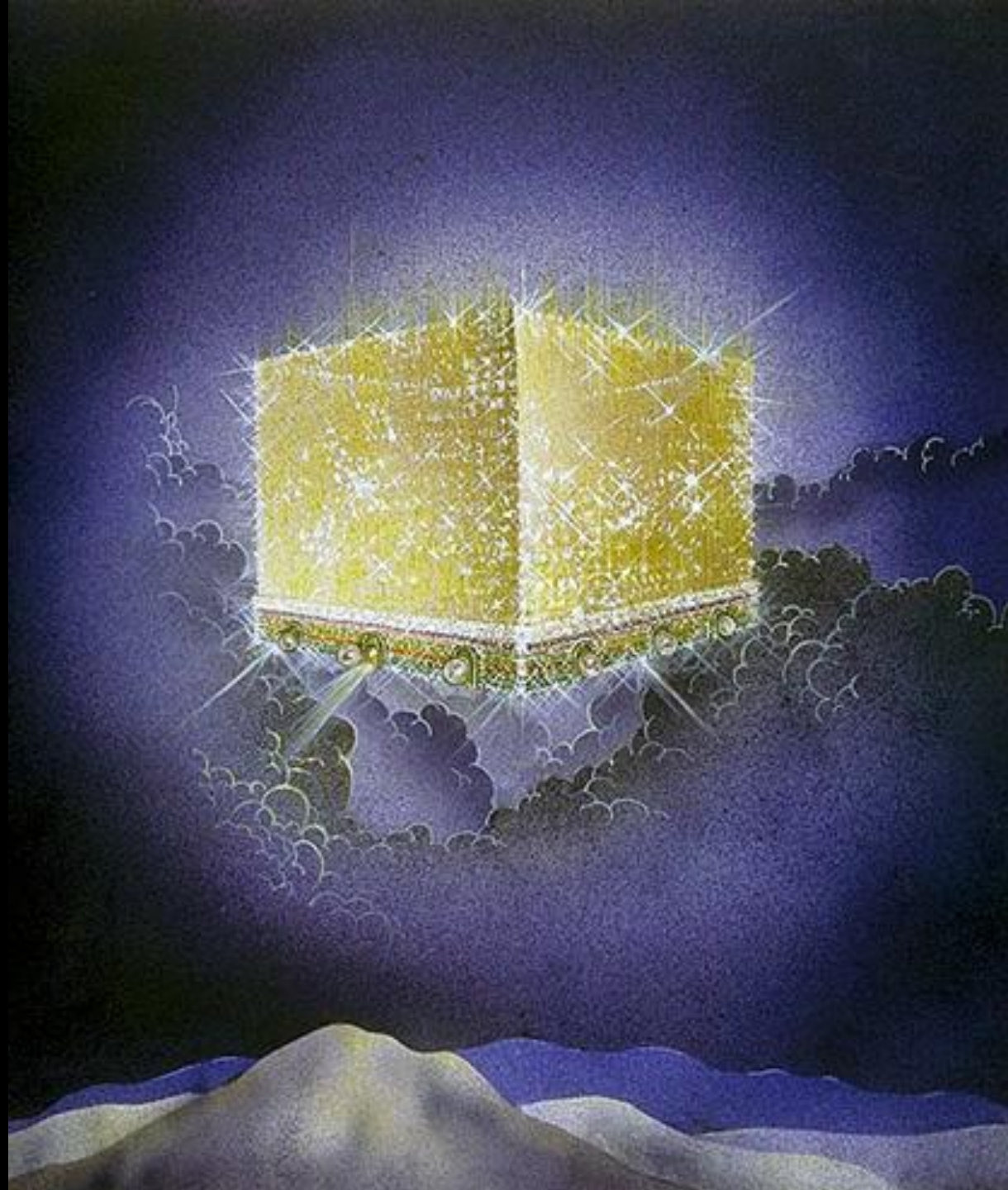
West



*... no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD:
neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they
remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither
shall that be done any more. Jeremiah 3:16*

South





Our Commission

*¹⁹Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
(Mt. 28:19-20).*

Our Commission...continued

¹⁸For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. ¹⁹Now... fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; ²⁰...built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; ²¹In whom all the building...groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: ²²In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit (Eph.2:18-22).

Application

- Guard your temple
- Pray
- A Christian can not stagnate
- Adam's mantle is now ours



