

Memory Verse: For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.  
Hebrews 4:2

Words to Define:

Firstfruits (18:12)

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Devoted (18:14)

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Chapter 17

1. How many rods were the Israelites to gather?
2. Why this number? What did this number represent?
3. Who's name was written on the rod from the tribe of Levi?
4. From chapter 17, tell what happened to Aaron's rod?
5. How long did it take this rod to bud? (v8)
6. Why was Aaron's rod kept? (v10)
7. Did this stop them from complaining? (v12-13)

Chapter 18

1. What tribe was responsible for the keeping of the sanctuary?
2. What were they not to go near: (v3) What would happen if they did?

3. Who would serve as priests? From what family?

4. What did the Lord tell Aaron he would not inherit? 9v20) Who would he inherit?

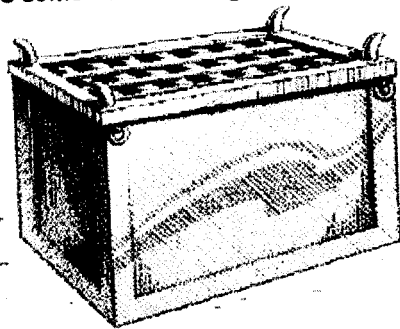
5. In chapter 18, we read of the priests' share of the offerings. In verse 21, God also specified, "And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the \_\_\_\_\_ in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation."

## The Tabernacle in the Wilderness

God not only gave Moses laws for the Israelites to obey but He also told Moses to build a tabernacle. Read Exodus 25:1-9 and fill in the blanks below to see what God promised

"Then have them make a \_\_\_\_\_ for me  
and I will \_\_\_\_\_ among them." (Exodus 19:5,6)

Below are some of the things that God told Moses to have built for the Tabernacle



**BRAZEN ALTAR**

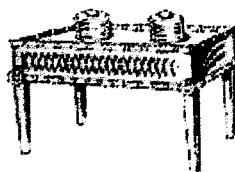


**LAVER**

These were  
outside in the  
Courtyard of  
the Tabernacle



**GOLDEN  
CANDLESTICK**

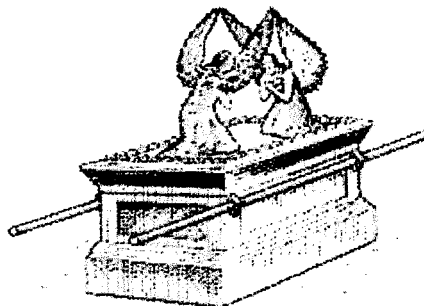


**TABLE OF  
SHEW-BREAD**



**GOLDEN ALTAR**

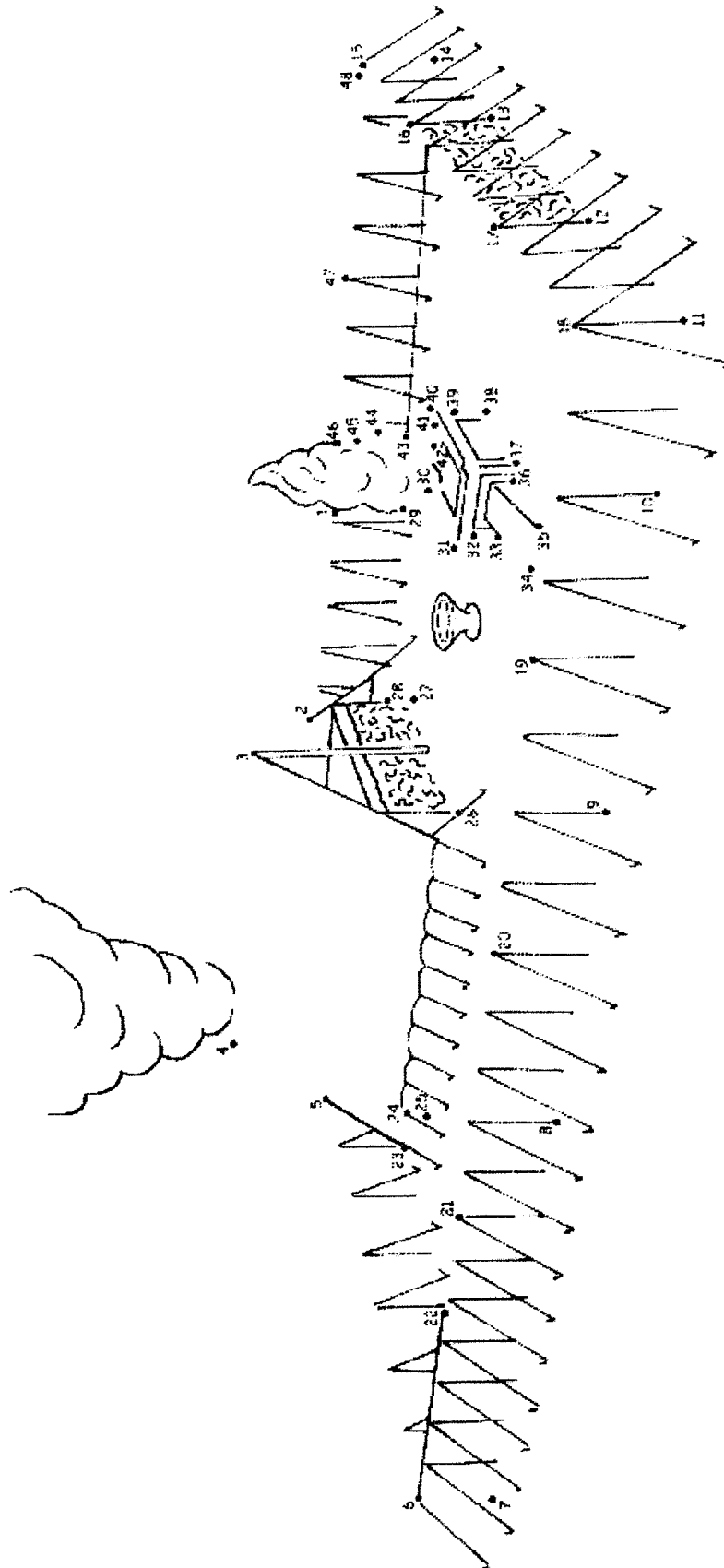
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first compartment  
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**ARK OF THE COVENANT**

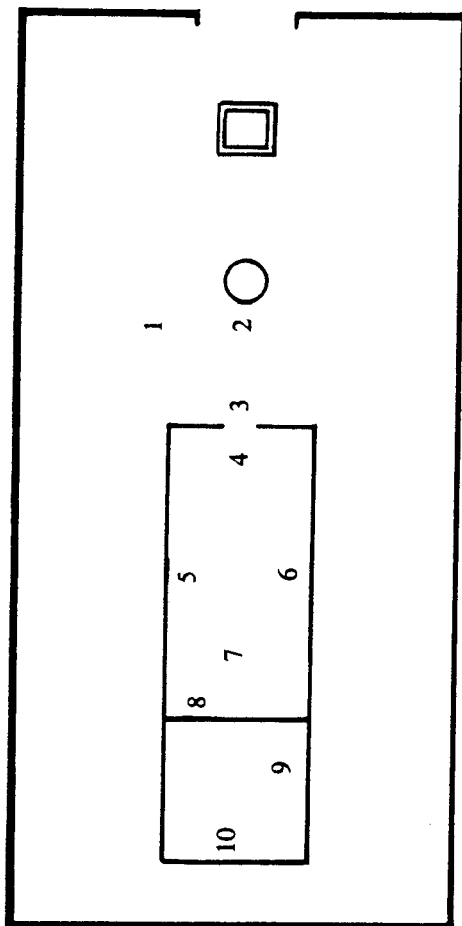
This was in the second  
compartment known as  
the "Most Holy"

Connect the dots to finish the the picture of the Tabernacle on the next page



## The Tabernacle

Draw a line from each statement to the matching number in the diagram. Then fill in the blanks below.



1. Courtyard surrounds the Holy and Most Holy Place.
2. Altar of burnt offerings where sacrifices burned.
3. Laver or basin where priests washed hands before entering Holy Place.
4. Holy Place where the priests could only go.
5. Table of shewbread for the priests to eat.
6. Candlestick gave light to the Holy Place.
7. Altar of incense where sweet smelling smoke went up to God.
8. Veil (curtain) between Holy Place and Most Holy Place.
9. The Most Holy Place where only the High Priest could go.
10. Ark of the Covenant where once a year the High Priest sprinkled blood on top to cleanse sins.

1. The world is like the C\_\_\_\_\_. It surrounds the church.
2. Jesus is our sacrifice, so we do not have an Altar of B\_\_\_\_\_ offering.
3. We must wash away our sins by baptism. The priests washed using the L\_\_\_\_\_.
4. The church is God's H\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_ on earth today.

5. The Lord's Table is like the T\_\_\_\_\_ of S\_\_\_\_\_.
6. God's word gives light to the church like the C\_\_\_\_\_.
7. Our prayers ascend to God like the smoke on the A\_\_\_\_\_ of I\_\_\_\_\_.
8. We are separated from heaven like the V\_\_\_\_\_ separates the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place.
9. Heaven is our M\_\_\_\_\_ H\_\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_.
10. Jesus' blood cleansed our sins so we do not need an A\_\_\_\_\_ of C\_\_\_\_\_.

## **Tell The Truth**

The sentences below tell the words of a song about today's lesson. Cross out the wrong words.

Saviour like a (shepherd, rancher) (lead, drive) us.

Much we (need, want) thy tender care,

In thy (pleasant, thorny) pastures (feed, leave) us.

For our use thy (folds, herds) prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus. Thou has (bought, taken) us. Thine we are.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus. Thou has bought (us, them). Thine (we, they) are.

## Prayer

Memory Verse Hebrews 4:2

## Song-The 12 Sons of Jacob, I Will Pray

Our lesson today is taken from the book of Numbers. God told Moses that he would settle the question of Aaron as God's chosen High Priest one and for all. God told Moses to gather one rod from each tribe of Israel. How many would that be? (12) Ephraim and Manasseh were counted as one tribe, that of Joseph. They must of all thought they had a chance to be chosen, but they should have know it would be Aaron. What little faith they had. What kind of rod do you think this was? (walking stick-each rod was a ruler's staff, (prince) a tribe and it's government. These rods were cut off from the parent stem, they should not be able to produce anything. They were to write the name of the leader on each stick and write Aaron's name on the rod from the tribe of Levi. Moses gathers them up and places them in the tabernacle. He placed them in the most Holy Place in front of the ark of the covenant in the presence of God. The Lord told Moses he would choose one man and his stick would blossom. Moses went to the Israelites and told them what was going to happen. God knew this would stop the murmuring of the people. When did Moses enter the tent again" (next morning) Who's rod had budded? (Aaron) Remember this rod budded from a dead limb. This is bringing life out of the dead, just as the resurrection of Christ. It had sprouted and put forth buds, produced blossoms, yielded ripe almonds. Moses brought the rods from the tabernacle and showed the Israelites what happened. Do you think maybe they were surprised? Each man took his rod back. What did the Lord tell Moses to put Aaron's rod? In the ark of the covenant. What else was in there? Manna, and the tablets of the law. This was a reminder to the Israelites not to murmur against the Lord. God said they would not die. What was the first thing the Israelites asked Moses? Will we all die?

## The work of the Priests and Levites

God was speaking to Aaron at this time. Aaron and his sons were responsible for bearing the iniquity of the sanctuary and the iniquity of the priests. The rest of the tribe of Levi was to serve Aaron and his sons in their work. They were a gift from God. There was too much work for Aaron to do. What does iniquity mean? (sin) They had to make atonements for sins of the people. There were few Levites and a great number of people with a great number of sins. do you think they were busy? What does "bearing the iniquity of the sanctuary" mean? The tabernacle must remain clean. It was their job to know when it became unclean. And remember the priests must be clean of iniquities to cleanse the tabernacle. They were sinners also. They did all the work that needed to be done, but they couldn't go near the things in the Holy Place or near the altar or they would die. What was the furniture in the Holy Place? (table of showbread, candlestick, golden altar) God told Moses they must take care of the Holy Place and the altar and he wouldn't become angry with the Israelites again. The Lord said to Aaron only he shall

serve at the altar or go behind the curtain. What was behind the curtain? (Most Holy Place)

The wages of the priests came from the offerings of the people. They received a share of certain offerings. They also had this to feed their families. Did you notice a requirement of everyone who ate of this? They all had to be clean. They also received the tithes from the Israelites that offered them to the Lord. The Israelites would receive no inheritance, such as land. What is a tithe? (tenth, percentage, of what they earned) This was a payment for the work they did on the tabernacle.