

# FORESHADOWINGS 4 - Law & Ceremony

## THE LAW

1. MORAL Law = The STANDARDS demanded by God's HOLINESS.
2. CEREMONIAL Law = How God wanted His people of that day to WORSHIP.
3. CIVIL Law = The way God called His people to GOVERN themselves.

NOTE: All three were in PREPARATION for JESUS' COMING

+ Jesus would FULFIL every DETAIL of the Law (Matthew 5:17-18).

→ What does it mean to say that Jesus fulfilled the Law? How did Jesus fulfil the Law? Can you think of any of the details that He satisfied?

**CEREMONIAL LAW** → Again, all FORESHADOWS Jesus (Hebrews 10:1)

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| a) SACRIFICIAL system | c) PRIESTHOOD |
| b) FESTIVALS          | d) TABERNACLE |

→ What must it have been like to have lived under the Old Covenant? How would you have felt about making all those sacrifices? Do you think you would have been prepared for the Messiah?

## A. SACRIFICE (Leviticus 1-7)

- \* 5 basic Old Covenant sacrifices: SIN and TRESPASS offerings were mandatory offerings associated with the sins of the nation.
  - \* BURNT, PEACE and GRAIN/MEAL offerings were voluntary acts of thanksgiving + worship.
  - \* Each one, TAUGHT something MORE about JESUS.
  - \* i.e. Each one FORESHADOWED Jesus, then He CAME and DID IT.
- Read Leviticus 4 & 6:24-30 and note how it the detail applied specifically to Jesus.

### e.g. SIN OFFERING

IDENTIFICATION = Your SINS symbolically TRANSMITTED onto the animal and it DIES in your PLACE.

SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT: Except for the GRACE of God, YOU would be on that altar.

JESUS is our SIN OFFERING and SATISFIES every requirement.

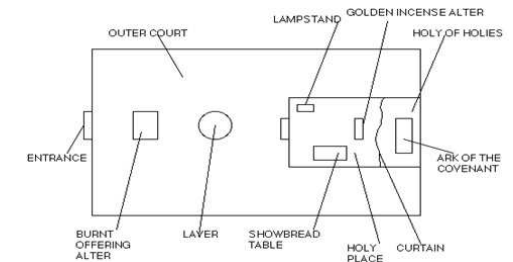
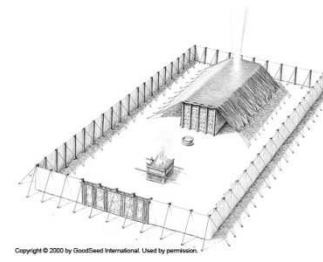
- a) He was the SPOTLESS, SINLESS sacrifice.
- b) He became our SUBSTITUTE.
- c) His BLOOD was SPRINKLED on the altar (CROSS) and Poured OUT at the foot of the altar (on the GROUND).
- d) He was killed OUTSIDE THE CITY far away from the TEMPLE at Calvary.

→ Read Heb 13:11-13, Isa 53:10, 2 Cor 5:21 with Heb 10:17, Psalm 103:12, Rom 8:1 and note the benefits of the fact that Jesus became our sin offering.

## B. TABERNACLE (Exodus 25:27, 35-38)

The EARTHLY tabernacle FORESHADOWS the REAL tabernacle, JESUS (John 1:14, Heb 8:5).

- \* Note that they couldn't just worship ANYWAY or ANYWHERE they wanted. They had to come to the TABERNACLE to get to God. They had to come THROUGH JESUS (John 14:6).



→ Pick one of the objects / pieces of furniture in Exodus 25-27 and discuss how it related to Jesus. What do the various colours and precious metals depict? (If in doubt, look up the Golden Lampstand / Candlestick in Ex25:31-40 + 37:17-24)

→ What would it have felt like to have been a priest working a shift in the tabernacle? What would a day have looked like? What would your relationship with God have been like? What about the High Priest's job on the Day of Atonement?

## OUTER COURT

Bronze ALTAR: No-one can APPROACH God without BLOOD on that altar

Bronze LAVER: Points to the WASHING away of our SINS by Jesus and NEW LIFE coming through the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:4,5, John 3:3-6).

## INNER COURT / HOLY PLACE

Golden LAMPSTAND: 1 John 1:5, John 8:12 with Eph 5:18 & Matt 5:14

Table of SHOWBREAD: With BREAD and WINE (John 6:53-54)

Altar of INCENSE Symbolic of PRAYER (John 17, Heb 7:24-12)

## HOLY OF HOLIES

VEIL: A CONSTANT REMINDER of our SINFULNESS and SEPARATION from God (Matt 27:50-51, Heb 10:19-22)

- \* Just as the High Priest could ONLY get to the Holy of Holies through the veil, so we can only get to the Father through CHRIST'S BROKEN BODY.

→ What would it have felt like staring at that veil day after day? How would you have felt once it had come tumbling down? How did the religious Jews not get it?

ARK of the COVENANT: A small chest, with CHERUBIM at either end, the light of the SHEKINAH glory and a lid called the MERCY SEAT.

- \* On the Day of Atonement, God no longer saw evidence of man's SIN; all He saw was the BLOOD.

- \* When God looks at us, He doesn't see our SIN; all He sees is the BLOOD (of Jesus).

→ What sin did the various contents of the Ark of the Covenant represent (Heb 9:4)

→ It's blood (Jesus' blood) that changes God's throne from place of JUDGMENT to one of MERCY. Discuss!

→ Can we relate anything from the layout and function of the tabernacle to aid us in our corporate worship or personal devotion?