



Our God –
A Consuming Fire

LEVITICUS
10:1-11

March 12, 2023

1 Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them.

2 So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord.

3 And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified.' " So Aaron held his peace.

4 And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, "Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp."

5 So they went near and carried them by their tunics out of the camp, as Moses had said.

6 And Moses said to Aaron, and to Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons, "Do not uncover your heads nor tear your clothes, lest you die, and wrath come upon all the people. But let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the Lord has kindled.

7 You shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die, for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you." And they did according to the word of Moses.

8 Then the Lord spoke to Aaron, saying:

9 "Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations,

10 that you may distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean,

11 and that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord has spoken to them by the hand of Moses."

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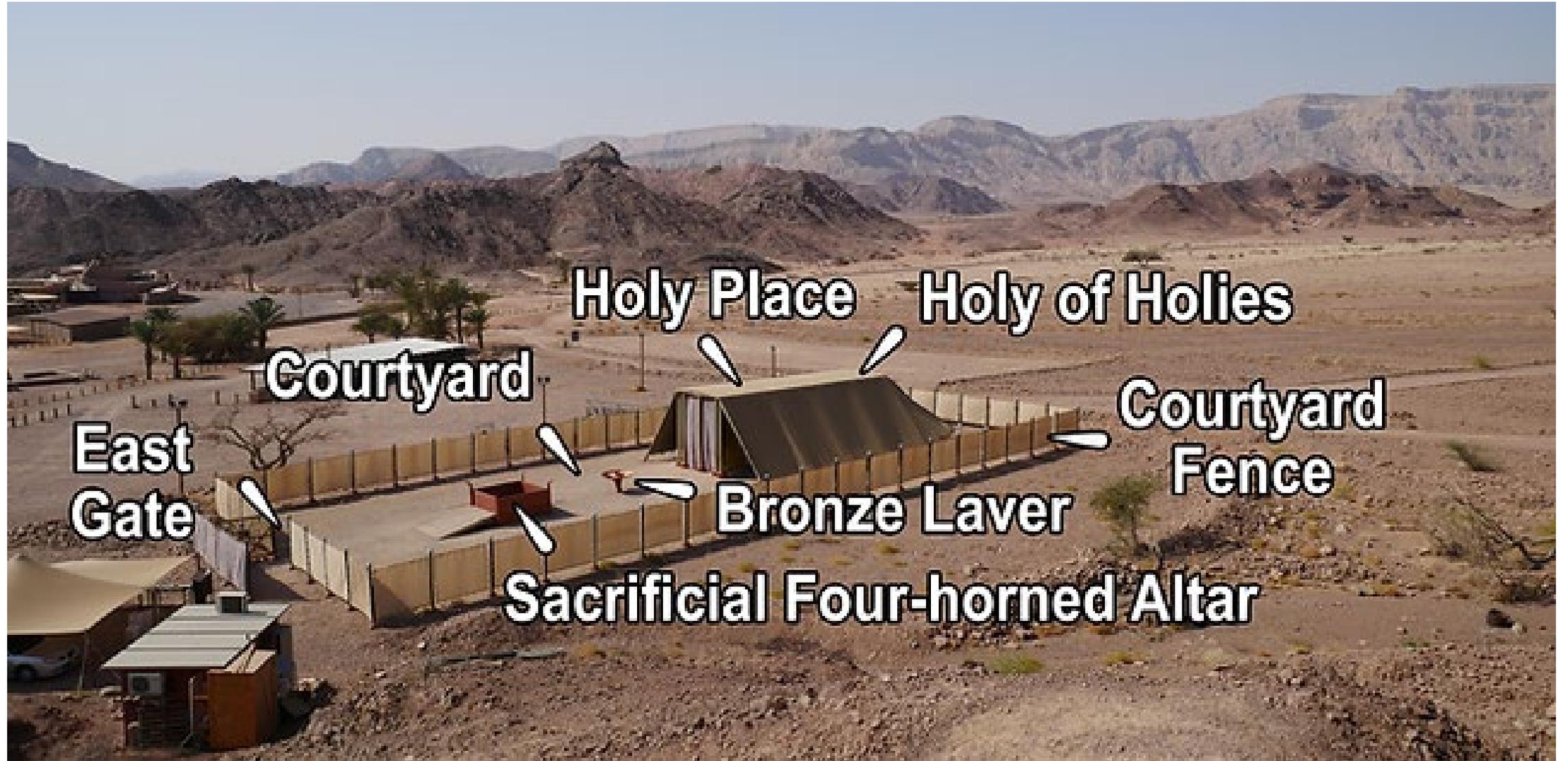


Leviticus 9

23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people,

24 and fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.





Holy Place

Holy of Holies

Courtyard

East Gate

Bronze Laver

Sacrificial Four-horned Altar

Courtyard Fence

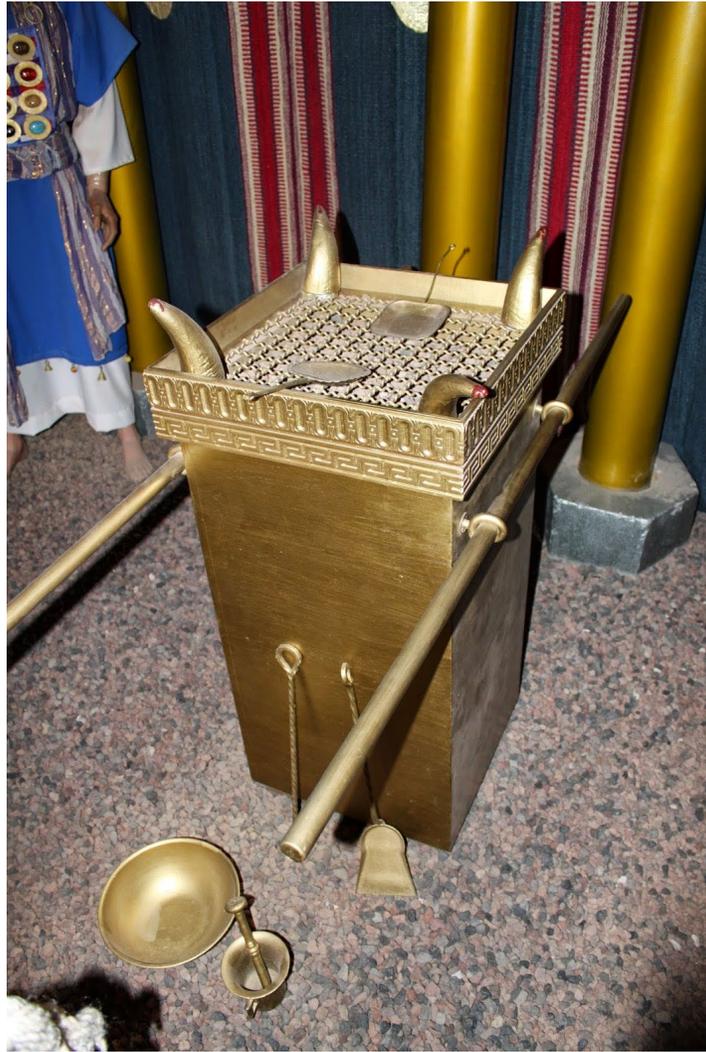






















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Leviticus 10

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Structure of Priesthood

- ❖ Aaron, son of Levi is High Priest
- ❖ Aaron's sons:
 - ❖ Nadab
 - ❖ Abihu
 - ❖ Elieazar
 - ❖ Ithamar



Profane Fire (esh zarah)

❖ They took hot coals from wrong place.

Exodus 30:9

9 You shall not offer strange incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering; nor shall you pour a drink offering on it.

Numbers 16:46

46 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a censer and put fire in it from the altar, put incense on it, and take it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them; for wrath has gone out from the Lord. The plague has begun."

❖ They were intoxicated.

❖ They attempted to enter the Holy of Holies.

Leviticus 10

3 Moses then said to Aaron, “This is what the LORD spoke of when he said: “ ‘Among those who approach me I will be proved holy; in the sight of all the people I will be honored.’ ” Aaron remained silent.

4 Moses summoned Mishael and Elzaphan, sons of Aaron’s uncle Uzziel, and said to them, “Come here; carry your cousins outside the camp, away from the front of the sanctuary.”

5 So they came and carried them, still in their tunics, outside the camp, as Moses ordered.

6 Then Moses said to Aaron and his sons Eleazar and Ithamar, “Do not let your hair become unkempt and do not tear your clothes, or you will die and the LORD will be angry with the whole community. But your relatives, all the Israelites, may mourn for those the LORD has destroyed by fire.

7 Do not leave the entrance to the tent of meeting or you will die, because the LORD’s anointing oil is on you.” So they did as Moses said.

Leviticus 10:3 - 7

❖ I must be regarded as Holy (**qadosh**)

❖ I must be glorified (**kabod**)

❖ Aaron, Eleazar, Ethamar – limitations to sorrow

“For our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:29)

❖ The anointing oil is upon you.

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No alcoholic drink or
fermented drink

You must distinguish
between holy and
profane in order that you
may teach Israel