

The Sanctuary: The Most Holy Place, pt. 2

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Text: Leviticus 16:2 ...and the Lord said to Moses: “Tell Aaron your brother not to come at *just* any time into the Holy *Place* inside the veil, before the mercy seat which *is* on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat.”

In the Most Holy Place

God’s Law

Reference verses: 1 Kings 8:9; Deuteronomy 10:5

- 1. Who told Moses to put the Ten Commandments into the ark?

Written by God’s Own Hand, Spoken with His Own Voice

Reference verses: Exodus 24:12; 30:18; 20:1

- 2. Why is it important to know that God both spoke and wrote the Ten Commandments Himself?

“Jesus opened them, and I saw the ten commandments written on them with the finger of God. On one table were four, and on the other six. The four on the first table shone brighter than the other six. But the fourth, the Sabbath commandment, shone above them all; for the Sabbath was set apart to be kept in honor of God’s holy name. The holy Sabbath looked glorious—a halo of glory was all around it. I saw that the Sabbath commandment was not nailed to the cross. If it was, the other nine commandments were; and we are at liberty to break them all, as well as to break the fourth. I saw that God had not changed the Sabbath, for He never changes.” – Ellen White, *Early Writings*, 32-33.

The Pot of Manna and Aaron’s Rod

Reference verses: Hebrews 9:4; Exodus 16:33-34; Numbers 17:10; Jeremiah 1:11-12

- 3. What is the reason for God instructing Moses to put the pot of manna and Aaron’s rod into the Ark?

“In the ark was the golden pot of manna, Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tables of stone which folded together like a book.” – Ellen White, *Early Writings*, 32.

Book of the Law

Reference verses: Deuteronomy 31:24-29; Matthew 5:21-42; Colossians 2:13-17

- 4. What purpose does the Book of the Law serve?

“In short, the laws given to regulate the daily life of national Israel were illustrations and applications of the principles of the decalogue...” – Leslie Hardinge, *With Jesus in His Sanctuary*, 221.

“All acts of injustice that tend to shorten life; the spirit of hatred and revenge, or the indulgence of any passion that leads to injurious acts toward others, or causes us even to wish them harm...a selfish neglect of caring for the needy or suffering; all self-indulgence or unnecessary deprivation or excessive labor that tends to injure health—all these are, to a greater or less degree, violations of the sixth commandment.” – Ellen White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, 308.

“But although the ceremonial laws are no longer to be carried out they should be carefully studied. They contain insights which all Christians need to have regarding the plan of salvation.” – Leslie Hardinge, *With Jesus in His Sanctuary*, 223.

- 5. How does a proper understanding of the law which was nailed to the Cross bring a clearer understanding Colossians 2:16-17?

Veil & Pillars

Reference verses: Exodus 36:35-36; Matthew 27:51; Hebrews 9:19-20; 4:14-16

- 6. Why is it significant that the veil between the Holy and Most Holy places was torn in two at the death of Christ on the Cross?

“By the rending of the veil of the temple, God said, I can no longer reveal my presence in the most holy place. A new and living Way, before which there hangs no veil, is offered to all. No longer need sinful, sorrowing humanity await the coming of the high priest.” – Ellen White, *The Youth’s Instructor*, June 21, 1900.

Helpful Books on the Sanctuary

M.L. Andreasen, *The Sanctuary Service*
Kenneth Cox, *The Sanctuary Pure and Simple*
Leslie Hardinge, *Outline Studies of the Sanctuary*
———, *With Jesus in His Sanctuary*
S.N. Haskell, *The Cross and Its Shadow*
Sarah Peck, *Path to the Throne of God*
Ellen White, *Christ in His Sanctuary*