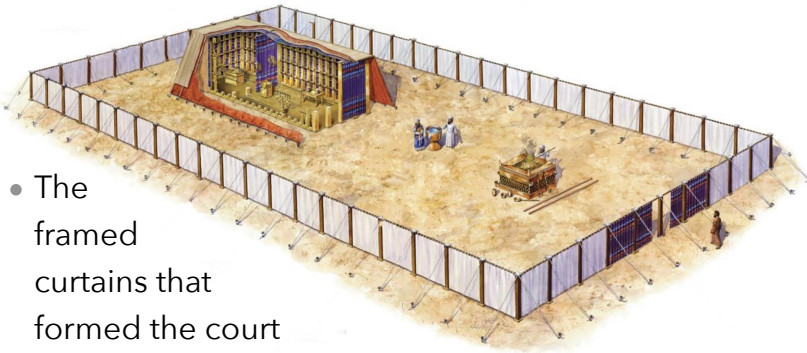


The Tabernacle

“And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may **dwelt** in their midst. Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.” (Exo 25:8-9)

Throughout **Exodus 25-30**, the LORD reveals that pattern for his dwelling place among the children of Israel.



- The framed curtains that formed the court (Exo 27:9-19)
- The bronze altar (Exo 27:1-8)
- The bronze basin (Exo 30:17-21)
- The tabernacle (Exo 26)
- The table for bread (Exo 25:23-30)
- The golden lampstand (Exo 25:31-40)
- The altar of incense (Exo 30:1-10)
- The ark of the covenant (Exo 25:10-22)

But what does this have to do with our search for our King? In **John 1**, notice how “the Word” who was with God and was God is described:

And the Word became flesh and **dwelt** (literally, “**tabernacled**”) among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (1:14)

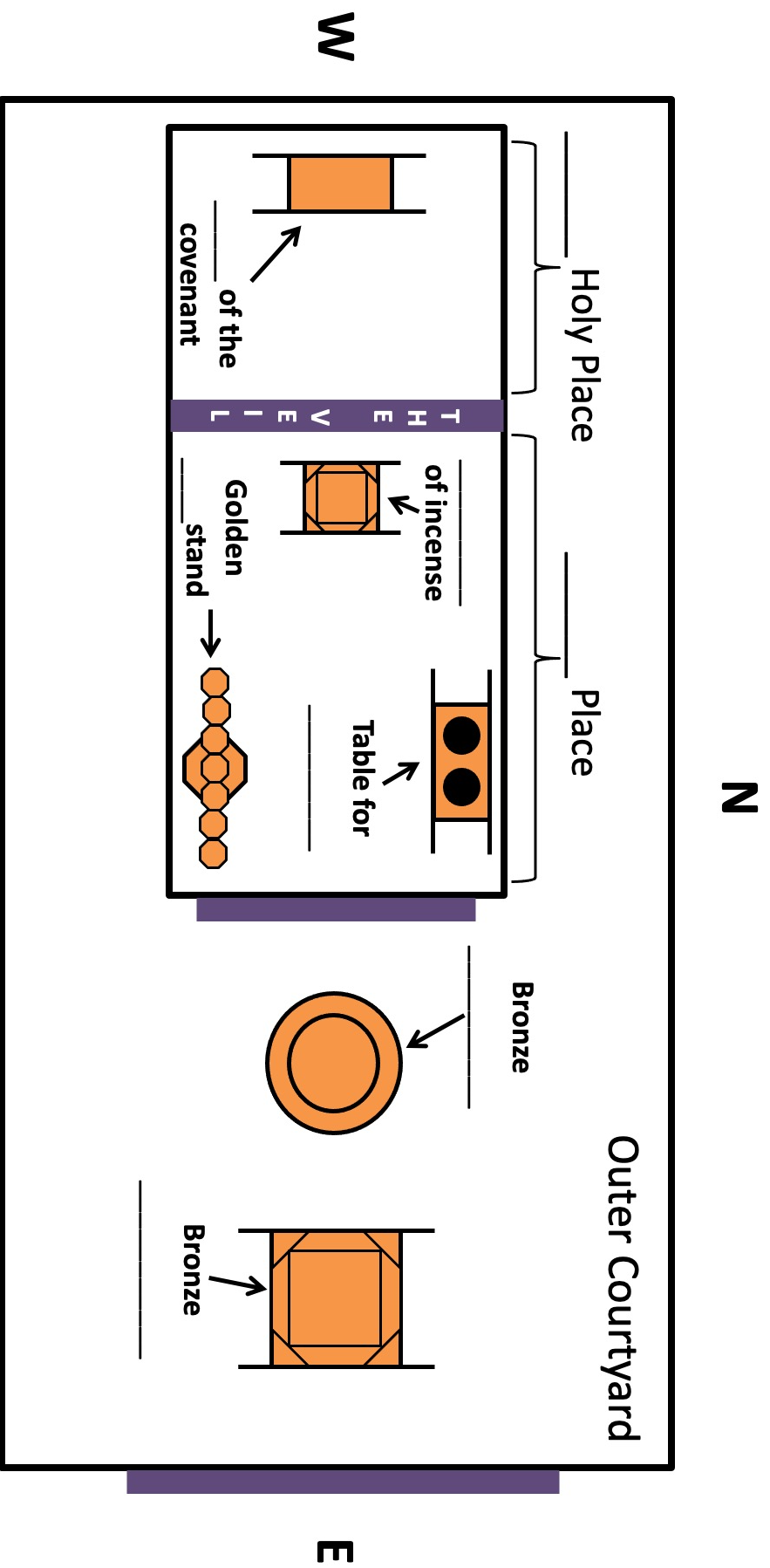
The writer of *Hebrews* goes on to describe Jesus’ deep connection to that Old Testament tabernacle:

- He entered “once for all” into the “greater and more perfect tent,” into “**heaven** itself,” thus “securing an eternal redemption” (9:11-12, 24)
- Therefore, we can have “confidence to **enter** the holy places by the blood of Jesus” (10:19-22)



For Class & Family Discussion:

- In **Hebrews 8**, that Old Testament tabernacle is described as “a copy and shadow of the heavenly things” (8:5). What does this mean?
- Let’s think through the various aspects of that original tabernacle; in what ways do they foreshadow Jesus?
 - The bronze altar?
 - The bronze basin?
 - The table for bread?
 - The golden lampstand?
 - The altar of incense?
 - The ark of the covenant?
- In what sense did the Son of God “**tabernacle**” among us (John 1:14)?
- Let’s revisit **Hebrews 9:24**. In your own words, what has Jesus accomplished for us?
- We heard the access opened up to us by Jesus described as “the new and living way” in **Hebrews 10:19-22**. What does this mean?



Use the words below to fill in the various blanks above:

- Altar • Holy • Ark • Basin • Most • Bread • Altar • Lamp