

# SYNOPSIS OF THE SANCTUARY

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**INTRO:** This will be a brief synopsis of the Sanctuary.

## 1. GOD INSTITUTES THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY

- **Exodus 25:8-9:** God tells them to make for Him a sanctuary. Why? TWO REASONS:
  1. "that I may dwell among them."
  2. To teach them His ways - (Psalm 63:2, 68:24, 73:17, 77:13)
- IT WAS A MODEL OF THE ONE IN HEAVEN: According to the pattern shown him.

## 2. IT IS A PATTERN OF AN ACTUAL SANCTUARY IN HEAVEN

- Hebrews 9:11: "greater and more perfect Tabernacle..." Hebrews 8:1-2: "true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man."
- Psalm 102:19: "He looked down from the height of His sanctuary, from heaven..." Jesus the H. Priest of that Sanctuary (vs 1).

## 3. THE ORDER OF THE WORK IN THE SANCTUARY

- Hebrews 9:1-8: Here is the order:
  1. **FIRST:** The inauguration (preparation).  
Compare verses 18, 22, 23 with Exo. 30:29-30, 40:9-13, Rev. 8:10-15.
  2. **SECOND:** Work in the Holy Place.
  3. **THIRD:** Work in the Most Holy Place.
- Difference between "entering into" and "working in" the heavenly Sanctuary. Note verses 6-7 "performing, etc"
- WORD STUDY: Greek "hagion" can refer either to the holy place, most holy place, or the Sanctuary as a whole.
- **Hebrews 9:8:** Holiest of all = "hagion hagion" repeated twice. This repetition always refers to the Most Holy!

## 4. THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY AND ITS WORK WAS A MODEL OF THE HEAVENLY SANCTUARY AND ITS WORK

- Hebrews 8:5 (copy and shadow - NKJV) Hebrews 9:9 (symbolic - NKJV) Hebrews 9:24 (copies - NKJV).
- As Moses (a type of Christ) dedicated the Earthly Sanctuary (Heb. 18-22) so Christ (verses 23-24).
- Where can we see that Christ dedicated the Sanctuary? Cf. John 20:16-17 w/ Hebrews 9:23-24.
- Everything transitions from EARTHLY to HEAVENLY (priests, covenants, temple, etc). **JOHN WROTE REVELATION IN AD 96:**
  1. The "door" of the Holy Place (Rev. 4:1, cF. Exo. 33:9-10, 35:15)
  2. The Holy Place (Rev. 4:5 - seven candlesticks, cf. Heb. 9:2).
  3. Slain lamb (Christ) is there (Rev. 5:6).
- THE ONLY VIEW OF THE MOST HOLY PLACE IN AD 96 IS REV. 11:19 - conspicuously he does not see Christ there!

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- That is because the work needed to get done in the Holy Place first, according to the Old Testament type.
- SEE POWERPOINT ON SYMBOLISM OF SANCTUARY.