What Happens at the Judgment?

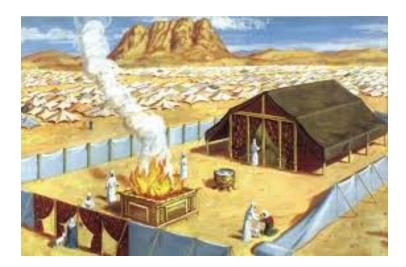
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As we have previously discussed, God told Moses to build a sanctuary so God could live among His people. We also remember that God made ALL the plans for the sanctuary Himself. He left nothing up to Moses.

Because God spent approximately 50 chapters in the Bible discussing the Sanctuary, it was obviously important to Him, so it should be important to us.

What can we learn from the Sanctuary? Answer: An amazing amount of information!



The Sanctuary was in the middle of the camp of Israelites



Inside the Sanctuary: The Holy Place and The Most Holy Place

There were five "compartments of the Sanctuary and the Camp

- 1) The Most Holy Place that contained ONLY the Ark, with God's presence (the Shekinah Glory) on top of the ark.
- 2) The Holy Place that contained, a) the table of shewbread (representing Jesus, the bread from heaven), b) the candelabrum (representing Jesus, the light of the world) and, c) the altar of incense (representing the prayers of the people rising up to God).
- 3) The Outer Court of the temple - where the Israelites brought their sacrifices
- 4) Inside the Camp (where the Israelites lived in their tents)
- 5) Outside the Camp

(Lesson 56) These 5 different areas of the Sanctuary and the Camp represent the 5 Eons of time – of history

1) **The first Eon** – before the creation of humanity and the recreation of the earth. Virtually all the versions of the Bible read this way in Genesis 1:1-2

"In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth **was** without form and void."

(Lesson 57) But God did NOT create the earth "without form and void." God said He created the earth to be inhabited.

"For this is what the LORD says-- he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty (void), but formed it to be inhabited..." Isaiah 45:18

This is the literal translation from the original Hebrew for Genesis 1:1-2

"In **a** beginning. God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth **BECAME** chaos and vacant. And darkness was over the abyss." Gen 1:1-2

The word "was" is not present in the Hebrew. (Strong's Concordance admits that.) The word Is always "became." And when we see the words darkness and abyss (as in "bottomless pit" (abussos in Rev 9:2) we realize that means "Satan has been there." (In Rev 9:2. Satan was in the "bottomless pit.")

What is an "Eon"?

(Lesson 58) An "Eon" is a period of time, the length of which is designated by God, with a beginning and an end. It is routinely MISTRANSLATED as: eternity, eternal, everlasting, and forever and ever – words that NEVER appear in the Bible in the original Greek or Hebrew. The word is ALWAYS "eon."

The **First eon** occurred BEFORE God created humanity. Apparently, God had created the earth, and Satan had already destroyed it.

Then God **re-created** it, and then created humanity. THAT is what we read in Genesis 1:3-31.

The First eon is symbolized by the area - - "Outside the camp" during the Exodus

On the Day of Atonement (Day of Reconciliation/Restoration) described in Leviticus 16, two goats were presented before the Lord. One was slain as a sacrifice (representing Jesus Christ's death on the Cross/pole), and one was taken into the wilderness (outside the camp), representing Satan. This symbolizes the Great Controversy between Christ and Satan – the War of Armageddon – a spiritual war for the hearts of mankind. The goat that

represented Satan was taken "Outside the camp." This represented the eventual elimination of Sin.

We don't know the length of that First eon.

The Second Eon: Was from creation, as we know it (Gen 1:3-31), until the flood of Noah's time. This is symbolized by the area "inside the camp" (where the Israelites were living). The Second Eon was approximately 1,500 years.

The Third Eon: Began with the flood of Noah's time and will end with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. This is the eon in which we are now living. The Bible refers to it as the "Evil Eon." This is symbolized by "Inside the temple Court." The Third Eon will be approximately 4,500 years.

Galatians 1:4 - See below:

King James Bible

Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present **evil** world, according to the will of God and our Father:

New International Version

who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present **evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father,

Concordant Version

Who gave himself for our sins, to rescue us from this present **Evil EON**, according to the will of our God and Father

The Fourth Eon: The Millennial Eon - is symbolized by the Holy Place within the Tabernacle (Sanctuary). We DO know the duration of this eon. The Bible tells us it is 1,000 years. That is why it is called "the Millennium" – a word that means 1,000 years.

The Fifth Eon: It begins with the Second Resurrection (of the Unsaved) and the Great White Throne Judgment (at the end of the Millennium). It is the period of time during which those who are "judged" at the "Judgment" will "reap what they have sown."

The Bible does not tell us how long this Eon is, but it will probably be 1,000 years. That will give ample time for those who lived before the flood (to over 900 years of age) to "reap what they have sown."

Also, if the last eon is 1,000 years in length, that means that the entire period of human history will be 8,000 years before everyone is saved and we ALL enter into eternity. The number "8" in the Bible represents "A New Beginning."

The Fifth Eon is symbolized by the Most Holy Place – where God's presence resided. And the Fifth Eon will reveal the TRIUMPH of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world – who, indeed, WILL SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD!

Summary of the Eons:

First Eon: Before God created humanity

Second Eon: From the creation of humanity until the Flood of Noah = 1,500 years

Third Eon: From the Flood until the Second Coming of Christ = 4,500 years

These Two Eons (the Second and the Third) equal 6,000 years (1,500 + 4,500) – the place where we are Right Now in earth's history - according to Creation Chronologists. This is one reason we know Christ's Second Coming is near.

In addition, the Bible prophecies of Christ's Second Coming (in Daniel and Revelation) are right now beginning to be fulfilled: Pestilence (pandemics), famines (soon coming), continuous wars (for at least the last 60 years), apostasy of the whole world – in rejecting Jesus Christ (including the complete apostasy in the "Christian" churches).

The Last Two Eons (the Fourth and Fifth Eons) are often referred to in the Bible (in the original Greek) as the "Eons of the Eons." That is where the unknowing translators came up with the term "Forever and Ever." (But HOW do you add an "Ever" to "Forever"?)

The Last Two Eons "right" the "wrongs" of the first TWO EONS of human history – the Second and Third Eons.

EON

165, alor aton, absorbn'; from the same as 104; prop. an age; by extens, perpetuity (also past); by impl. the world; spec. (Jewish) a Messianic period ipresent or future):—age, course, eternal, (for) ever (-more), [n-]ever, (beginning of the, while the) world (began, without end). Comp. 5550.

Strong's Concordance

166. always atomion, abec-o'-nec-os; from 165; perpetual (also used of past time, or past and future as well):—eternal, for ever, everlasting, world (began).

Strong's Concordance

PRESENT EON

Galatians 1

3588 1325 1438 5228 3588 266 2257 3704 1807 4 τοῦ δόντος ἐαυτὸν ὑπὲρ τῶν ἀμαρτιῶν ἡμῶν, ὅπως ἔξέληται . 5228 3588 He having given Himself for the sina of us, so as He might deliver, 2248 1537 3588 1764 4190 165 2596 3588 2307 ήμᾶς έκ τοῦ ἐνεστῶτος αἰῶνος πονηροῦ, κατὰ τὸ θέλημα τοῦ: us out of the present of evil, according to the will age 3962 3739/3588/1391/1519 3588 2316 2532 2257 Θεού και πατρός ήμων: 5 ώ ή δόξα είς τούς αίωνος τών God and Father of us; whose (is) the glory to the ages of the 165 281 αίώνων, άμην, Amen. ages.

Original Greek/English Interlinear

King James Version

vs 4 Who gave himself to our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

vs 5 To whom (be) glory for ever and ever Amen.

Direct Literal Translation -Concordant Bible

vs 3 Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the

vs 4 Lord Jesus Christ, Who gives Himself for our sins, so that He might extricate us out of the **present wicked**

vs 5 **eon**, according to the will of our God and Father, to Whom be glory for the **eons of the eons**. Amen!

COMING EON

Luke 18

3004 5213 3754 3762 2076 3739 863 3614 2228 Αμήν λέγω ύμιν ότι οὐδείς ἐστιν ος ἀφῆκεν οἰκίαν, ή Truly I say to you that no one there is who has left house, 'or 2228 1135 2228 5043 γονεῖς, ἢ ἀδελφούς, ἢ γυναῖκα, ἢ τέκνα, ἔνεκεν τῆς βασιλείας parents, or brothers, or wife, or children, for the sake of the kingdom 3588 2316 3739 3756 3361 618 1722 3588 2540 τοῦ Θεοῦ, 30 δς οὐ μὴ ἀπολάβη πολλαπλασίονα ἐν τῷ καιρῷ many times more in of God, who not at all receive 5129 2532 1722 3588 165 3588 2064 2222 τούτω, καὶ ἐν τῷ αἰῶνι τῷ ἐρχομένω ζωὴν αἰώνιον. life everlasting. this. and in the age coming

Original Greek/English Interlinear

King James Version

vs 29 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake,

vs 30 Who shall not receive many fold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Direct Literal Translation -Concordant Bible

Now He said to the, Verily, I am saying to you that there is no one who leaves house, or wife, or brothers, or parents, or children, on account of the kingdom of God, who may not by all means be getting back many fold in this era, and in the coming **eon**, **life eonian**.

EON OF THE EONS

Ephesians 3

3588 1161 1410 5228 3956 4160 5228 1537 4053 20. Τῷ δὲ δυνομένω ὑπὲρ πάντα ποιῆσαι ὑπὲρ ἐκ περισσοῦ to the (One) But being able beyond all things to do exceedingly above 3739 154 2228 3539 2596 3588 1411 3588 1754 ων αἰτούμεθα ή νοοῦμεν, κατὰ τὴν δύναμιν τὴν ἐνεργουor think, according to the what we ask power 846 3588 1391 1722 3588 1577 1722 5547 μένην έν ήμιν, 21 αὐτῷ ἡ δόξα έν τῆ ἐκκλησία ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ to Him (be) the glory in the church in Christ 1519 3956 3588 1074 3588 165 είς πάσας τὰς γενεὰς τοῦ αίῶνος τῶν αἰώνων. ἀμήν. the generations of the age of the ages.

Original Greek/English Interlinear

King James Version

vs 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him (be) glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout **all ages, world** without end. Amen

Direct Literal Translation -Concordant Bible vs 20 Now to Him Who is able to do super excessively above all that we are requesting or apprehending, according

vs 21 to the power that is operating in us, to Him be glory in the ecclesia and in Christ Jesus for all the generations of **eons of the eons**. Amen!

EONS OF THE EONS

Revelation 11

Original Greek/English Interlinear

1096 4537 2532 15. Καὶ ὁ ἔβδομος ἄγγελος ἐσάλπισε, καὶ ἐγένοντο φωναὶ angel trumpeted, and there were voices And the seventh 3004 1095 3588 1722 3588 3772 μεγάλαι έν τῷ σὐρανῷ, λέγουσαι, Έγένοντο αἱ βασιλεῖαι Heaven. became saying. 2257 2532 3588 5547 3588 2962 τοῦ κόσμου, τοῦ Κυρίου ήμιῶν, καὶ τοῦ Χριστοῦ αὐτοῦ, καὶ of Him, and of the Lord of us, and the Christ of the world, 3588 165 2532 3588 1501 2532 1519 3588 165 βασιλεύσει είς τούς αίῶνας τῶν αἰώνων. 16 καὶ οἱ εἴκὸσι καὶ of the ages. He shall reign to the ages

King James Version vs 15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in the heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become (the kingdoms) of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for **ever and ever**.

Direct Literal Translation -Concordant Bible And the seventh messenger trumpets. And loud voices occurred in heaven, saying, The kingdom of this world became our Lord's and His Christ's, and He shall be reigning for the **eons of the eons!** Amen!

CONCLUSION OF THE EONS

Hebrews 9

Original Greek/English Interlinear

3761 2443 4178 4374 1438 5618 3588 25 ისგ ' ίνα πολλάκις προσφέρη ξαυτόν, ώσπερ δ վեւմ հ. often He should offer Himself, 749 1525 1519 3588 39 2596 1763 1722 129 ἀρχιερεύς εἰσέρχεται εἰς τὰ ἄγια κατ ' ἐνιαυτὸν ἐν αἵματι high priest enters into the Holies (year by) year with blood 245 1893 1163 846 4178 3958 575 2602 άλλοτρίψ 26 έπεὶ ἔδει αὐτὸν πολλάκις παθεῖν ἀπὸ καταβολῆς of others; since must He often to have suffered from foundation 3586 1161 530 1909 165 4930 3588 κόσμου νῦν δὲ ἄπαξ ἐπὶ συντελεία τῶν αἰώνων εἰς ἀθέτησιν of (the) world; now but once at (the) completion of the ages for putting away 1223 3588 2378 846 5319 άμαρτίας διὰ τῆς θυσίας αὐτοῦ πεφανέρωται. 27 through the sacrifice of Him He has been revealed.

King James Version

vs 25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

vs 26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the **end of the world** hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Direct Literal Translation -Concordant Bible vs 25 now to be disclosed to the face of God for our sakes. Nor yet is it that He may be offering Himself often, even as the chief priest is entering into the holies of holies year

vs 26 by year by the blood of others, since then he must often be suffering from the disruption of the world, yet now, once, at the **conclusion of the eons** or the repudiation of sin through His sacrifice, is He manifest.

We know that the word "Eon" does NOT mean "eternity" because the Bible speaks of the "Conclusion of the Eons." But we know that "eternity" is NEVER "concluded."

These are the Incorrect ways that the Bible translators have translated the words "Eon" and "Eonian"

EONIAN, aionion

Variously translated: Aeonian, age-abiding, long ages, of the ages, past ages, periods of past ages, remote-age times, commencement, eternal, eternally, eternity, everlasting,

NOTE: The Concordant Version is a literal, direct, word-for-word translation from the Greek to English.

	<u>Concordant</u>	King James Version
Mt. 18: 8	eonion fire	everlasting fire
19:16	eonion fire	eternal life
:29	eonian life	everlasting life
25:46	eonian chastening	everlasting punishment

:46	eonion life	life eternal
Mk. 3:29	eonian sin	eternal damnation
Lu. 18:18	eonian life	eternal life
:30	eonian life	life everlasting
Jn. 4:36	eonion life	life eternal
5:24	eonion life	everlasting life
:39	eonion life	eternal life
6:27	eonion life	everlasting life
Ro. 16:25	in times eonian	since the world began
:26	eonian God	everlasting God
2Th. 1: 9	eonian extermination	everlasting destruction
2Ti 1: 9	before eonian times	before the world began
Hb. 5: 9	eonian salvation	eternal salvation
6: 2	eonian judgment	eternal judgment
9:12	eonian redemption	eternal redemption
Rv. 14: 6	eonian evangel	everlasting gospel

Is There Really an Unpardonable Sin?

So, how does this make a difference? Well, one very important result of properly translating the word "eon" pertains to the study of what is often referred to as "The Unpardonable Sin" where the King James Version states "And whosever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall NOT be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in the world to come." Matt 12:32.

However, the word is NOT "world" but "eon." Thus, the text really reads, in the original Greek, "it shall not be forgiven him, **neither in this eon, nor in the eon to come."** That means that "the sin against the Holy Ghost will not be forgiven him" in the eon that these words were written in (the present eon we are living in), nor in the eon to come-which is the millennial eon. The Bible teaches that the wicked will be dead during the millennial eon, so naturally "his sin" will not be forgiven him while he is dead. But the Bible states that there is ANOTHER eon after that, the Fifth and Final Eon of time, when the wicked are resurrected and the Great White Throne Judgement takes place, and the Unsaved will "reap what they have sown."

When that person finally recognizes his need for Jesus Christ to run his life, and asks for forgiveness for his sins, then they WILL be forgiven him in that LAST Eon!

(Lesson 59) There is NO "Unpardonable Sin."

"He forgives ALL our sins, and heals ALL our diseases." (In THAT order) Psalms 103:3

The Furniture in the Sanctuary: The Holy Place



The Meaning of the Table of Shewbread (Showbread)

The table of showbread was a constant reminder of God's everlasting covenant with his people and his provision for the 12 tribes of Israel, represented by the 12 loaves.

In John 6:35, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (NLT) Later, in verse 51, he said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

The Meaning of the Candelabra

Once inside the sanctuary, light came from the candelabra, representing **Christ as the Light of the World**, as well as the light of God's truth spread from activity of the seven churches.

The Meaning of the Altar of Incense

Past the table of shewbread, stood the **altar of incense**, **representing the prayers of the saints**. Barring one's way into the Holy of Holies, into the very presence of God, was the veil. Once behind it, a person would be before the Mercy Seat (God's Shekinah Glory), in the very presence of God.

The Most Holy Place

The ONLY thing in the Most Holy Place was the Ark of the Covenant (Covenant = Ten Commandments) with the Glory of the Lord (Shekinah Glory) above it.

The ONLY thing INSIDE the Ark was the Ten Commandments (the Covenant between God and humanity). That is why it was called the Ark of the Covenant (or Testament).

"There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, that Moses put there at Horeb (Sinai), when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt." 1 Kings 8:9



On the SIDE of the Ark (NOT "INSIDE" the Ark) – were two objects: 1) Aaron's rod that budded, and 2) a vessel of Manna

What was the significance of Aaron's rod that budded?

Answer: Aaron's rod, or staff, played an important part in God's plan to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. In ancient Israelite culture, a rod was a symbol of authority. Shepherds used rods to guide and correct their flocks (<u>Psalm 23:4</u>). When God called the shepherd Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt, He demonstrated His power by performing miracles using Moses' rod (<u>Exodus 4:1–5; Numbers 20:11</u>). God also chose Moses' brother, <u>Aaron</u>, to perform miracles with his own rod (<u>Exodus 7:19; 8:5, 16</u>).

Aaron's rod was the one that turned into a snake in Pharaoh's court; when the Egyptian magi also turned their staffs into snakes, the snake that had been Aaron's rod swallowed theirs up (Exodus 7:8–10). It was Aaron's rod that God used to turn the water of Egypt into blood (Exodus 7:19–21). And it was Aaron's rod that summoned the plagues of the frogs (Exodus 8:5–6) and gnats (verses 16–17). After Moses and Aaron had led the Israelites out of captivity, God set apart Aaron and his sons as priests (Exodus 28:1; Numbers 18:1). The rest of the Levites were to minister to the Lord in the tabernacle, offer sacrifices, and hear from God for the good of the whole nation.

The most famous story of Aaron's rod begins with a few of the Levites becoming disgruntled about the extra authority given to Moses and Aaron. In <u>Numbers 16</u>, Korah, who was also a Levite, joined with two others, <u>Dathan</u> and Abiram, to incite a rebellion against Moses and Aaron. In verse 3 <u>Korah</u> says to Moses, "You have gone too far! The whole community of Israel has been set apart by the Lord, and he is with all of us. What right do you have to act as though you are greater than the rest of the Lord's people?"

Because of this defiance of the Lord's authority, God caused the earth to open up and swallow these three men and their families (verses 28–33).

However, rather than submit to the Lord, the other tribal leaders jointed the revolt. Numbers 16:41 says, "But the very next morning the whole community of Israel began muttering again against Moses and Aaron, saying, 'You have killed the Lord's people!" The Lord desired to wipe out the whole company, but Moses and Aaron fell on their faces and pleaded with Him not to destroy them. God relented and, instead, sent a plague throughout the company of rebellious Israel; the plague killed 14,700 of them (verse 49).

To put an end to the unrest, God once again used Aaron's rod for a miracle. God commanded Moses to have the leader of each tribe of Israel bring his rod or staff to the tent of meeting, with Aaron's rod representing the tribe of Levi. Each of the twelve leaders was to have his name inscribed on his rod. The Lord told Moses, "Buds will sprout on the staff belonging to the man I choose. Then I will finally put an end to the people's murmuring and complaining against you" (Numbers 17:5). They left their rods before the Lord, and in the morning "Aaron's staff, representing the tribe of Levi, had sprouted, budded, blossomed, and produced ripe almonds" (verse 8). Aaron's rod didn't just sprout buds; it brought forth flowers and fruit, a clear demonstration of the power of the One who gives life. Verse 10 says, "And the Lord said to Moses: 'Place Aaron's staff permanently before the Ark of the Covenant to serve as a warning to rebels. This should put an end to their complaints against me and prevent any further deaths."

(Lesson 60) Aaron's rod that budded revealed that God picks HIS people. They are not picked by organizations composed of human beings.

What was the significance of the vessel of Manna?

Moses said, "This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Keep an omer of manna for the generations to come, so that they may see the bread I fed you in the wilderness when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'"

So Moses told Aaron, "Take a jar and fill it with an omer of manna. Then place it before the LORD to be preserved for the generations to come." And Aaron placed it in front of the Testimony, to be preserved just as the LORD had commanded Moses.... Exodus 16:33

Nearly a month and a half since the departure from Rameses in Egypt, the food that was prepared and stored for the journey was now depleted. But instead of beseeching God for their needs, the Israelites once again complained and murmured against Moses and Aaron. Moses reminded them that their complaints were not against him but against God Himself. Once again, though, God extended His patience and mercy to His people.

He used the next miracle for a test. God now provides the Israelites with their physical daily bread. They called it "manna," meaning "What is it?" as it was a food item never before seen by human beings. Indeed, the Bible says it was "angels' food" (Psalm 78:25—not that angels, as spiritual beings, needed food but simply that they were allowed to enjoy the pleasure of eating, as we earlier read about them dining at Abraham's home, see Genesis 18). There were miracles contained in this new provision for the Israelites. Besides the actual miraculous appearance of the food itself, God gave specific instructions for its collection and storage. Storing the manna on any of six days of the week would result in spoilage and a foul odor. Yet this spoilage would not take place when twice as much manna was collected on Friday and stored for the Sabbath day (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset). The manna would now nourish the Israelites for the next 40 years until God allowed them into the Promised Land. God also commanded that a certain amount be set aside in a container to be preserved as a reminder of His promises—and this manna, kept in a golden pot and eventually stored in the side of the Ark of the Covenant (Hebrews 9:4), was miraculously kept from spoiling and stinking for centuries! The miraculous bread from heaven was given as a type of the "true bread from heaven," Jesus Christ (John 6:32-35).

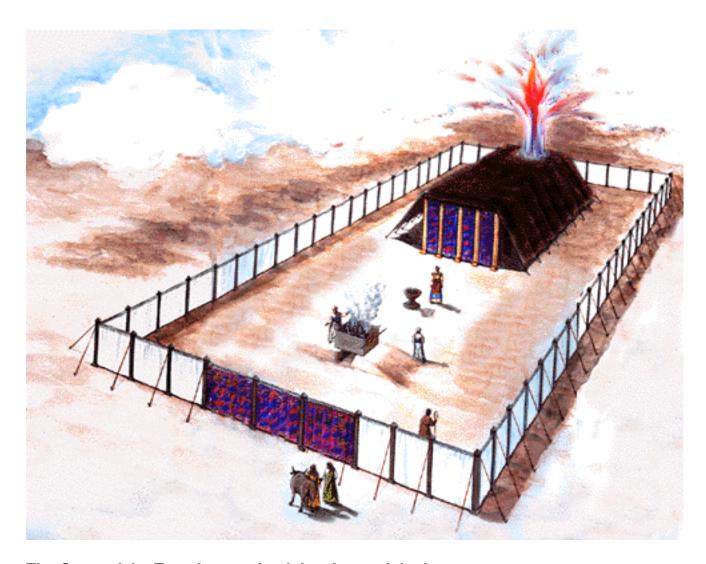
God provided His people with the nourishment that they needed. For their part, the Israelites were expected to be obedient to God's laws, which He was beginning to reveal to them. Indeed, take note here that this episode preceded the events at Mount Sinai, wherein the Israelites were presented with the Ten Commandments and entered into what is now called the Old Covenant. The evidence from scriptures such as Exodus 15:26 and 16:28 as well as others (e.g., Genesis 2:3; 7:2; 26:5) prove that God's laws and statutes were in effect well *before* the Israelites even arrived at Mount Sinai. Thus, the Old Covenant is not what brought those laws into force—the fallacy argued by those who attempt to say that God's law was done away when the Old Covenant ended at Christ's death.

(Lesson 61) Again, God provided the miracle of the manna not just to feed the people but to teach them to *keep the Sabbath* (see verse 29)—to obey His *law* (verse 28)—*before* the covenant at Mount Sinai. And He gave it as a *test* (verse 4). Even today, the Sabbath remains a real *test* commandment, one that really shows in a public manner who is fully committed to the way of God. Indeed, in today's society, others will readily accept us if we live according to a code of not stealing, not murdering, not committing adultery, not cursing God, etc. But keeping the Sabbath? That's another matter. That's just plain "weird," some would say.

Sabbath-keepers have lost jobs and gone through all manner of other problems to observe the seventh day as God has commanded. In the end, though, their lives are always better for it—because keeping the Sabbath results in real blessing. Nevertheless, it sometimes takes real faith and courage to live by this conviction. No wonder the Sabbath is a true identifying *sign* of God's people (see Exodus 31:13)—a visible *badge* that shows who is willing to walk in God's way no matter what the obstacles are. Of course, this is not to say that everyone who observes the Sabbath is

truly committed to God—it could be a pretense, as it was for most of the Pharisees in Jesus' day. Still, the Sabbath is an important outward sign that God has given to His people. And in today's society, it is a real test commandment.

In the Temple Court



The Court of the Temple contained the altar and the Laver

The first piece of furniture in the outer court of the temple was the altar. It was wood covered with brass (or copper at that time). It was a perfect square with horns on each of the 4 corners. It was where the blood sacrifices of clean lambs and goats would be

offered in the heat of fire unto God for atonement (the Reconciliaton/Restoration - the covering and forgiveness of sins) (Exodus 27:1-8, Leviticus 17:11).

The second piece of furniture was a washing basin for the priests called the laver (lavatory – place of washing). It came after the altar of sacrifice and before the entrance to the sanctuary. It was made of polished copper. Its purpose was "to wash". The priests had to daily wash their hands and feet from dirt and contamination before they worshipped God at the altar or entered the sanctuary to serve. The laver was not for the shedding of sacrificial blood for sin but for the washing of dirt. One had to be clean to serve. (Exodus 30:18-21).

Significance:

Again, the 'washing with water" at the laver represents baptism – the cleansing of the Outside, while the "Fire" represents the "cleansing of the inside of humanity – from sin.

What were Christians called before Christ was born?

Hebrew: Before Christ was born, and before there was a temple in Jerusalem in JUDEA, those who followed the True God and looking forward to the coming Messiah were called "Hebrews."

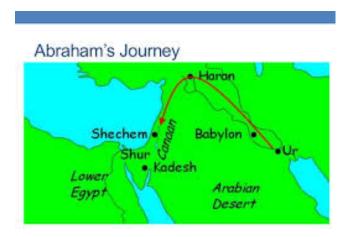
In Genesis 14:13, **Abraham** is described as Avram Ha-Ivri ("**Abram** the **Hebrew**"), which translates literally as "**Abram** the one who stands **on the other side**."

Hebrew - Wikipedia

The Biblical term Ivri - Hebrew - meaning "to traverse" or "to pass over."

- ² And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Your fathers **dwelt on the other side of the flood** (the Euphrates River) in old time, even Terah, the father of **Abraham**, and the father of Nachor: **and they served other gods** (they were pagans).
- ³ And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. Joshua 24:2-3

²⁸ And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his nativity, in **Ur of the Chaldees.** Genesis 11:27-28



Abraham **CROSSED OVER** the Euphrates River to get from Ur of the Chaldees (Babylon) to Canaan, and Abraham **CROSSED OVER** from being a pagan to worshiping the one True God. Therefore, Abraham was called a HEBREW!



²⁷ Now these are the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot.



Greatest Ziggurat of Ur of the Chaldeans in Mesopotamia

The total straight line distance between Babylon and Ur is **1142 KM** (**kilometers**) and 583.07 meters. The **miles** based distance from Babylon to Ur is **710 miles**.

Judean: After the Temple in **Jerusalem**, **in JUDEA**, was built, the worshipers of the True God who were looking forward to the Messiah, were called **JUDEANS**.



Gentile: More generally, **gentile** refers to a person who doesn't acknowledge a particular god or belief. The root is the Latin gentilis, whose **meaning** of "fellow countryman or family member" changed over time to **mean** "foreign, heathen, **pagan**."

"Pour out Your fury on the **Gentiles**, who do not know You, And on the families who do not call on Your name; For they have eaten up Jacob, Devoured him and consumed him, And made his dwelling place desolate." (New King James Version) Jeremiah 10:25

"Pour out thy fury upon the **heathen** that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate." Jeremiah 10:25 (King James Version)

HEATHEN - Definition from the KJV Dictionary - AV1611

1. A pagan; a Gentile; one who worships idols, or is unacquainted with the true God.

So, there were the JUDEANS, who worshiped the true God in the temple in Jerusalem in JUDEA - - -

Versus

The heathen or pagans, incorrectly called Gentiles, who worshiped pagan idols.

The terms JUDEAN (INCORRECTLY translated "Jew") and GENTILE described their form of worship, NOT their ethnicity.

The word "Jew" is NOT in the Bible, in the original scriptures. The word is ALWAYS "JUDEAN" and refers to a person who worshiped the True God and was looking forward to the coming Messiah.

Jesus said, "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in **Jerusalem, and in all Judea** and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8

People of the Way: After Jesus began His ministry, His followers were first called People of "The Way" probably because Jesus said, "I am **the Way**, the Truth, and the Life." John 14:6

9 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,² And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of **this way**, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

But when some were becoming hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of **the Way** before the people, he withdrew from them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. Acts 19:9

"About that time there occurred no small disturbance concerning **the Way**." Acts 19:23

Paul admitted, "I persecuted **this Way** to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons. Acts 22:4

"But this I admit to you, that according to **the Way** which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets;" Acts 24:14

"But Felix, having a more exact knowledge about **the Way**, put them off, saying, "When Lysias the commander comes down, I will decide your case." Acts 24:22

The Riot in Ephesus – when Paul and friends were speaking against the goddess Diana (Artemis)

²³ About that time there arose a great disturbance about **the Way.** ²⁴ A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there. ²⁵ He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said: "You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from this business. ²⁶ And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. ²⁷ There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty."

²⁸ When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!" ²⁹ Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, and all of them rushed into the theater together. ³⁰ Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him. ³¹ Even some of the officials of the province, friends of Paul, sent him a message begging him not to venture into the theater.

³² The assembly (ecclesia: obviously NOT a "church") was in confusion: Some were shouting one thing, some another. Most of the people did not even know why they were there. ³³ The Jews in the crowd pushed Alexander to the front, and they shouted instructions to him. He motioned for silence in order to make a defense before the people. ³⁴ But when they realized he was a Jew, they all shouted in unison for about two hours: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

³⁵ The city clerk quieted the crowd and said: "Fellow Ephesians, doesn't all the world know that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of her image, which fell from heaven? ³⁶ Therefore, since these facts are undeniable, you ought to calm down and not do anything rash. ³⁷ You have brought these men here, though they have neither robbed temples nor blasphemed our goddess. ³⁸ If, then, Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen have a grievance against anybody, the courts are open and there are proconsuls. They can press charges. ³⁹ If there is anything further you want to bring up, it must be settled in a legal assembly. ⁴⁰ As it is, we are in danger of being charged with rioting because of what happened today. In that case we would not be able to account for this commotion, since there is no reason for it." ⁴¹ After he had said this, he dismissed the **assembly**." Acts 19:23-41

Believers in Christ were first called "Christians" in Antioch:

19 Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews.

²⁰But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists*also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus.

²¹The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord.

²²News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

²³When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion;

²⁴for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.

²⁵Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,

²⁶and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with* the church and taught a great many people, **and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'.**

(Lesson 62) Before Christ was born, the followers of the true God were first called: Hebrews

After the Temple in Jerusalem in Judean was built, the followers of the true God were called **Judeans**.

After Christ began His ministry, His followers were first called People of "the Way."

In Antioch, the believers were first called Christians.

The words Hebrew and Judean do NOT mean "Jew." The word "Jew" NEVER appears in the Bible in the original Scriptures in Hebrew or Greek!

The Israelites were CHRISTIANS. They were NOT Jews. Judaism did not begin until 300 years AFTER Christ, when the Pharisees wrote down their Oral Traditions that Jesus rebuked so strongly saying, "By your traditions, you make the word of God of No Effect." When they were written down, they were called The Jewish Babylonian Talmud, the "holiest" book of the Jews — a book that promotes pedophilia, sodomy, slaughter of ALL Gentiles, lying, cheating, and says that "Jesus Christ is boiling in hot excrement in hell" and that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was a whore.

What Happens at the Judgment?

The Bible tells us What Happens at the Judgment:

"But judgment shall return unto righteousness." Psalm 94:15

"For when God's judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness (to do right)." Isaiah 26:9

Judgment is to turn (return) the unsaved back to righteousness (right-doing) AFTER they have reaped what they have sown.

"Be not deceived. God will not be mocked. Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap." Gal 6:7

No one will get away with anything. Everyone will pay for his or her sins by "reaping what they have sown."

We now know that there is another Eon AFTER the Millennial Eon, the period of time during which the Unsaved WILL reap what they have sown, but NOT to eternal suffering or annihilation. They will "reap what they have sown" until they recognize their need for Jesus Christ to run their life – until they "learn righteousness" - - - how to Do Right!

Then, "Death will be abolished, and God will be ALL in ALL." 1 Cor 15:26-28

Then, "At the name of Jesus **every knee will bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and *that* **every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ** *is* **Lord**, **to the glory of God the Father**." Phil 2:10-11

It doesn't glorify God unless the "bowing" and "confessing" are genuinely from the heart.

(Lesson 63) What Happens at the Judgment? Universal Restoration: God will Save ALL!

"God is the Savior of ALL mankind." 1 Timothy 4:10

Conclusion:

Lesson 56: The 5 different areas of the Sanctuary and the Camp represent the 5 Eons of time – of history.

Lesson 57: God did NOT create the earth "without form and void." He created the earth to be inhabited. It was Satan who destroyed it.

Lesson 58: An "eon" is a period of time with a beginning and an end, the duration of which is designated by God. The word "eon" does NOT mean eternity, or eternal, or everlasting, or forever and ever.

Lesson 59: There is NO "Unpardonable sin."

Lesson 60: God is the One who picks those to work specifically for Him. They are not picked by human organizations, including churches.

Lesson 61: God not only provides our physical needs, including our food – if we trust Him with everything in our life, He also provides for our spiritual needs. That's one reason He has given us the Seventh-day, Saturday, Sabbath to spend with Him every week.

Lesson 62: Believers in the True God were first called Hebrews, then Judeans, then "People of the Way" and then, in Antioch, they were first called Christians. The words Hebrew and Judean do NOT mean "Jew." The word "Jew" NEVER appears in the original Scriptures in either Hebrew or Greek!

Lesson 63: What Happens at the Judgment? God will allow everyone to reap what he has sown, until they recognized they need Jesus Christ to run their life. Then He will SAVE ALL: Universal Restoration!

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