

THE EARTHLY SANCTUARY
OF THE OLD COVENANT
Hebrews 9:1-10

I. The Construction of the Tabernacle

skēnē - tent, tabernacle, (made of green boughs, or skins or other materials); of that well known movable temple of God after the pattern of which the temple at Jerusalem was built.

A. The Holy Place

hágion - the interior (either the outer or the inner of the two rooms) of the sanctuary of the Jerusalem Temple or of the earlier tabernacle or of a corresponding 'spiritual holy place,' perhaps regarded as being in heaven

i. The Lampstand

Exodus 25:31-39; 36:25

ii. The Table and the Showbread

Exodus 25:23-30

B. The Most Holy Place (*hágion hágion*)

i. The Golden Censer

Leviticus 16:12-15

ii. The Ark of the Covenant

Exodus 25:10-22

Exodus 16:32-34

Numbers 17:10-11

1 Kings 8:9

Exodus 25:18-22

Hebrews 4:16

II. The Priestly Functions in the Tabernacle

A. In the Holy Place

Exodus 27:20-21

Leviticus 24:8-9

B. In the Holy of Holies

Leviticus 16 – Yom Kippur

III. Unable to Clear the Conscience

syneidēsis - the psychological faculty which can distinguish between right and wrong; the soul as distinguishing between what is morally good and bad, prompting to do the former and shun the latter, commending one, condemning the other.

teleiōō - to make perfect in the moral sense

1 Timothy 1:5

Titus 1:15

Hebrews 10:1-2

dióρθōsis - the process of establishing a new order; to make straight

Closing Thought: The sacrifices in the Tabernacle could never clear the conscience of the worshippers as to their sin. There is only one way to a clear conscience before God. A conscience that is perfected within, not with external actions, rather by faith in the finished work of the Better One, Jesus.