

# Christ Pictured in the Tabernacle - 1

Sermon 22 in the Hebrews Series

## Hebrews 9:1-14

### I. Two Implications of the New Covenant

#### A. The Role of the Holy Spirit in Evangelism.

Israel was the ONLY nation in covenant with God. **Romans 9:1-7**

In the Mosaic Covenant evangelism went on within the covenant community.

Evangelism does not take place within in the New Covenant community. **8:10-12**

In the New Covenant evangelism takes place in all the world – Matt. 28:18-20

#### B. The Eternal State has broken into the Present Reality

Our present spiritual realities are part of what we will enjoy for all eternity.  
We live in the tension of the “already” and the “not yet”.

The Kingdom of God has come – and will remain on this earth until the final day  
when Christ brings heaven and earth together.

“A pessimistic outlook for the future puts undue emphasis on the “notyetness” of Christ’s kingdom, implicitly denying its “alreadyness.” The citizens of the kingdom are to work, not in the expectation of defeat but in the confidence of victory. Satan’s defeat occurred two thousand years ago; his final doom is certain (Rev. 20:10). Yet our optimism should be tempered by remembering that the eradication of evil is reserved for the last day (Rev. 20:14).”

■ Daniel Dunlap in *Tabletalk Magazine*)

### Initial observations from Hebrews 9

v. 1-10 deal with the OT system. v. 1 and 10 – ordinances

The New Covenant has ordinances too – culminating in the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. **Rev. 19:6-10.**

Why talk about the Tabernacle and not the Temple?

The focus of this section of Scripture through 10:18 will be The Day of Atonement.

v. 1 – “*the earthly sanctuary*” lets us know the author is now going to explain the Tabernacle as it stood on earth – and not the spiritual reality that exists in Heaven – where Christ now ministers.

## **I. The Holy Place – the First Room of the Tabernacle v. 2**

The lampstand, the table and the showbread.

### **A. The Solid Gold Lampstand Ex. 25:31**

The Lampstand had a practical purpose.

It was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ, who came to be the true light sent by God -  
John chapter 1; John 8:12; John 12:46.

### **B. The Table and the Showbread (Table of Presence)**

**Numbers 4:7**

The Table and the bread are considered “one” – you need both.

Symbolized the willingness of God to abide and commune with His people

David’s men ate of this bread when fleeing from Saul – 1 Samuel 21

## **II. The Most Holy Place (Holy of Holies) – the Inner Room v. 3-5**

The Golden Censer (Altar), the Ark of the Covenant, the manna,  
Aaron’s rod that budded, the tables of the Covenant

### **A. The Golden Altar (Censer) -- Gk. *Thumiaterion***

Why did the KJV and NKJV translate it *Golden Censer*?

The LXX uses *thumiaterion* for the altar and then uses the same word to describe the censer. King Uzziah used the censer to burn incense – which was only allowed for the priests and God struck him with leprosy.  
1 Chron. 26:19.

**Lev. 16:12-13** -- the work of the High Priest on the Day of Atonement.

The author is focusing on the Day of Atonement – which Christ fulfilled for us – once and for all – by the sacrifice of Himself!

The High Priest alone would take the censer from the Golden Altar and enter the Most Holy Place once a year. Inside the Holy of Holies he would see the Ark of the Covenant.

### **B. The Ark of the Covenant**