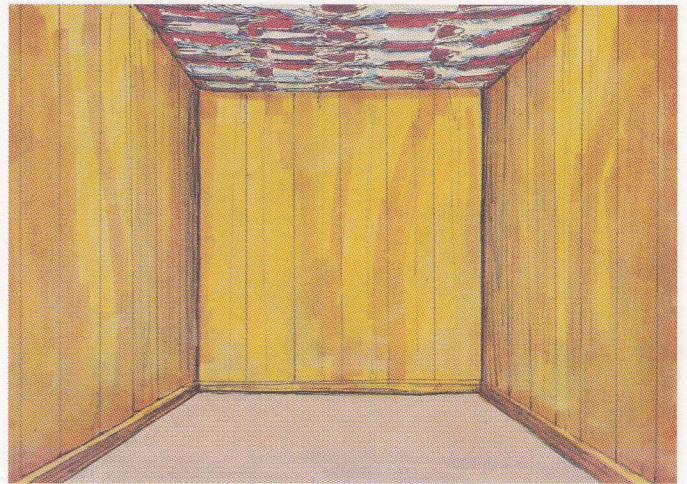


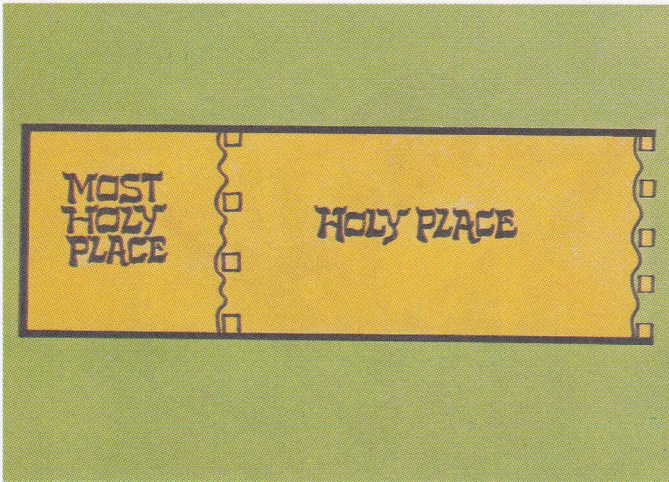
The Tabernacle



1 The Lord said to Moses, "The people must make a Tabernacle, a sacred tent for me, so I may live among them. Make it by the plan I will show you." So the people made the Tabernacle.



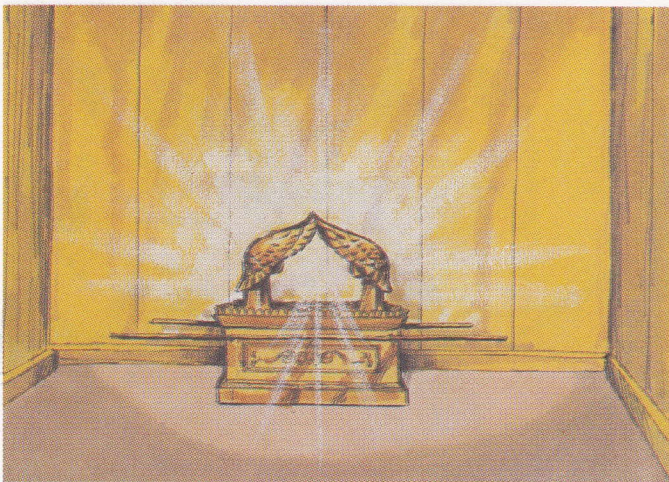
2 The walls of the structure were wood covered with gold and set in sockets of silver. The first covering was an embroidered curtain of linen woven with blue, purple, and red thread.



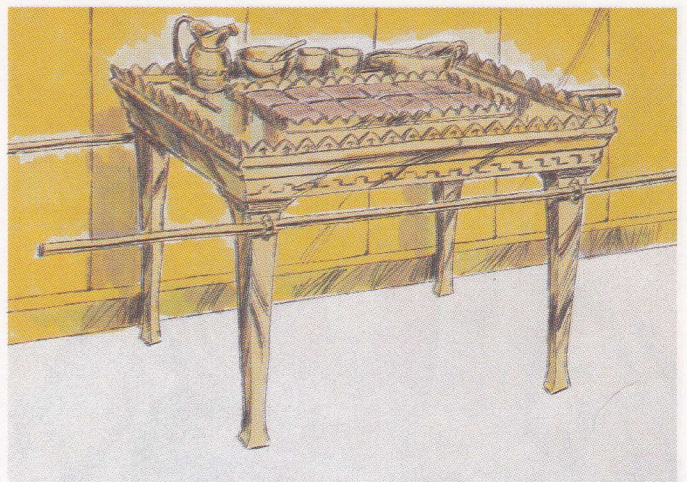
3 The Tabernacle held two rooms, called the "Holy Place" and the "Most Holy Place." The outer coverings of the Tabernacle had three layers: goat hair cloth, ram skins, and fine leather.



4 Inside the Most Holy Place was a very important item. It was the Ark of the Covenant, or Covenant Box. In it were kept the two stone tablets containing the Ten Commandments.



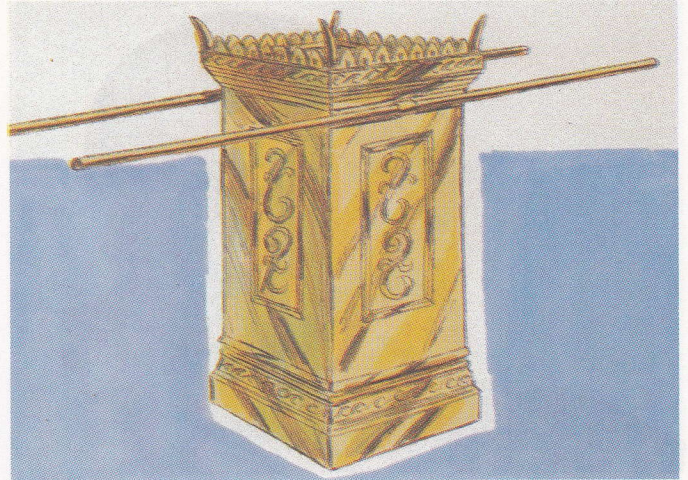
5 The lid of the Covenant Box was made of pure gold. On top of it were two angels whose wings covered the lid. God said, "I will meet you there, and from above the lid I will give my laws."



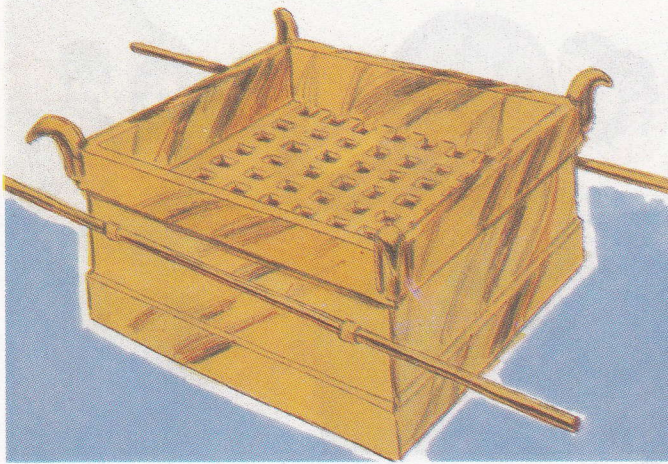
6 A table made of wood and covered with gold was placed in the Holy Place against the north wall. On it were the bread offering and the golden cups and bowls for the wine offering.



7 A lampstand made of gold and decorated with golden almond blossoms was also in the Holy Place. Every evening Aaron, the High Priest, lit its seven lamps and let them burn until morning.



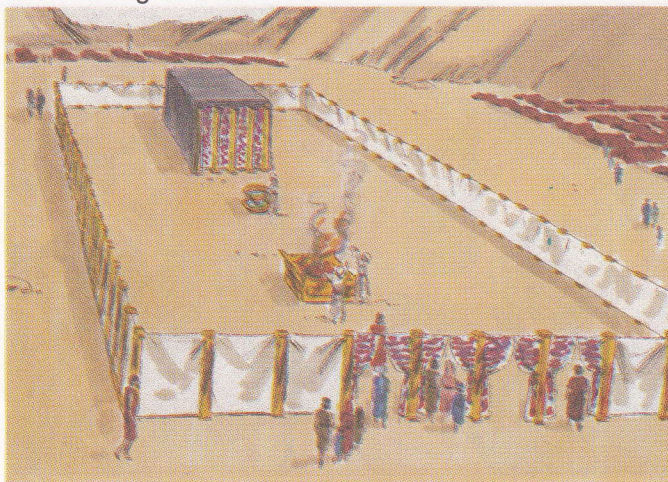
8 The gold incense altar was placed in the Holy Place next to the curtain that divided the two rooms. Each evening and each morning the priests burned sweet-smelling incense on it.



9 Outside in the courtyard was the altar for burnt offerings. It was made of wood and covered with bronze. The priests burned a lamb on it every morning and evening as a sacrifice.



10 Between the altar and the tent was a bronze basin containing water, which the priests used to wash their hands and feet before offering sacrifices and before entering the tent.



11 Forming a spacious courtyard around the tent was a fence—a curtain of fine linen supported by bronze posts. This fence and the tent could be taken down and folded up.



12 The Covenant Box, the altar, and the table had rings for carrying-poles. Thus the Tabernacle could be moved as the people of Israel moved from one place to another.