

# THE TABERNACLE STUDY



THE BRAZEN ALTAR



Exodus 40:6 – "And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation."



## To Get to the Altar

- **Curtains (RIGHTEOUSNESS & UNITY of God's people) pointed the way.**
- **Must come past the curtain of the gate.**
  - **Jesus is Lord, King & Savior**

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## The Brazen Altar

- **7½ feet square x 4½ feet tall**
- **Largest piece of furniture**
- **Made of wood (humanity) covered with copper (God's judgments)**



**Leviticus 1:2 – "If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock."**



- **"IF"** – it was voluntary
  - Joshua 24:15 "Choose you ... whom ye will serve."
- **"OFFERING"** – the Hebrew word means "to draw near"
  - James 4:8 – "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you."
- **"CATTLE"** – livestock
- **"HERD"** – oxen, bullock
- **"FLOCK"** – sheep or goats
- **"BRING"** – to the altar



- **"BURNT SACRIFICE"** – the entire sacrifice was burned
- **"WITHOUT BLEMISH"** – without disease or blemish of any kind
  - A defective sacrifice was an insult and a deception (Malachi 1:14).

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## **SPIRITUAL LESSON**

- **Spotless & Complete Sacrifice**
  - Christ and the church
  - 1 Peter 1:19; Eph. 5:27; Rom. 12:1; 1 Thess. 5:23

**Leviticus 1:3 – "If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish."**



**Leviticus 1:4 – "And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him."**



**• "PUT HIS HAND UPON THE HEAD"**

- admitting his guilt
- acknowledging sin's penalty is death
- admitting the animal was making **ATONEMENT** for him
  - **ATONEMENT** = "a covering "

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**SPIRITUAL LESSON**

- "The **LORD** hath laid on him [Jesus] the iniquity [sins] of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).
- **Atonement** = a covering for our sins



- **"HE SHALL KILL"** – the man who sinned killed the lamb
    - God designed this to create a **HATRED** for sin.
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## **SPIRITUAL LESSON**

- Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death."
- How do we view sin?
- How does God view sin?
- Sin is **SERIOUS** and **CONSEQUENCES** are painful!

**Leviticus 1:5 – "And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD."**



**God set up the system of sacrifices to teach important lessons about SIN.**

• **QUESTION** – What is so important about the blood?

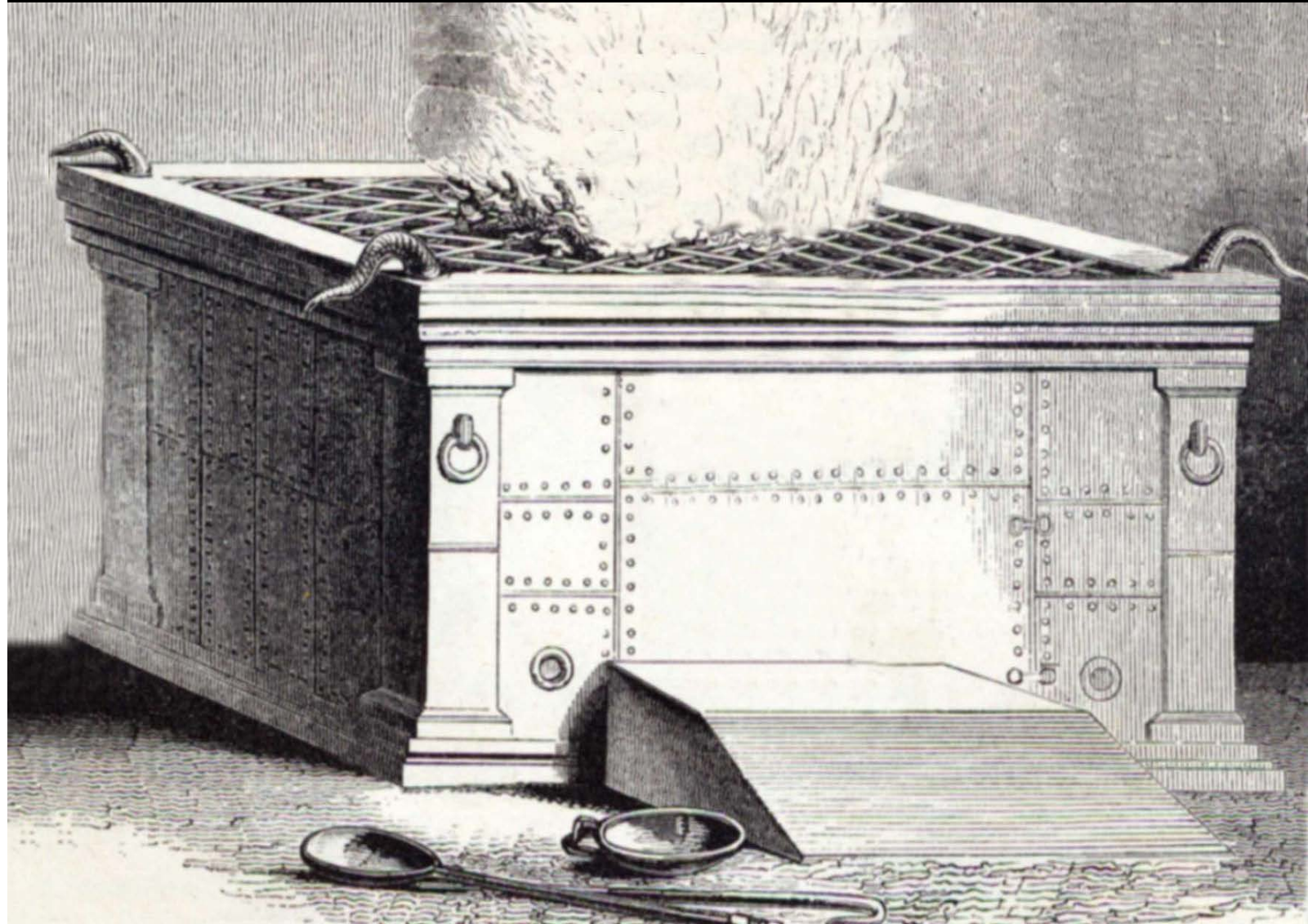
- Leviticus 17:11 — "For the life of the flesh is in the blood."

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## **SPIRITUAL LESSON**

- Physical blood represents the life of people & animals.
- New life (born again) requires blood (Calvary).
  - Hebrews 9:22 – "Without shedding of blood is no remission [forgiveness]."

**Leviticus 1:5 – "And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar."**





A silhouette of a person on a cross against a cloudy sky. The person is positioned in the center, with their arms outstretched on the horizontal beam of the cross. The background is a dramatic sky with soft, diffused light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

**"Tetelestai"**  
was often written  
on business  
documents in  
New Testament  
times to show  
that a bill had  
been  
**"PAID IN FULL."**

**Tetelestai – It Is Finished!**



**Leviticus 8:15 - "And Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger."**



## • **"THE HORNS"**

- four horns, said to be facing outwards
- pointing to the four corners of the earth
  - Salvation is for ALL

## • **"UPON THE HORNS"**

- horns represent power  
Psalm 87:17; 18:2; Luke 1:69

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## **SPIRITUAL LESSON**

- "There's still power in the blood of Jesus."
- "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

- **Romans 3:25 AMP**

- "God displayed [Jesus] publicly [on the Cross] as a life-giving sacrifice."
- Jesus was "a **PROPITIATION**"
  - a reconciliation with God
  - same word translated as "**MERCY SEAT**"
- "through faith in his blood"

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## **SPIRITUAL LESSON**

- "faith in his blood" = obedience to His Word
- Your faith will affect others.
- There is no safety when you leave "the house."



**Noah**



**Rahab**



**Blood on the Doorposts**