

Demon Possession

The invasion of a person's body by a demon who overrides the person's soul-control of his own body.

This does not eradicate the person's personality, soul, thinking, or volition, but they are not able to be expressed physically.

Key Terms for Understanding Demon Possession

εἵρεται εἵρεται, to come out from, get out, proceed out of

εἰσέρχεται εἰσέρχεται, to enter into

ἐκβάλλω ἐκβάλλω, to cast out

Can a Christian Be . . .

Demon Possessed?

Argument Against Demon Possession of a Christian

Major Premise: The Holy Spirit indwells every believer.

Minor Premise: A demon and the HS cannot be in the same place.

Conclusion: Therefore a Christian cannot have both a demon and the HS in the same place.

WRONG: Poorly constructed argument

1 Corinthians 3:16, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?”

1 Corinthians 6:19, “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”

Instructions and Incidents with the Disciples

- 1) **Matthew 10:1–16 (cf., Mark 3:13–19; Luke 9:1) and**
- 2) **Mark 6:7, 13**

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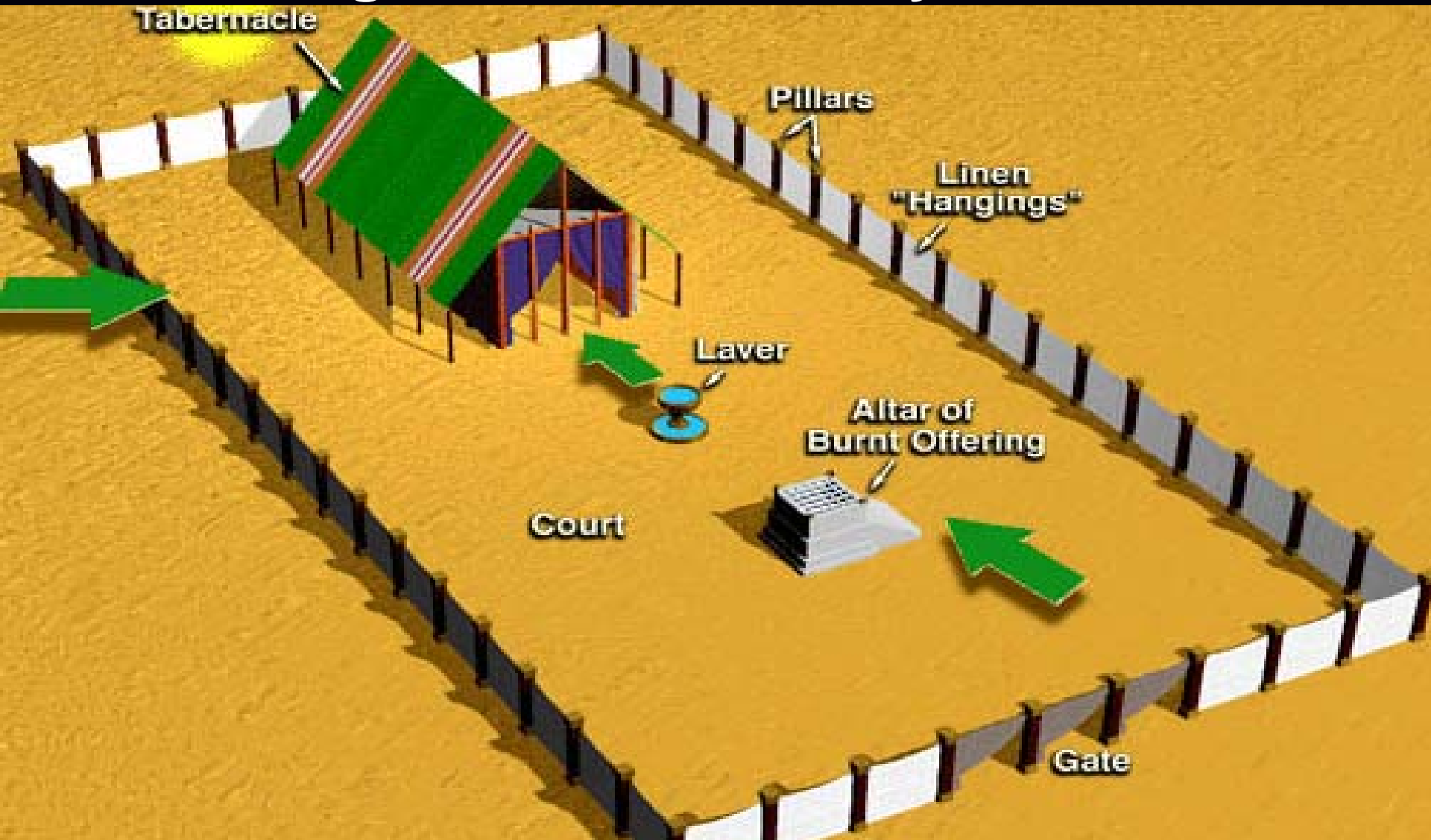
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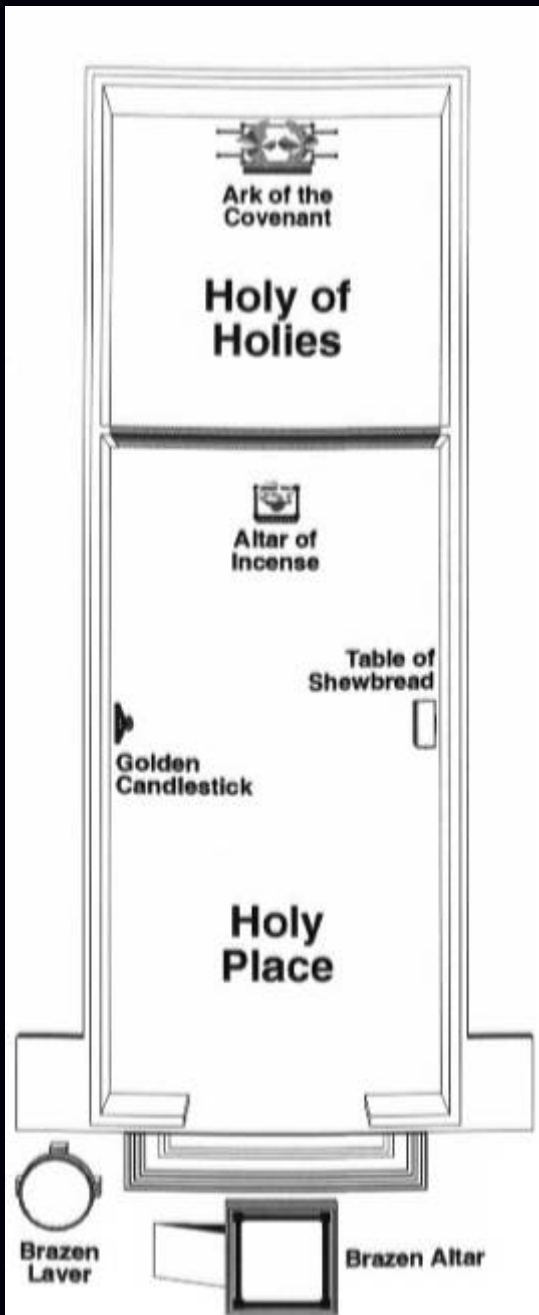
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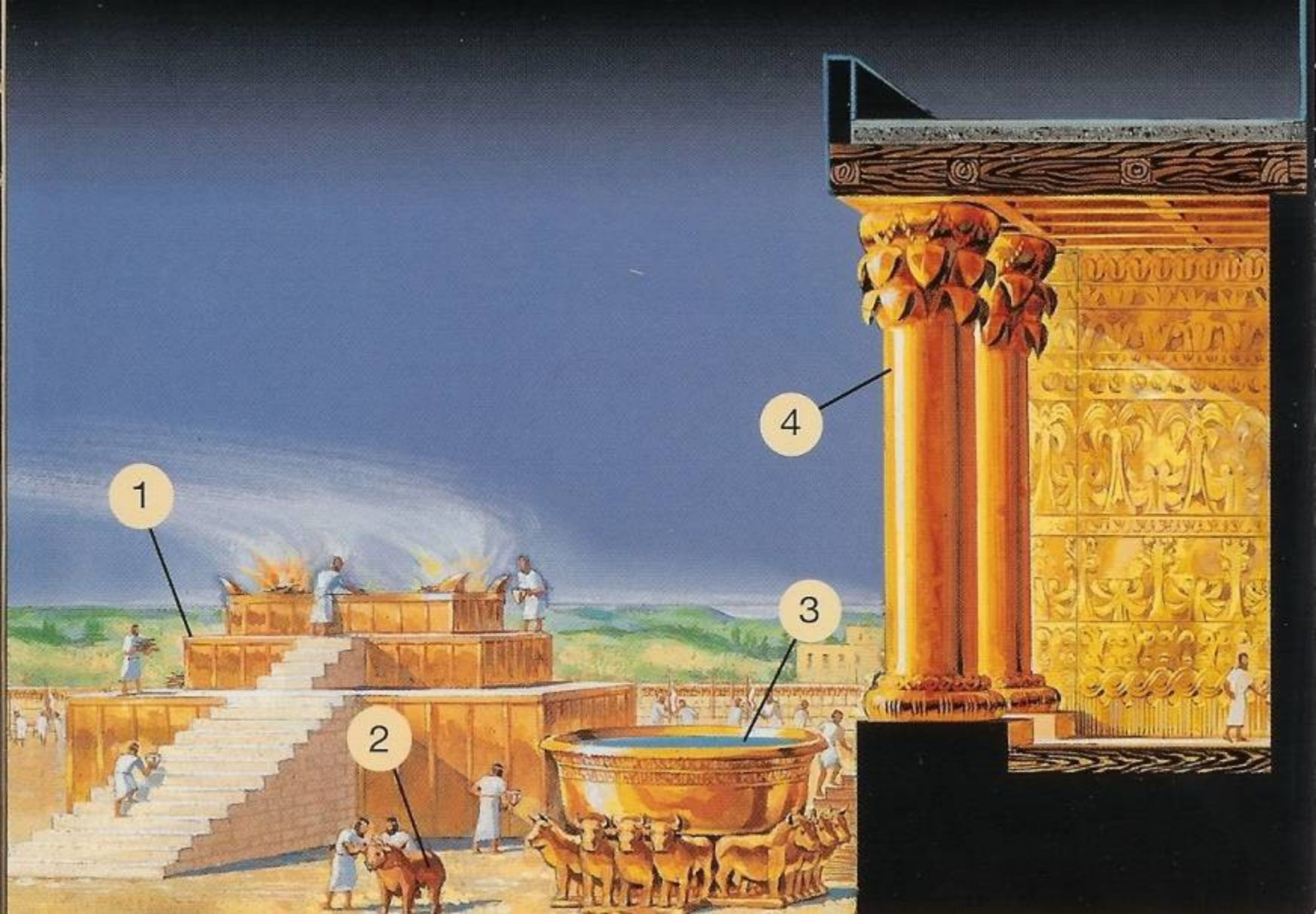
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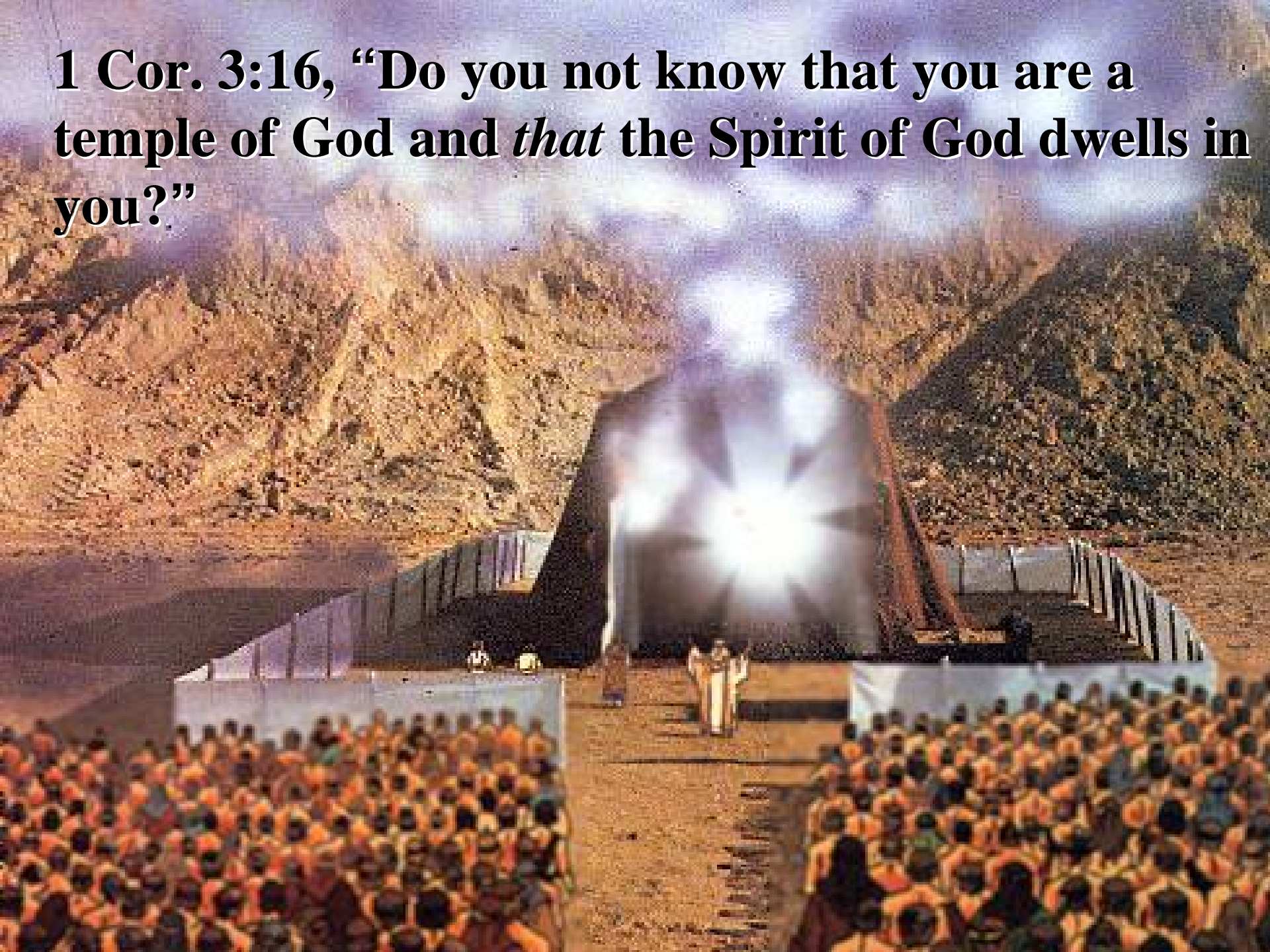






Temple - front and altars

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Major Premise: Every believer is a set apart sanctuary (by the HS) for the indwelling Jesus Christ.

Minor Premise: Unsanctified creatures [including demons] cannot enter into this kind of set-apart sanctuary.

Conclusion: Demons cannot enter into the set-apart sanctuaries of the believer's body.

1 John 4:4, “Greater is He that is in you, then he that is in the world.”

Matt. 12:28, “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Matt. 12:29, “Or how can anyone enter the strong man’s house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong *man*? And then he will plunder his house.”

Matt. 12:43, “Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find *it*.

Matt. 12:44, “Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came’; and when it comes, it finds *it* unoccupied, swept, and put in order.’”

Matt. 12:45, “Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation.”

John 17:15, “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.”

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ek ek “severance or separation”

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‘*aptw haptō*, in the middle voice means “to touch, take hold of, or hold,” usually with the intent of doing harm

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apo/apo, “kept away from something”

2 Peter 1:3, “as His divine power has given to us **all things** that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

2 Peter 1:4, “by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.”