

Heb. 9:1, “Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the earthly sanctuary.

Heb. 9:2, “For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place.

Heb. 9:3, “Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies,

Heb. 9:4, “having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron’s rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant;

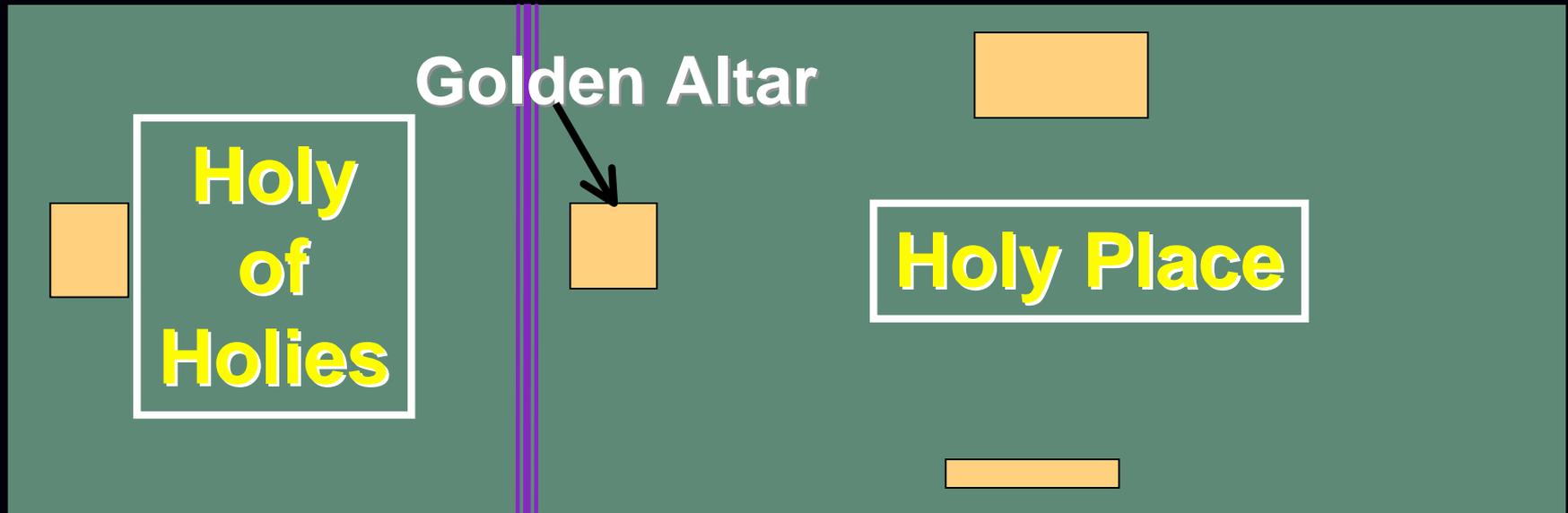
Heb. 9:5, “and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.”

Four Views on “Behind”

1. Writer of Hebrews made a mistake.
2. The “altar” is actually a censer based on the word used.
3. The function of the altar focuses on the action in the Holy of Holies on *yom kippur*.
4. The altar of incense was in the Holy of Holies in the Tabernacle and Solomon’s Temple, but not in the Second Temple where it was in the Holy Place.

Tabernacle Floor Plan

Golden Table of Show bread



Golden Altar

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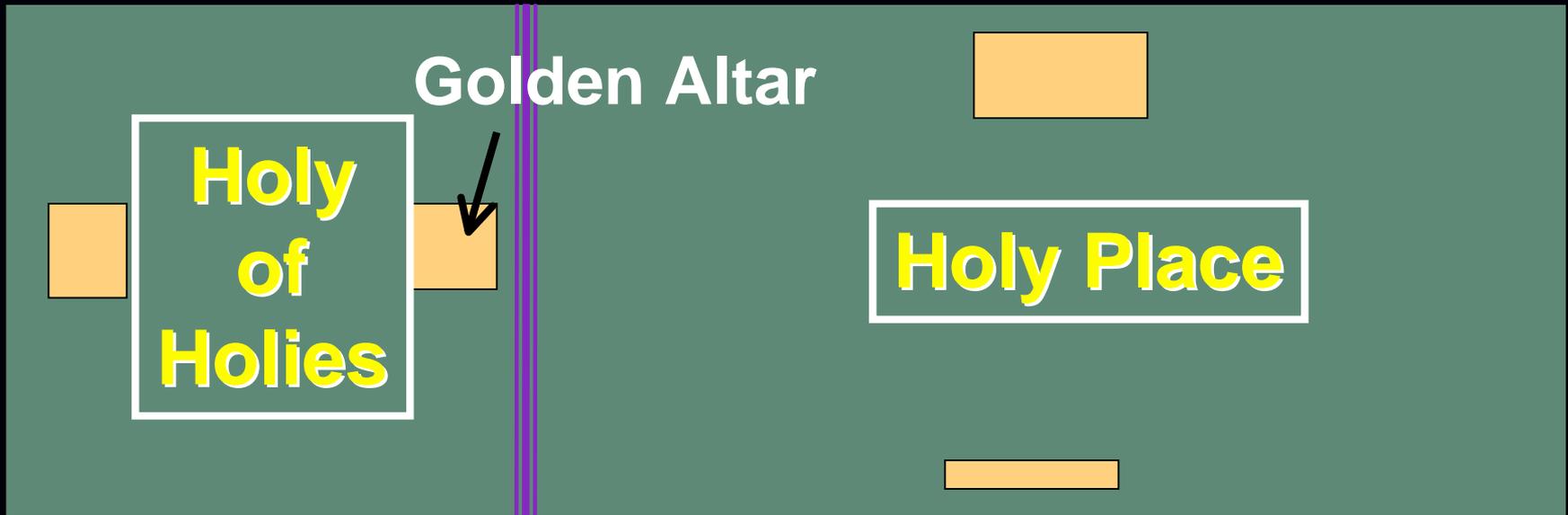
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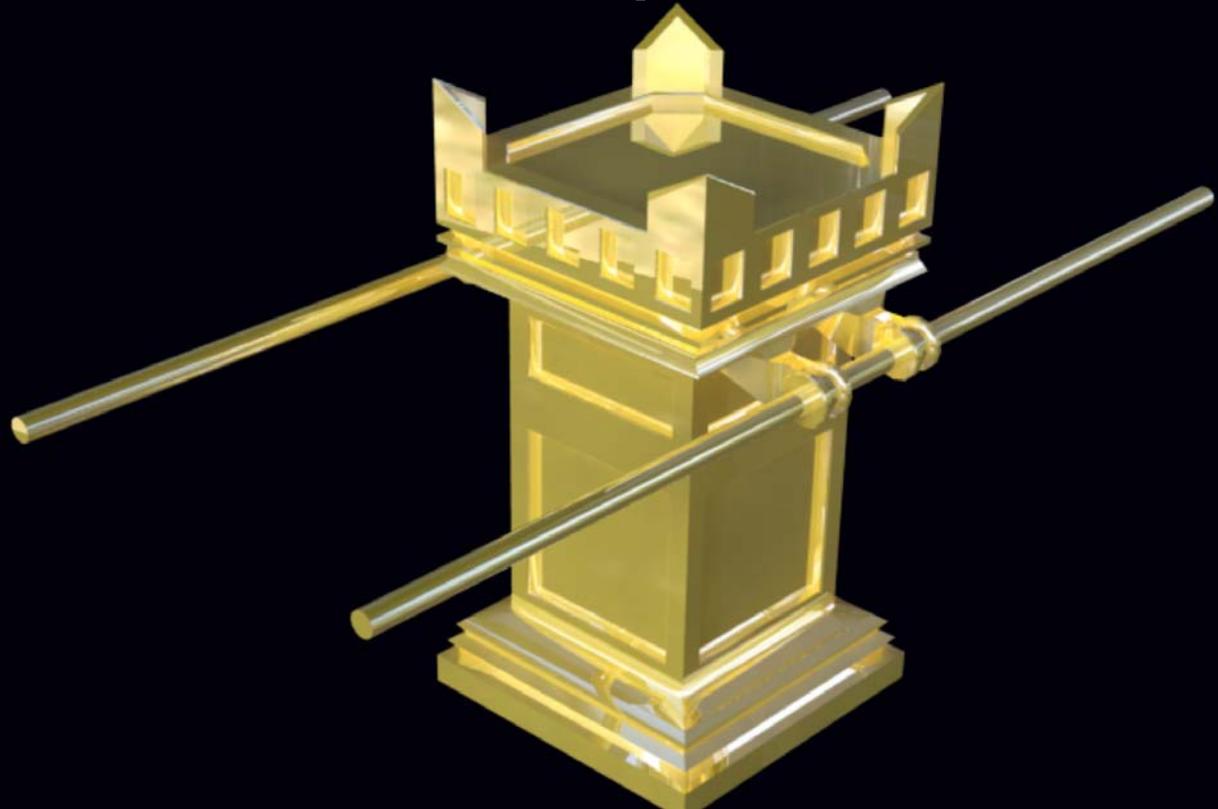
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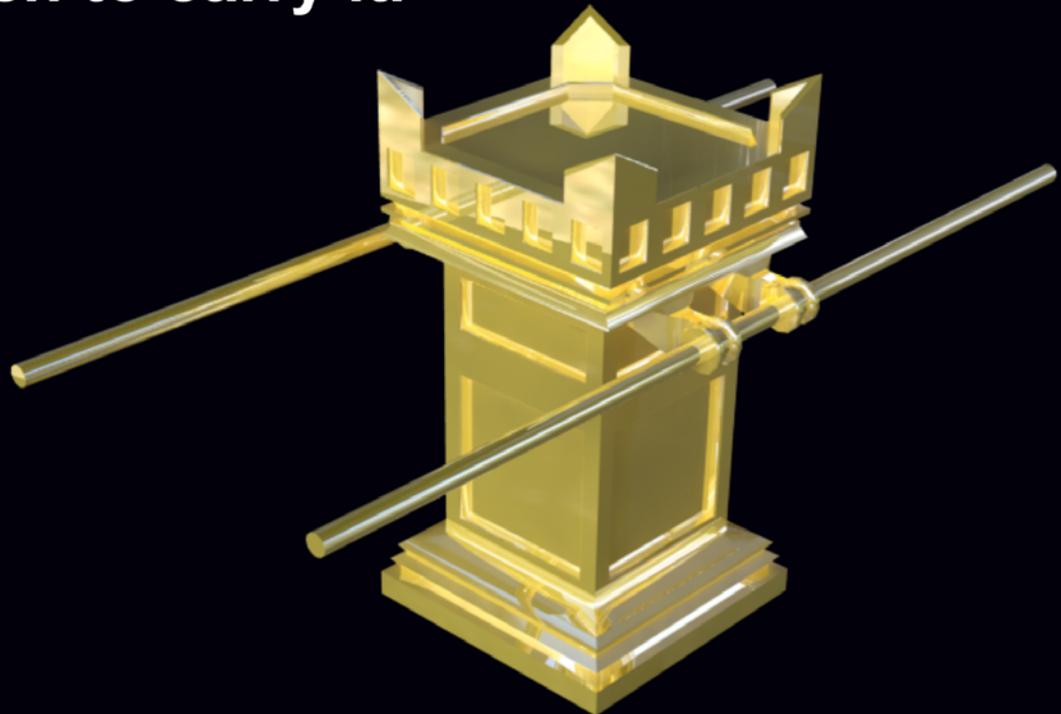
Ex. 30:1, “Moreover, you shall make an altar as a place for burning incense; you shall make it of acacia wood.

Ex. 30:2, “Its length shall be a cubit, and its width a cubit, it shall be square, and its height shall be two cubits; its horns shall be of one piece with it.



Ex. 30:3, “You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its sides all around, and its horns; and you shall make a gold molding all around for it.

Ex. 30:4, “You shall make two gold rings for it under its molding; you shall make them on its two side walls—on opposite sides—and they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it.”



Ex. 30:6, “You shall put this altar in front of the veil that is near the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that is over the ark of the testimony, where I will meet with you.”



Heb. 9:6, “Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship,

Heb. 9:7, “but into the second, only the high priest *enters* once a year, not without *taking* blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.”