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INTRODUCTION

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The sanctuary is a shadow picture revealing truths about salvation that are not yet understood and also shedding more light on things already known making them more clear. Paul speaks of the sanctuary as “a shadow of things to come” Col. 2:17.

DA 161:1. “That temple, erected for the abode of the divine Presence, was designed to be an object lesson for Israel and for the world. From eternal ages it was God's purpose that every created being, from the bright and holy seraph to man, should be a temple for the indwelling of the Creator. Because of sin, humanity ceased to be a temple for God. Darkened and defiled by evil, the heart of man no longer revealed the glory of the Divine One. But by the incarnation of the Son of God, the purpose of Heaven is fulfilled. God dwells in humanity, and through saving grace the heart of man becomes again His temple.”

Psalms 77:13. “Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary: who is so great a God as our God?”

NOTE: Gods way of redeeming fallen man is revealed in the sanctuary rituals and sacrifices. It is God’s way of revealing the only way of salvation for fallen man. It is the sanctuary that reveals the position we, as God’s people, must occupy prior to Christ’s return. As we study the wall surrounding the sanctuary we will see more of the exalted position and sacred calling Christ wants us to occupy in our walk with Him. That’s why a sanctuary study is so important.

Let us pray:

Holy Father, I ask for Your holy spirit to be present with each one who studies this lesson. Please give us wisdom and understanding of this subject that we may see wondrous things in Your sanctuary. May we see more of the exalted position and sacred calling Christ wants us to occupy in our walk with Him. Forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I make this supplication in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Exodus 27:9-11. “And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward, **there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side:** And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets shall be of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. **And likewise, for the north side in length there shall be hangings of an hundred cubits long,** and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. **And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits:** their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. And the breadth of the court **on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits.** The hangings of **one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. And on the other side shall be hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. And for the gate of the court shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four. All the pillars round about the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets of brass. The length of the court shall be an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty everywhere, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass.”**

NOTE: Hastings Bible Dictionary divides this space into two squares, each fifty by fifty cubits. There was

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no roof over the court. Along this centerline was the door or curtain of the tent of the congregation aligned.

In this walled off area was the furniture of the sanctuary. Here is the description of this area;

Exodus 40 1-9. “And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, on the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail. And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof. And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle. And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein. And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate. And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy.”

NOTE: The altar of burnt offerings was located in the center of the square outside the door or vail of the tabernacle, which is the court. The Laver was located equal distances between the entrance to the tabernacle or holy place and the altar of burnt offerings. They were in a straight line in the center of the courts long side. I know some say that the laver was off center to the left to indicate the spear in Christ’s side but there is no evidence in scripture that this was the case.

The court was enclosed by brass pillars and white linen,

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Exodus 38:18. “And the hanging for the gate of the court was **needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen:** and twenty cubits was the length, and **the height in the breadth was five cubits,** answerable to the hangings of the court.”

NOTE: The pillars were of hallow brass their sockets (or bases) were of brass. Brass represents flesh or the human. The capitors, fillets, and hooks were of brass overlaid with silver. Silver is a symbol of strength, the word of God and Jesus, implying that the Christian is clothed with the righteousness of Christ, to sustain him that he may live by every Word of God. The strength of the spirit, is the power of Christ to keep His Children from falling into sin.

A fillet or rod of silver (probably wood overlaid with silver) with eyelets that was held by the hooks of silver. The curtains of white linen were supported from these rods of silver thus forming a silver band circling the top of the court curtains at the same level with the capitors. Christ became an amalgamation of God and man. What an awesome sacrifice that has been given! Divinity is combined with humanity for eternity, AMAZING GIFT TO MAN.

The pillars made of brass are significant. Brass is an amalgamation of two metals. In this case copper and tin were used, although today sometimes other metals are combined with copper to produce brass.

Isaiah 1:25. “And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely **purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin”**

NOTE: It is evident that dross represents sin. In Isaiah 1:25 tin and dross are used with the same connection, therefore, tin can be used to represent sin.

Ezekiel 22:19, 20. “Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; because ye are all become dross, behold,

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therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, **into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it;** so, will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and **I will leave you there, and melt you.**”

NOTE: This can be a prophecy relating to the destruction of Jerusalem in A, D. 70. It is more relevant as a description of the purification of God’s people. We must all pass through the affliction of purification where Satan’s castigates us with his malignancy and hatred. God in turn uses this to teach us of God’s goodness and love for his children so that we forever will hate evil and never return to its malignancy through the ceaseless ages of eternity!

Malachi 3:3. “**And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.**”

NOTE: This is an excellent type representing fallen humanity. Before Adam sinned, there was no imperfection in man. After the fall, man was not able of his own strength to resist sin. There was an amalgamation of perfection and sin (dross and tin) now present in Gods perfect creation. Man was now corrupted with sin, he had become as brass, a representation of fallen man. (See Job 6:12; Jer. 6:28).

Man was now in need of salvation and a redeemer.

Here in Malachi it is Levi that is refined. Levi was chosen as the priests in place of the first born in Israel because they were found to have not been involved in the apostasy of the Golden calf idolatry at Saini. It was the Levites whom Moses commanded to slay the rebels who did not repent of idolatrous worship.

Notice what Mrs. White says concerning those who join the third angel’s message and swells it into a loud cry.

EW 118:1. “I then saw the third angel. Said my accompanying angel, **“Fearful is his work. Awful is his mission. He is the angel that is to select the wheat from the tares, and seal, or bind, the wheat for the heavenly garner.**” These things should engross the whole mind, the whole attention.” {EW 118.1}. **Awful** means—extremely bad or unpleasant.

NOTE: This is the same work that Moses required of the Levites. The 144,000 are a symbol of the Levites who slaughter the unrepentant. They use the sword (the Word of Good) to convict the dwellers on the earth of the truth and lead them to righteousness. Those who do not repent are bound in bundles for the fire in the final destruction of the second death.

This is the perfect example of those who will not repent of the sin of idolatry by worshiping a trinity of three gods instead of the one true God and His Redeemer, Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son.

It is the 144,000 (as priest) chosen of God to give the message that will cause the unrepentant to be bound for the final destruction.

This understanding speaks that only the 144,000 are the Priest who enter the temple in Heaven!

EW 18:2, last sentence. “**And as we were about to enter the holy temple, Jesus raised His lovely voice and said, ‘Only the 144,000 enter this place,’** and we shouted, ‘Alleluia.’” {EW 18.2}.

NOTE: This was the temple that Ellen was about to enter while walking with the redeemed in heaven on the way to the New Jerusalem. There is no temple in the city but, evidently, there is one outside of the city.

Now here is something that you need to consider carefully. Only the 144,000 could enter that temple outside of the New Jerusalem. Ellen White was told she could not enter that temple; therefore, she is not a member of the 144,000 because she was not allowed in the temple. And, lest you argue, that this was in vision, may I point out that this vision was a portrayal of the redeemed after the second coming,

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indicating an event taking place after the second coming of Jesus. To me this is proof that to be with the 144,000 **does not mean that that person is a member of that group** for we can be with them and not be one of them. I hope you can see this and realize that this group do not see death before Christ's coming.

REDEMPTION

Numbers 3:46-48. "And for those **that are to be redeemed** of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the firstborn of the children of Israel, which are more than the Levites; **Thou shalt even take five shekels apiece by the poll**, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take them: (the shekel is twenty gerahs:). And thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number **of them is to be redeemed**, unto Aaron and to his sons. And Moses took **the redemption money** of them that were over and above **them that were redeemed** by the Levites." (Parenthesis in original. Bold and underlining mime).

NOTE: The number five (5) represents redemption. The white linen represents the white robe of Christ's righteousness, the gift of Christ's redeeming love.

Revelation 19:8. "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

NOTE: "Praise the Lord and thank Him for His great sacrifice to redeem us back to the condition of Adam before the fall into sin. This requires the creative power of God. For this requires the recreation of each child of God. First the mind has to be born again to eliminate the sin problem so there will be no defilement of the new body. Then the body is changed into a new one at the second coming. The overcomer will be forever free from the sophistry of Satan.

BRASS

In the sanctuary brass is a symbol for man, Israel, or people, and flesh. It can represent fallen man or it can

represent the fallen nature of Christ when He took on flesh, the same flesh as man at His conception.

Job 6:12. "Is my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh of brass?"

Ezekiel 22:18. "Son of man, **the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they are brass**, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; **they are even the dross** of silver."

NOTE: "The dross of silver". In Malachi we are given the method God uses to eradicate that dross.

Malachi 3:3-5. "And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall **purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver**, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years (before sin entered). **And I will come near to you to judgment**; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

NOTE: Though brass is a symbol for the dross of sin. It is clear that the brass will become silver and gold in the process of purification,

Isaiah 13:12 "**I will make a man (brass) more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.**"

NOTE: Here the brass is made more valuable than Gold and silver. Brass can also represent obstinacy, or willful defiance.

Isiah 48:4. "Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass."

NOTE: This refers to man's obstinate refusal of redemption and salvation.

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Bass can also represent strength, endurance, stability, persistence, determination to endure to the end, and victory through suffering. The context of the verse determines how brass is to be understood.

Deuteronomy 33:25. “Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.”

Micah 4:13. “Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.”

NOTE: This is the thing Christ accomplished for us at His conception in Mary’s womb. The combining of the divine and the human spirits. This is what He gives us at the new birth.

GOLD AND SILVER

Job 22:24, 25. “Then shalt thou lay-up gold (defense) as dust, and the gold (DEFENSE, see margin) of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defense, (GOLD) and thou shalt have plenty of silver.” (SILVER OF STRENGTH, see margin).

NOTE: Gold here represents the defense of the Father. Notice that you will have gold (Gods defense) as dust and stones of a brook. That is a lot of defense!

Zechariah 4:2. “And (the angel) said unto me, what seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof.”

NOTE: This is the seven branched candle stick in the holy place of the sanctuary. We know that the oil and the candle stick represent the holy spirit of God. Gold also represent divine defense. Notice what verse six reveals.

Zechariah 4:6. “Then he answered and spake unto me, saying. **This is the word of the LORD unto**

Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.”

Zechariah 4:11-14. “Then answered I, and said unto him (the angel). **What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?** And I answered again and said unto him. **What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?** And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then said he. **These are the two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.**”

NOTE: It is the two covering cherubs (the anointed ones) that dispense the holy spirit to the human instrumentalities. Gold, representing the defense or character and mind of God, it is also the holy spirit, represented by the two golden pipes; the golden oil; candle stick all of gold (see verse 2); golden bowels; seven golden pipes; seven golden lamps all of gold, a symbol of the holy spirit as the spirit or character of God dwelling within man, as man’s own mind and character? I believe that to be so. This is the holy spirit, the defense of God almighty.

Job 22:25. “Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defense, and thou shalt have plenty of silver.” (Silver of strength, see margin).

Strength or power is what is given to Christ.

Matthew 28:18; Mark 2:10; John 17:2, 3. Matthew 28:10.” And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” Mark 2:10. “**But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, ...**” John 17:2, “As thou hast **given him (Christ) power over all flesh**, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”

NOTE: Jesus is also the word made flesh as the Son of Man.

John 1:14. “And the **Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory

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as of **the only begotten of the Father,** full of grace and truth.” (Parenthesis in original. Bold and underlining mine).

Revelation 19:13. “And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: **and his name is called The Word of God.**”

NOTE: There is a rule in math that states: if two or more values are equal, they can be used interchangeably without altering the equation.

Here is our equation;

Silver = Power

Power = Jesus

Jesus = Word of God

Word of God (Bible or Jesus) = Silver

Silver = Power.

Silver in the temple represents Jesus, or the power of Jesus. It is this power or silver that keeps the robe of Christ’s righteousness—the fine white linen—in place around the child of God so that his nakedness does not appear.

The capitals or capeters are made of brass overlaid with silver, the brass is a symbol of our flesh, the silver symbolizing the power of Christ given to us to be used in forming character.

COL 331:1, 2. “But Christ has given us no assurance that to attain perfection of character is an easy matter. A noble, all-round character is not inherited. It does not come to us by accident. **A noble character is earned by individual effort through the merits and grace of Christ. God gives the talents, the powers of the mind; we form the character.** It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. We shall have to criticize ourselves closely, and allow not one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected. {COL 331.1}

NOTE: Does this sound as if our mediator removes sin from our character during the final atonement? Christ does not remove any sin in the final atonement. That has already been accomplished by stern battles with self. Christ only blots out the record of sin in the books, from our memories, and from His own memory. This blotting out of the records of sin is also a cleansing. How can we be really clean if we can remember our sins in the New Jerusalem? To remember sin is a defiling experience, for we must experience the sin in the mind in the memory of sin. Let us return to Christ’s Object Lessons:

COL 331:2. “Let no one say, **I** cannot remedy **my defects** of character. If you come to this decision, you will certainly fail of obtaining everlasting life. **The impossibility lies in your own will. If you will not, then you cannot overcome. The real difficulty arises from the corruption of an unsanctified heart, and an unwillingness to submit to the control of God.” {COL 331.2}.**

NOTE: The unwillingness to obey God is replaced at conversion with the new heart—the willingness and desire to follow the will of God and the power to obey. Can you see that Job 22:24, 25 are strongly connected? They are revealing the same grand truths. Just as Christ and His Father are different individuals yet are one in purpose and desire, with the same spirit and character. In this same manner are these two concepts of defense and power, gold and silver, they are the same message, both are the same but different!

Remember brass also symbolizes endurance to persevere until the end when victory is won. The capeter being the uppermost portion of the column represents the head or mind of man, being the uppermost portion of the body. Is this not where the real battle is fought?

Revelation 3:18, 19. “I counsel thee to buy of me **gold tried in the fire,** that thou mayest be rich; and **white raiment,** that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes **with eye salve,** that

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thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.”

NOTE: Laodicea is required to buy Gold. It is the experience of the faith of Jesus, it is the ability to trust in the defense of the Father, and to endure to the end just like Jesus. This is the white raiment (the righteousness of the saints) that will be given. The eye salve, the ability to understand and discern the truth and follow it, is the gift of the spirit. This is the answer to Laodicea’s problem so that she is not spued out of the mouth of God.

Silver overlaying the capital symbolizes Jesus, with our consent, in control of our morals and the standard of conduct displayed between each other.

1st Cor. 6:19-20. ” What? **Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you**, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own**? For ye are bought with a price: therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

2nd Cor. 6:14-18. “Be ye not **unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”**

NOTE: As Christ was to die in the court of the heavenly sanctuary, (then this earth is the court of the heavenly sanctuary) for this earth is where Christ was crucified. Our body, which is the court of our spiritual temple, will be changed and destroyed by Christ

when we are changed in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet.

FINE WHITE LINEN

Revelation 19:8. “And to her was granted that **she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”**

Revelation 7:13, 14. “And one of the elders answered, saying unto me. What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me. **These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”**

Daniel 12:10. “Many shall be **purified, and made white, and tried;** but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.” The mind is the spiritual temple, the body is simply the enclosure in which it is housed and will be changed at Christ’s coming.

PILLARS

Exodus 24:4. “And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and **twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.”**

Revelation 3:12. “Him that overcometh will I make **a pillar in the temple of my God,** and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him **the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem,** which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.”

NOTE: In Exodus 24 the 12 pillars represent the children of Israel both ancient and modern Israel.

In Revelation 3:12 pillars are a symbol of a special group of saints that are overcomers in the last moment of time, as it were.

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Both groups of people include all of God's people that are saved. The sixty pillars of the court wall, being definitely numbered could hardly represent sixty individual overcomers. Moreover, these sixty pillars are supporting the court wall or white linen which forms a protection about the sanctuary; therefore, they must have a vital role to fulfill in the plan of salvation!

Solomon used 60 valiant men of Israel to guard his bed. If you will the comparison is profound.

Song of Solomon 3:7, 8. "Behold his bed, which is Solomon's; threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel. **They all hold swords, being expert in war: every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of fear in the night.**"

NOTE: "They all hold swords", (the sword of the spirit which is the word of God).

Ephesians 6:17. "And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.**"

Hebrews 4:12. "For the **word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword,** piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

NOTE: "Expert in war" (expert in fighting the battles of the Lord with the Word of God).

From this, would it not seem that the sixty pillars represent some specialty numbered group chosen from the Israel of God, (modern Israel) for a unique work? The Bible mentions only one such group—the 144,000 of Rev, chapters 7, and 14. This number is a multiple of 60. These are the ones that prove Satan a liar. They prove that **fallen sinful man can keep the law of God perfectly.**

These are pillars in God's government. The name New Jerusalem is written on them". The "New Jerusalem" is the bride of Christ, therefore these overcomers have to be the bride of Christ! All other at the

wedding are the guest. Christ's new name is also written upon them.

These are truly those who have the "patients of the saints, who keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus!"

Revelation 14:12. "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that **keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**"

NOTE: It is in the heavenly sanctuary that God performs the work of redemption in our behalf.

There is another point that needs to be addressed. We will only mention it in the court because it is not prominent there, but when we enter the sanctuary proper and begin to study the articles of furniture and the walls it becomes very prominent and important.

The silver (Jesus) covering the brass (flesh) is a type representing the union of divinity and humanity. This union is the only way to overcome sin and be cleansed of all worldly dross.

Let us pray:

Holy Father, I thank You for Your love in giving Your son as a pattern for our lives. May we understand the work of redemption taking place in the heavenly sanctuary? Please send Your spirit that we may understand better the plan of salvation. Forgive our sins and cleanse us from unrighteousness. I make this request in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

Your brother in Christ

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