

# THE SANCTUARY

## LESSON #9

### THE COURT, PART ONE

#### IT'S GATE

##### INTRODUCTION

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It is surprising that the inspired parables of the Old Testament about the sanctuary have been so neglected by serious Bible students of today. The types used in the sanctuary are in fact a series of picture graphs given directly from the hand of God too make simple the plan of salvation, not only revealing what takes place on earth, but also what takes place in the heavenly, and also the soul temples, especially since 1844. Some of these vast and infinite subjects are all but impossible to understand, as God would have them understood except through the picture revelations of the sanctuary and its services.

For most, the study of the sanctuary requires more spiritual intelligence than many Christians can bring to it. We know so little of the things of God and, what is worse, we do not know our ignorance, "our infancy in Christ and our lack of growth hinder our understanding" and we excuse ourselves under the idea that these things are not important or at least not essential. A dear lady once said, concerning the sanctuary that, "it will be impossible for them (church members) to exercise the faith which is essential at this time, or to occupy the position which God designs them to fill. Ever individual has ... a case pending at the bar of God. Each must meet the great Judge face to face. How important, then, that every mind contemplate often the solemn scene when the Judgment shall sit and the books shall be opened, when with Daniel, every individual

must stand in his lot, at the end of days! The sanctuary in heaven is the very center of Christ's work in behalf of man. **It opens to view the plan of redemption, bringing us down to the very close of time.** And reveals the triumphant issues of the contest between righteousness and sin. It is of the utmost importance that **all** should **thoroughly investigate** these subjects. ... the intercession of Christ in man's behalf in the sanctuary above is as essential to the plan of salvation as was His death upon the cross. By His death He began that work which after His resurrection He ascended to complete in heaven. **We must by faith enter within the veil: whither the forerunner is for us entered. Heb. 6: 20.** There the light from the cross of Calvary is reflected. There we may gain a clearer insight into the mysteries of redemption. **Jesus has opened the way to the Father's throne,** and through His mediation the sincere desire of all who come to Him in faith may be presented before God."

##### THE GREAT CONTROVERSY 488, 489.

Let us pray:

Holy Father, I ask for the holy spirit to be given for wisdom and understanding as we look at the Gate of the Court Yard. I know you will answer this request because I ask it in Jesus's name. Amen.

The court, as well as the entire sanctuary, is a type or symbol illustrating the redemptive work of Christ for the Human race. Uriah Smith states "The antitypical (real) victim (Jesus) must die in the antitypical court, and He died on Calvary in Judea". Daniel and Revelation 432.

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Where then is the court of the heavenly sanctuary located? In Judea, therefore the court of the heavenly sanctuary where Jesus died, is the earth!

In the sanctuary, built by Moses, and the temples build by Solomon, and later rebuilt by Zerubbabel, there is much symbolism related to and explaining the plan of salvation. We know that we must allow the Bible to explain a symbol, otherwise the explanation is only the supposition of man. To understand a symbol in scripture we must look for texts where the same symbol is employed. That definition of the symbol can then be used to make the text under consideration clear, but only if it harmonizes and does not do violence to the context of the scripture. If it does not fit or make sense we must look elsewhere in scripture until a harmonious definition of the symbol will fit. Then that symbol will be safe to use.

Following is a list of some of the Bible explanations to help us to understand the proper interpretations of prophetic symbols. You can look up these texts in your spare time to see the significance of this method of study.

Texts with an asterisk (\*) indicate the most direct application to the symbol.

Brass = \*Jer. 6:12; \*Job 6:12; \*Isa.48:4; Eze. 22:18. It is clear that brass represents flesh, Israel, or man in general. Isaiah informs us that our brow or forehead is brass indicating stubbornness.

Brass also represents endurance, strength, and victory through much suffering. Micah 4:13; \*Deut. 33:25.

Wood also = people or Israel. \*Jer. 5:14. Trees being wood would represent people or Israel and flesh. Isa. 61:3; 65:22; Ezek. 20:45-49; Dan

4:10-26; Ps. 1:3; 37:35; 52:8; 92:12; Jer. 11:16, 17.

Fine (white) linen = righteousness of saints. \*Rev. 19:8.

Gold = \*Job 22:25 (margin). “The Almighty **shall be thy defense**”. Strong’s word # H1220, betser-(beh’-tser); from #H1219 strictly a clipping, i.e. gold (as dug out): KJV.—gold defense.” Here gold represents divine defense.

Power = \*Matt. 28:18; \*Mark 2:10; \*Luke 5:24; \*John 17:2. Jesus represents power! Silver also represents power \*Job 22:25 (margin) “silver of power.” Silver also represents the Word of God \*Ps. 12:6. The Word of God is the Bible. It also represents Jesus \*John 1:1-5, 14.

### NUMEROLOGY

I will address only the numbers one through five. Most of the numbers are related to the corresponding letter in the Hebrew alphabet and are a symbol of that letter’s essence.

**The number one**—meaning, it represents the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet and stands for unity and preeminence or union, oneness, primacy, beginning. Not subject to multiplicity or division (1x1=1) one remains one it does not change! God is one (Deuteronomy 6:4).

First Hebrew letter: Aleph. The numerical value of one Pictographic meaning strength, ox, prince, leader, and first.

**Isaiah 44:6, 8. “Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.”** V.8. “Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? Ye are even my witnesses. **Is there a God beside me? Yea, there is no God; I know not any.”**

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**The number two**—meaning, divide, difference, blessing, building, couple, dying to self, and is related to change or repeat. Context determines meaning. Ideally two mirror one, as in, two shall be one flesh. Thus, making a true pair that work together like one's ears, eyes, nostrils, hands, feet, and lungs. An example as in John 14:20, where the Father and Christ are one, and we are to be one with them.

**The number three**—meaning to ripen, reward, nourish, benefit, counsel, recompense, and foot. It represents the third manifestation of the spirit of God which is counsel. The son of man is to be our counsellor and not man (Isa. 9:6). This represents resurrection, balance, witness, equilibrium, pattern, new life, and strength. And has reference to height and elevation.

**The number 4**—meaning, government, rule, calendar, time, creation, kingdom, fullness, giving of the Torah (law), and holy spirit. The number four represents Jesus in its fullest sense.

**Daniel 3:25.** “He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”

**NOTE:** “**The fourth (person) is like the son of God**”. Here the Son of God is declared to be the fourth person in the fiery furnace.

The anointing oil had four ingredients, we know that oil is a symbol of the holy spirit, which is the mind of Christ. The holy spirit is therefore the mind of Christ which is to dwell within the mind of man.

**Philippians 2:5.** “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”

Four is indicative of AUTHORITY. Jesus is portrayed in the Revelation as walking among the seven candle sticks. On the Menorah the **fourth**

**branch** is the main shaft from which the other six have their source **indicating that it is Christ standing in the midst of the churches as the light of the world.** All things were created by God through Christ. And on the fourth day of creation week was declared the GOVERNMENT that God was to rule. The sun moon and stars and this includes the earth as the fourth commandment testifies.

**The number 5**—meaning, power, strength, alertness, Torah, grace, service, gospel, fruitfulness, going forth, anointed, prayers, protection and REDEMPTION. Five also represents maturity and unity but it has to be unity in the truth. An example of unity can be seen in how the fish move in perfect synchronization in the waters, and the birds in the heavens operate as one unit in flight. This is the power of the spirit which is of God. This is how the victorious 144,000 will move as the army of God in the last days! There will be unity and organization under God, not under man.

**Numbers 18:16.** “**And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.**”

**NOTE:** Five shekels was the redemption money for every first-born male in Israel, therefore five is the number representing redemption. Five times twenty gerahs equal 100 gerahs. Therefore 100 has significance in redemption as the number representing the kingdom of God.

The 144,000 are a multiple of 100. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that they, being the first fruits, are the first to perfect the character of Christ. They are in reality the first born of Christ who bring to the Father the innumerable multitude of Revelation 14. They are an integral part

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of God's government in heaven because they have proved that with the help of the holy spirit man can obey the law of God perfectly without guile.

### COLORS—THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

**BLUE=OBEDIENCE** (Numbers 15:38, 39).

**PURPLE=ROYALTY** (Judges 8:26; Ester 8:15; Mark 15:16-20).

**RED=BLOOD, AND MAN** (Sacrifice-Exodus 12:22; 29:12; Lev. 4:30, 34. John 6:54; . Adam the word for man means red).

**White linen=PURITY AND RIGHTEOUSNESS** (Revelation 19:8).

**BLACK=SIN** (1<sup>st</sup> John 1:5).

**GOLD=DEFENSE OR DIVINITY** (Job 22:25 margin).

**SILVER=STRENGTH OR POWER** (Job 22:25 margin).

**SILVER=WORD OF GOD** (Psalms 12:6).

**WORD OF GOD=JESUS** (John 1:1-5, 14).

**JESUS=POWER AND TRUTH** (Matthew 28:18; John 14:6).

This is a spotlight of the main colors of the sanctuary. Now we will look at the colors **BLUE, PURPLE, RED, WHITE** in detail,

The first three colors are always mentioned in the same order of blue, purple and scarlet. Purple is always the center because the combining of blue and red produce the color purple, The Son of God (blue for obedience) became the Son of Man (scarlet or red for sacrifice) making Him King of kings and Lord of lords (purple, the combining of blue and red colors make royalty) over all of heaven and earth!

### THE COLOR BLUE

Blue, in the natural world, is rare. Usually this color is seen in a refraction of light through an object such as a prism or water droplets. The natural word agrees that blue is "out of this world" The blue sapphire is indicative of the throne of God. It is the color of the heavens.

**Exodus 24:10.** "And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness."

**NOTE:** In most translations, the phrase "tables of stone" is translated "**THE** tables of stone". This would indicate the tables of stone upon which the 10 commandments were written was of this sapphire stone that was a paved work of Gods throne. "I will give you tables of **the** stone", is a more accurate rendering of this text. The stone was not just random rock from Mt. Saini.

**Ezekiel 1:26.** "And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it." (See also Ezekiel 10:1).

**Numbers 15:37-41.** "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them **fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribbon of blue:** And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: **That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.** I am the LORD your God,

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which brought you out of the land of Egypt, (or out of the bondage of sin) to be your God: I am the LORD your God.”

**Ephesians 2:6.** “And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

**NOTE:** We are not of this world just as Christ was not of this world! The blue of heaven is to be a reminder to every Christian that he is to sit with Christ “In heavenly places”.

### PURPLE, THE ROYAL COLOR

Like blue, purple was very rare and hard to produce. Blue was as valuable as gold and purple was valuable as silver, the two most precious metals in antiquity. These colors were obtained from two related sea mollusk. Only royalty and the very rich could afford such expensive clothing.

The Bible connects purple with power and position. After Daniel revealed the hidden message on the wall to the king, the king makes good his promise and lavishes Daniel with purple and a gold chain and exalted him to third ruler in Babylon. See Daniel 5:29.

Christ obtained true royalty by a completely opposite method than that of the earthly means of obtaining royalty and power. His power was won through humility, submission and obedience to His Father's will—opposite of the pomp and extravagance of this earth. He was also given a purple robe, a crown of thorns, mocked, and spat upon, then led to be crucified. A true blending of blue and red to make purple, the royalty of heaven. **IT IS THE COMBINING OF OBEIENCE AND SACRIFICE THAT PRODUCE ROYALTY.** By thus defeating Satan His Father has given Him all power, a seat on His throne, and a name above all names. This is the

true purple of power and royalty that will last through all eternity!

Purple being connected to power is actually shone in the visible light spectrum. Purple is the most powerful and energetic color from a wavelength, frequency and photon energy perspective. It is also at the top of the visible light spectrum.

### SCARLET—THE COLOR OF MAN AND BLOOD

The word for man in Hebrew is “Adam”. The word for red is also “Adam” and the Hebrew word for blood is “dam”. Notice that man and red are the same and both contain the word for blood, “dam”.

The word for scarlet, in this particular variety of red is “tola'ath sheni” which is actually a worm or maggot known as the “Crimson Worm”. The lifecycle of this worm uniquely illustrates man's salvation through the sacrifice of another.

When the female scarlet worm is ready to give birth, she attaches her body to the trunk of a tree, fixing herself so firmly and permanently that she never leaves again. The eggs beneath her body are thus protected. The larvae hatches and enter their own life cycle. Not only does she give her life for her new born, but they also feed off her body.

As the mother dies a crimson fluid stains her body and the surrounding wood. It is from the dead bodies of the Scarlet Worms that scarlet dyes of antiquity were extracted.

What a picture of Christ dying on a tree and shedding His blood that we might have a new life and be saved! We are to eat His body and drink His blood, the crimson tide, which represents absorbing the word of God into our very

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beings. This is the way we assimilate His character.

**Hebrews 2:10.** “For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their **salvation perfect through sufferings.**”

**John 6:54-56, 63.** “Whoso **eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life;** and I will raise him up at the last day. **For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.** V. 63. It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**”

**Psalms 22:6,** “But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.”

**NOTE:** This is a prophecy of Christ and describes just such a worm.

**BLUE** is the color of heaven.

**PURPLE** is the color of royalty.

**SCARLET** is the color of man and blood.

**NOTE:** Blue represents heaven, red represents man, both are combined in Christ.

Christ is known to be:

**THE SON OF GOD** (heaven or blue)

**THE KING OF KINGS** (royalty or purple).

**THE SON OF MAN** (man, blood, or scarlet).

These three colors always appear in the same order. The two colors, blue and red, combine to form purple, the royalty of Christ. It is the same for us—blue, the Word of God, combined with red, sacrifice, persecution and suffering, combine in us to create a Royal Priesthood.

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9.** “**But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people;** that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

### WHITE LINEN

Represents righteousness and purity. Linen was a textile used to form the wall surrounding the entire structure of the sanctuary. It was also used to protect and enclose the sacred spaces within the sanctuary. The priest’s garments were also made of 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.**”

**NOTE:** This crisp white fabric provided the base, or backdrop, for the previous studied colors.

Christ came down from heaven and became a man clothed in human flesh. He was the only righteous man (clean and white linen) who was qualified to secure redemption through His death.

**1<sup>st</sup> John 2:1, 2.** “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the **propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**”

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:18-20.** “Forasmuch as ye know that **ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the**

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**foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you,”

**NOTE;** The clothing of Christ (His character) is in stark contrast to the worthless filthy garments (man’s character) of fallen man.

**Isaiah 64:6.** “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

**NOTE:** Contrast this with what man can become by the promises of God.

**Zachariah 3:3-7.** “Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he (Christ) answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, **Take away the filthy garments from him.** And unto him he said, **Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.** And I said, **Let them set a fair mitre upon his head.** So, they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by. And the angel of the LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, **Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.**”

**NOTE:** The change of raiment is that which Christ places upon each of His children. The white raiment clean and white **is changed**. It is not the washing of our robes. This old raiment is taken away, and new raiment is given, this is emblematic of writing the law in our hearts giving us a new mind like Christ’s and will be completed when He changes our vile bodies from the physical to the spiritual body, in the twinkling of an eye, at His second coming.

**Revelation 19:7, 8.** “Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 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.”

### THE GATE

Now we will look at some of the particulars of the gate. The entrance into the court yard.

**Exodus 27:16.** “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.”

**NOTE:** The number 4 represents Christ! Pillars represent soldiers, the sockets represent the foundation on which the pillars stand. Christ being the foundation and corner stone that we must build upon. Christ was also made of human flesh (**brass**) for He said in **Hebrews 10:5.** “Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, **but a body hast thou prepared me.**”

**NOTE:** As the penitent sinner enters the court his back was to the morning sun. This shows God’s abhorrence to any form of idolatry such as sun worship (Idolatry). Any pagan rituals or the observance of their days of celebration are to have no part in the true worship of God. This is especially so as we are living in the antitypical Day of Atonement while we are to afflict our souls and agonize before God for cleansing of the soul sanctuary. Study Ezekiel chapters 8 & 9 to see this concept in detail.

**John 10:9, 10.** “**I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved,** and shall go in and out, and find pasture. **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I**

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am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

**NOTE:** Christ is the door or gate to salvation! He is the first encounter on our journey to the throne of the Father! “There is no other name given among men whereby we are saved.” Acts 4:12. Entering through this door or gate is the first step toward salvation, or if you will, the beginning of the journey along the path to the throne of God!

The gate was a hanging of fine twined linen of blue purple and scarlet with needlework. Let us look closely at the colors that we might think the thoughts of God after Him. The plan of salvation and the work of Christ is typified in the sanctuary. This means too much to God for Him to speak at random or without serious meaning.

**Psalms 12:6.** “The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.”

**NOTE:** Remember, red or scarlet represents sacrifice, blue represents obedience to the eternal truth of God’s word and obedience to His law in particular. Numbers 15:37-40. As the colors red and blue are combined the color purple is created, or if you will, royalty is formed. This is symbolic of the sacrifice and persecution of God’s people combined with obedience to every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. This is how royalty is formed in his people! We, very specifically, are transformed into the royal family of God. It fits us to be royalty with Jesus our brother.

**1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:9.** “**But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light**”

**NOTE:** How wonderful is the reality of son ship to the Father!

Not only is the number 4 very significant in that it represents Jesus Christ (Daniel 3:25). This number is also prevalent in the 4 coverings of the sanctuary and the 4 pillars separating the holy from the most holy place, the 4 ingredients of the shewbread, the incense, the anointing oil, the fourth commandment, and other places. In each of these instances this number has reference to Christ. The multiples of four, 12, 24, 48, 60, 72, 12,000, 144,000 are used to indicate special groups of people who manifest the **most perfect Christ-like characters.**

**Exodus 27:1, 11, 17.** “**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. V. 17. All the pillars round about the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets of brass.**”

**NOTE:** Since brass is a symbol for flesh or man, it stands to reason that the 100 pillars of the sanctuary are a symbol for a group of people that are unique in that they are clothed in white raiment, the white linen curtains, representing the righteousness of the saints. (See Revelation 19:8)

**EW 18:2.** “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}.

**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

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**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:** It is the 144,000 that receive the name “New Jerusalem” which is the bride of Christ! The 144,000 are therefore the Bride of Christ!

Let us pray:

Holy Father, I thank You for Your word. Please give us discernment to understand these wonderful truths that You have revealed. Father please forgive our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

Your brother in Christ

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