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QUARTER 1: SHADOWS

STEP INTO SCRIPTURE

WEEK 8:
A HOLY HABITATION

Bible Reading Plan



This Week's Reading

DAY 50 Wed, Feb 26 Leviticus 19—21

DAY 51 Thu, Feb 27 Leviticus 22—23

DAY 52 Fri, Feb 28 Leviticus 24—25

DAY 53 Sat, Mar 1 Leviticus 26—27

DAY 54 Sun, Mar 2 Numbers 1—2

DAY 55 Mon, Mar 3 Numbers 3—4

DAY 56 Tue, Mar 4 Numbers 5—6

Weekly Gatherings

30 MINUTES

Arrival, Fellowship, and Reading

30 MINUTES

Teaching

30 MINUTES

Table Discussion and Announcements

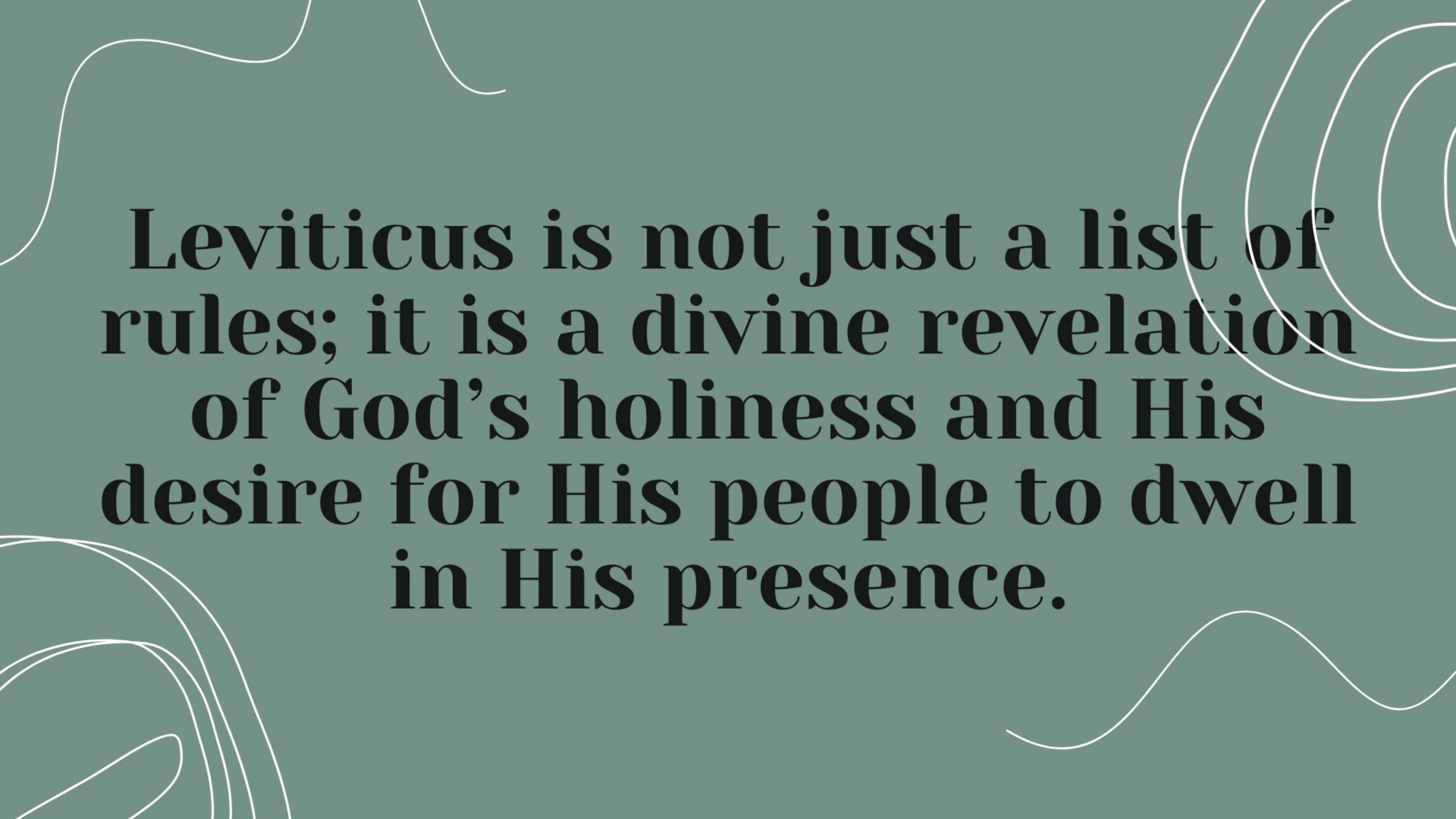


Today's Reading

Leviticus 19—21

Day 50 in Step Into Scripture



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Leviticus is not just a list of rules; it is a divine revelation of God's holiness and His desire for His people to dwell in His presence.

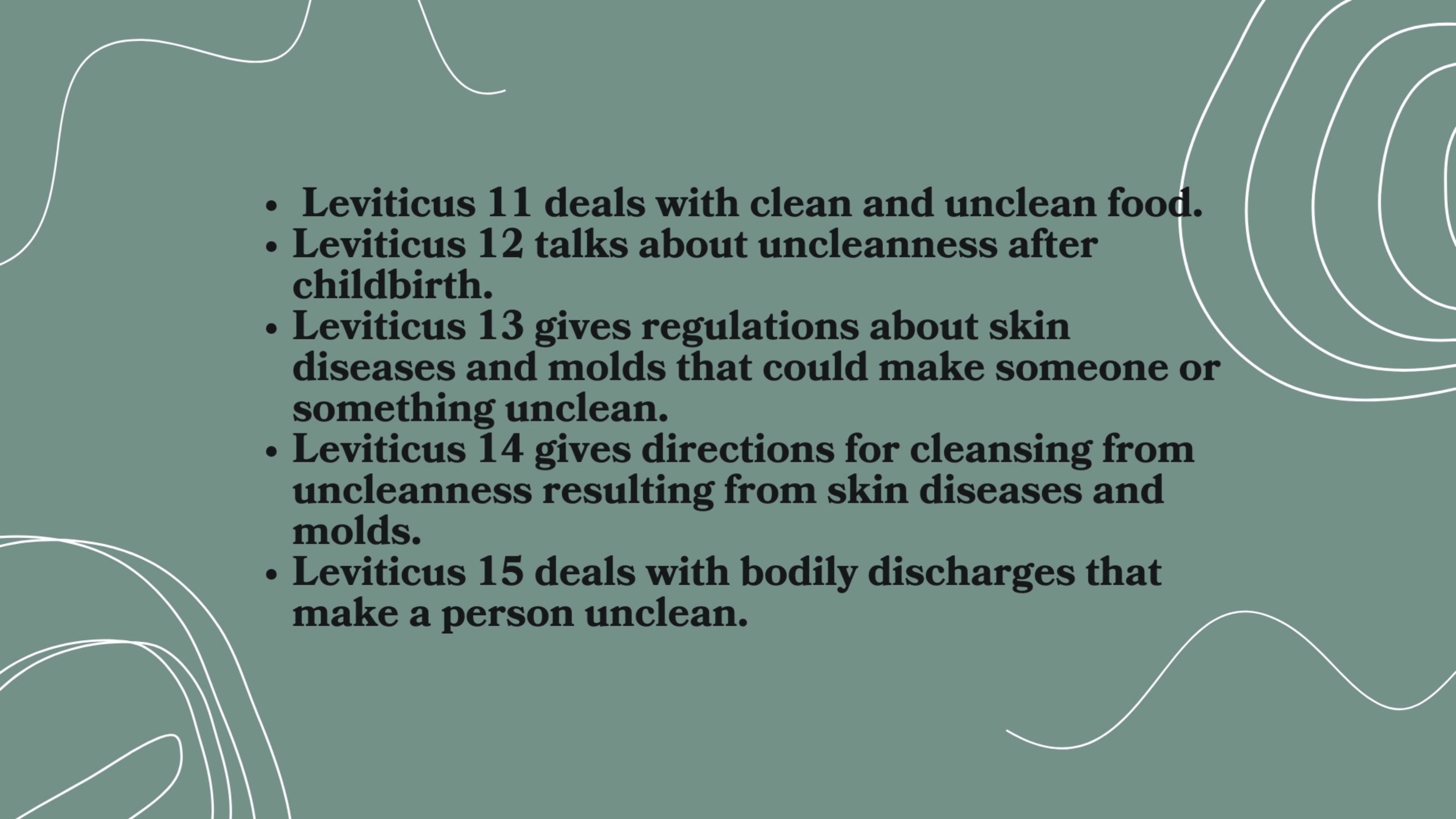
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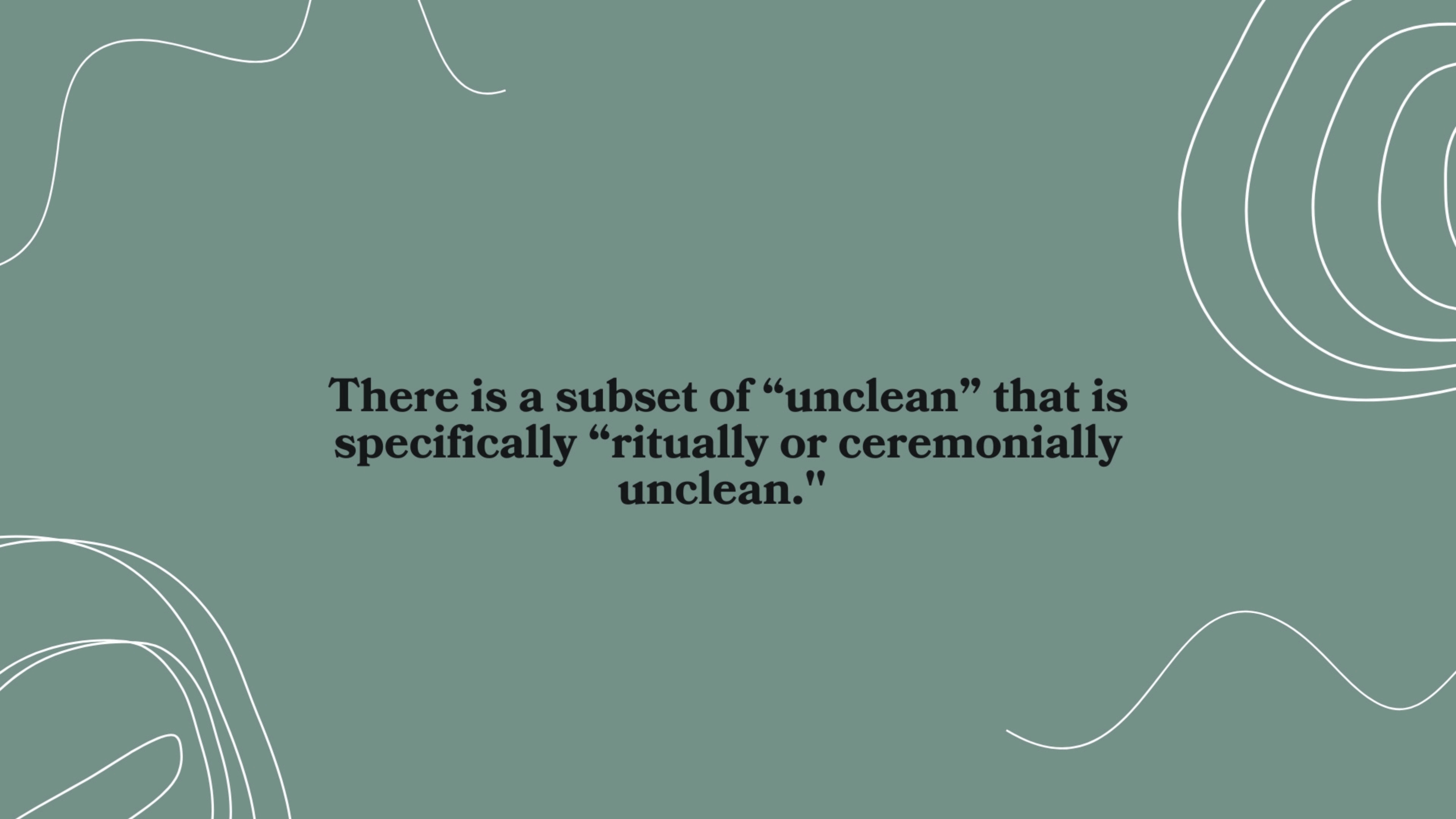
Atonement for Uncleanness

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Atonement

The means of reconciliation between God and man.

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- **Leviticus 11 deals with clean and unclean food.**
 - **Leviticus 12 talks about uncleanness after childbirth.**
 - **Leviticus 13 gives regulations about skin diseases and molds that could make someone or something unclean.**
 - **Leviticus 14 gives directions for cleansing from uncleanness resulting from skin diseases and molds.**
 - **Leviticus 15 deals with bodily discharges that make a person unclean.**



**There is a subset of “unclean” that is
specifically “ritually or ceremonially
unclean.”**

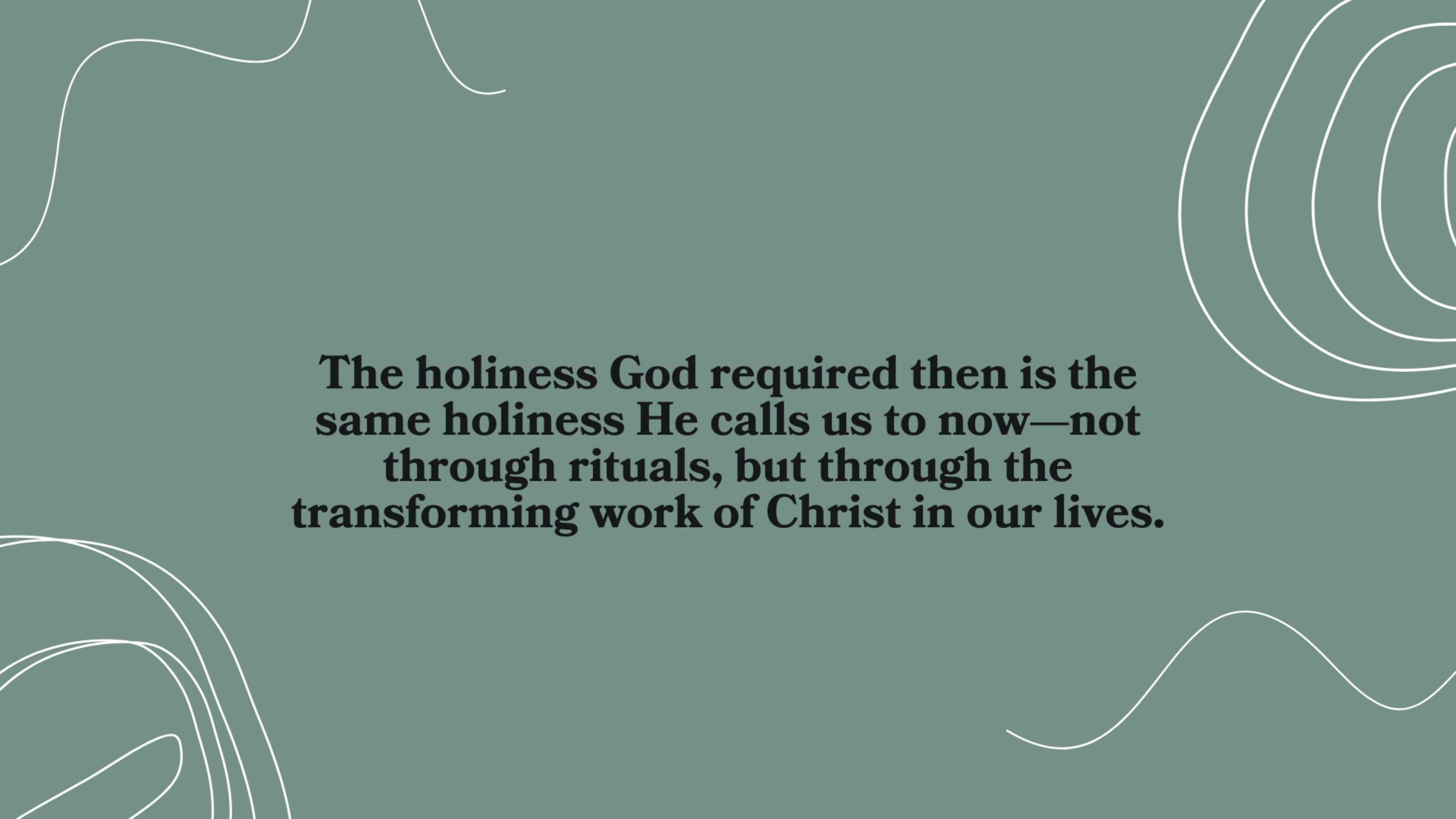
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**atonement was required to deal with all
kinds of uncleanness.**

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The Tabernacle

A place where God's presence could dwell among his people.

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**The holiness God required then is the
same holiness He calls us to now—not
through rituals, but through the
transforming work of Christ in our lives.**

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The Tabernacle: God's Presence Among His People


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EXODUS 25:8

**Then have them make a sanctuary for
me, and I will dwell among them.**



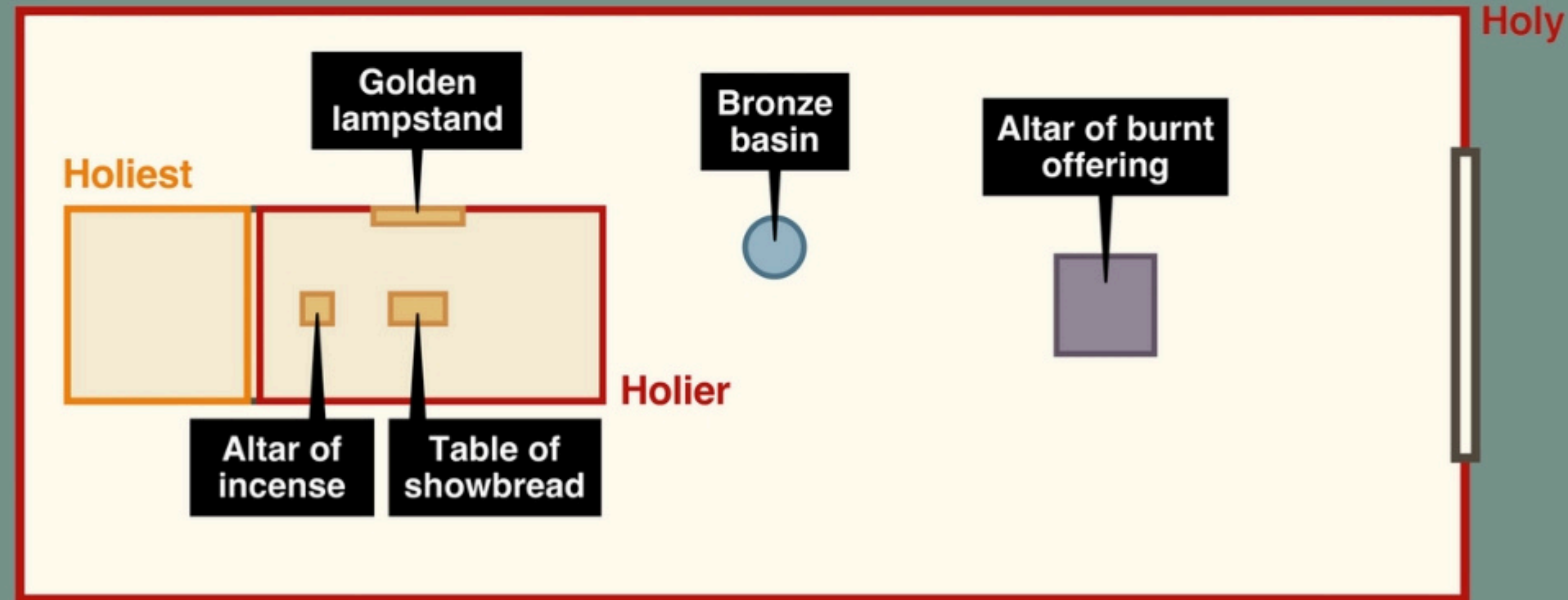
The tabernacle was divided into three main sections:

- 1. The Outer Court – Where sacrifices were made.**
 - 2. The Inner Court – Also called the Holy Place, where the priests ministered.**
 - 3. The Holy of Holies – The most sacred space, containing the Ark of the Covenant, where God's presence dwelt.**
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EXODUS 26:33—34

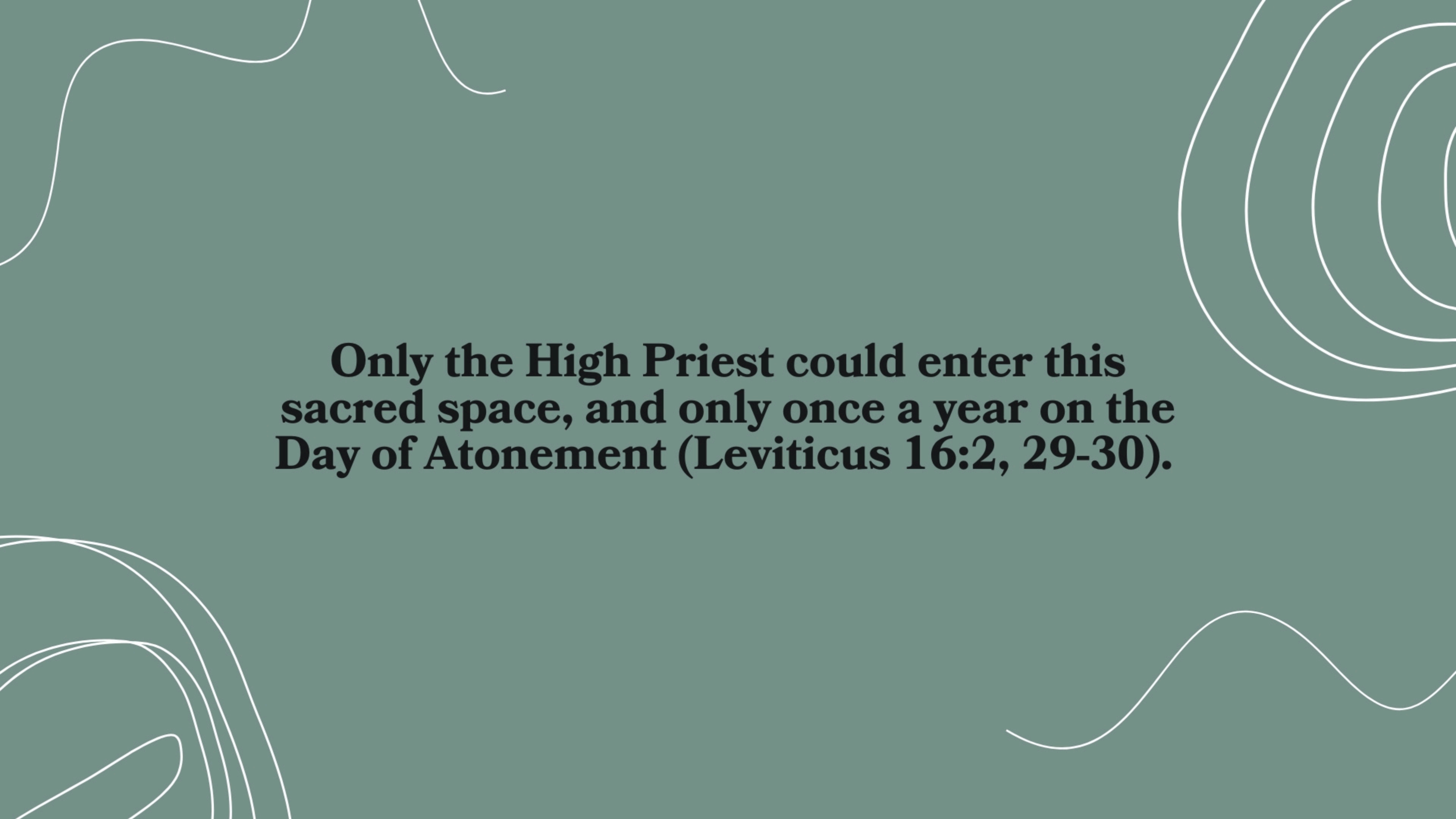
33 Hang the curtain from the clasps and place the ark of the covenant law behind the curtain. The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. 34 Put the atonement cover on the ark of the covenant law in the Most Holy Place.

LEVELS OF HOLINESS IN THE TABERNACLE

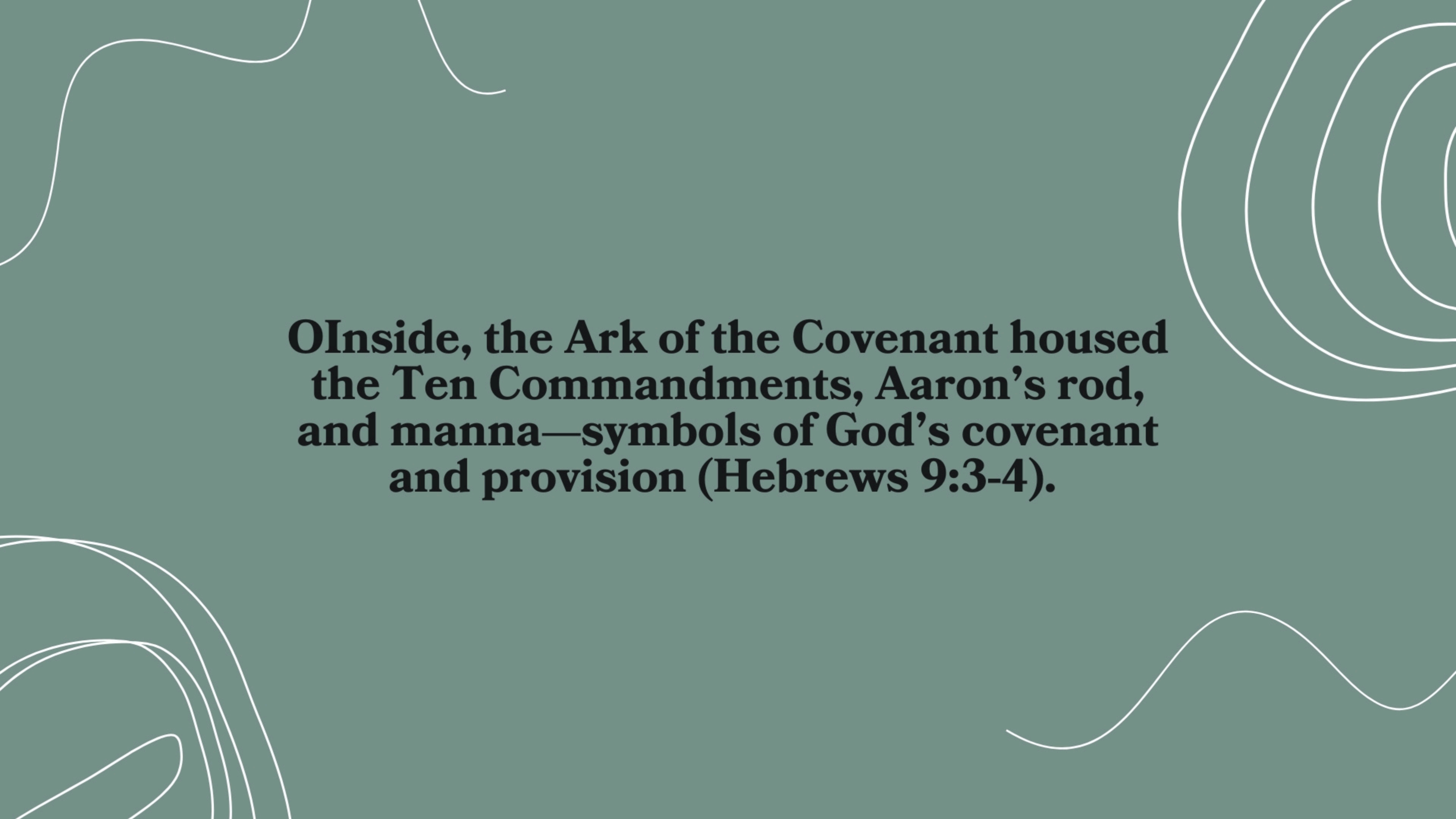


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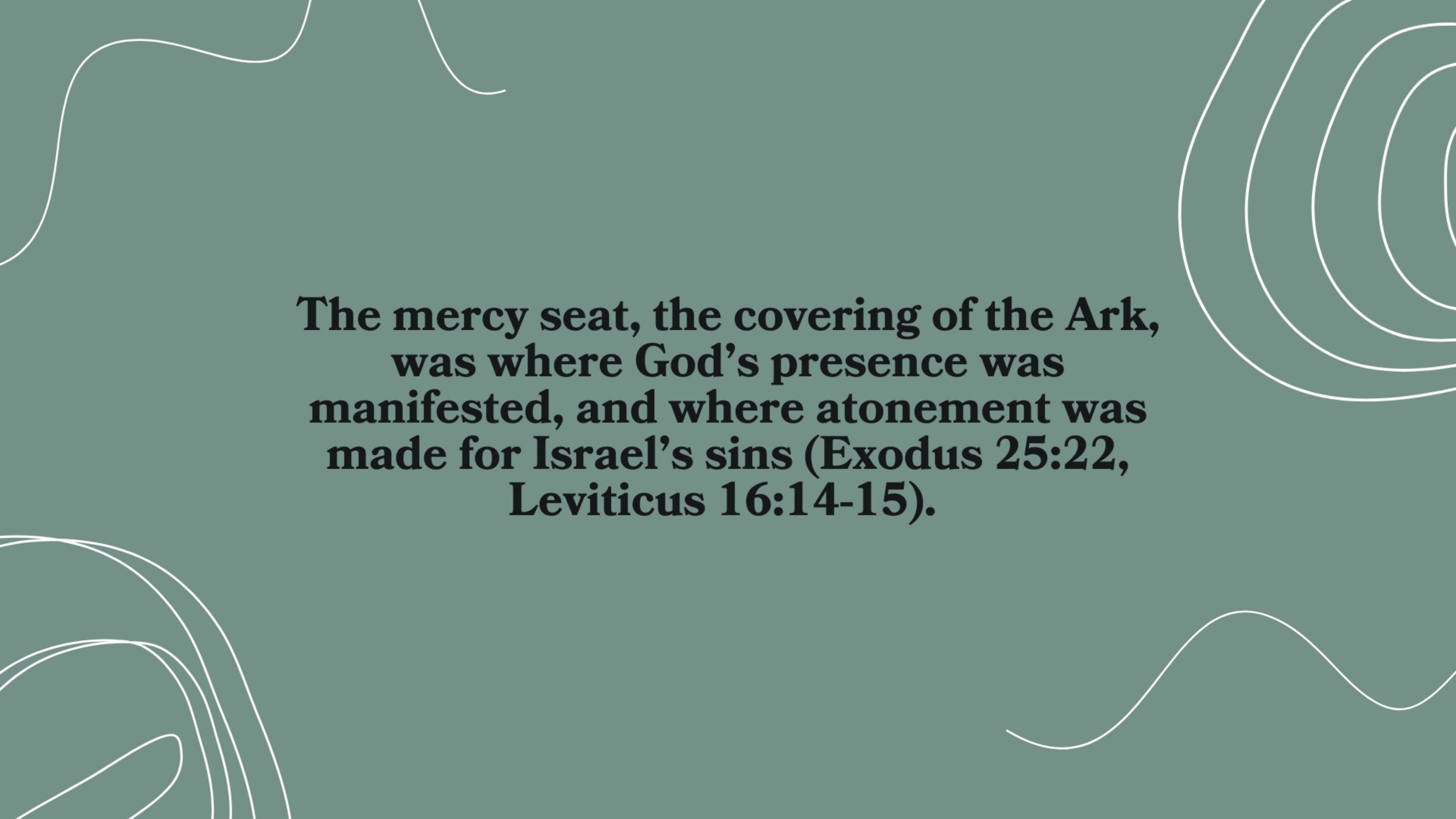
THE HOLY OF HOLIES AND THE MERCY SEAT

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**Only the High Priest could enter this
sacred space, and only once a year on the
Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:2, 29-30).**

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OInside, the Ark of the Covenant housed the Ten Commandments, Aaron's rod, and manna—symbols of God's covenant and provision (Hebrews 9:3-4).

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**The mercy seat, the covering of the Ark,
was where God's presence was
manifested, and where atonement was
made for Israel's sins (Exodus 25:22,
Leviticus 16:14-15).**



KAPPŌRET

“a mercy seat”

“an atonement cover”





HILASTĒRION

HEBREWS 9:5

5 Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover (hilastērion). But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.

ROMANS 3:25—26

25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement (hilastērion), through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— **26** he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

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**Jesus is the atonement cover. Jesus is the
mercy seat.**

**Jesus is where God comes to humanity
and atonement for sins is accomplished!**

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THE TABERNACLE AS A FORESHADOWING OF CHRIST

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**Build the tabernacle, ordain the
priesthood, and institute the sacrifice.**


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Jesus as the True Tabernacle



EXODUS 40:34

The cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.”



JOHN 1:14

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”



Jesus as the High Priest

HEBREWS 9:11—12

11 But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. 12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption

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Jesus as the Sacrifice

HEBREWS 10:5-7

**5 Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:
“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;**

**6 with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.**

**7 Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll
I have come to do your will, my God.’”
will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the
body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

HEBREWS 10:8-10

8 First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. **9** Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. **10** And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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APPLICATION: LIVING AS TEMPLES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit?”

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THE TEMPLE AND ITS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

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THE NEW COVENANT AND CHRISTIANS AS THE TEMPLE OF GOD

MATTHEW 27:51

51 At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split

HEBREWS 4:16

16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

ROMANS 12:1

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

REVELATION 21:21—22

21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass. 22 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.