Tabernacle Facts - Part 2

THE OUTER COURT
150' long x 75' wide

- Contained 2 pieces of furniture
- The **ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERING** was seven and a half feet square and four and a half feet high. Sacrifices were burned upon it, symbolizing the sacrifice of Christ for the sins of the world.
- **THE BRAZEN LAVER** was a large basin where the priests washed their hands and feet before going into the Holy Place.

THE HOLY PLACE
30' long x 15' wide

- Contained 3 pieces of furniture
- The **TABLE OF SHEWBREAD** on which twelve loaves of bread were placed every week. A symbol of the Lord's Supper.
- The **CANDLESTICK** was a lamp stand holding seven lamps. It provided light for the holy Place. A symbol of God's Word which enlightens the Church. Psalm 119:105
- The **ALTAR OF INCENSE** provided a place where the incense was burned. The sweet-smelling smoke ascended like the prayers of God's people.

THE MOST HOLY PLACE
15' long x 15' wide

- Also known as the "Holy of Holies"
- Contained one piece of furniture
- The Ark of the Covenant was wooded chest covered with gold and having a golden lid Mercy Seat) bearing two golden cherubim . The Ark of the Covenant contained:
  - The Ten Commandment stones symbolizing God's law and government.
  - A pot of manna, recalling God's providence.
  - Aaron's rod that budded, a reminder of God's power among his people.

THE VEIL

- A curtain between the holy Place and the Most holy Place. It symbolized the separation between Heaven and earth.

SYMBOLISM

- The Outer Court → The World
- The Holy Place → The Church
- The Most Holy Place → Heaven



