

Session 5: The Partial Kingdom (Part A)

Scripture reading: Exod. 1-4; 19-20, 24; 32-34; 40:34-38.

I. Slavery in Egypt (Exod. 1-4):

The kingdom of God	The promised kingdom	In Egypt
<i>God's people</i>	Abraham's descendants	Many descendants but threatened by Pharaoh.
<i>God's place (presence)</i>	The land of Canaan	Away from Canaan; Trapped in Egypt.
<i>God's rule and blessing</i>	Blessings to Israel and to the nations	Pharaoh, slavery, oppression, death.

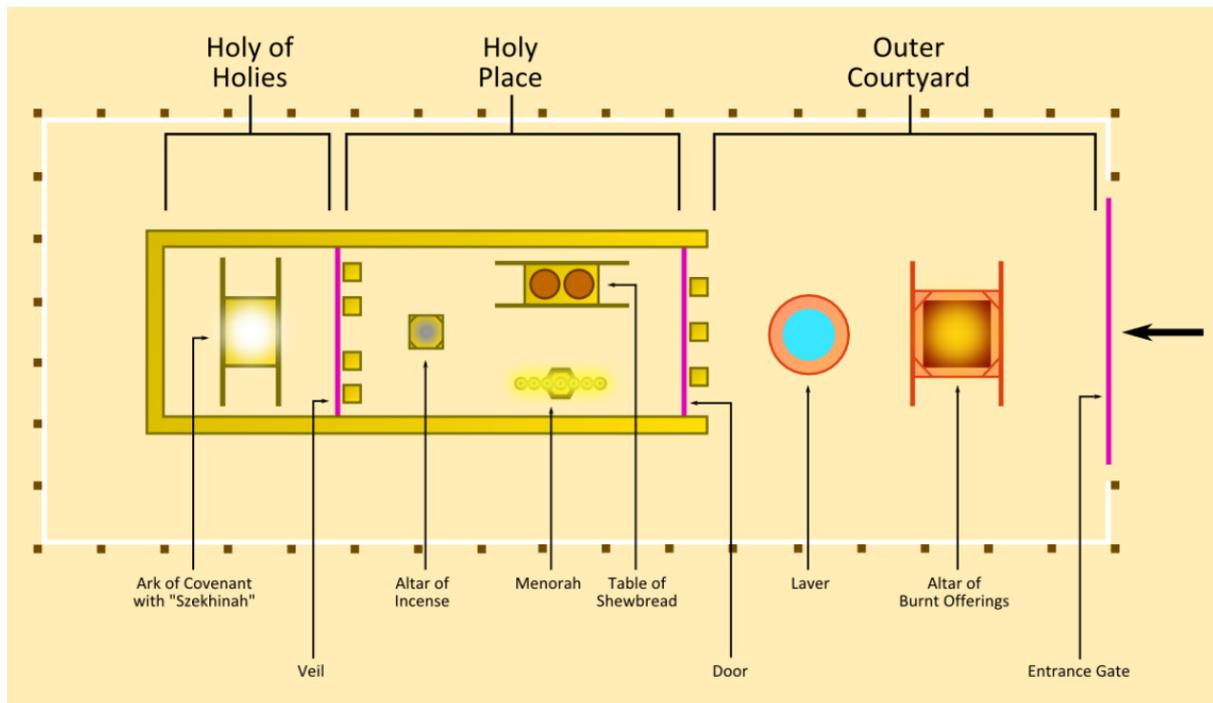
II. The story of the Exodus (Exod. 5-6):

- A. Let my people God (Exod. 5-6).
- B. Plagues and the Passover (Exod. 7-13).
- C. Crossing of the Red Sea (Exod. 14-15).
- D. In the wilderness (Exod. 16-18).

III. A priestly kingdom (Exod. 19-24):

- A. God reveals that he saved Israel from slavery in Egypt so that they may be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation by keeping God's covenant (Exod. 19:1-6).
- B. God gives the Ten Commandments and the rest of the Law (Exod. 20-23).
- C. Israel ratifies their covenant with God (Exod. 24).

IV. The pattern of the tabernacle (Exod. 25-31):



- V. The golden calf incident (Exod. 32-34):**
- A. Israel breaks covenant with God by worshiping the golden calf (Exod. 32:1-6).
 - B. Moses executes God’s judgment on Israel – only the Levites choose to be on God’s side (Exod. 32:7-35).
 - C. Moses intercedes on behalf of Israel (Exod. 33).
 - D. God renews his covenant with Israel (Exod. 34).
 - E. The impact of the golden calf incident on the priestly kingdom:
 - 1. The firstborn male was supposed to serve the priesthood (Exod. 13:2).
 - 2. From now on, only the Levites are to serve the priesthood (Num. 8:15-19).

VI. The building up of the tabernacle (Exod. 35:1-40:33).

VII. The glory of the LORD fills the tabernacle (Exod. 40:34-38).

VIII. The fulfillment of the partial “priestly” kingdom:

- A. Christ is the reality of the Exodus – believers in him are rescued from the dominion of darkness and transferred to his kingdom (Col. 1:13).
- B. Christ is the reality of the tabernacle – he is the “place” where divinity and humanity meet (John 1:14; Heb. 8:5-6).
- C. Christ is the reality of the high priest and the sacrifices (Heb. 9:11-14).
- D. In Christ, believers are ordained as priests and being built up into the dwelling place of God (1 Pet. 2:4-5, 9).

IX. The state of the kingdom:

The kingdom of God	The promised kingdom	The “priestly” kingdom
<i>God’s people</i>	Abraham’s descendants	The children of Israel
<i>God’s place (presence)</i>	The land of Canaan	Tabernacle
<i>God’s rule and blessing</i>	Blessings to Israel and to the nations	Obedience; covenant; God’s possession.