

The Tabernacle



Where are the Chairs?

No Sitting Allowed



The Royal Priesthood

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2:9-10



No Sitting Allowed

It's going to be very busy

Lighting Candles

Burning Incense

Doing the various sacrifices

Offering prayer

Washing your hands and feet over and over



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Ark of
Covenant

Altar of
Incense

Table of
Shewbread



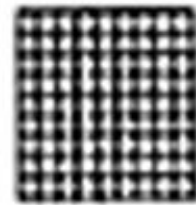
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Golden
Candlestick



Brasen
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Brasen Altar

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Table of Showbread

Exodus 25:23-29



Table of Showbread

Dimensions: 36" X 18" X 24"

To Go Meal: *Put the bread of the Presence on this table to be before me at all times.*

The bread was to never leave the table accept to replace it with fresh bread

That means even during transport the table had to stay ready (Numbers 4:7-8)



Table of Showbread

Practical Purpose

It's a table it's made to hold stuff

There was nothing “sacred” about the piece of furniture itself the symbolism was in the items placed on the table

While we would think of this as an accent table this would have resemble an intimate dinner table from a cultural perspective



Set for a Meal



Setting the Table -- Worship Symbolism

“Take the finest flour and bake twelve loaves of bread, using two-tenths of an ephah for each loaf. Arrange them in two stacks, six in each stack, on the table of pure gold before the Lord. By each stack put some pure incense as a memorial portion to represent the bread and to be a food offering presented to the Lord. This bread is to be set out before the Lord regularly, Sabbath after Sabbath, on behalf of the Israelites, as a lasting covenant. It belongs to Aaron and his sons, who are to eat it in the sanctuary area, because it is a most holy part of their perpetual share of the food offerings presented to the Lord.”

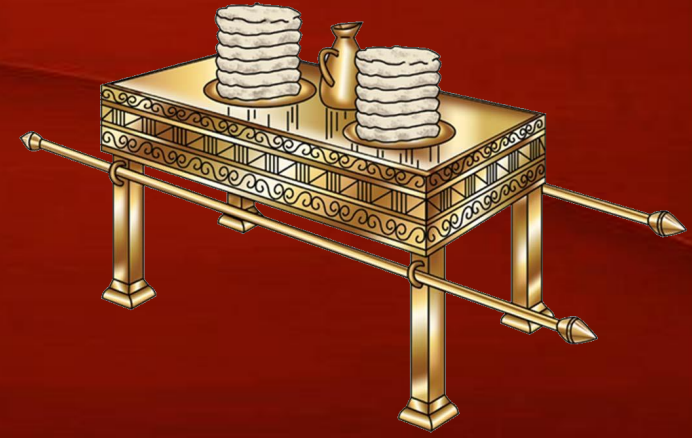


Leviticus 24:5-8



Setting the Table -- Bowls

The bowl would have been filled with frankincense



It Ties to Prayer and the Altar of Incense

This table had a "bowl" of prayer



Setting the Table -- Pitcher



And they made from pure gold the articles for the table—its plates and dishes and bowls and its pitchers for the pouring out of drink offerings.

Exodus 37:16

Drink Offering

With each lamb for the burnt offering or the sacrifice, prepare a quarter of a hin of wine as a drink offering.

Numbers 15:5



Setting the Table -- Plates

Once on the table the bread never left until it was changed out



The changing of the bread was a big deal ceremony

These gold plates would have been used to transport the new loaves from the fire to the table



Setting the Table -- Dishes

These would have been two “large” pans that held the bread.



They would have had some kind of edge and most likely secured to the table



It's All About the Bread!

There were 12 loaves of equal portions

Each loaf was made separately

They contained no leaven made with refined flour

They were to remain on the table from Sabbath to Sabbath

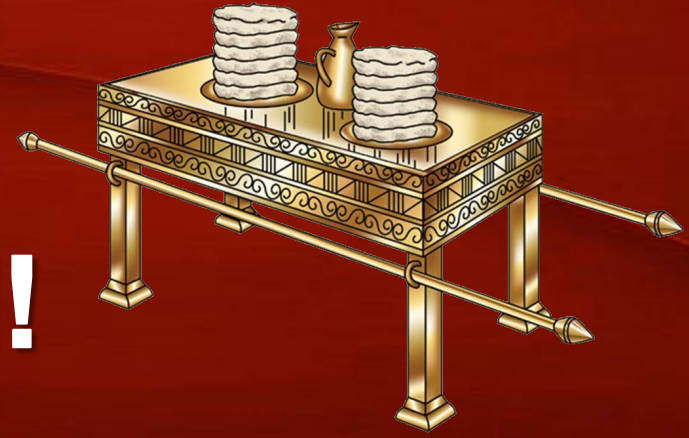
At the start of the new Sabbath the priests would gather in the Holy place and eat the bread

New loaves would then be placed on the table



The Spiritual Application

It's **STILL** all about the Bread!



Jesus

Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 6:35

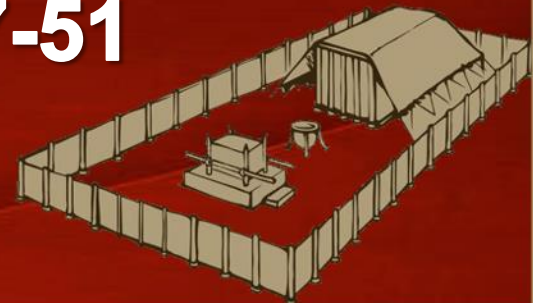


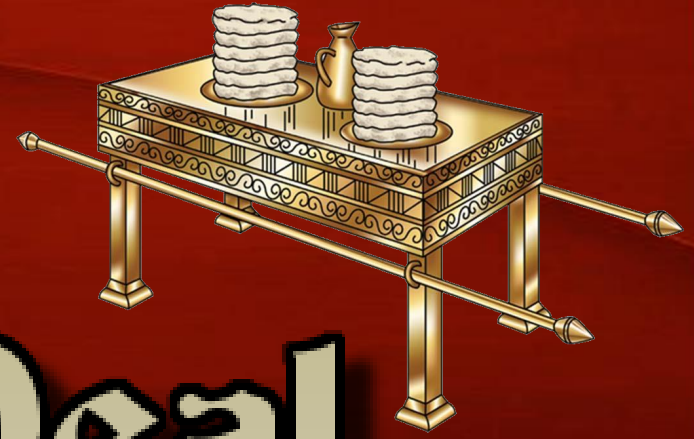
The Spiritual Application



Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

John 6:47-51





Fellowship Meal Based on Sacrifice

1 Corinthians 1:23-28



Coming to the Table

Do you have a relationship with the bread of life (Jesus)

Is that relationship free and clear?

Paul calls this meal a time of self-examination



It's the Meal Matters!

Jesus

