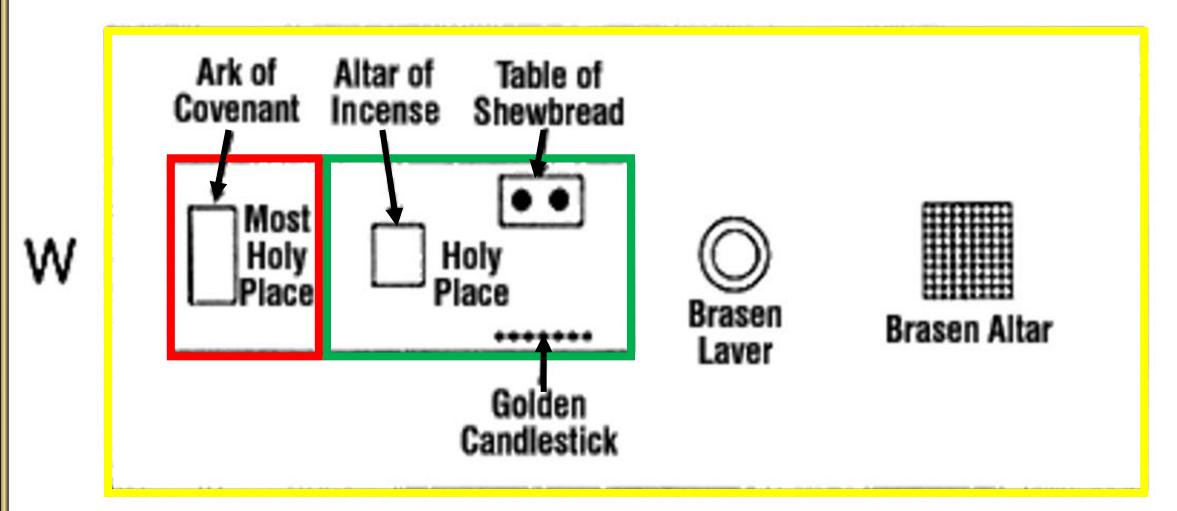




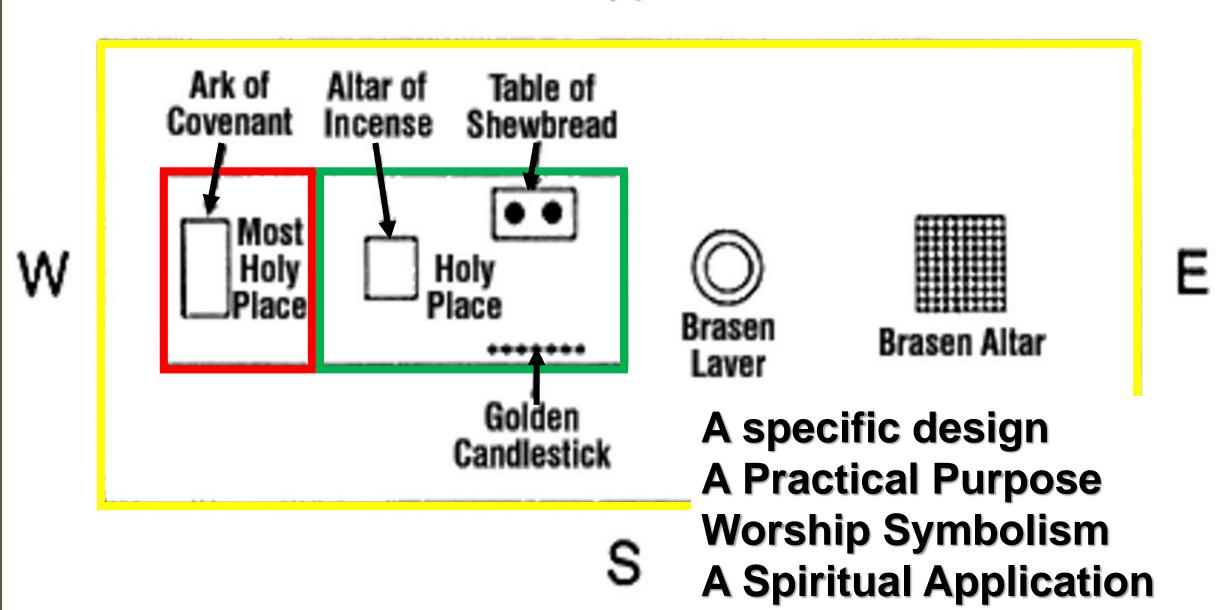
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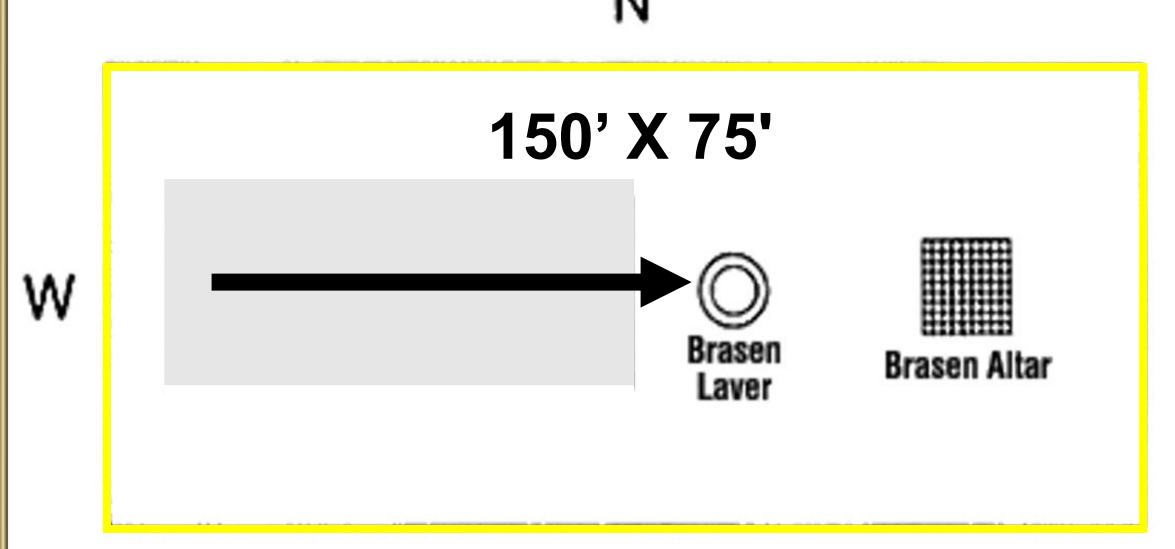


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The Bronze Basin Exodus 38:8

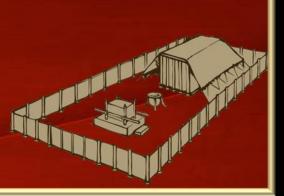
They made the bronze basin and its bronze stand from the mirrors of the women who served at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

There were women that served at the entrance of the tent of meetings

These women gave something of great value



NEVER!



The Bronze Basin Practical Purpose

Aaron and his sons are to wash their hands and feet with water from it. Whenever they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water so that they will not die. Also, when they approach the altar to minister by presenting a food offering to the Lord, they shall wash their hands and feet so that they will not die.

Exodus 30:19-21



The Bronze Basin Practical Purpose



It held water

Every time a priest went to enter the tent of meeting they had to stop and wash their hands and feet

If they forgot, God would strike them dead

Practically speaking this made good hygiene since these people were handling blood and animal carcasses



The Bronze Basin Worship Symbolism

It would have been a constant reminder to the priest and the people watching of the Priest's unworthiness to go in God's presence

Life is dirty business Water is the symbol of cleansing

Hands: Everything I do in ministry not only is covered in blood but goes through the water



Feet: Everywhere I go in life needs water for cleansing

The Bronze Basin

Worship Symbolism - Ready to Server

"Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the tent of meeting and wash them with water. Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so he may serve me as priest. Bring his sons and dress them in tunics. Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue throughout their generations." Moses did everything just as the Lord commanded him.



Exodus 40:12-15

The Bronze Basin

Worship Symbolism - Ready to Server

This ceremony would have been done every time they stopped and set up the tabernacle for worship

It would have been done before the priests went from living their "normal" lives to serving in God's presence

What an awesome picture Covered by blood washed by water

The Spiritual Application

This water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.



1 Peter 3:21-22

It's not a Bath!

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

John 13:6-7





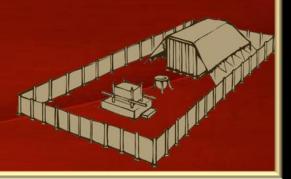
It's a pledge of a clear conscience



Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

Acts 2:38-39





It Connects to the Sacrifice



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John 13:6-7



The Bronze Basin Insignificant?



Ark of the Covenant with its special place

Altar of Incense with its special spice

The table of showbread with its special recipe

The gold lampstand with its special oil

The altar of burnt offerings with its special offerings



Ordinary Water!



The Bronze Basin Insignificant?

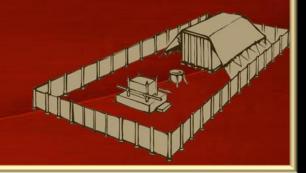


Its placement was important

You could not get from the sacrifice to the presence of God without passing it

If you decided to skip it God said not acceptable





The Bronze Basin Deadly Decision

It was as deadly to the priests as going into the Holy of Holies unworthy or on the wrong day

He could do the sacrifice perfect

He could have been wearing the right outfit

He could have the best of intensions

God's only concern...



