

Week #:	45	Text:	(various)	Title:	Secrets of the Holy Place: 1(A)
Songs:	Ancient of Days – Ron Kenoly (5:03)				
	Revelation Song – Kari Jobe (5:59)				
	Draw Me Close to You – Hillsong (4:02)				
	You Won't Relent – Misty Edwards (5:00)				
Video:	Perry Stone – Secrets of the Holy Place #1 (A)				

Secrets of the Holy Place, by Perry Stone (begin DVD #1 at 00:00)

8 Places God Dwelt/Will Dwell:

1. Heavenly Temple – Revelation 11:19
2. Garden of Eden – Genesis 2
3. Moses' Tabernacle – Exodus 26
4. Tabernacle of David – I Chronicles 15-17
5. Solomon's Temple – I Kings 6, 8:11
6. Herod's Temple – Matthew 21:12
7. Millennial Temple – Revelation 20:4; Ezekiel 44-48
8. New Jerusalem Revelation 21:2

The Garden of Eden:

- Two trees –
 - Tree of Life
 - Sustained man for eternity if he would eat from it
 - Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil
 - God said in the day in which they eat of it they would surely die
 - Adam didn't immediately die – he lived to be over 900 years old. He died spiritually though. He eventually did die physically.
- God would come down in the cool of the day and meet man
- God stopped man from eating from the Tree of Life because He did not want us to live eternally in our sinful state.
- God intended to show mankind that there is a tree and you will find life one day at that tree
- From the moment that man is expelled from the Garden of Eden, God no longer came down to communicate with man like He did before. God would instead often send a messenger in the form of an angel or a person (Gen. 26:24; 28:10-15). God began a process in which He would speak to man concealed – through dreams and visions, occasionally through messengers. He would continue this method from the time of Adam to the time of Moses for approximately 2448 years.

God wanted to build a dwelling place where He could come down and have access back to man. This is the purpose of the Tabernacle of Moses.

Tabernacle of Moses:

Exodus 25:8 (NKJV)

And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

- God didn't say He wanted to dwell among the priests – He wanted to dwell among His people.
- Early on it is called the Tent of Meeting where God would meet with the Israelites and with the priests.
- The camp itself was a very large rectangle.
- In the book of Hebrews, of 303 verses 131 refer to the Tabernacle
- In the entirety of the Bible, there are 50 chapters that are devoted to the Tabernacle.
 - 13 in Exodus; 18 in Leviticus; 13 in Numbers; 2 in Deuteronomy
 - How long did the Tabernacle last until the Temple?
 - From Joshua's conquest to the dedication of Solomon's Temple is 534 years.

Groups for the Tabernacle:

- Israelites: 12 tribes of Israel
- Levites: the sons of Levi, would become the priests.
- High Priest: had to be a Levite;
 - While there were thousands of Levite priests, there was only 1 High Priest.
 - The High Priest wore the 8 garments of beauty every day except one, in which he would go into the Holy of Holies on the Day of Atonement.
 - This relates to Jesus is the ONE and ONLY High Priest of our faith. We are all ministers under Him (Heb. 3:1; Ex 19:6)

II Samuel 7:6

For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle.

- God was letting David know that He wanted a permanent dwelling place, which is why Solomon built the Temple.
- Why was the tribe of Levi the priests if Jesus came through the tribe of Judah?

Hebrews 7:13-14

¹³ For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no man has officiated at the altar. ¹⁴ For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood.

- The reason God chose Levi is that when Israel worshipped the golden calf it was the tribe of Levi who rose up and slew the idolaters. God saw their zeal for righteousness and thus why God wanted to raise them up to be the head of the priesthood.

Daily occurrences in the Tabernacle of Moses:

- Daily sacrifices at the golden altar
 - a lamb offering in the morning
 - a lamb offering in the evening

- Daily prayers at the golden altar
 - incense in the morning
 - incense in the evening
- Refilling and relighting of the Menorah
- Daily trespass offerings on the brass altar
- Levites handled the various offerings

Day of Atonement:

- The Day of Atonement is the 6th Feast of the Lord
- Once a year the High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies and sprinkle the blood on the Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant.

The Construction of God's Dwelling Place:

- 4 times in the book of Exodus God instructs Moses to create a dwelling place. (Ex. 25:8-9, 25:40; Numbers 8:4)
- Moses didn't just sit down and draw out on parchment what this place should look like. God showed Moses a pattern to follow when he was on the mountain.

Hebrews 8:5

Who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

- Moses went up onto Mt Sinai and God showed him a vision of heaven, all the furniture in heaven, and the heavenly temple.
- When Moses came back to earth, under the inspiration of the Ruach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit), God showed him the measurements, the sizes, and everything to build, even up to the ropes, the brass pins, the silver sockets, etc., that were to go into this Tabernacle.
- Moses patterned it after the pattern of heavenly things
 - The word **pattern** in Greek is **tupos** – it is used by the Apostle Paul
 - means: figure, structure, model, or resemblance of something
 - So Moses was building a little bit of heaven on earth.
- The reason the Israelites are so special is God entrusted in them the secrets of the Tabernacle and the Temple, to reveal to mankind not only what heaven is like, but to give God access to come out of heaven and back to earth to have a place that He could meet in the Holy of Holies.

The Wilderness:

- People often undervalue the struggle for life and death that happens in the desert.
- The Israelites became apathetic to life because of the desert, they did not even circumcise their sons – Joshua had to do this before they went into the Promised Land.

Types and Shadows:

- The Bible tells us that there are types and shadows in the Tabernacle of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The word **type** in the Greek means: the image of something else
 - We are shown how the High Priest represents Jesus
 - We are shown how the 7 branch candlestick represents Jesus
 - We are shown how the pillars and the ropes conceal Jesus
 - Everything in this Tabernacle in some way conceals the message of the Messiah that God sent to this planet.
- When a type is fulfilled, it's called an antitype.
- A Melchisedek is a type of Christ because Christ fulfilled the pattern of Melchisedek. (Psalms 10:4)

Three Important Points:

1. The Tabernacle was patterned after heaven.
2. God came down to the Holy of Holies once a year.
3. The sins of Israel were forgiven on the Day of Atonement. The Tabernacle was all about the forgiveness of sins – it was all about redemption.

The Practical Application of the Tabernacle:

1. To judge legal matters.
 - a. Moses and Aaron camped right outside the curtain on the outside of the Tabernacle curtain. They would judge legal matters before anyone was allowed to enter the curtain of the Tabernacle area.
2. To provide food for the priests.
 - a. There were 22,300 Levites (Numbers 3:14-32) who then became the priests when the Tabernacle was built. Only one was chosen as the High Priest. It was decided by casting lots who would serve in what capacity for the different requirements of the Tabernacle.
 - b. the priests were allowed to eat the food that was offered as a sacrifice (example, the loaf wave sacrifice in Leviticus 23)
3. To teach people to follow the divine instructions of God.
 - a. There are in the Torah 613 instructions that they were to follow. On the priests garments this is represented by pomegranates (which are said to have 613 seeds on the inside). Pomegranates are also carved on the top of the two large columns of Solomon's Temple.
4. The prophetic application is three-fold:
 - a. To conceal God's plan of redemption.
 - b. To conceal God's spiritual blessings He was to bring on mankind through the Tabernacle.
 - c. to conceal God's prophetic progression.

On earth, there were four dwellings God instructed people to build:

1. Moses' Tabernacle – 3500 years ago (Exodus 25-40)
2. Tabernacle of David – 3020 years ago (II Samuel 6:17)
3. Solomon's Temple – 2966 years ago (I Kings 5-7)
4. Herod's Temple – 2000 years ago (John 2)

To understand the Tabernacle you have to understand that it is patterned after heaven.

1. Earth is a reflection of heavenly realities
 - Mountains of brass (Zechariah 6:1)
 - Rivers in the city (Revelation 22:1)
 - Spirit horses (horses and chariots of fire) (II Kings 2:11)
 - Harps & instruments (Revelation 5:8)
 - Fruit trees and Tree of Life (Revelation 22:14)
 - Streets, gates, & walls (Revelation 21:21)
 - A city called New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2)
 - All these things exist in heaven and exist on earth because earth was patterned after the things which are in heaven.
2. Just like Mt. Zion is in Jerusalem, the Bible talks about the Mountain of God existing in heaven.
 - Satan tried to exalt himself and overthrow God in heaven –(Isaiah 14:13)
 - God said He would cast Satan out of the mountain of God (Ezekiel 28:16)
 - Satan fell from heaven as lightning (Luke 10:18)
 - Mt. Zion is called the heavenly city of God (Hebrews 12:22)
 - In his vision of heaven, John sees a lamb on the Mt. Zion with 144,000 Jews sealed with God's seal (Revelation 14:1)
 - This is the mountain we will stand on one day, as indicated in Revelation, worshipping the lamb.
 - The heavenly mountain is where the Temple of God exists.
 - The prophet says he saw the Lord high and lifted up and His train filled the temple – Isaiah 6:1. He was not looking at the temple here on earth, he was looking at the Temple of God in heaven. This is indicated when he talks of the seraphim and cherubim that were flying around the throne of God.
 - The prophet describes the throne of God being carried by angels (cherubim) (Ezekiel 1:1-26). The Throne of God is a sapphire stone.
 - He says he saw thrones set in heaven, the Ancient of Days (Daniel 7:9).
 - Every time God wants to talk to someone they go to the mountain:
 - Moses (Exodus 19:20)
 - Jesus (Matthew 5:1; Luke 23:33)

When Moses went to the Mountain of God, there are four things that happened to him:

1. Moses heard God speak (Exodus 25:1)
2. Moses saw the Heavenly Temple (Exodus 25:9)
3. Moses received the pattern for the Tabernacle (Exodus 25:40)
4. Moses saw God face to face (Exodus 33:11)

There is no possible way a human man could put together this pattern without it being God. It is impossible for one man to put this together and it point to the Messiah the way that it does. It had to come from the voice of God – every pin, every hook, every board, every skin.

(end DVD #1 at 32:26)

The Tabernacle of Moses

