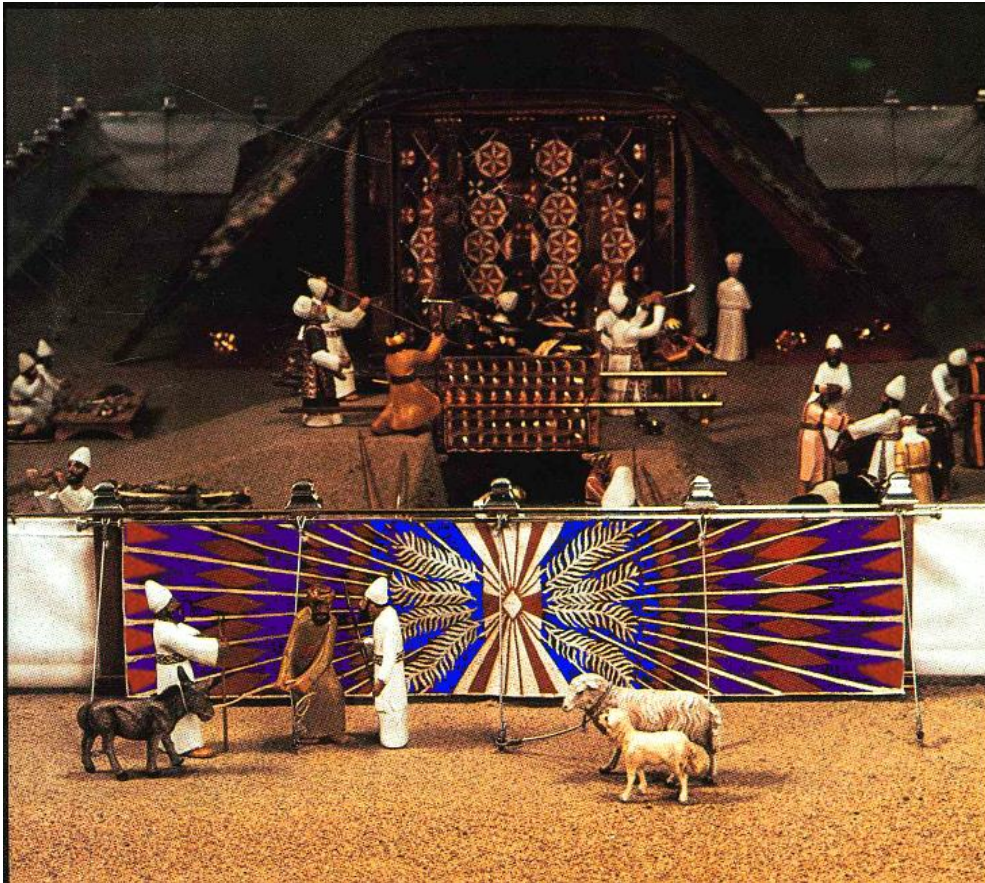


**The Tabernacle – Lesson5**  
**THE GATE OF THE TABERNACLE**



**Text: Exodus 27:16-19; 38:18-19**

The only door through which one could gain entrance to the outer court was located on the east side. It would have been lit up by the morning sun. The gate was 20 cubits wide (30 feet) and 5 cubits high (7.5 feet, same as courtyard). It was made up of 4 colors (blue, purple, scarlet, and white) sewed together (needlework or embroidery). It was held up by four pillars. See picture three.

The four pillars were the same as those used in the courtyard fence. Made of wood that was set in brass socket foundations with silver caps and hooks.

Each section (between each post) of the gate was 5 cubits by 5 cubits, 5 represents grace. So there is abundant grace available to come to Jesus.

**Acts 15:11; Eph 2:8-9; 2 Tim 1:9** Because of God's grace (favor, goodwill, love) we are invited to come to the "gate".

**I. One Gate (one way into inner court – to salvation)**

- A. God has always had just one way to himself, that one way is through Jesus His Son.  
**John 10:7-9** Jesus is the door of the sheep. You have to go through Jesus to be part of the flock (for salvation) and to be part of His Church (pasture where sheep are fed).  
**John 14:6** Jesus is the ONLY door (way) to God.  
**Acts 4:12** Jesus is the only one that can save us, salvation is not in any other way.  
**John 6:44** Only One Spirit can draw us to salvation to the One Jesus. Without the drawing of the Spirit we can be saved even if we want it..we can't save ourselves.  
**John 10:1** Those who find other ways to God will be judged as thieves and robbers.  
**Matt 7:21-23** Those who think they have found a way through the Gate other than through Jesus will be sadly mistaken at judgment time.

**II. The Gate**

- A. The width of the gate is to teach man there is ample room for all who come on God's terms.  
**Matt 11:28** It is like Jesus stands before us with out-stretched arms, "Come unto Me".  
**Matt 7:13-14** Even though all are invited to enter the Gate into the Kingdom, the way is narrow or restricted by God's requirements (Repentance and faith in Jesus).  
**Ephesians 3:14-21** In regards to sizing up God, Paul encourages us to know or comprehend (grasp) the fullness of God (v.19). **Eph 1:23** that fullness can be realized when we are part of His body, the Church.  
**Romans 5:8** How big is God's love?  
**John 3:16** God's love is big enough to give His only Son, enough so that "whosoever" or anyone that believeth, denoting no limitation to the door size, all can come in.

**III. The Fine-Twined Linen**

- A. The gate was a hanging of fine twined linen that was of needlework of four colors. The four colors stand for the four Gospels.
1. Purple – Matthew - royalty:  
**Matt 1:21-23; 2:2** God with us. King of the Jews.  
**Rev 19:16** King of Kings. **Phillip 2:9-11** All bow to Jesus. **Heb 8:1** sitting with God.
  2. Scarlett – Mark - sacrificial suffering of our Savior: the color of blood  
**Mark 10:45** Give His life a ransom for many. **Col 1:14** Redemption through His blood. **Heb 2:9** Lowered Himself, died for us.
  3. White – Luke – His purity:  
**Luke 1:35** That Holy thing which shall be born.  
**Luke 2:14** At His birth, Glory to God in the highest.  
**Luke 23:4, 14** I find no fault in this Man. **Heb 4:15** Sinless.
  4. Blue – John – Heavenly origin:  
**John 1:1-2; 3:13,31; 6:32-33,58** Come from Heaven.  
**1 Cor 15:47-49** the Man of Heaven.  
**1 Tim 3:16** God was manifest in the flesh.

- B. The needlework of the Gate was the work of people filled with the Spirit. The stitching together of the four colors was of the finest linen the world had, and needlework of the embroiderer was God led. **Ex 35:25-26** God lead woman.

**Matt 19:23-24** The needlework of the Gate can be seen as going through the eye of a needle. Easy if you set your eye on the goal of getting through, hard if you are still hanging on to the world (your money is more important).

**IV. The four pillars, set in sockets of brass.**

- A. These pillars stand for the four Gospels anchored in judgment.

**2 Cor 5:21** All who reject the Gospel will be judged by them because of what Christ suffered for us.

**Acts 17:30-31** Brass stands for earthly judgment. Rev 1:15 Jesus was shod with brass, bringing judgment.

**V. The Gate, in type, is the way into the Kingdom, it is one of three entrances of the Tabernacle.**

The three doors represent Jesus:

**John 14:6 The Way** (first door, gate), salvation is the first door to God.

**The Truth** (door into Tabernacle proper), Church membership is the second door, gives access to Comforter, position to be part of the Bride.

**The Life** (veil into the holy of holies). Being part of the Bride gets you to the throne of God.

**Rev:21:10-12, 21, 25** New Jerusalem will have 12 gates, all kept open.