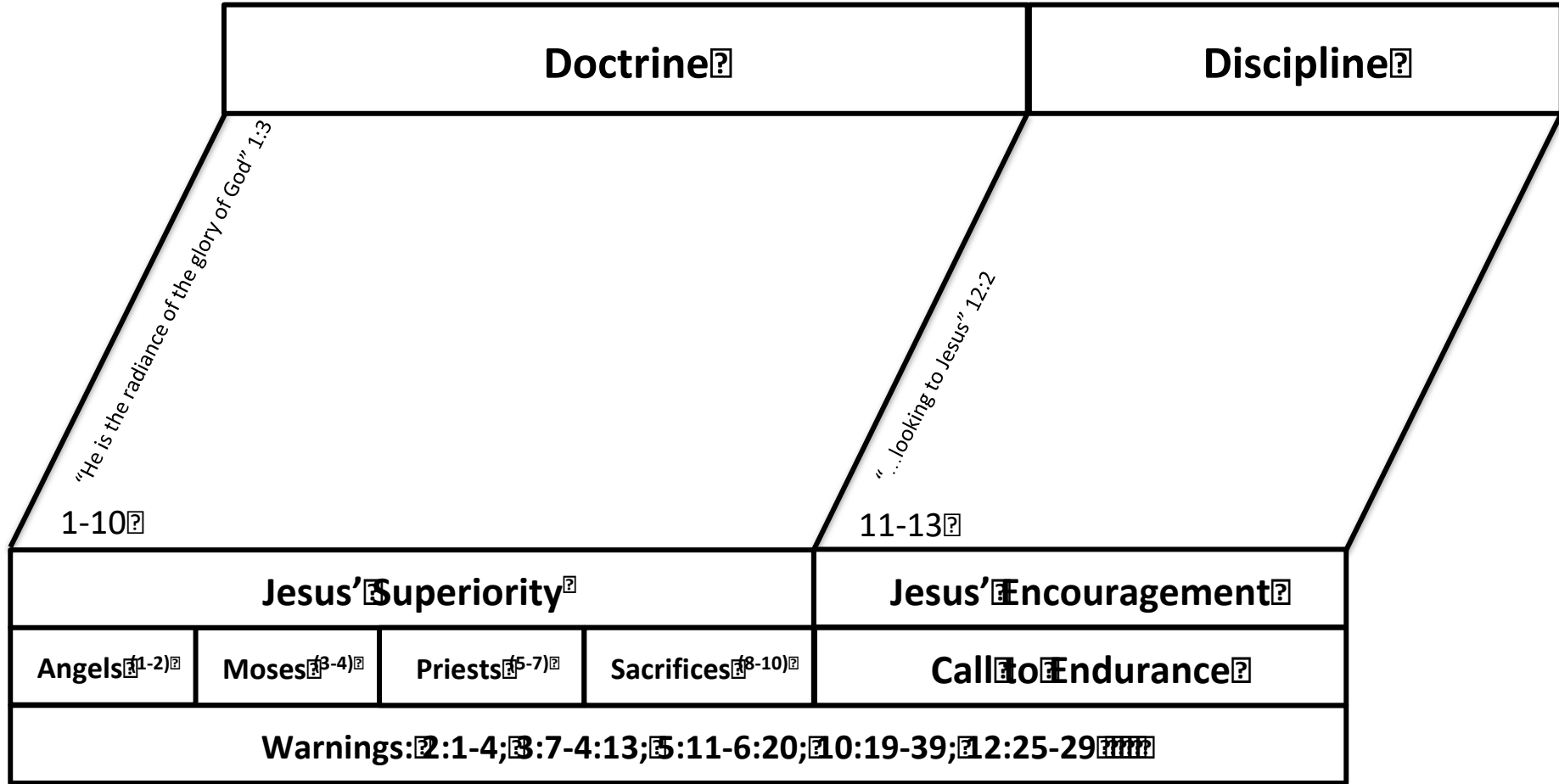


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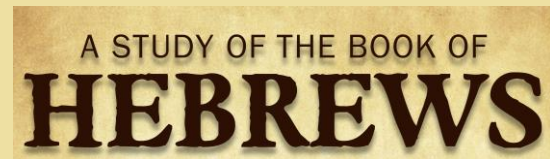
Jesus' Service in the Heavenly Tent

Hebrews 9:1-10:18

Hebrews² The³ Superiority¹ of¹ Christ²



Jesus' Service in Heavenly Tent



- **Audience**
 - Suffering Persecution (10:32-34)
 - Not Yet Martyred (12:4)
 - Needed Encouragement (13:22)
- **Main Point: Jesus is High Priest (8:1)**
 - Jesus Bridges the Gap Between us and God
 - Audience Must Learn to Appreciate What They Have
- **Ch. 5-10 – Why Mention Tabernacle, Not Temple?**
 - Tabernacle is “Where it Started”
 - Tabernacle Never Intended to be Permanent

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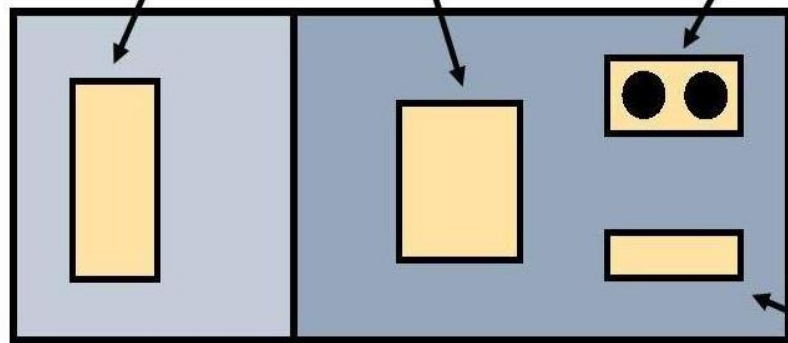
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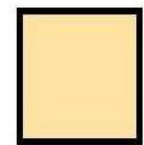
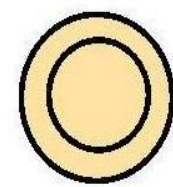


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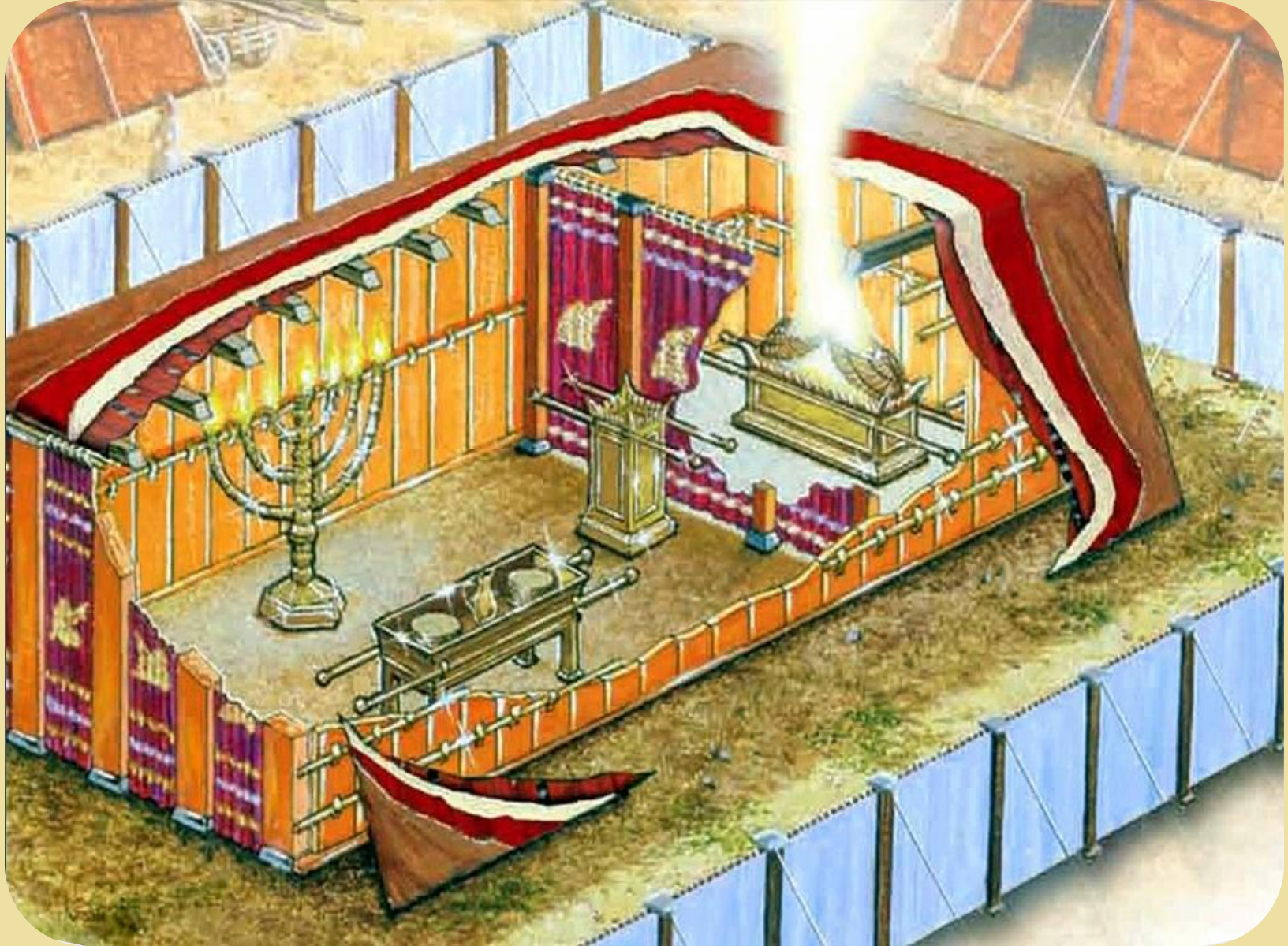
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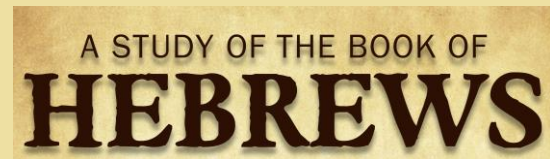


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Activities in Tabernacle (9:6-10)



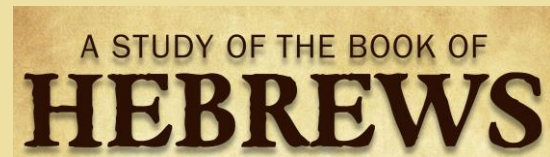
- **Access to Tabernacle (vs. 6-7)**
 - Regularly Into First Section
 - Once a Year Into Second Section
 - Curtain With Cherubim Blocked Access (Gen. 3:24; Ex. 26:33)
 - Must Make Sacrifice to Enter
 - Unintentional Sins of the People (Numbers 16:22-31)
 - Amazing That We Have Greater Access (4:16)
- **Earthly Sacrifices (vs. 8-10)**
 - Sacrifices Cannot Perfect Conscience
 - Vs. 9 – Restricted Access “Symbolic” for Present Age
 - Symbolic = Parable
 - Looks Forward to “Time of Reformation”

The Blood of Christ (9:11-28)



- **Christ's Superior Work (vs. 11-14)**
 - Jesus Enters Perfect Tent With Own Blood
 - Jesus' Sacrifice Purifies the Conscience, Not Body
 - "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience..." (1 Peter 3:21)
 - God's Expectation is That We Then Serve Him (vs. 14)
- **Christ's Superior Blood (vs. 15-28)**
 - Forgiveness in OT Depended Finally on Jesus (vs. 15)
 - Necessity of Blood
 - To Make the "Will" Take Effect (vs. 16-17; "Will" Used to Illustrate?)
 - To Purify (vs. 18-22)
 - As Surely As We Will Die, Jesus Will Return (vs. 27-28)
 - Are We Eagerly Waiting for Him?

Superior Sacrifice (10:1-18)



- **Inferiority of OT Sacrifices (vs. 1-4)**
 - They Were “Shadows” & Not The Substance
 - Animals Couldn’t Take Away Sins
- **Superiority of Jesus’ Sacrifice (vs. 5-18)**
 - **Jesus Offers His Body, Not an Animal (vs. 5-10)**
 - Author Cites Psalm 40:6-8 As Words of Christ
 - “A Body You Have Prepared” (Hebrew: “My Ears You Have Opened”)
 - Opened Ears Means Giving Whole Self to God
 - God Wanted Obedience, Not Merely Sacrifice (cf. 1 Samuel 15)
 - **Jesus “Sat Down” (vs. 11-14)**
 - Priests Work Was Never Done
 - Jesus’ Work is Complete
 - **Jesus’ Sacrifice Forgives Sins (vs. 15-18)**

Reflections



- **Blood Sacrifice(s)**
 - **Celsus: “there is nothing original in their doctrine nor in their customs... go up to the tops of the mountains and offer sacrifices...” (Fragments of Celsus)**
 - **Christianity Teaches God Sacrificed Himself**
 - Shows Severity of our Sin
 - Shows Depth of God’s Love
- **Jesus’ Sacrifice Changes our Hearts**
 - **Cleansed Consciences (9:9, 14)**
 - **We Delight to Obey When We Understand (10:16-17)**