

The background is a dark, textured blue surface. It is adorned with intricate patterns of gold and red glitter. The gold glitter forms a large, irregular shape that resembles a stylized cross or a map of a continent, with a prominent vertical stroke. A thick, vibrant red glitter trail follows a curved path across the right side of the image, intersecting with the gold pattern. The overall effect is one of depth and spiritual symbolism.

# LEVITICUS

AN INVITATION TO LIFE WITH GOD

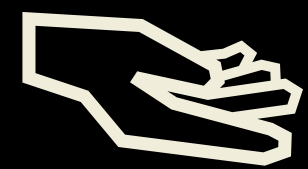




Leviticus  
Overview



5 Major  
Offerings



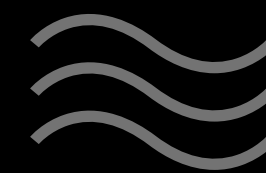
The Role  
of Priests



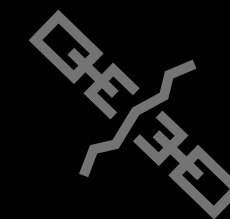
Cleanliness  
& Holiness



The Day of  
Atonement



Feasts &  
Rhythms



The Year  
of Jubilee



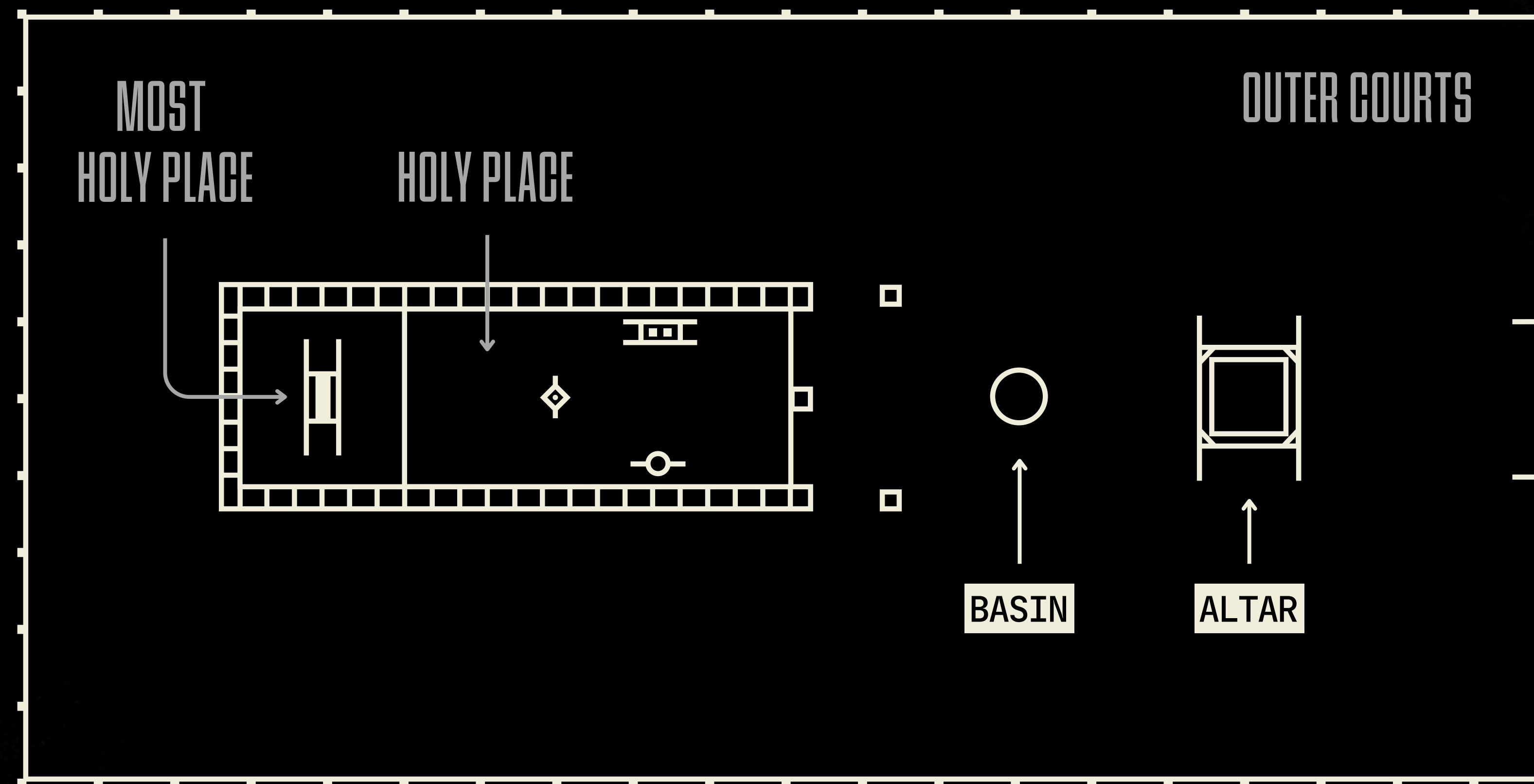
Oil &  
Bread



Obedience &  
Disobedience



→ EXODUS 25–39





## EXODUS 40:34–35 NIV

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> **Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because** the cloud had settled on it, and **the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.**



## EXODUS 33:18–23 NIV

Then **Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”**<sup>19</sup> And the Lord said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”<sup>20</sup> But, **he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”**<sup>21</sup> Then the Lord said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.”<sup>22</sup> When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.”<sup>23</sup> Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”





**WHY A MEDIATOR?**



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OUR SINFULNESS: WE ARE HOSTILE TO GOD



## LEVITICUS 8:1–4 NIV

The Lord said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “Bring Aaron and his sons, their garments, the anointing oil, the bull for the sin offering, the two rams and the basket containing bread made without yeast, <sup>3</sup> and gather the entire assembly at the entrance to the tent of meeting.”

<sup>4</sup> Moses did as the Lord commanded him, and the assembly gathered at the entrance to the tent of meeting.



# PRIESTS

THEIRS

## LEVITICUS 8:6–9, 12–13 NIV

Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons forward and washed them with water. <sup>7</sup> He put the tunic on Aaron, tied the sash around him, clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him. He also fastened the ephod with a decorative waistband, which he tied around him. <sup>8</sup> He placed the breastpiece on him and put the Urim and Thummim in the breastpiece. <sup>9</sup> Then he placed the turban on Aaron's head and set the gold plate, the sacred emblem, on the front of it, as the Lord commanded Moses... <sup>12</sup> He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him to consecrate him. <sup>13</sup> Then he brought Aaron's sons forward, put tunics on them, tied sashes around them and fastened caps on them, as the Lord commanded Moses.



# PRIESTS

THEIRS

## LEVITICUS 8:14, 18, 22–24 NIV

<sup>14</sup> He then presented the bull for the sin offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head... <sup>18</sup> He then presented the ram for the burnt offering, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head...

<sup>22</sup> He then presented the other ram, the ram for the ordination, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands on its head. <sup>23</sup> Moses slaughtered the ram and took some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's **right ear**, on the thumb of his **right hand** and on the big toe of his **right foot**. <sup>24</sup> Moses also brought Aaron's sons forward and put some of the blood on the lobes of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet. Then he splashed blood against the sides of the altar.



# PRIESTS

THEIRS

## LEVITICUS 8:31A, 33–36 NIV

Moses then said to Aaron and his sons... <sup>33</sup> “Do not leave the entrance to the tent of meeting for seven days, until the days of your **ordination** are completed, for your **ordination** will last seven days. <sup>34</sup> What has been done today was commanded by the Lord to make atonement for you. <sup>35</sup> You must stay at the entrance to the tent of meeting day and night for seven days and do what the Lord requires, so you will not die; for that is what I have been commanded.” <sup>36</sup> So Aaron and his sons did everything the Lord commanded through Moses.



# PRIESTS

## THEIRS

### LEVITICUS 9:22–24 NIV

Then Aaron lifted his hands toward the people and blessed them. And having sacrificed the sin offering, the burnt offering and the fellowship offering, he stepped down.<sup>23</sup> Moses and Aaron then went into the tent of meeting. When they came out, they blessed the people; and **the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people.**<sup>24</sup> Fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar. And when all the people saw it, **they shouted for joy and fell facedown.**



# PRIESTS

THEIRS

## LEVITICUS 10:1–2 NIV

Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu took their censers, put fire in them and added incense; and they **offered unauthorized fire before the Lord**, contrary to his command. <sup>2</sup> So fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Moses then said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke of when he said:

"Among those who approach me  
I will be proved holy;  
in the sight of all the people  
I will be honored.'"

Aaron remained silent.





**“HOLINESS IS DANGEROUS UNLESS APPROACHED BY THE  
PROPER PERSONS AND ACCORDING TO THE PROPER RULES.”**



# PRIESTS

THEIRS

## HEBREWS 5:1–3 NIV

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. <sup>3</sup> This is why **he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people.**



# PRIESTS

THEIRS

OURS

## HEBREWS 7:11–12, 22B–25 NIV

If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood—and indeed the law given to the people established that priesthood—why was there still need for another priest to come, one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?

<sup>12</sup> For when the priesthood is changed, the law must be changed also. ...Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant. <sup>23</sup> Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but **because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood.**

<sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.



# PRIESTS

THEIRS

OURS

## HEBREWS 7:26–27 NIV

**Such a high priest truly meets our need**—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.<sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. **He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.**



# PRIESTS

THEIRS

OURS

## HEBREWS 8:1–3 NIV

Now the main point of what we are saying is this: **We do have such a high priest**, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, <sup>2</sup> and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being. <sup>3</sup> **Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer.**



# PRIESTS

THEIRS

OURS

## HEBREWS 10:11–12, 14 NIV

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... <sup>14</sup> For by one sacrifice he has **made perfect forever** those who are **being made holy**.



# PRIESTS

THEIRS

OURS

US

## 1 PETER 2:9–10 NIV

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.**<sup>10</sup> 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.



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# PRIESTS

THEIRS

OURS

US TO HIM

## HEBREWS 10:19–23 NIV

Therefore, brothers and sisters, **since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,** <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and **since we have a great priest over the house of God,** <sup>22</sup> **let us draw near to God** with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.



# COMMUNION

PASS & HOLD THE ELEMENTS



# PRIESTS

THEIRS

OURS

US TO HIM

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