

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ."

Col. 1:28



"Expelled"

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Sept. 21, 2025

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Eve - אֵוָה **Chavvah** (khav-vaw') - life giver.

"woman" Gen. 2:23 · אִשָּׁה **'ishshah** (ish-shaw')

- God changed names:
 - Abram to Abraham
 - the name of Abram's wife, Sarai, to Sarah
 - Jacob to Israel
 - Simon, the brother of Andrew, to Peter
 - Saul of Tarsus becomes Paul
- Eve is now called the mother of both physical life and spiritual life.

Gen 3:15

15 And I will put enmity

Between you and the woman,

And between your seed and her seed;

- Eve will be the mother of the seed that will bring the world salvation. She will bring "spiritual life" to a spiritually dead and fallen world through Jesus Christ.

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"We don't use fig leaves today but other than that, nothing has really changed. We use religion, money, sex, power, and a veneer of good works to cover the guilt within. We stay busy, we work hard, we go to church, we try to be good neighbors, we get along with others if we can, and we hope that somehow our meager efforts will calm the voice of a stricken conscience. It works for a while but nothing we do ever works forever. Sooner or later, we have to face our guilt and admit that nothing we do or say can adequately cover our sin and our shame."

- Ray Pritchard

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- These are the first leather jackets and coats.
- You can't jump from Adam to Christ's death on the cross. You need an entire sacrificial system to teach mankind about the need for death and blood, and to be understood.
- Here is a picture of 2 things:
 1. Sacrifice by death/blood is required to cover sin.

Heb 9:22

22 without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness (of sin).

2. Our utter failure of self-righteousness finds its only solution in the robes of righteousness in which we are clothed with from God.

Isa 61:10

10 I will rejoice greatly in the Lord,
My soul will exult in my God;
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation,
He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,

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- If God let's them stay with no change, they are eternally fallen and damned and will live forever in their sin.
- Life, in the plan of God, provides opportunity for redemption. Death is God's way back to Paradise.
- It would have been a much worse tragedy for us to be sealed exactly as we are in our sin forever, with no hope of being redeemed.
- God places a date out there in the future when your life will come to an end. For the believer it will be a stepping-stone into a greater life.

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- **Note:** The first Adam began in a garden; he winds up in a grave. The Last Adam (Jesus Christ) who comes and dies upon a cross, is placed in a grave, and comes forth in resurrection life.

Ps 139:16

16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
And in Your book were all written
The days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was not one of them.

Ps. 39:4

4 "Show me, LORD, my life's end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is."

Ps 90:12

2 So teach us to number our days,
That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

Job 14:5

5 "Since his days are determined,
The number of his months is with You;
And his limits You have set so that he cannot pass.

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- Adam and Eve are pushed out.
- Paradise for them is over.
- Man, suddenly is in for a rude awakening.
- “Where do I get my next meal?”
- “Where will I sleep?”
- These and thousand more questions will plague them and will need to be answered.
- **Note:** Man cultivates the dirt that he will become when he dies. What a thought! Man spends his life preparing his grave.

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- Cherubim are a special class of heavenly angels whose specialize in guarding the throne of God.

1 Sa 4:4

"the LORD of hosts who sits above the cherubim";

2 Sa 6:2

"the LORD of hosts who is enthroned above the cherubim";

2 Ki 19:15

"the God of Israel, who are enthroned above the cherubim";

Ps 99:1

"The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble; He is enthroned above the cherubim, let the earth shake!"

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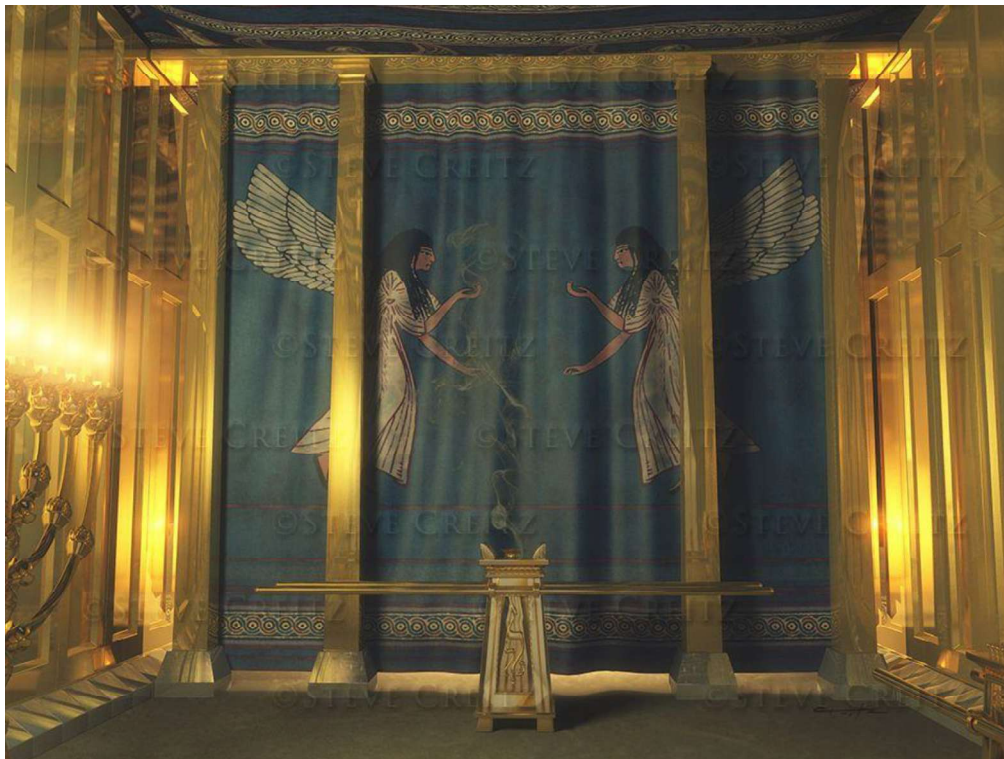
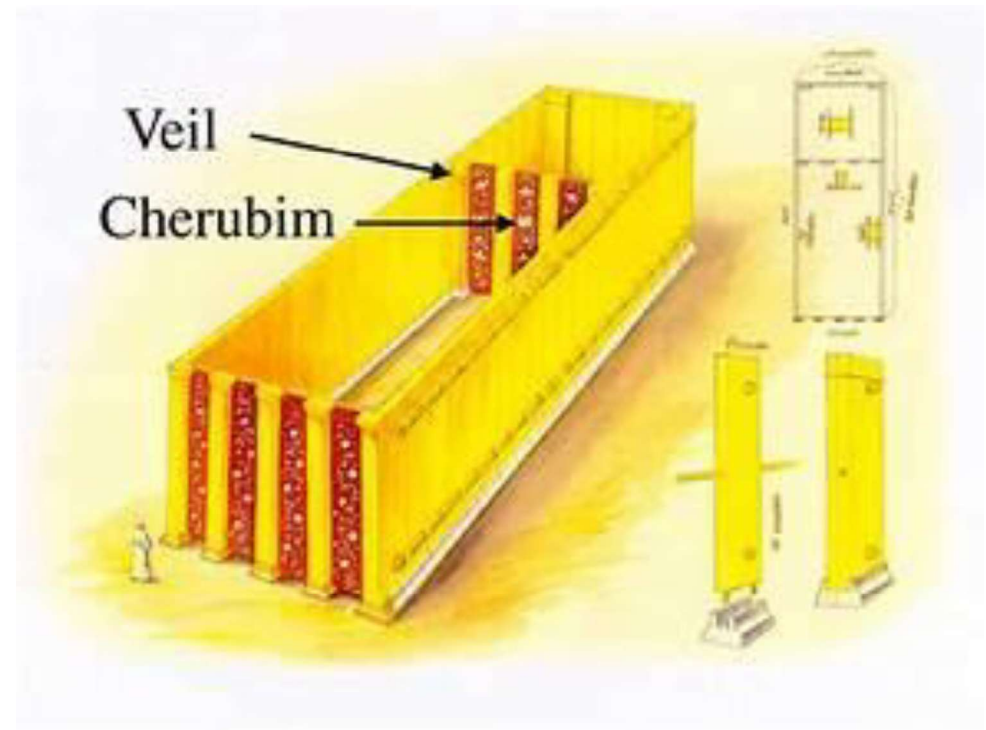
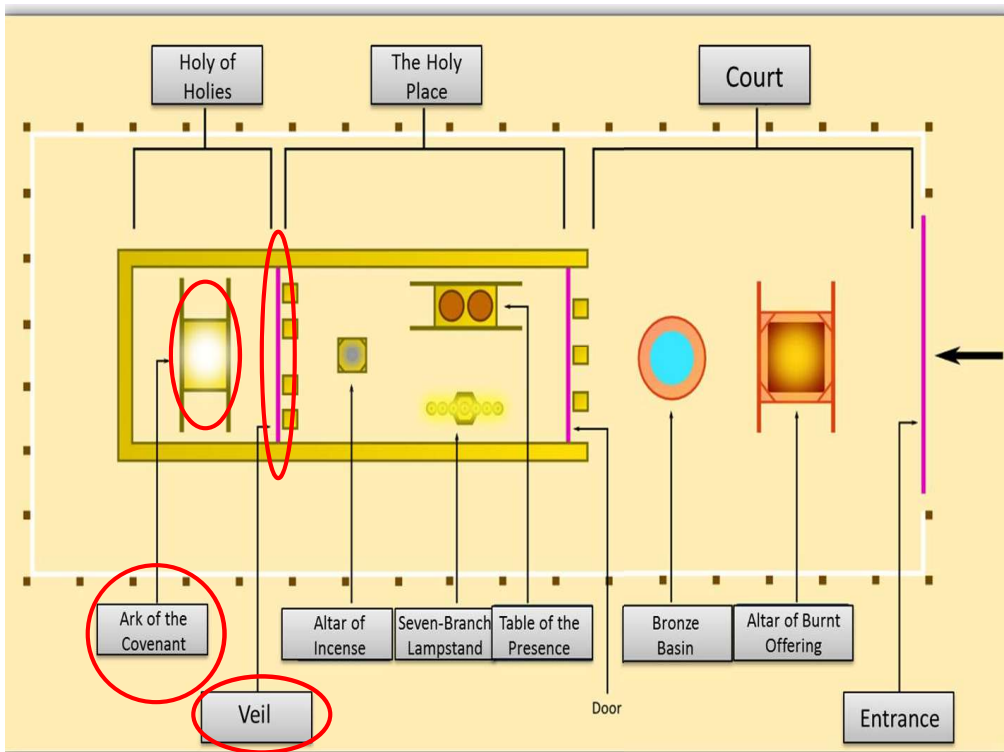
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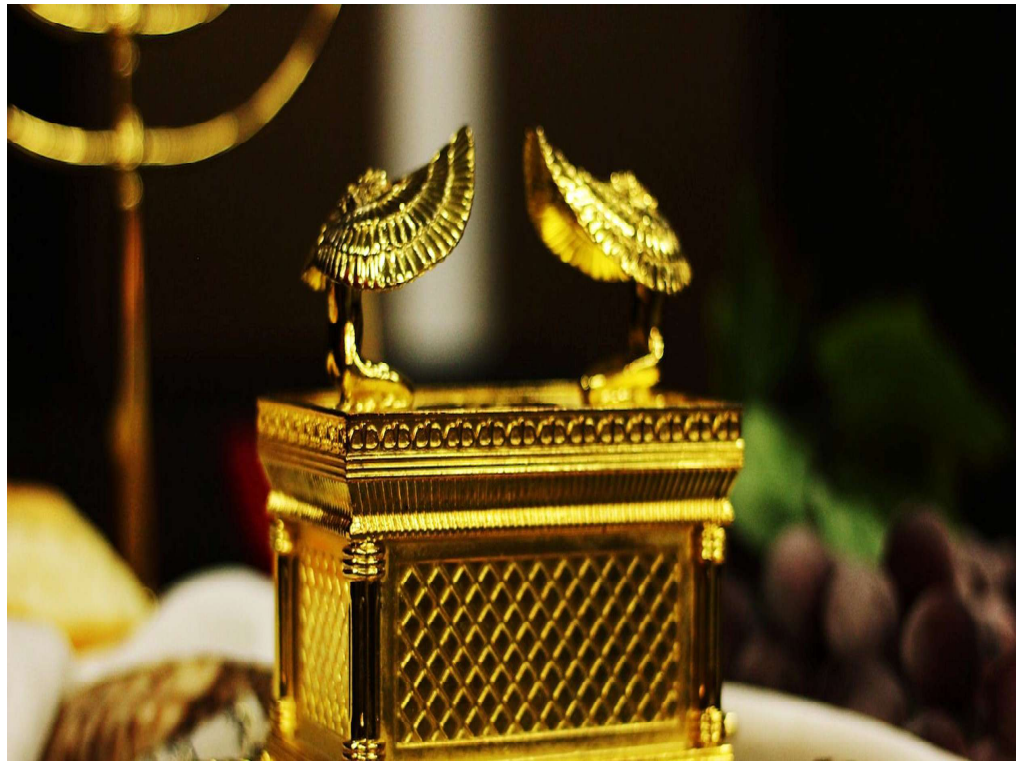
1. The veil between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies had figures of the cherubim woven into the fabric.

Ex 26:31

31 "You shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen; it shall be made with **cherubim**, the work of a skillful workman.



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- God is saying by stationing the Cherubim with a flaming sword that He will not allow the man or woman to find their way back into Eden to try to save themselves by eating of the Tree of Life.
- Redemption – Death – Eternal Life - is the way of salvation for man.

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- Adam and Eve were “put on a boat, pushed off from shore, and must now face and navigate the turbulent storms of a fallen world.” They no doubt look back at what was once possible for them, knowing they will never have it again. Somewhere in the distance they see the Tree of Life.
- **Note:** Adam becomes the father of a doomed race.
- They are in danger wherever they sail –

Disease, death, cold and hot temperatures, storms, thorns and thistles, dangerous wild animals, poisons, insecurity, disillusionment, fear, worry, sin, evil, wickedness – all of which they will experience for the first time.

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• **The human race will now move in 2 directions:**

1. Science and technology will progress.
2. Man will try but will fail to conquer sin and evil.

• The Tree of Life will once again appear.

Rev 22:1,2

1 Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb,

2 in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the **tree of life**, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Application

1. Women play an important role in bringing future generations the good news of salvation.
2. Our sins need to be paid for. Either we pay for them by suffering in Hell, or we trust Christ as Savior, who suffered on the cross and shed His blood for our sin. But make no mistake, they will be paid for.
3. Though death is hard to face, for the believer it will give us access to a greater life.
4. We toil in the “dirt” here on earth, but our toil is not in vain if it is done for the glory of God.
5. God has protected us from living eternally in sin and spiritual death, without hope. We can rejoice in a future where we will be eternally holy and righteous as we live in God’s presence.