Welcome To Open Bible Hour Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

#### "THE MAIN POINT: HE HAS TAKEN HIS SEAT"

Heb. 8:1-6

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## "The High Priesthood of Jesus Christ"

# \*\*The Lord Jesus Christ, outside of the Trinity, is superior to everything and everyone.

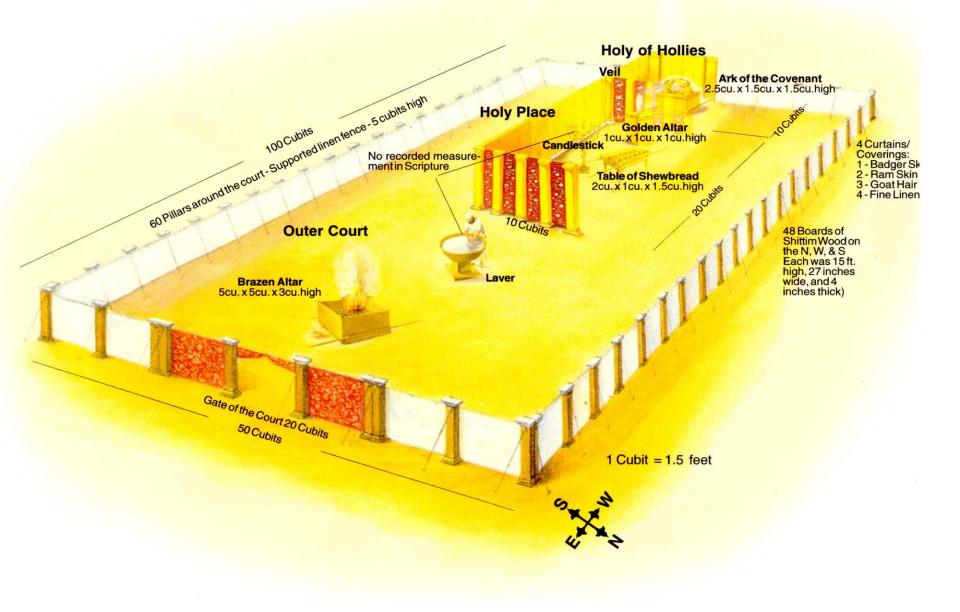
## **Hebrews Chapters 1-7**

Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, is infinitely superior to:

- 1. Angels. (1,2)
- 2. Moses. (3)
- 3. Joshua. (4)
- 4. Abraham. (7)
- 5. Aaron. (7)
- 6. Levitical Priesthood (5-7)
  - 1. O.T. priesthood was temporary . . . His Priesthood is forever.
  - 2. O.T. priesthood had no oath from God . . . His Priesthood was confirmed with an oath from God.
  - 3. O.T. priesthood required continuous sacrifices . . . His Priesthood offered 1 sacrifice.
  - 4. O.T. priesthood was confined to Aaron and his descendants . . . His Priesthood was "outside the box" in likeness to Melchizedek.
  - 5. O.T. priesthood was administered by sinful priests . . . His Priesthood is a holy priesthood.
  - 6. O.T. priesthood used a veil for separation . . . His Priesthood removed the veil.
  - 7. O.T. priesthood could not save . . . His Priesthood saves forever as He intercedes for believers.

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## Mark 16:19

19 So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

## Acts 2:33

33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

## Acts 7:55,56

55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."



### **Rom 8:34**

34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

## Col 3:1

3 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

## Heb 1:3

3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

## Heb 10:12

12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

## 1 Peter 3:22

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

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# Heb 10:11-12

11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;

12 but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

\*\*Jesus Christ accomplished in one act what all of the O.T. priests combined could never accomplish – the forgiveness of sin for all time.

#### If Christ has not sat down . . .

#### 1. Then you can forget 1 Jn. 1:9:

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

#### No ongoing forgiveness.

#### 2. The you can forget Rom. 6:10:

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; **No "once for all".** 

#### 3. Then you can forget 1 Tim. 2:5,6:

- 5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,
- 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all,

#### No mediator, no Savior, no heavenly High Priest.

#### 4. Then you can forget Col. 2:16,17

- 16 Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day —
- 17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.
- No substance and therefore we still have copies, shadows, and a "brochure".

## 5. Then you can forget Heb. 8:6:

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# No hope for better promises in the N.T.

## 6. Then you can forget John 19:30:

30 Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **"It is finished!"** And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

## No finished plan of redemption.

## 7. Then you can forget Rev. 3:21:

21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

## No future sitting with Christ on His throne.

Right vs. Left

- 1. Sanhedrin.
- 2. No favoritism.

# Judges 20:15-16

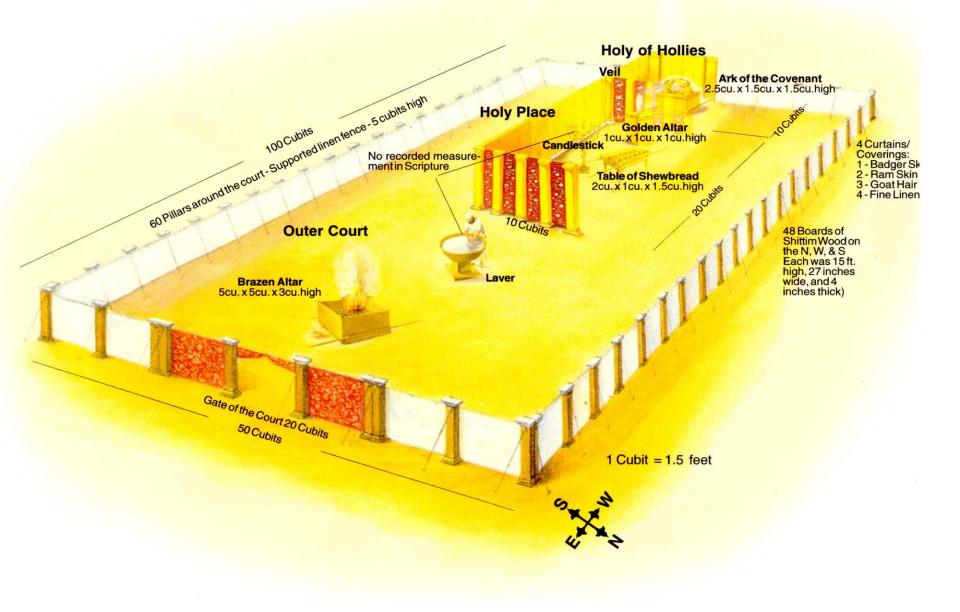
15 From the cities on that day the sons of Benjamin were numbered, 26,000 men who draw the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah who were numbered, 700 choice men.

16 Out of all these people 700 choice men were lefthanded; each one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.

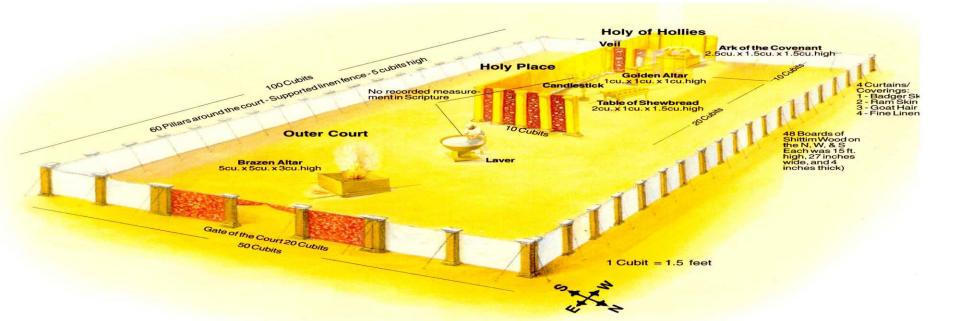
\*A good sling could carry its full force to the distance of 200 yards.

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## Ex 25:40

40 "See that you make them after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.

# Heb 8:5

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**skia** - shadow – something that only has meaning outside of itself.

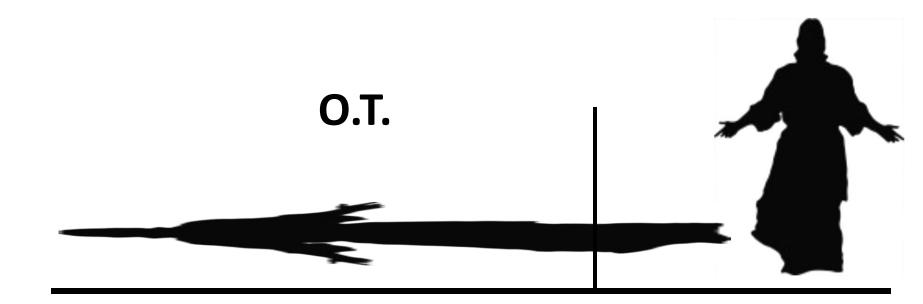
topos - to strike, a type, an image.



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- Altar-Shadow
- Laver-Shadow
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- Shewbread-Shadow



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# **Application:**

How does this affect my life:

- 1. Have you "taken your seat" with Christ in His finished work?
- 2. Where would you rather have Christ on the earth carrying out a priestly ministry in a temple or seated next to the Father in Heaven?
- 3. Are you thankful to God everyday that you do not live in shadows, copies, or patterns?