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Chapter 9:16-28



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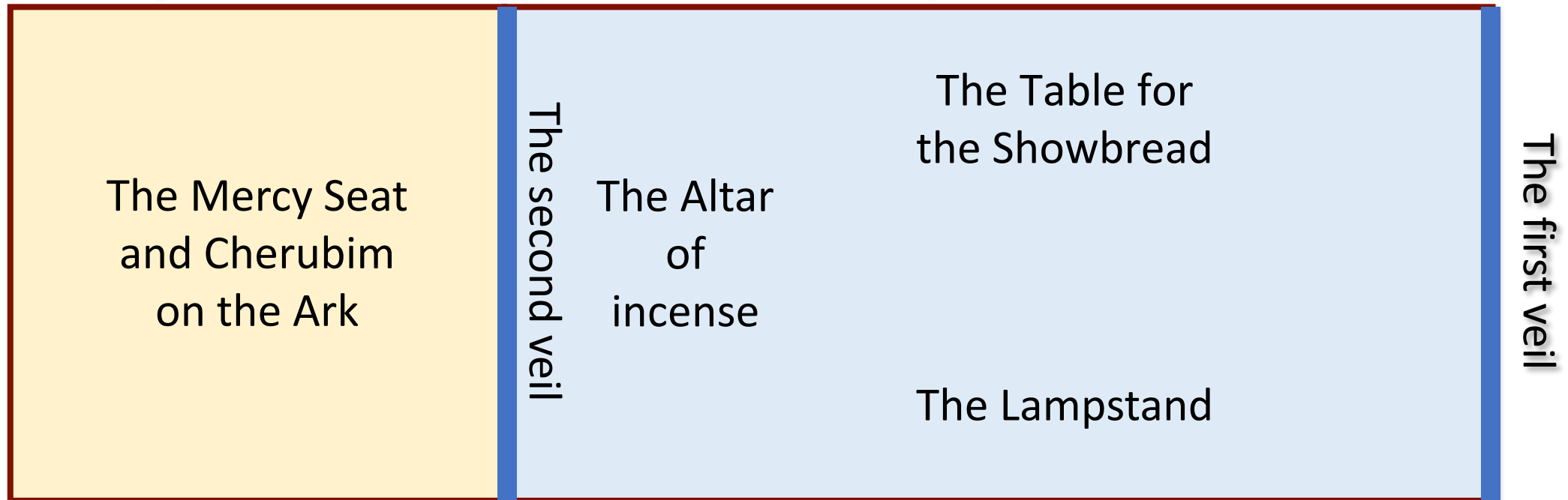
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- Where are we up to, and where to now?
- Understanding the text
- Another look at what this means to us

The Tabernacle – A parable for that time

Only the High Priest entered, once a year

Daily ministry by the priests



"Let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them."

(Exodus 25:8)

Where are we up to?



THEN

The way into the Holiest of All
was not yet made manifest
(Hebrews 9:8)



NOW

...how much more shall the **blood of Christ**,
who through **the eternal Spirit**
offered Himself without spot to God,
cleanse your conscience from **dead works**
to serve **the living God?**
(Hebrews 9:14)

Where to now?

The question:

Why was the Messiah's death necessary?

The answer:

Verses 16-18

• God's covenants with His people are secured by a sacrifice.

Verses 19-22

• The covenant God made with Israel at Sinai was made with blood.

Verses 23-28

• But the first covenant concerned earthly things, pictures of the heavenly.

• The heavenly reality requires a better sacrifice.

• The Lord Jesus died as that better sacrifice.

• **He will return to bring eternal salvation to His people.**

Understanding the text...



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with His own blood

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covenant or testament.

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by means of death,
for the redemption of the transgressions under **the first covenant**,
that those who are called
may receive the promise of **the eternal inheritance**.

(Hebrews 9:15)

The promise of the eternal inheritance



A will,
specifying what is inherited
and who inherits it

For where there is a testament,
there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

For a testament is in force after death,
since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

(Hebrews 9:16-17)

The person
making the will



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By means of death



A covenant, such as the one made by God at Mt Sinai.

For where there is a covenant, there must also of necessity be the death of the covenant-maker.

For a covenant is in force over dead ones, since it has no power at all while the covenant-maker lives.

Literal

(Hebrews 9:16-17)

The one who dies to establish the covenant.

A sacrifice

Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood.

(Hebrews 9:18)



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*“This cup
is the
new covenant
in my blood”*

For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people ...
[he] sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying,

“This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.”

...

Exodus 24:8

And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood,
and **without shedding of blood there is no remission.**

(Hebrews 9:19-22)

*“It is the **blood** that makes
atonement for the soul.”*

(Leviticus 17:11)

Freedom, deliverance,
forgiveness, pardon



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For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands,
which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself,
now to appear in the presence of God for us;

The High Priest in the
Most Holy Place

not that He should offer Himself often,
as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year ...

...but now, **once at the end of the ages,**

He has appeared **to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.**

(Hebrews 9:24-26)



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And as it is appointed for men **to die once**,
and after this the judgment,

so Christ, having been offered once
to bear the sins of many,

will appear a second time, apart from sin,
to those who eagerly wait for him,

for salvation.

We must face judgment

He died for our sin

He will return

(Hebrews 9:27-28)

➤ **We must face judgment**

*Teach us to number our days,
That we may gain a heart of wisdom.*
(Psalms 90:12)

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***...the LORD has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all.***

(Isaiah 53:6)

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The power and glory
of His resurrection...

Our resurrection...

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**Another look at
what this means to us...**

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*“It is the **blood** that makes atonement for the soul.”*

(Leviticus 17:11)

Jewish history and Law: blood must be shed

The explanation



Abraham

Moses

(Genesis 15:10)




(Leviticus 17:11)

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The death of Christ reveals:

1. The sinfulness of sin 
2. The holy character of God 
3. The amazing grace of God 

When His cross is central to our faith:

- We can face what we are (1 Timothy 1:15)
- We are kept from idols (1 John 5:21)
- Our walk with God is on a strong foundation

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WHY?

- Our eternal destiny is secure
- We can have soul peace
- We can be strong in hard times
- We can serve Him in our spiritual gift

The cross **MUST BE** central to our faith



LET US GO ON TO MATURITY