

# THE FORESHADOWING OF THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

## What Did Christ Do in the Courtyard and in the Holy Place?



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Please see the “Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement” audio series for an in-depth lesson on that topic, as we will not repeat much of those lessons in this “Short Lesson”.

Here is what Paul says in **Heb 10:1-2** – “For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. <sup>2</sup>For then **would they have not ceased to be offered?** Because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins (sinless). <sup>3</sup>But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. <sup>4</sup>For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.”

So, this lets us know that **the blood of Yahusha could do something**

**that the blood of animals could not do** – make us sinless. So, let’s look at the parts of the foreshadowing of the wilderness tabernacle that have already been fulfilled by Christ in the Heavenly Tabernacle.

**1<sup>st</sup> – the offering of the sacrifices in the outer courtyard**, away from the Holy Places inside the Tabernacle. Yahusha was sacrificed (crucified) outside the walls of the city of Jerusalem. He was sacrificed on the cross as the perfect sacrifice - He was perfect because he was a sinless, innocent man dying for sinful, guilty men. As the perfect sacrifice, **he only had to be offered once**. Unlike the imperfect animals that were **offered daily**, but because of the efficacy of his sacrifice – **it needed to be only a one-time offering**. **Heb 9:28** – “So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time

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*without sin unto salvation.* His next coming will be for a totally different purpose – to rule and reign. So he completed the offering of the sin offering in the courtyard on the altar, **which represented his cross.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - the sprinkling of blood on the Altar of Incense in the Holy Place** of the Tabernacle. After being the perfect sacrifice for the altar, his blood was the perfect ransom (price) to pay for the debt owed by us (**our own life's blood**). **He took his blood into the Holy Place** and did as the High Priest in the wilderness tabernacle did – placed it upon the horns of the golden alter of incense. He did this too, only once, unlike the daily rituals done in the wilderness. **Heb 9:11-12** – “But Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; <sup>12</sup>**Neither by the**

**blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.**” With that one entry into the Holy Place with his blood – he secured eternal deliverance from the penalty of sin (death) for all who put their faith in him. He is not taking his blood into the Holy Place **daily for our sins** – his blood unlike the animal blood, **was sufficient, effective and accepted by the Father** as payment in full for our sins (**Rom 6:23** – “the wages of sin is death; but the gift of YAH is eternal life through Yahusha Ha’Massiah our LORD.”) Henceforth, our consciences have changed from a desire for “dead works” to works to serve the living YAH. (**Heb 9:14**)

*So, the eternal sacrifice has been made and the eternal price has been paid for our redemption. (See Part 2 for the conclusion of this lesson.)*

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