

Old Testament III

The Law and Rebellion

Rest vs. Rebellion

- Rest requires **obedience**.
- Obedience requires **faith**.
- Rebellion comes from **disobedience**.
- Disobedience comes from **unbelief**.

Summary So Far

- Adam is created in perfect rest and loses it.
- Abraham is called to forerun the creation of new rest.
- Jacob has brought his clan from Canaan to Egypt, allowing his family to avoid the famine there.
- 430 years later, Moses has led Israel out of Egypt and has brought them to the base of Mount Sinai.
- God is visibly manifesting His presence on top of the mountain.

What Is God's Outlook?

- He is leading Israel by the hand out of Egypt.
Jeremiah 31:32
- He wishes to dwell among them.
Exodus 25:8, 29:45-46
- Israel is in ignorance and must be taught what sin is.
Romans 7:7

The Law

- Teach Israel righteous behavior; cause them to become conscious of sin.
Romans 7:7
- Sin now comes to the surface and becomes apparent.
Romans 7:8-9
- This sin must be atoned for in order for God to dwell among them.
Leviticus 16

Atonement

Hebrews 10

- Must be done at regular intervals.
- Must be done for recurring sin.
- Sin remains after atonement.
- People remain imperfect before God.
- Done through the blood of animals.

Redemption

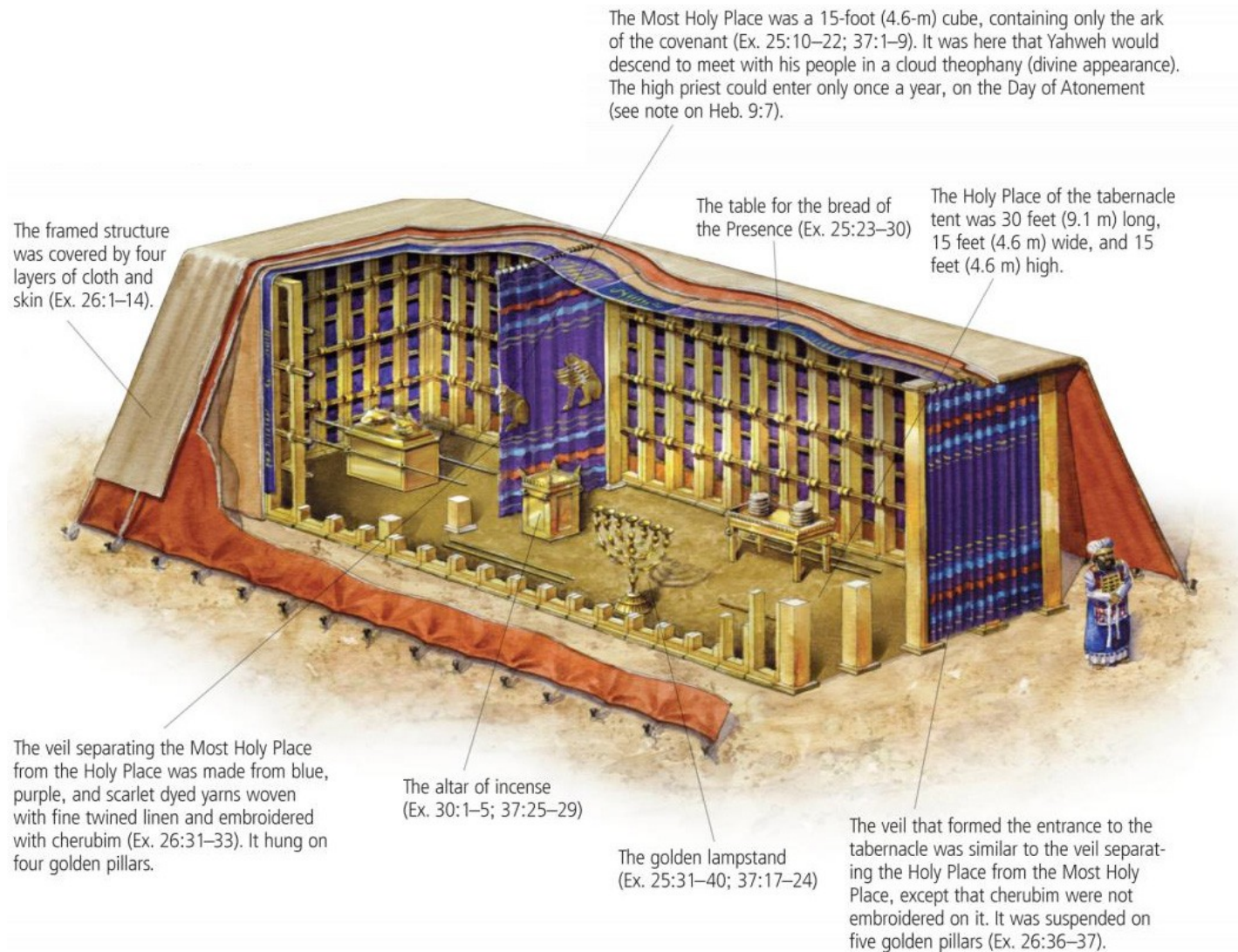
Hebrews 10

- Will occur only once.
- Is done for all sin throughout time.
- Sin is removed after redemption.
- People are now perfected before God.
- Done through the blood of Christ.

The Tabernacle

- The Exodus tabernacle was modeled after God's tabernacle in Heaven, thereby making it limited.

Hebrews 8:5





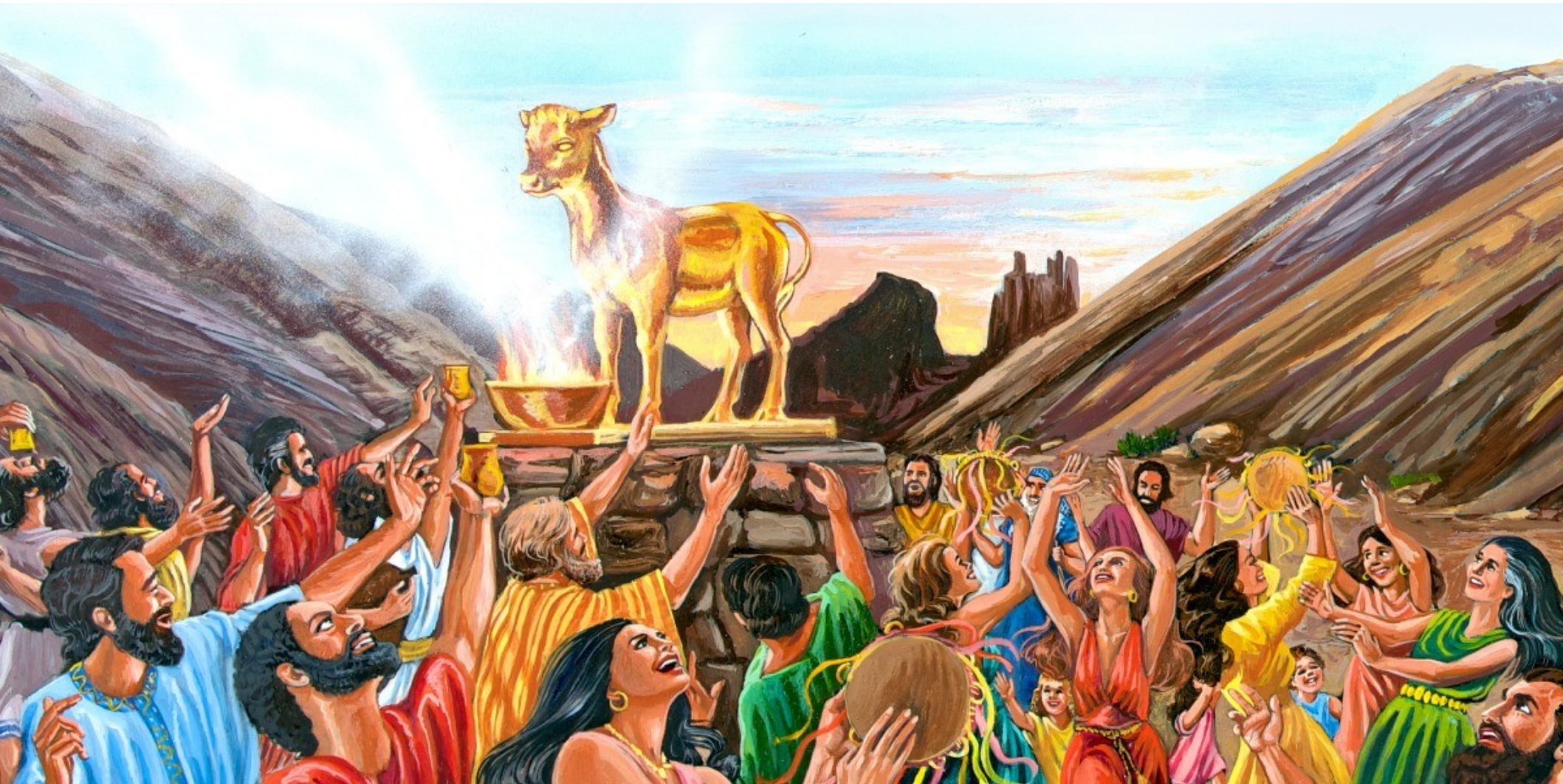
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Now back to the topic of rebellion...

Israel at Mt. Sinai

- Israel declares that they will do as the LORD commands.
Exodus 19:8
- God's presence manifests all over the mountain.
Exodus 19:16-18
- Israel is forbidden from idol worship.
Exodus 20:4, 20:23
- Israel declares that they will do as the LORD commands.
Exodus 24:3



Episode I: The Golden Calf

- Israel acknowledges Moses as the one who brought them out from Egypt.
Exodus 32:1
- Aaron crafts a golden calf and Israel declares that this inanimate object delivered them from Egypt.
Exodus 32:4

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- God wants to kill them, but Moses reasons with Him not to do this.
Exodus 32:11-14
- Moses calls the righteous to him, and all of the sons of Levi rallied; they killed 3,000 Israelites.
Exodus 32:25-28
- God sent a plague upon the remainder of those who worshiped the calf.
Exodus 32:35
- God instructs them to pack up and leave Mt. Sinai, but He will not accompany them on the journey.
Exodus 33:3

Episode II: The People Complain

- Israel complains before the LORD about their misfortunes, and get burned alive for it.

Numbers 11:1

Episode III: Give Us Meat!

- Israel complains about not having meat to eat; they praise that they got to eat meat in Egypt.
Numbers 11:4-6
- Moses asks the LORD to just kill him already.
Numbers 11:11-15
- The LORD brings so much meat to Israel that it becomes a plague.
Numbers 11:18-20
- The LORD struck them with a real plague as soon as they started eating.
Numbers 11:31-34

Episode IV: To Heck with Moses!

Numbers 12

- Miriam and Aaron begin speaking against Moses because of his Cushite wife.
- The LORD summons Miriam, Aaron, and Moses by name.
- The LORD distinguishes His personal relationship with Moses.
- Miriam gets leprosy and is banished for seven days.
- Israel is immobile until her return.

Episode V: We Can't Do It!

- Spies are sent into Canaan; they return and report all manner of negativity, declaring that they are incapable of victory.
- Israel declares that the LORD has brought them out there to die; they elect to return to Egypt under a new leader.

Numbers 13.

Numbers 14:1-4

Episode V: We Can't Do It!

- Joshua and Caleb try to persuade Israel that the LORD will deliver Canaan to them.

Numbers 14:6-9

- Israel goes to stone them for this.

Numbers 14:10

- The LORD moves to disown them, but Moses intercedes.

Numbers 14:13-19

Episode V: We Can't Do It!

- The LORD responds by acting according to their words; they do indeed die in the wilderness.

Numbers 14:28-30

- Israel attempts to honor the LORD by defeating the Amalekites and Canaanites in battle, but He warns them not to.

Numbers 14:39-43

- Israel goes anyway and is defeated.

Numbers 14:44-45

Episode VI: Korah's Rebellion

- Korah takes 250 chiefs and confronts the standing of Moses and Aaron.
Numbers 16:1-4
- They blame Moses for not bringing them into Canaan.
Numbers 16:14
- The LORD is going to kill them all, but Moses intercedes and only Korah, Dathan, and Abiram (and their families) die, along with 250 others.
Numbers 16:20-35

Episode VI (Post-Credits Scene)

- They next day, Israel accuses Moses and Aaron of killing the people who died the previous day.
Numbers 16:41
- The LORD appears and begins killing the Israelites with a plague.
Numbers 16:46
- Aaron must race to atone for them with fire from the altar.
Numbers 16:47
- 14,700 Israelites died that day.
Numbers 16:49

Episode VII: Striking the Rock

Numbers 20

- Israel grumbles at not having water, saying they've been brought out to die there, etc. etc. etc...
- The LORD tells Moses to speak to a rock to bring forth water, but Moses strikes the rock out of anger instead.
- He loses the right to enter Canaan because of this.

Episode VIII: Snakes!

Numbers 21:4-9

- Israel does it again.
- The LORD sends down fiery snakes to bite the Israelites and kill them.
- “Wait a sec, we’ve actually sinned!”
- A bronze (or possibly copper) serpent was built and set on a pole.
- If you were bit by a Yahweh-fire-snake, you looked at it and lived.