



# Clean and unclean

## Numbers 5:1-4



# Covenant at Mount Sinai

“Now therefore, if you (the people of Israel) will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; **6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**” – Exodus 19:5-6



# What is Holiness?

- Can only come from God
- Majesty, power, absoluteness, set apart
- Destroy all that is unholy or unclean
- Objects consecrated for worship is holy
- Ethical holiness = character of God



# Anatomy of Holiness!

- Mind - fixed on what is good
- Eyes – turn away from evil
- Mouth – speaks the truth and not gossip!
- Spirit – be steadfast and gentle
- Soul – rest and rejoice in Jesus!
- Muscles – Strive for Christ-like virtues
- Heart – Filled with joy and hope
- Sexual organs - Be pure!
- Feet – move towards the lowly
- Hands – Be quick to help those in need!

## INSIDE THE TEMPLE

(Cutaway view)

1. Holy of Holies
2. Ark
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Lampstand (Menorah)
6. Holy Place
7. Table of Shewbread
8. Outer Veil

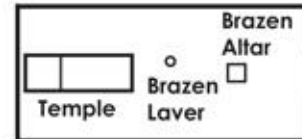
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Smoke

The  
Temple

Pillar

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Size comparison  
(approximate):



Court of the  
Tabernacle

## TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

9. Outer covering of badger skins
10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
11. Curtain of goat's hair
12. Curtain of fine linen

Curtain  
enclosure

Brazen  
Laver

Court of the  
Tabernacle

Brazen  
Altar

Slaughter  
Tables

Entrance  
Curtain

# The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.



## Three groups (Unclean)

- "Tza-ra'at"
- Discharges (sexual)
- Contact with the dead



# What can we learn?


- God is holy and loving
- Holiness is the **NORMAL** way to live
- Sinning is **ABNORMAL!**



# What can we learn?

- We know what is good and wholesome
- But we rebel and resist!
- Outward cleanliness is easy; but inward change is the real deal!





Those unclean shall be made clean  
by the way of the Son.