



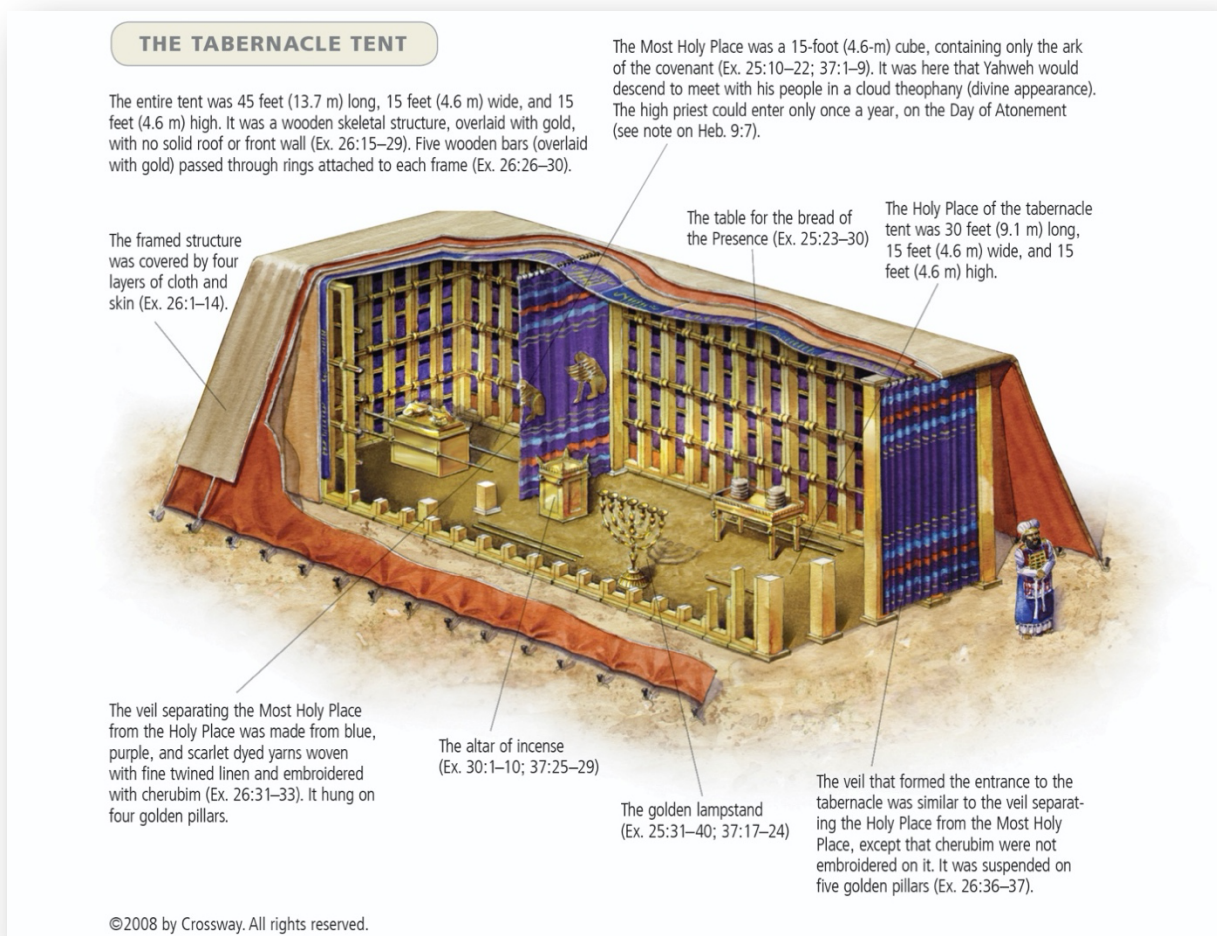
## HEBREWS 9:1-10:18 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of 11/7/21

**Icebreaker:** What's your reaction to the sight of blood? Do you feel faint, cringe, or need to look away? Or, maybe it's no big deal? (Please feel free to share a humorous, embarrassing "blood-reacting" story if you have one!)

Read the passage, then select 2-3 questions from below to discuss together.

As a reference, check out the illustration below from the ESV Study Bible:



1. The diagram above and the description in Hebrews 9:1-10 portray God's "regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness" (9:1) under the first (a.k.a., "old") covenant. What do you see or read in these verses that depict the limitations of the first covenant?

2. What can we see in verses 11-14 about how Jesus' ministry overcame the limitations of the first covenant?

3. The word *blood* shows up 13 times in this week's passage! What runs through your mind when you hear this word repeated so many times?

What purpose(s) does *blood* serve according to the passage, especially in verses 15-22 of chapter 9?

4. Hebrews 9:23-28 offers another summary of how Christ accomplished in the new covenant what the priests could never attain under the old. How would you summarize the relationship of these two covenants?

5. Hebrews 10 includes two direct OT quotations—one from Psalm 40 and one from Jeremiah 31—where God promised something better that would not come until a future generation. Today, we get to see how God fulfilled those promises in Christ and the new covenant. How can this build our own faith as we consider God's promises that have not yet been fulfilled?

6. Look back at the illustration of the tabernacle. Now, picture in your mind the cross. What points of comparison can we make between the two?

With this comparison in mind, what gives you a sense of gratitude for what Christ has accomplished in the new covenant?