

Hebrews 6:19-20 (NIV)

We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, [20] where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 7:11 (NIV)

If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come--one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?

Hebrews 7:18-19 (NIV)

The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless [19] (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

Hebrews 7:23-25 (NIV)

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; [24] but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. [25] Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

FULL ACCESS TO GOD

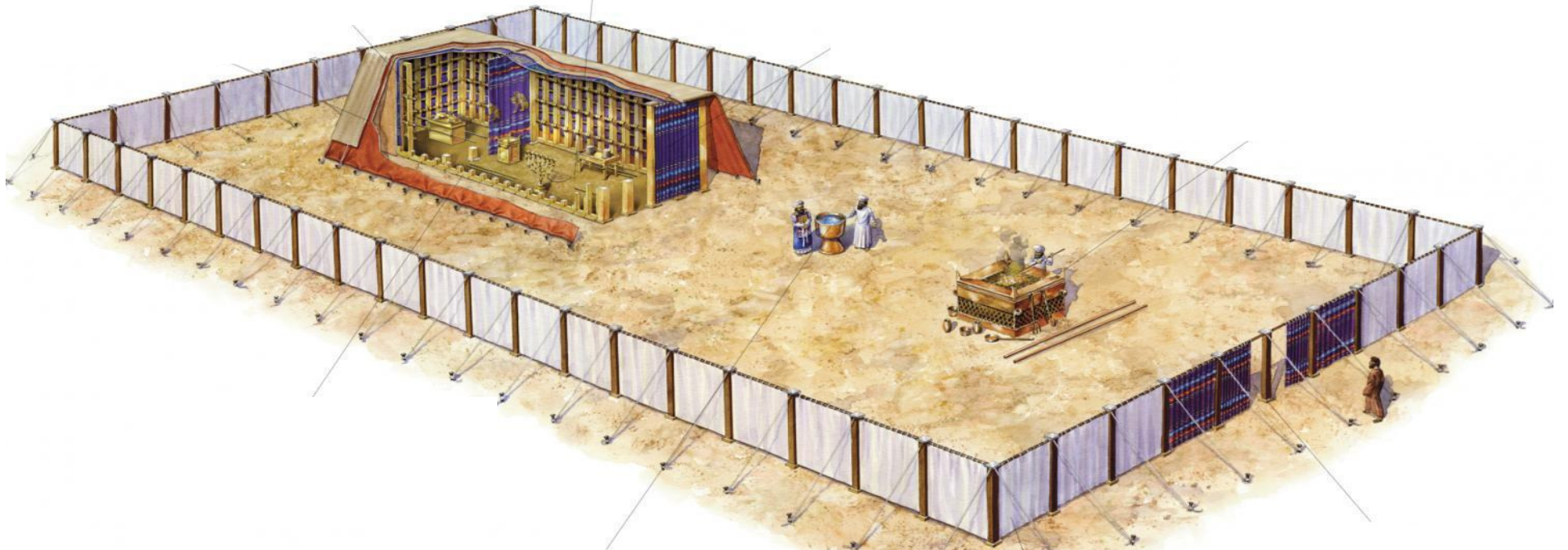
Hebrews 7:11-28

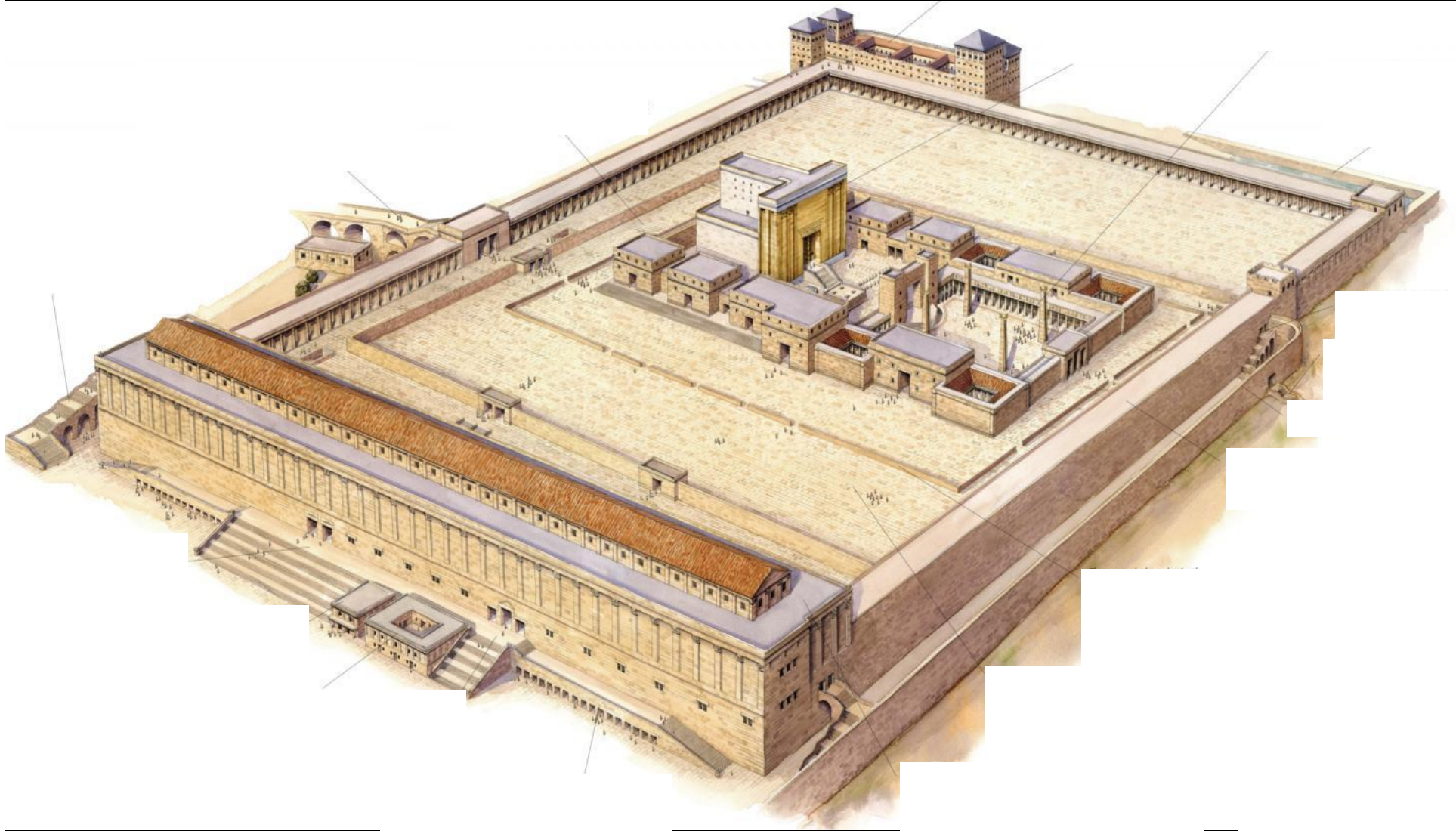
THE LAW WAS... Heb. 7:18-19

- **weak**
- **useless**
- **set aside**

Romans 3:20 (NIV)

Therefore **NO ONE will be declared righteous** in his sight
BY observing the law;
rather, through the law
we become CONSCIOUS of sin.





**The whole system of O.T. worship
associated with Sacrifices, Rituals
and Priesthood was designed to
keep men at a
DISTANCE from God
rather than to bring them near.**

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PERFECTION =
Access or Nearness to God,
a Relationship with God

OLD COVENANT BASED ON...

- **Law of Moses**
- **Sacrificial System**
- **Priests**

NEW COVENANT ...

➤ ATONEMENT

1 Peter 2:24 (NIV) He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

NEW COVENANT ...

➤ CLEANSED CONSCIENCE

Hebrews 9:14 (NIV) How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our CONSCIENCES from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

NEW COVENANT ...

➤ ACCESS

John 14:6 (NIV) Jesus answered, I AM the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

1 John 1:9 (ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to CLEANSE us from all unrighteousness.

NEW COVENANT ...

➤ LIFE

**John 11:25 (NIV) Jesus said to her,
I AM the resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me will live, even
though he dies;**

IT SHOULD MOVE US TO...

- **BROKENNESS** before the Lord
- pursue **HOLINESS** in our Lives
- pursue **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**
- live a Lifestyle of **WORSHIP**

DIFFERENCE IN PRIESTHOODS

Levitical Priests

many High Priests

temporary

sacrificed for own sins

offered daily sacrifices

offered animal sacrifices

Jesus High Priest

ONE

PERMANENT

HOLY, blameless, pure

ONCE for ALL

Offered HIMSELF

Jesus IS a BETTER High Priest Because...

- He is IN God's PRESENCE
- He is ETERNAL
- His Forgiveness is COMPLETE
- His Forgiveness is PERMANENT
- He WAS the perfect SACRIFICE

**In the Beloved” I went to the tree, There, in
His Person, by faith I may see
Infinite wrath rolling over His head, Infinite
grace, for He died in my stead.**

**In the Beloved,” God’s marvelous grace
Calls me to dwell in this wonderful place;
God sees my Savior, and then He sees me,
In the Beloved,” accepted and free.**

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. [15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. [16] Let us then approach the throne of grace with **CONFIDENCE**, so that we may **receive MERCY** and find **GRACE** to **HELP US** in our time of need.

**→ We NEED a SAVIOR
and
a High Priest who will keep
on INTERCEDING for us**

Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

And I am certain that

God, who **BEGAN** the good
work within you,

WILL CONTINUE his work

until it is finally finished on the
day when Christ Jesus returns.