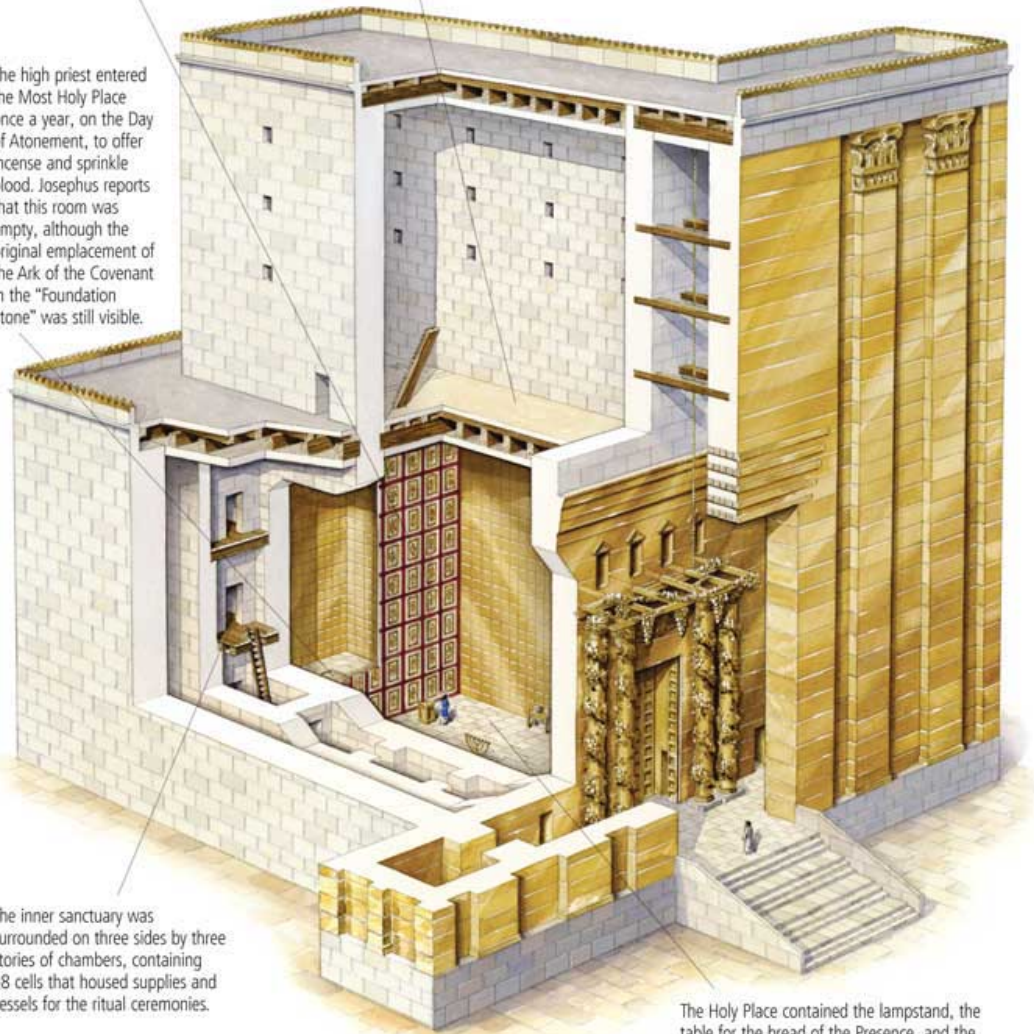


A massive curtain separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. When Jesus died, this curtain was torn in two from top to bottom (Matt. 27:51; Mark 15:38; Luke 23:45).

The high priest entered the Most Holy Place once a year, on the Day of Atonement, to offer incense and sprinkle blood. Josephus reports that this room was empty, although the original emplacement of the Ark of the Covenant in the "Foundation Stone" was still visible.

The inner sanctuary was surrounded on three sides by three stories of chambers, containing 38 cells that housed supplies and vessels for the ritual ceremonies.

There was an upper chamber above the sanctuary, which allowed access (through holes in the floor) for cleaning of the gold-covered walls below. A ladder (shown partly cut away in this section) gave access to the upper roof level.



The Holy Place contained the lampstand, the table for the bread of the Presence, and the altar of incense. An angel of the Lord appeared to Zechariah on the right side of the incense altar (Luke 1:11).

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Jesus Prayer For His Own

How does one sanctify oneself?

^{RSV} John 17:19 And for their sake | consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.

^{BNT} John 17:19 καὶ ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν ἐγὼ ἀγιάζω ἑμαυτόν, ἵνα ὧσιν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἡγιασμένοι ἐν ἀληθείᾳ.

^{CJB} John 17:19 On their behalf | am setting myself apart for holiness, so that they too may be set apart for holiness by means of the truth.

^{Holman} John 17:19 | sanctify Myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth.

^{ESV} John 17:19 And for their sake | consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

^{KJV} John 17:19 For their sakes | sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

^{NAU} John 17:19 "For their sakes | sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

^{NET} John 17:19 | set myself apart on their behalf, so that they too may be truly set apart.

^{NIV} John 17:19 For them | sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

^{NRS} John 17:19 And for their sakes | sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Matthew 6:9; Acts 26:18; Romans 15:15-16; | Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 5:25-27; | Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Timothy 2:21; Hebrews 2:11; 9:13-14; 10:10-14; 10:28-29; 13:12-15

ἀγιάζω (hagiazō) *to make [or] be made holy, sanctify, consecrate, dedicate, a state of purify:*

ἅγιος, (hagios) *Saints: set apart for or by God, morally or ceremonially holy, pure, undefiled*

ἁγιασμός, (hagiaunos) *holiness, consecration, dedication, sanctification*

^{RSV} John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth.

^{CJB} John 17:17 Set them apart for holiness by means of the truth- your word is truth.

^{Holman-NASB} John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

^{NIV} John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

^{NRS} John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.