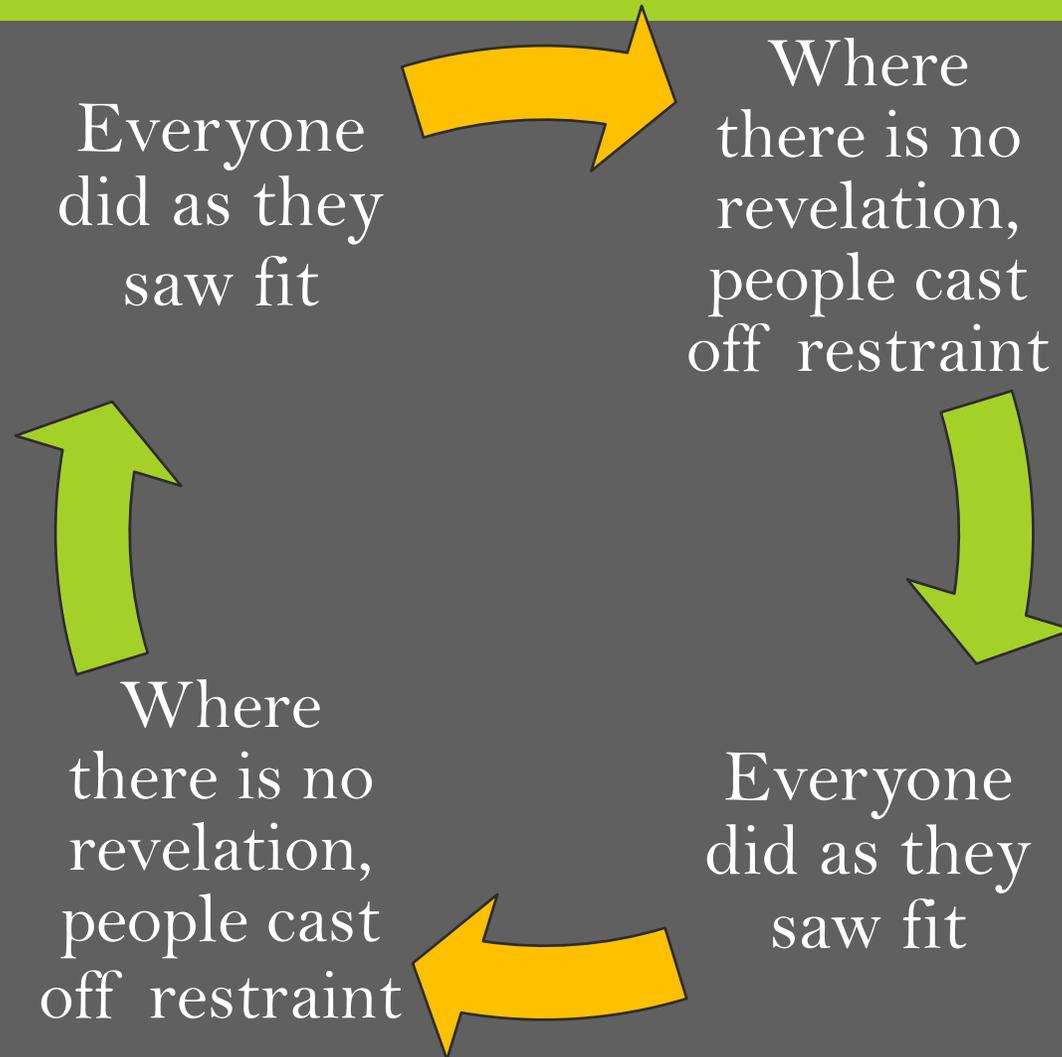


- Born to Hannah—after period of infertility God answers her prayer
- Dedicated to Lord ‘all the days of his life’
- ‘Ministering before the Lord’ – assisting in worship



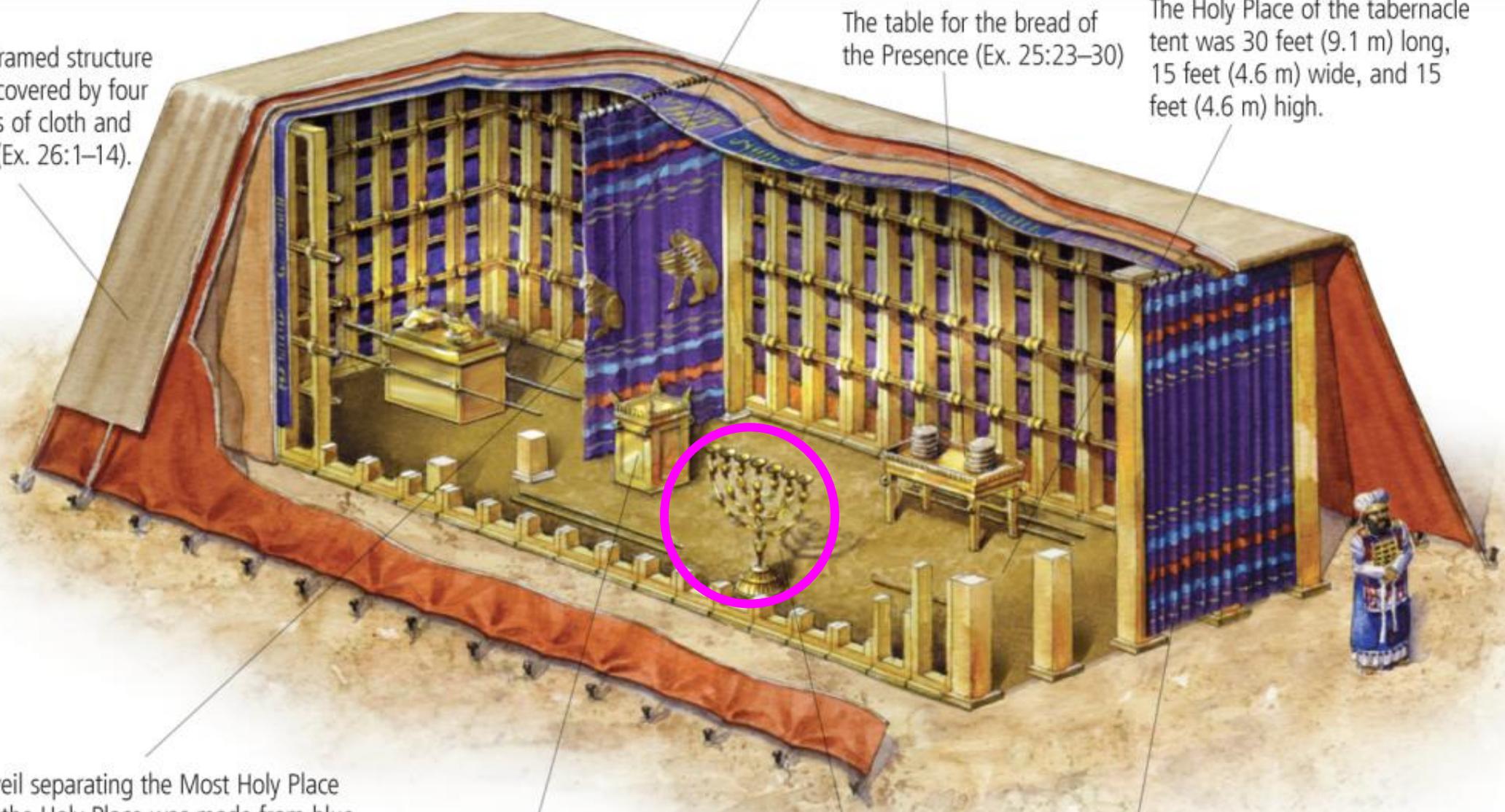
SPIRITUAL CYCLE DURING JUDGES



The framed structure was covered by four layers of cloth and skin (Ex. 26:1–14).

The table for the bread of the Presence (Ex. 25:23–30)

The Holy Place of the tabernacle tent was 30 feet (9.1 m) long, 15 feet (4.6 m) wide, and 15 feet (4.6 m) high.



The veil separating the Most Holy Place from the Holy Place was made from blue,

Sin with a 'High Hand'

- **Numbers 15.30-31** But anyone who sins defiantly, whether native-born or alien, blasphemes the LORD, and that person must be cut off from his people. Because he has despised the LORD's word and broken his commands, that person must surely be cut off; his guilt remains on him."
- **Hebrews 10:26-27** If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

'Discipline' in NT

- Hebrews 12.4-11
- Definition: to provide instruction w/ goal of forming proper habits of behavior
- Rooted in love- God disciplines those He loves
- Mark of adoption- if we aren't discipline we aren't legitimate children
- Not pleasant at the time, but motivation is positive not punitive

Two Explicit Commands

- **Don't rile them up**

- **Ephesians 6.4:** Fathers (Parents), do not exasperate your children (cause them to become provoked or angry); instead, bring them up in the training (discipline) and instruction of the Lord.

- **Don't crush them**

- **Colossians 3.21:** Fathers (Parents), do not embitter your children (cause them to react to you as they would to someone challenging them), or they will become discouraged (lose heart/lose motivation.)

God still speaks today

- **John 10**
 - **V.4-** His (the Good Shepherd- Jesus) sheep follow Him because they know His voice
 - **V.27-** My sheep listen to My voice; I know them and they follow Me
- **Galatians 5.25-** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

God still speaks today

- Ask Him to speak and to help you hear
- How?
 - See pictures
 - ‘Hear’ words (internally, not w/ears); think thoughts
 - Have dreams/see visions
 - Feel urging/prompting
- Rarely overwhelming- can be ignored

Prophet

- **Basic Definition:** speak to church on God's behalf, bringing words of edification, exhortation, and comfort
- **Effect on Others:** 'I can hear God.'
- **Key Characteristics:** Truth teller; Passionate and spiritual; See things in black/white; Value justice; Spiritually sensitive; Often introverted; Tell truth w/o fear of consequences
- **Immaturity Looks Like:** Bent towards isolation; Can be 'lone-wolves;'
Can be impatient w/people they deem as unresponsive; Can be overly critical; Can battle discouragement