

Jesus - Our High Priest

Hymns: 174, 258

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Titles & Roles of Jesus

- our Lord (John 21:7)
- our king (1 Tim. 6:15)
- our Messiah (John 1:41)
- our master (Matt 23:8)
- our teacher (John 3:2)
- our captain/founder (Hebrews 2:10)
- our brother (Hebrews 2:11)
- our friend (John 15:14)
- the Son of God (Matt 16:16)
- the Son of Man (Matt. 18:11)
- a shepherd (John 10:11)
- a sacrifice/lamb (Ephesians 5:2, John 1:29)
- a branch (Zech. 9:12)
- a servant (Mark 10:45)
- a prophet (Matt. 21:11)
- a priest (Hebrews 4:14)

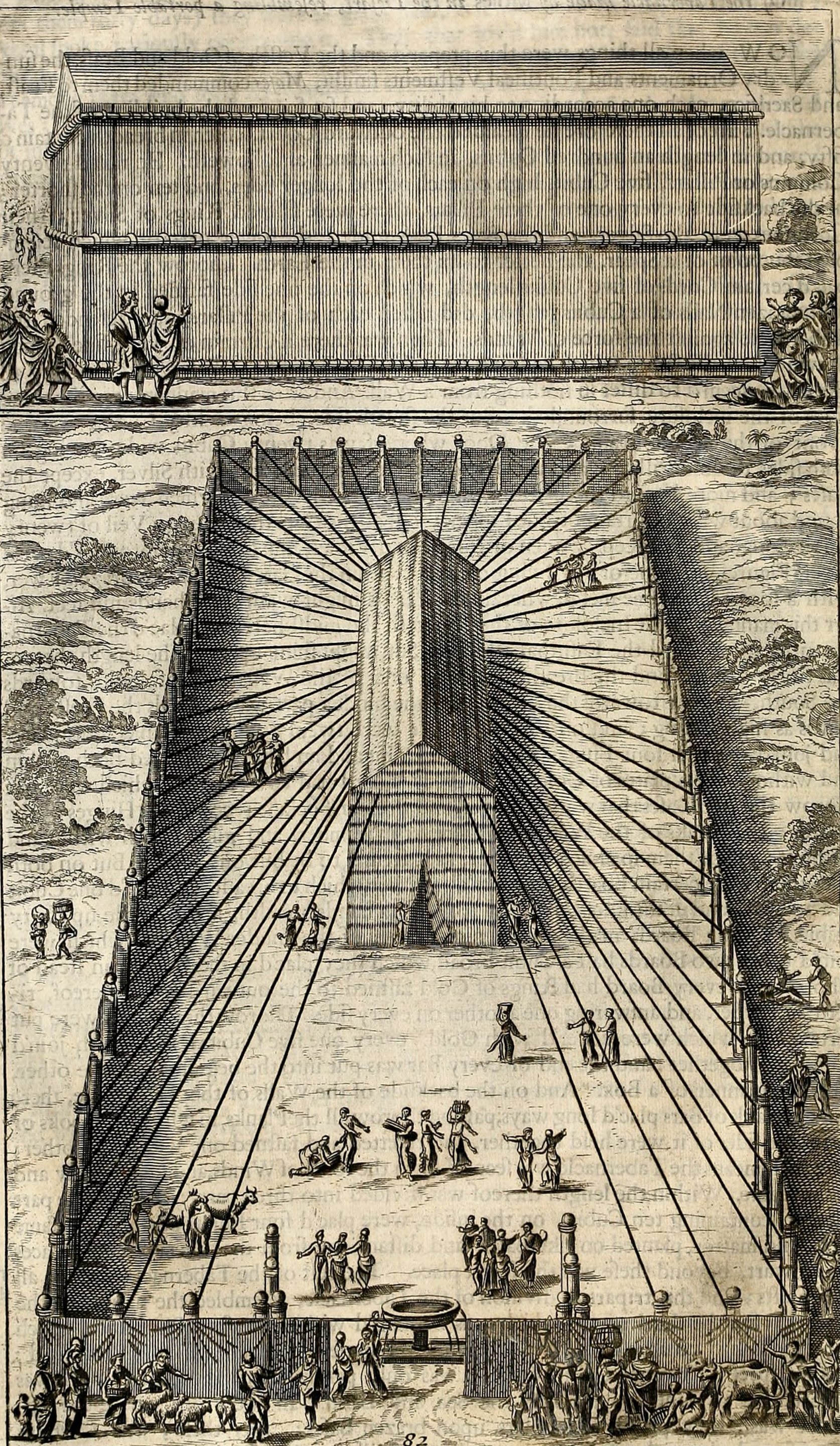
*14 Since then we have a **great high priest** who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

Hebrews 4:14-16 ESV



***“27 If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally in doing any one of the things that by the Lord's commandments ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt, 28 or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed. 29 And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill the sin offering in the place of burnt offering. 30 And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out all the rest of its blood at the base of the altar. 31 And all its fat he shall remove, as the fat is removed from the peace offerings, and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a pleasing aroma to the Lord. And the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven.*”**

Leviticus 4:27 ESV

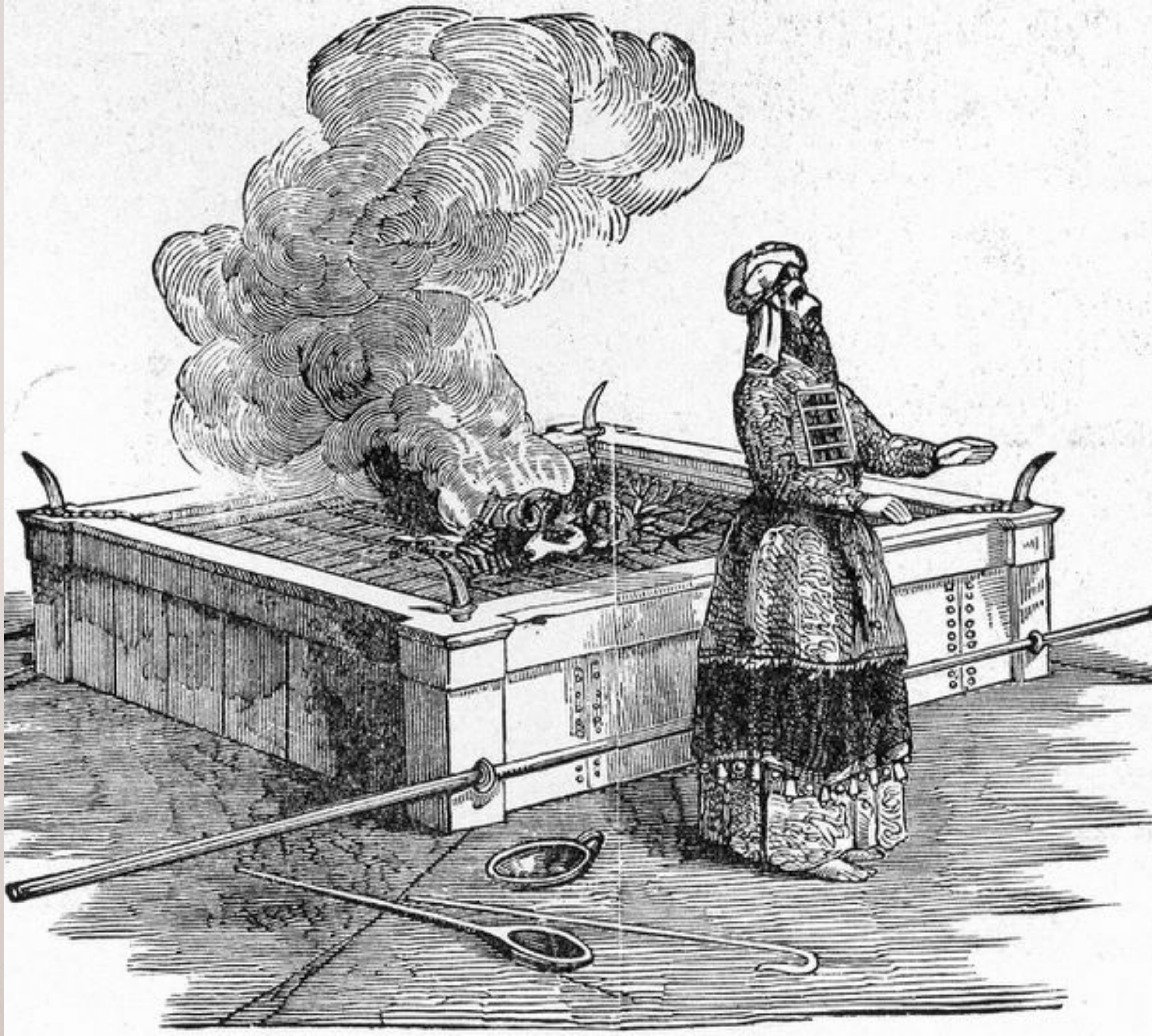


3 But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. 4 He shall put on the holy linen coat and shall have the linen undergarment on his body, and he shall tie the linen sash around his waist, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on. 5 And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering.

Leviticus 16:3-5 ESV

6 “Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. 7 Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the Lord at the entrance of the tent of meeting. 8 And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other lot for Azazel. 9 And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the Lord and use it as a sin offering, 10 but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the Lord to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel.

Leviticus 16:6-10 ESV



The Day of Atonement - Formula for Forgiveness

Sin = Death **OR** Atonement

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life” (Leviticus 17:11)

Bull = High Priest / Family

Goat 1 = Tabernacle / Temple

Goat 2 = The People / Nation

29 “And it shall be a statute to you forever that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you. 30 For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the Lord from all your sins. 31 It is a Sabbath of solemn rest to you, and you shall afflict yourselves; it is a statute forever. 32 And the priest who is anointed and consecrated as priest in his father's place shall make atonement, wearing the holy linen garments. 33 He shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar, and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the people of the assembly. 34 And this shall be a statute forever for you, that atonement may be made for the people of Israel once in the year because of all their sins.” ...

Leviticus 16:29-34 ESV



Babylonian invasion
(Temple destroyed):
589 - 587 BC

Romans conquer Israel:
63 BC

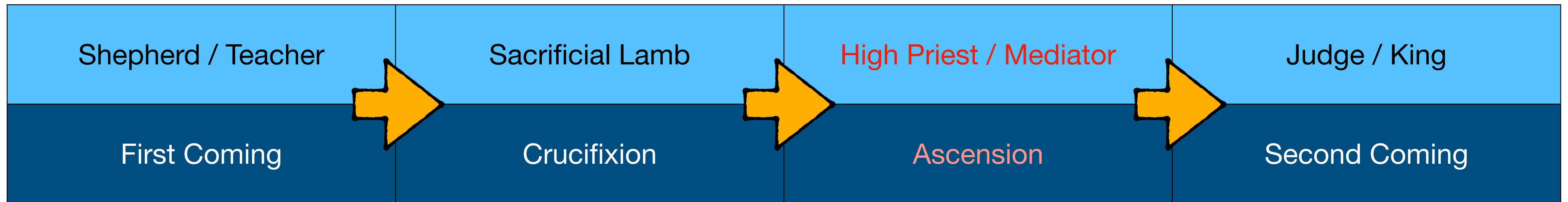
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Romans sack Jerusalem
(Temple destroyed again):
70 AD

12 ... 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord. 13 It is he who shall build the temple of the Lord and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."'

Zechariah 6:12-13 ESV

Jesus' Roles - Timeline



30 AD

33 AD

33 AD

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NOW

*“I ask, then, has God rejected his people? [The children of Israel] By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin [...] So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather through their trespass **salvation has come to the Gentiles**, so as to make Israel jealous.”*

Romans 11:1, 11 ESV

1 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. 3 Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. 4 And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

*5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to **be made a high priest**, but was appointed by him who said to him,*

*“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;*

6 as he says also in another place,

*“You are a priest forever,
after the order of Melchizedek.”*

Hebrews 5:1-6 ESV

*7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, 10 being designated by God a **high priest** after the order of Melchizedek.*

Hebrews 5:7-10 ESV

*23 The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, 24 but he holds his **priesthood** permanently, because he continues forever. 25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make **intercession** for them. 26 For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a **high priest**, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. 27 He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. 28 For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.*

Hebrews 7:23 ESV

5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

1 Timothy 2:5-6 ESV

*As you come to him [Jesus], a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer **spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2:4-5 ESV

*...Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice**, and to listen than the fat of rams.*

1 Samuel 15:22 ESV

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a **living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Romans 12:1-2 ESV

*We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a **sacrifice of praise** to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for **such sacrifices are pleasing to God**.*

Hebrews 13:10-16 ESV

*Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself **intercedes** for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit **intercedes** for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

Romans 8:26-28 ESV

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to **the power at work within us**, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV