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## The Courtyard and Gate of the Tabernacle **26:1-37, 27:9-19, 36:8-38 and 38:1-20**

**The Sanctuary** was a tent like structure surrounded by a **courtyard**. As in the later Temples of Solomon and Zerubbabel, as well as **the Tabernacle** itself, **the gate to the courtyard** was on the east (**27:13-15**). Curtains five cubits high (**27:18**), surrounded **the** entire **courtyard**, effectively shielding its activities from unauthorized public view.<sup>511</sup> Two of the seven pieces of furniture for **the Tabernacle**, the bronze altar and the bronze basin, were found inside **the courtyard**.

The camp of Isra'el surrounding **the Tabernacle** consisted of **tents** made of goat's hair, or a very black material. Solomon spoke of his beloved as being **dark like the tents of Kedar (Song of Songs 1:5)**. So the black tents of the tribes of Isra'el stood out in stark contrast with the white linen of **the Tabernacle**.

It is clear that **the gate** is a type of **Christ**, the only way to **YHVH**. And we shall see that the white linen hanging of the court portrayed the righteous demands of a holy **God**, who **Himself** bore the penalty of sin, even **Christ**, our righteousness. **Bronze** speaks to us of judgment, and **silver** points to redemption. **He** judged our sins at **His** cross, redeeming us with **His** own precious blood. May we let **the Holy Spirit** show us today some of these precious truths concerning our **Savior** and **His** great salvation in **the Tabernacle**.<sup>512</sup>

