

The Sanctuary Messages Sermon Series
Lesson 2: The Outer Walls
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What are the three sections of the sanctuary?

- **Courtyard**
- **Holy Place (within temple)**
- **Most Holy Place (within temple)**

The sanctuary messages teaches us:

- Why Jesus came to dwell among us
- How He came to dwell among us
- We can only be saved through the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ
- Who can receive righteousness
- How we can have victory over sin

In general, walls can be used for protection from the enemy. The walls that surrounded the sanctuary was a landmark that separated the divine from the ordinary and the holy from the profane. All the services and sacrifices that were done within the outer walls of the sanctuary were holy unto the Lord.

Courtyard

What was the size and materials of walls around the outer court?

Exodus 38:9-15

9 And he made the court: on the south side southward the hangings of the court *were of fine twined linen, an hundred cubits:*

10 Their pillars *were* twenty, and their brasen sockets twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *were of* silver.

11 And for the north side *the hangings were* an hundred cubits, their pillars *were* twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.

12 And for the west side *were* hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of* silver.

13 And for the east side eastward fifty cubits.

14 The hangings of the one side *of the gate were* fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, *were* hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

Exodus 27:18

18 The length of the court *shall be* an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits *of* fine twined linen, and their sockets *of* brass.

BDB Definition:

1) cubit - a measure of distance (the forearm), **roughly 18 inches**

18 inches = 1 ½ foot (1.5 ft)

Courtyard Size:

(50 x 1.5) = 75 feet wide
(100 x 1.5) = 150 feet long
(5 x 1.5) = 7 1/2 feet height

The walls were tall enough to keep the sacred things and divine sanctuary ceremonies out of the plain site of the people.

The courtyard walls where made of white linen curtains.

Fine Twine Linen (Hebrew H8336) = *shaysh, shesh-ee'*

(The second form for alliteration with H4897); for H7893; **bleached** stuff,

Fine Twine-Linen (Hebrew H7806)

shāzar (shaw-zar') = *twist / twine*

What does the white linen represent?

Revelation 19:8

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the **righteousness of saints**.

Jesus is the author of righteousness. The faithful are given the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 64:6

6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Romans 3:10-12

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Daniel 9:7

7 O Lord, righteousness *belongeth* unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are near*, and *that are far off*, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.

The white linen symbolizes the righteousness of God(Jesus) which is given as a gift from Jesus to the faithful. The white linen walls points to the white robes of righteousness of Jesus Christ that covers His faithful.

John in vision sees all the saved in Heaven wearing white robes.

Revelation 7:9

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

The saved in heaven washed and bleached their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 7:14

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

How were the walls held up?

North side = 20 pillars

South side = 20 pillars

West side = 10 pillars

East side = 6 pillars (3 on each side of the gate)

Each pillar (post) was inserted into a cooper socket at its based. This was the foundation of each post. There was a silver hook at the top of post that held up parts of the white linen.

Fillet (Hebrew) = *khaw-shook'*, *khaw-shook'* = a fence *rail* or rod connecting the posts.

There was a silver rail that connected the posts at top and bottom. The white linen was also connected to the rails and held up.

What is the spiritual significance of the pillars and its foundation?

Jesus is the pillar and foundation of our faith.

1 Timothy 3:15

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

Ephesians 2:19-20

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

In the sanctuary, Jesus dwelled among the people and led them in the wilderness as a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of clouds by day. (Exodus 13:21, 22).

Nehemiah 9:12

12 Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy pillar; and in the night by a pillar of fire, **to give them light in the way wherein they should go.**

All faithful who overcome will be pillars

Revelation 3:12

12 Him that overcometh will I make a **pillar** in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, *which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

Proverbs 10:25

25 As the whirlwind passeth, so *is* the wicked no *more*: but the righteous *is* an everlasting foundation.

The pillars that surrounded the sanctuary represent the members of God's one true church covered with the white linen of Christ righteousness.