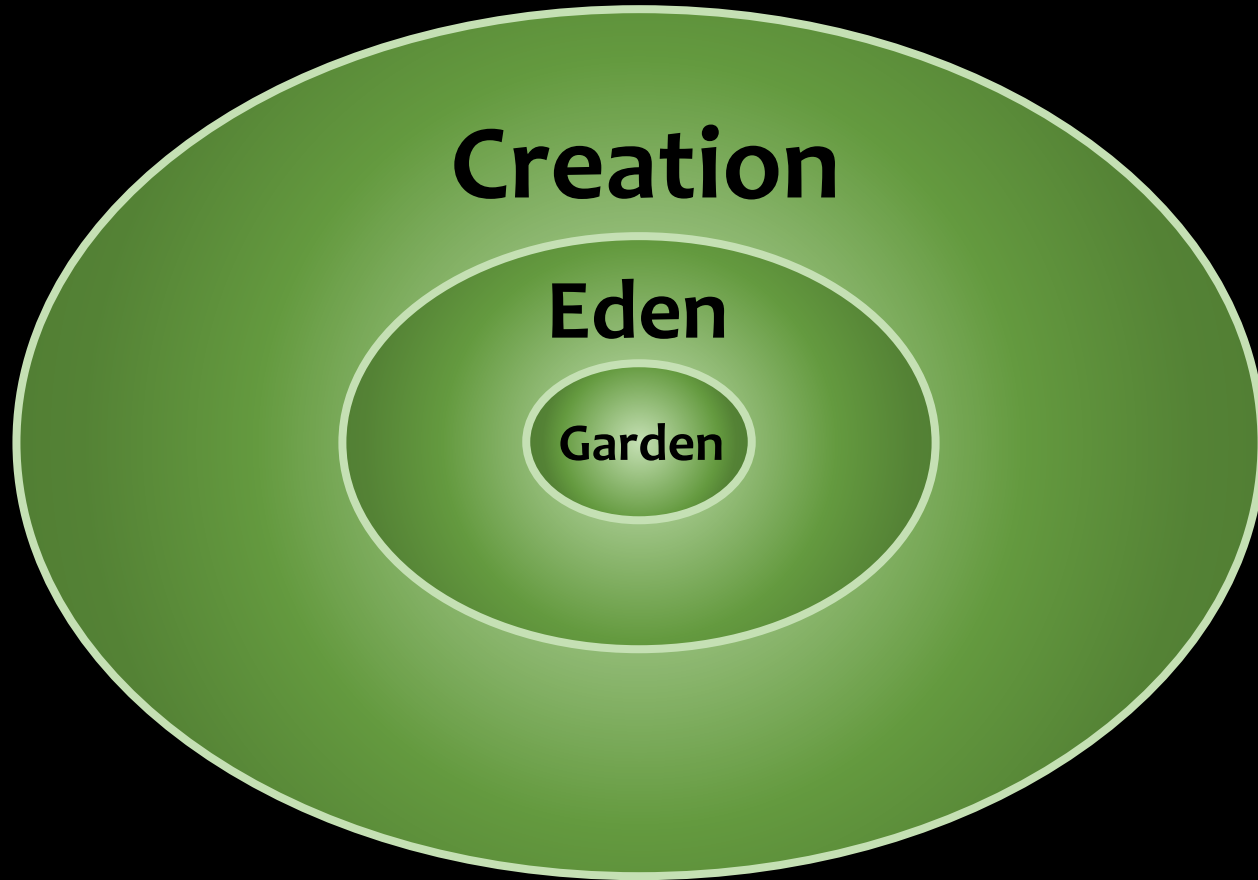


A person stands on the peak of a dark, silhouetted mountain. The sky above is a deep blue and black, filled with stars and the faint, glowing band of the Milky Way galaxy. The title 'The FIRST Family' is written in white across the sky. 'The' and 'Family' are in a cursive script, while 'FIRST' is in a tall, thin, sans-serif font.

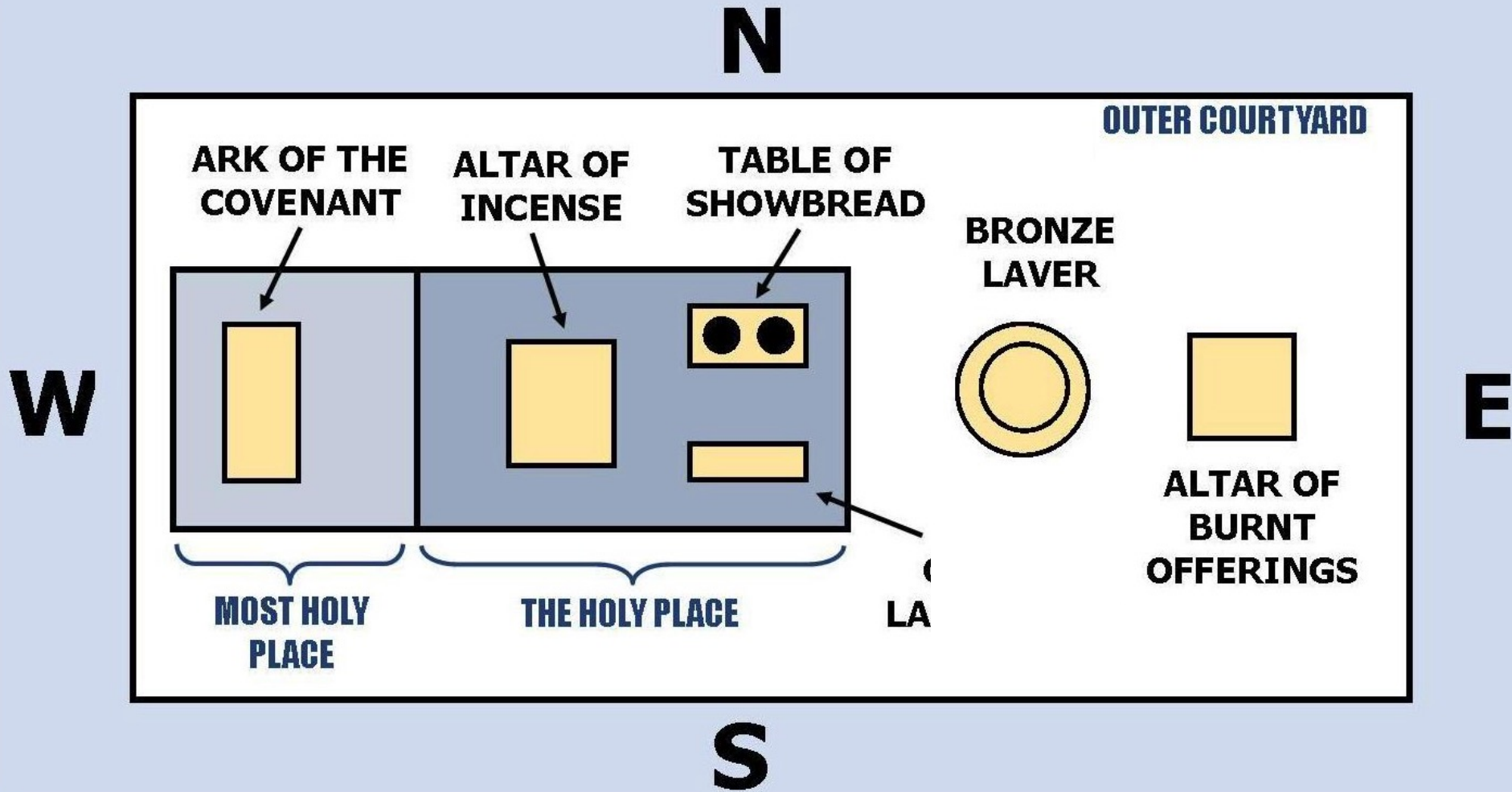
The FIRST Family

Class 1 – The First Home

The Garden as a template for God's home



The Tabernacle of Moses



The layout and construction of the Tabernacle follow a similar pattern as the garden of Eden...in reverse order.
Cp. **Exo. 35:10-19** and **ch. 36-38**

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Garden of Eden	Tabernacle	First Temple	Christ	Future Temple
<i>Eastward</i> in Eden (2:8)	Exo. 27:9-15 (faced <i>East</i>)	Eze. 8:16	Mat. 2:1, 2, 9	Eze. 40:6
<i>Entrance</i> on East (3:24)	Num. 2:1-3	Eze. 8:16	Rev. 16:12; Eze. 43:2, 4	Eze. 44:1; 46:1
God <i>among</i> them (3:8)	Exo. 25:8, 29:44-46, etc.	1 Kin. 6:13	Isa. 7:14	Rev. 21:3
<i>Dress</i> and <i>keep</i> it (Gen. 2:15). Priestly language.	Num. 3:7-8; 8:25-26; etc. <i>"do and keep"</i>	1 Chr. 23:32	Psa. 110:4	Eze. 44:14
God <i>walking</i> among (3:8)	Lev. 26:3, 11-12 (God's presence <i>walking</i> ...)	Zech. 3:7	John 20:26	Rev. 3:4
<i>Cherubim</i> (3:24)	Exo. 25:18-22	1 Kin. 6:23	4 faces	Eze. 10, 41
Cherubim <i>placed</i> (3:24)	Exo. 25:9 (root of <i>"Tabernacle"</i>)	1 Kin. 6:13 <i>"dwell"</i>	John 1:14 <i>"dwelt"</i>	Eze. 43:7, 9 <i>"dwell"</i>
A place of <i>rest</i> (2:15)	Num. 10:36	1 Chr. 23:25; 2 Chr. 6:41	Isa. 11:10; Matt. 11:28	Heb. 4:9

The Garden – principles of God's home

1. There was a continual, abundant supply of **water** 2:6, 10
2. It was a place to find **rest** 2:15 (*'put' = rest*)
3. It was a place where **work** was expected 2:15
4. God desired **fruitfulness** within it 2:9, 16, 3:2
5. From there **life spread** to the world 2:10-14
6. There were **designated roles** assigned & expected 2:15, 19
7. **God dwelled within it** because His principles were kept 3:8
8. **Sin was not allowed in**, and removed when needed 3:24

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Exo. 16:13-15

18. Please come
to the table when
mom calls you. (whole family)

OUR HOUSE RULES

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1. We will read the Bible every day.

2. We will always speak and act kindly to one another.

3. We will treat each other with respect at all times.

4. We will not provoke one another under any circumstances.

5. We will use no physical force against each other.

6. We will not use the property of another without first obtaining permission.

7. We will not be selfish but will share what we have with others.

8. We will complete all homework.

9. We will not lie to one another.

10. We will clean up after ourselves and our company.

11. Everyone will have a say in what we decide to do.

12. We will not pout.

13. Do Not walk away when others are talking to you.

14. We will not mumble, gripe, or complain. WHINE.

19. Don't talk with your mouth full.

17. Don't use the phone for a long time

23. We will not stick tongues out at people

20. Don't eat with your mouth open.

22. ★ Don't do anything bad.

16. Put foot rest in when you're done with the loveseat

15. We will have no discussions

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For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and **he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD**; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Isaiah 51:3



Eden lost and restored

Genesis 1-4

Heavens and earth created

Man made in God's image

First Sanctuary with men

Dominion over creation

On a mountain

Life-giving river

Tree of life (access barred)

First marriage

Eve the Bride

Trees yielding fruit

Freely eat

Serpent deceives

Death begins

Mark on Cain's forehead

Driven from God's presence ("face")

Revelation 19-22

New heaven and new earth (21:1)

Man *perfected* in God's image (19:8)

Tabernacle of God with men (21:3)

Inherit *all things* (21:7)

On a **great and high** mountain (21:10)

A pure, *eternal*-life-giving river (22:1-2)

Right to the tree of life (22:2, 14)

Marriage of the **Lamb** (19:9)

The ecclesia the Bride (21:2)

Trees yielding fruit *every month* (22:2)

Freely **drink** (21:6, 22:17)

Serpent **destroyed** (20:10)

No more death (21:4)

No mark in the forehead (20:4) / God's **name** written in the forehead (22:4)

They shall **see** His face (22:4)

Take Away Points

Our homes should intentionally reflect God's home.

God's greatest desire is not simply that we obey Him, but that we He dwell with us.





Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone...

In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Eph. 2:19-22