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Connecting the Mass to the Old Testament

OT Images

Genesis 15 - Abram offering sacrifice as part/seal of covenant with God

Genesis 22 - Abraham offering Isaac on Mt. Moriah as sacrifice

The Exodus sealed by the sacrificial blood of a lamb

Exodus 33-36

The Tent of Meeting

Moses' Tent of Meeting

Moses used to pitch a tent outside the camp at some distance. It was called the tent of meeting. Anyone who wished to consult the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. (Ex 33:7)



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Adornment of the Tent

“Let every artisan among you come and make all that the LORD has commanded: the tabernacle, with its tent, its covering, its clasps, its frames, its bars, its columns, and its pedestals; the ark, with its poles, the cover, and the curtain veil; the table, with its poles and all its utensils, and the showbread; the menorah, with its utensils, the lamps, and the oil for the light; the altar of incense, with its poles; the anointing oil, and the fragrant incense; the entrance curtain for the entrance of the tabernacle; (Ex 35:10-15)



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Temple Design Similarities with Church

- Priest in special vestments
- Up to the sanctuary
- Barrier between nave and sanctuary
- The “real presence” of God





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St. Catherine of Siena, Kennesaw GA

The Sanctuary

The Altar

The Tabernacle

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The Lampstand(s)

The Nave





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Traditional Church Design

The Sanctuary

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Holy of Holies == Tabernacle



The “real presence” of God

- Ark holding tablets, staff
- Consecrated hosts



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Before the Presence

Where do Catholics get these strange “extra-Biblical” practices?

the service cloths for use in the sanctuary; the sacred vestments for Aaron, the priest, and the vestments for his sons in their ministry. (Ex. 35:19)





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Priestly Vestments

