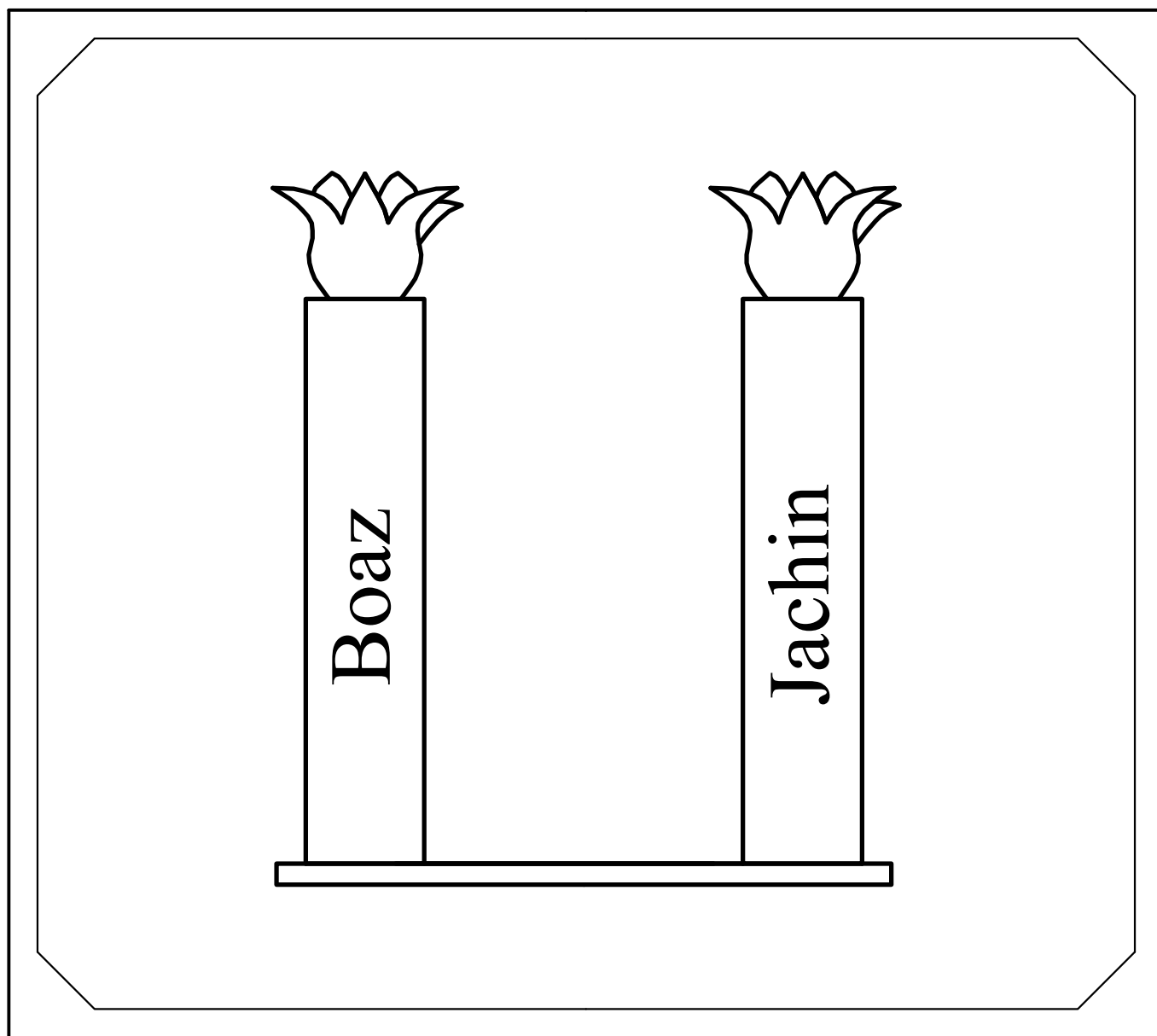


The Two Pillars



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Introduction:

As we are faithful and diligent in seeking Him, then He reveals more. What He reveals is not figuring things out with our natural minds. It is the outflowing of a walk in love. I call it a dance. What is our part in this dance? By grace through faith we show our love through our steadfast obedience to follow where he leads. It is not a work of the flesh. It is an unfolding of a heart that delights to please.

“I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me.”
Proverbs 8:17 New King James Version (NKJV)

*“Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence [love] him.
With them alone he shares the secrets of his promises.”*
Psalm 25:14 The Living Bible (TLB)

As the dance proceeds, spiritual understanding in the Spirit begins to sparkle in our eyes. We know that spiritual understanding is flowing when patterns are being seen in the Word. And that begins with following His Spirit as He leads us in searching out a matter in His Word. We find that we build upon what He has already shown to us...one line at a time. As the lines build one upon another, an orderly arrangement comes into focus. Step by step the pattern of the dance moves along. We carefully examine the Word to sort out what is accurate in the context of what is being spoken. As we do, the patterns surface into view. As they surface, the precepts start to be recognized. Together these patterns & precepts give vision to new patterns & precepts...patterns of steps within the dance. And so the dance of intimacy continues on. It is at this point that the various truths of the Word begin to flow together as many waters flow in irrigation ditches to satisfy the thirsty.

*“Just as water is turned into irrigation ditches, so the Lord directs the king’s thoughts.
He turns them wherever he wants to.”* **Proverbs 21:1 The Living Bible (TLB)**

This water of the Word is directed to us for a purpose...that we might bear the fruit of His life to the Father. We start our growth by drinking in the water of the Word. As we come into maturity we drink in the blood of who He is. Our soul begins to change to become as His soul. Then our cup overflows to administer His Life to a thirsty world. This is the fruit of His Life to the Father.

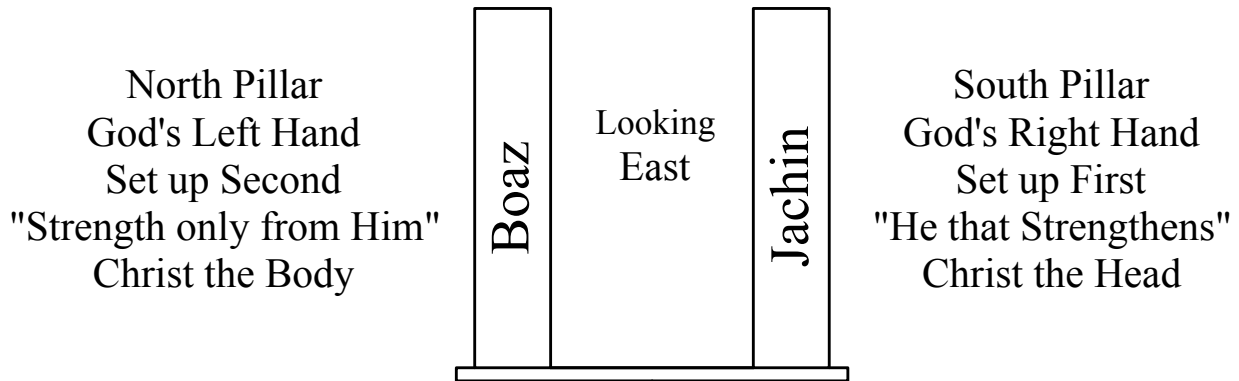
As in previous lessons, this lesson also builds line upon line. We must go through this process patiently. We understand that our patience will be rewarded with the birthing of precepts. We will see the further unveiling of the Word, of Him, the lover of our souls.

*[Bracketed words] within verses are my comments inserted to add clarity.
Some words are CAPITALIZED in the verses for emphasis.*

Part 1: The Two Entry Pillars of the Temple

We begin our study with looking at the two main entry pillars of the Temple of Solomon. These pillars are so important that they each have a name. They are named “Jachin” and “Boaz”. Most translations have Jachin on the Right side and Boaz on the Left. But that depends on whether you look at them from the outside or the inside of the Temple. The Hebrew word for “Right” however is from a root word that can also mean “South”.¹ And the Hebrew word for “Left” can also mean “North”. Since the entrance into the Temple is on the East Side, we know the view is from God’s perspective from within the Temple looking out as shown below, (drawn to scale). That is the viewpoint that matters since He is the one to invite us in.

“16... Hiram set these pillars at the entrance of the Temple. The one on the SOUTH [right] was named the JACHIN PILLAR, and the one ON THE NORTH [left], the BOAZ PILLAR.”
1 Kings 7:21 The Living Bible (The NLT & NIV are similar, and all for clarity of perspective)



The View Seen From Inside the Temple Looking Out

So what do the 2-pillars represent? The clue is given in their special names. Jachin means, “He will establish”, (from Strong’s Hebrew Word #3199). From Hitchcock’s Bible Names Dictionary it is, “He that strengthens and makes steadfast”. The name of the other pillar is Boaz, which is Strong’s Hebrew Word #1162, but Strong’s does not know the meaning since the Hebrew word used was from an unused root word. Hitchcock gives Boaz to us as, “in strength”, as does The Amplified Bible.

It would seem that the Jachin Pillar is a type for Christ Jesus the Head, for He is the one who strengthens. And that the Boaz Pillar is a type for Christ Jesus the Body, the one whose strength is found in the other. This is confirmed by the Jubilee Bible which reads (along with the included parentheses as part of the quote):

“21...And when he had set up the right pillar, he called the name of it JACHIN: (Heb. THE LORD ESTABLISHES) and in standing up the left pillar, he called its name BOAZ. (Heb. ONLY IN HIM IS THERE STRENGTH).” **1Kings 7:16 Jubilee Bible**²

The Jachin Pillar was set up first. Then the Boaz Pillar was set up. What is clear from their names is that the Boaz Pillar cannot support without strength from the Jachin Pillar.

People had to pass between the two pillars to enter into the temple. The Temple, like the Tabernacle, was the place where God met with man. Each structure in its time represented where He lived. They represented His house...His dwelling place. They also were a pattern for the heavenly (spiritual) house where He would abide, (**Hebrews 8:4 to 9:24**), which is in a people. This means that the earthly temple of Solomon with its pillars is a prophetic type to represent a spiritual picture...a shadow pointing to the reality that would follow.

What is the spiritual fulfillment of that type? It is in Christ Jesus. He is the house where the Father lives. Then His Holy Spirit was sent into us to establish us into how we can live & move & have our being as that house of God as well. Christ Jesus the Head was the first fulfillment of that prophetic earthly temple. And He in us is the rest of that temple.

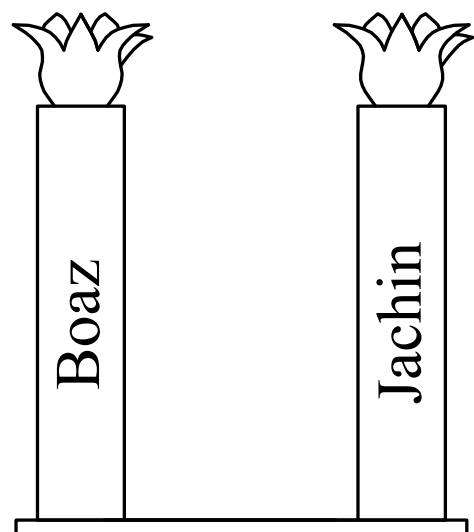
*“19. “All right,” Jesus replied. “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”
20. “What!” they exclaimed. “It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and you can rebuild it in three days?” 21. But WHEN JESUS SAID “THIS TEMPLE,” HE MEANT HIS OWN BODY.”*
John 2:19-21 New Living Translation (NLT)

There is a double meaning to the phrase that Jesus “meant His own Body”. First He meant His own physical body, which they did destroy and then it was raised up. But He also meant the Body of Christ that was to follow as the second part of this first resurrection of Christ.

“16. Don’t you realize that ALL OF YOU TOGETHER ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD and that the Spirit of God [Christ] lives in you?”
1 Corinthians 3:16 (NLT)

When one sees God’s house, he sees the Father. To enter into Christ, one must pass between the 2-pillars. We must be found in Him, and He must be found in us to fully enter in. That is what the 2-pillars speak to us. This is what is meant by the promise to the overcomers to be made a pillar (Boaz), to remain in His Temple, (**Revelation 3:12**). But there is also much more to see in these two pillars.

Each pillar had a lily on top of it. A lily has 3-petals and 3-sepals that look just like the petals, so they all are called “tepals”, (Wikipedia). This is a type of God in man, and man in God. And lilies don’t toil and don’t spin, (**Matthew 6:8**). They don’t do their own thing and they don’t make their own coverings. Solomon was not robed as well as the lilies, (**Luke 12:27**). What are the lilies robed in? We will see that they are robed as a “Joseph Company” with robes dipped in the atoning blood of the Lamb. The lilies help confirm the identity of the 2-pillars. The Father feeds among the lilies (**Song of Songs 6:3**), because this is where the fruit of the vineyard is found...in the life of Christ, the Tree of Life.



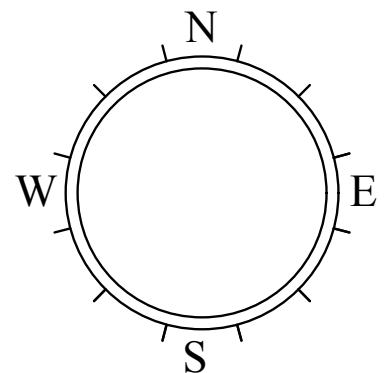
Both pillars are made of bronze. Bronze is made by combining copper and tin under fire. Without the fire there is no new metal. Both Christ the Head and Christ the Body have gone through the fires of testing. And they both pass the tests by having no life of their own. Their delight is to do the Father's will. They followed the Holy Spirit to come into maturity. And both pillars are hollow, further confirming that they have no hidden life. They are empty of any life apart from the life of the Spirit.

Each pillar is topped with 7-chains. What does this remind us of? We saw in Lesson 7, ("Eight Milestones to Maturity"), that there are 7-steps of growth to come into maturity in Christ.

On the 7-chains of each pillar are 2-rows of 200 pomegranates, indicating 100 per row. What do we know about pomegranates? They have 5 to 8 petals, (Wikipedia). That reminds us of the 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th major Feasts. They are all the Feasts of Tabernacles...the final harvest of all the fruit. The fruit matures from the flower of 5 to 8 petals. This is when the resurrection of the Body of Christ will be, which is at the end of this age. And there is more. We know that the pomegranates were on the hem of the garment of the High Priest, (**Exodus 28:33**). They were blue, purple, & scarlet. We saw these colors in Lesson No. 5, ("The Tabernacle"), as the colors representing Prophet, King & Priest...all titles of Christ. On this hem the pomegranates alternated between bells of gold. They carried with them the sound of the nature of God, for gold is symbolic of God's nature. So the pomegranates on top of the pillars identify the pillars as Christ, the High Priest. It is the High Priest who administers life to God and His life to many people. This life comes from His life within a people...the Temple of God.

There is much more to say about the 2-pillars, but for now we will end this section with noting that each pillar has a circumference of 12 cubits. This tells us that a complete encirclement has 12-parts. This reminds us of the 12 pillars set up from the crossing of the Jordan at Gilgal in **Joshua 4**. These pillars were taken from the Jordan River right where the priests held the Ark of the Tabernacle. When the priests carried the Ark to the center of the river, the waters backed up to the town of Adam. The Jordan River symbolizes death which flowed down from Adam. The waters of the death of Adam must part when the life of Christ enters in. These 12-pillars of Gilgal represent the 12-tribes of Israel. Because of Christ (our Ark & High Priest), we all were taken from the waters of death & established in the Promised Land. These tribes are also seen in the 12-stones of the breastplate, the 12-gates of New Jerusalem, & the 12-encampments (God's government), around the Ark of the Tabernacle, (a symbol of the throne of God). The completeness of the circumference of each Temple Pillar is also seen in the 12-apostles, and the fullness of the 12-fruit of the Tree of Life.

Pillar Circumference
(12 cubits)



Endnote #1 (*from page 2*)

The Hebrew word for “right” is Strong’s #3225 which equates the position of “right” as “South”. It is translated consistently as “South” in **1 Samuel 23:19 & 24**, and also in **Psalm 89:12**.

In over 30 translations of **1 Kings 7:21** the words “right” & “left” are used, but the Living Bible, New Living Translation, and New International Version use “South” & “North”. These translations (some of my favorites for easy reading), are noted to use the choice of English words that will best avoid confusion.

The Hebrew word for “left” is Strong’s #8242, which is from a root word #8040 that also equates “left” with “north”. The context of the Hebrew of both of these words is that “Right” (as in “Right hand”), has an implication of the stronger, more dexterous hand, and in position of more light such as “South”, perhaps meaning where things are easier to see and handle. Whereas “Left” as in “Left hand” has an implication of being associated with darkness such as the North, perhaps because that is where there is less light, and so help is often needed.

Endnote #2 (*from page 2*)

The Jubilee Bible is a Spanish translation by Casiodoro de Reina. It was first published in 1569. Casiodoro was born in 1520 and learned Hebrew, (most likely from the Jews that had avoided the official expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492.) These Jews of his area spoke Hebrew as a “living language”. Therefore the subtle meanings of the Hebrew words were understood by Casiodoro when he wrote the Spanish translation from the Hebrew. From soon after his days until Israel became a nation in 1948, nearly every Hebrew scholar has had to study Hebrew as a “dead language”. Over 400 years later the first English translation from the Spanish came to us by Russell Stendall in the year 2000.

Part 2: The Watches

But now we take what seems to be a strange departure from our theme of the 2-pillars as we look at “time”. Why this departure? It is because we must carefully build line upon line from here & there in order to arrive at precepts that bring much light to our topic later on.

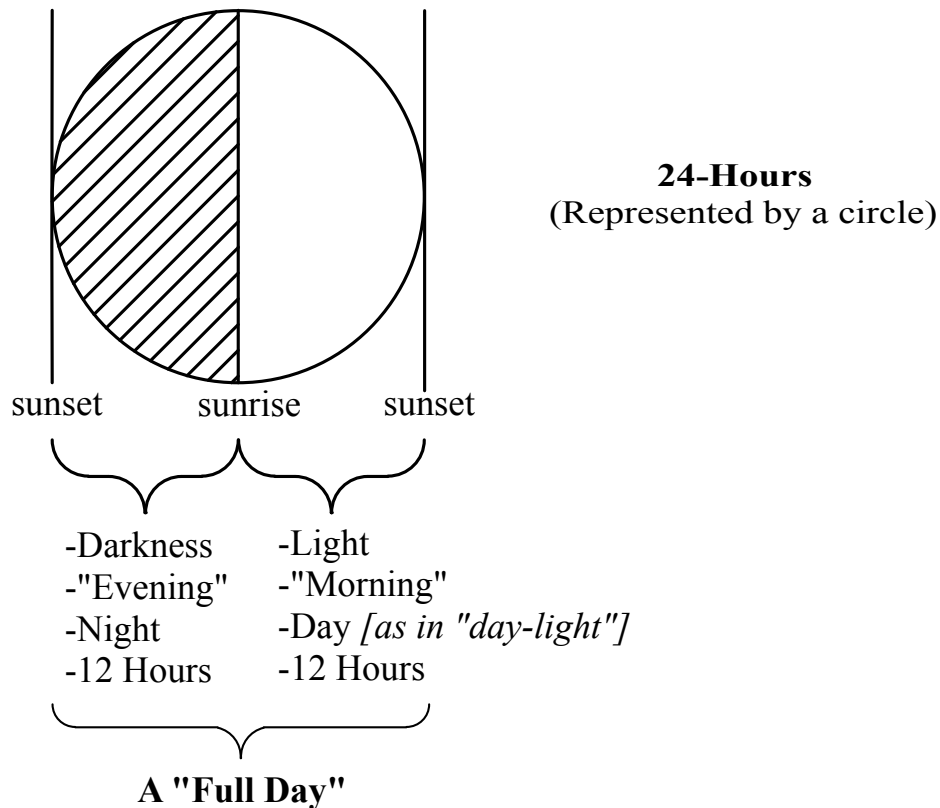
Let us see how the Bible looks at “days”, and then from there we can see how a day is divided up. This will be important for later so that we can see what happened at certain times.

“5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.” Genesis 1:5 New International Version (NIV)

Here this verse defines a full-day as “evening” & “morning”. The evening is the period of darkness (night), while the morning is the period of light, (day-light). The full day begins with darkness at sunset which is followed by light at sunrise. The sunlight then ends at the evening sunset, which is when the next “full day” begins. It is a pattern of first the dark and then the light...first the natural and then the spiritual...first Adam and then Christ who is our Morning Star, (not seen until the first light of day-light). A full day is thus seen and defined as the time it takes for the earth to rotate once. We divide this period into 24 hours and this is also how Jesus saw it.

“9. Jesus replied, ‘THERE ARE TWELVE HOURS OF DAYLIGHT EVERY DAY. During the day people can walk safely. They can see because they have the light of this world. 10. But at night there is danger of stumbling because they have no light.’”

John 11:9-10 New Living Translation (NLT)



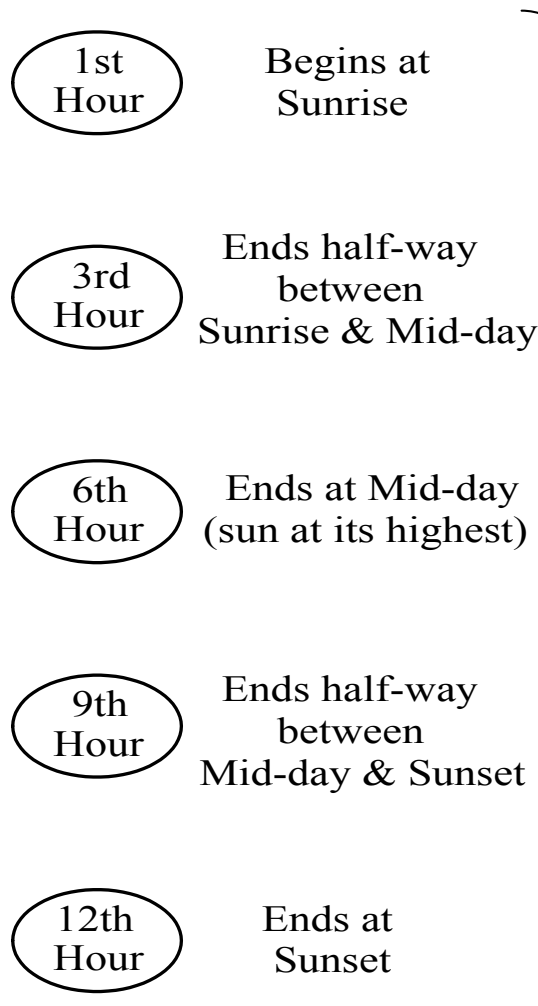
Jesus was using this natural principle to point out a spiritual lesson. To the natural mind He was talking about sunlight and the lack of it. But there is also spiritual light & spiritual darkness. When we have very little or no spiritual light then we stumble around not really knowing where we are and where we are going. It is a dangerous place to be in for it is a place of not seeing things as they are. And what is spiritual light? It is Christ Jesus.

“12. Later...Jesus said to the people, ‘I AM THE LIGHT of the world. So if you follow me, you won’t be stumbling through the darkness, for living light will flood your path.’”

John 8:12 The Living Bible (TLB)

The actual amount of natural daylight varies according to the latitude one lives in, the time of year, and whether or not one is on flat-lands or among mountains. However, to standardize the measurement of time, the day was divided equally, between night-time and daylight-time, with each being 12-hours long. Without dividing the night and the day-time equally the length of an hour would vary with the varying lengths of day-light. The purpose of calling the daylight as 12-hours was to standardize the time so that all could measure it the same. But it also has spiritual meaning as we’ll soon recognize.

The daylight time then looks like this:

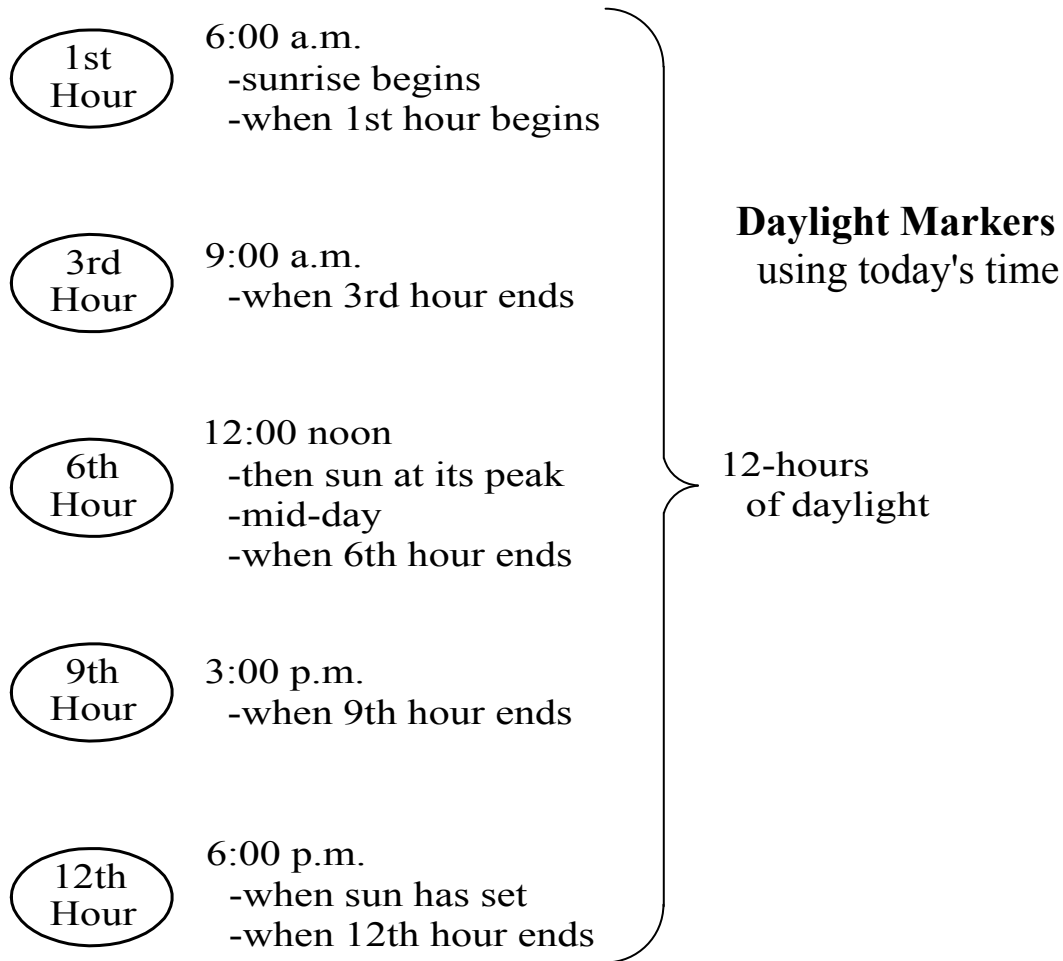


Daylight "Markers"

There are 12-hours in a period of daylight, (**John 11:9**)

The 1st hour begins with sunrise.
 The 6th hour ends at high-noon.
 The 12th hour ends with sunset.
 For the first 6-hours the sun is rising.
 For the last 6-hours the sun is setting.
 These 12-hours of light are divided into 5 reference points, which define the ends of 4-clusters of 3-hours each.

Now lets overlay that layout with the label of hours that we're more familiar with.



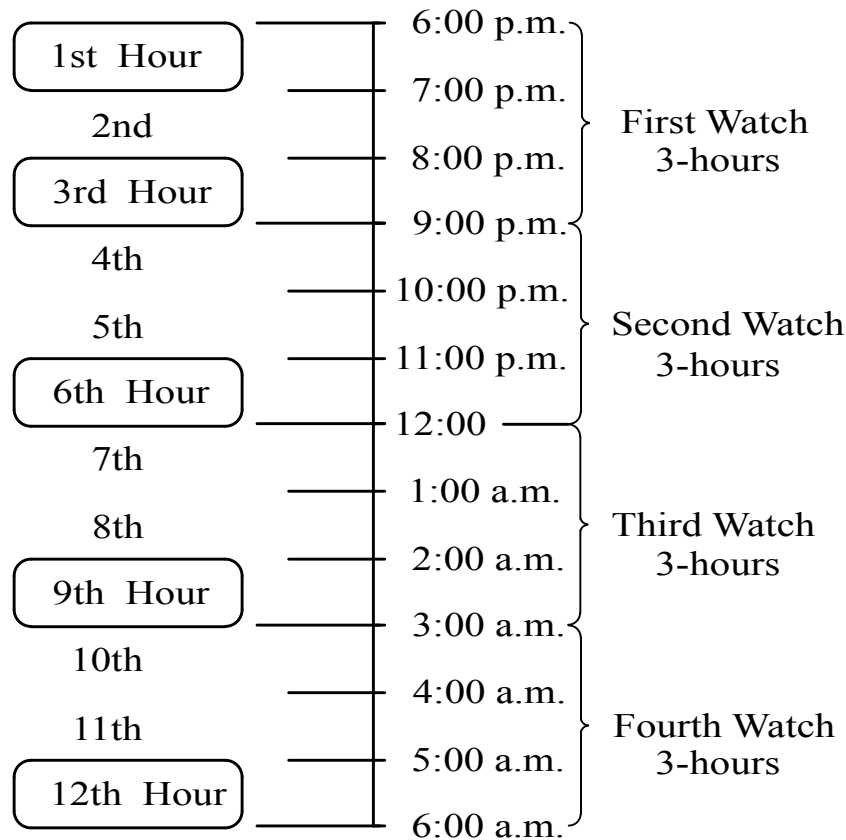
The natural realm teaches us many things about the spiritual. Just as learning about the time of day is important in the natural world, so too is it important in the spiritual realm.

“7. But if we WALK IN THE LIGHT, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” **1 John 1:7 (NIV)**

When we are not in Christ then we really are stumbling around, not seeing clearly where we are or where we are headed. When we are not in Christ then we are in darkness, the realm of the natural man, Adam, the carnal mind, which is Satan's turf...his dust to swallow up.

The night-time is also 12 hours and is divided like the daylight into 12 equal hours. They too are grouped into 4-clusters of 3-hours each. The night-time is the time to be on guard. It is in the darkness that the enemy is more difficult to see until it may too late. That is why guards are posted to keep watch during the night. A guard may fall asleep after a few hours or so. For this reason they kept watch for 3-hours at a time.

Night Watches in the New Testament



The references for the night watches are found in **Matthew 15:25** & **Mark 6:8** where Jesus walked on the water at the time of the 4th watch. This tells us that there are 4 watches. Then in **Luke 12:38** we find an exhortation to keep our lamps burning for we don't know at which watch our Master will return. Different watches represent different important times.

To keep things in context however, we need to remember that there were only 3-night watches in the Old Testament. It was the Romans just prior to New Testament times that changed the watches from 3-night watches to 4-watches, (from Wikipedia under "Roman timekeeping"). Understanding that will avoid confusion when we read **Exodus 14:24** which says that the 3rd watch is the morning watch, (the last one of the night). **Judges 7:19** confirms three night watches in those days by speaking of a middle watch. This indicates 3 and not 4-watches, since you cannot have a middle watch with 4-watches.

In summary, night-time & day-light times are both set up the same in the New Testament as 12-hours apiece. Then each set of 12-hours is divided up into 4-watches of 3-hours each.

Now in the next part we take yet another strange departure by looking at the morning & evening offerings. The concepts in the watches and the offerings will tie together. They are both valuable clues to reveal more about the pillars.

Part 3: The Morning & Evening Offerings

We now look at verses related to the morning & evening offerings.

“ ... [The priests] are making perfume to Jehovah, burnt-offerings morning by morning, and evening by evening, and perfume of spices, and the arrangement of bread is on the pure table, and the candlestick of gold, and its lamps, to burn evening by evening, for we are keeping the charge of Jehovah our God ...” **2Chronicles 13:11 Young’s Literal Translation (YLT)**

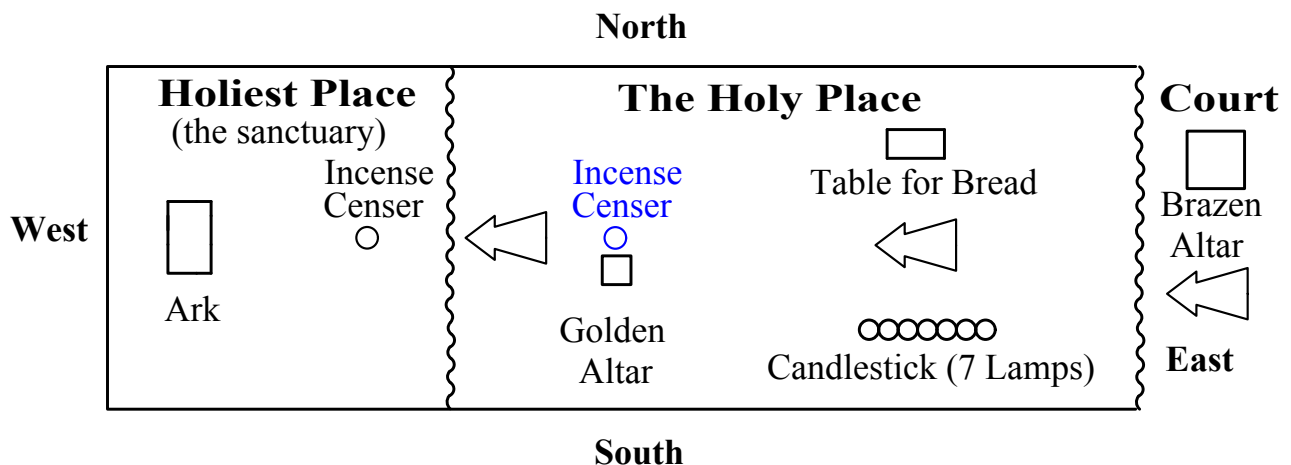
“7. Aaron [the High Priest] shall burn on it [the Golden Altar of Incense] sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it [the Golden Altar].

8. And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, [Golden Altar] a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations ... 10. And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns [of the Golden Altar of Incense] once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement...

[from the sacrifice at the Brazen altar of the Court, with the blood of the 1st goat on the Day of Atonement, the 10th day of the 7th month, the second of four major Feasts of Tabernacles] upon it [the Golden Altar of Incense] throughout your generations. It [this atonement] is most holy [separated above all others] to the Lord.” **Exodus 30:7-10 NKJV**

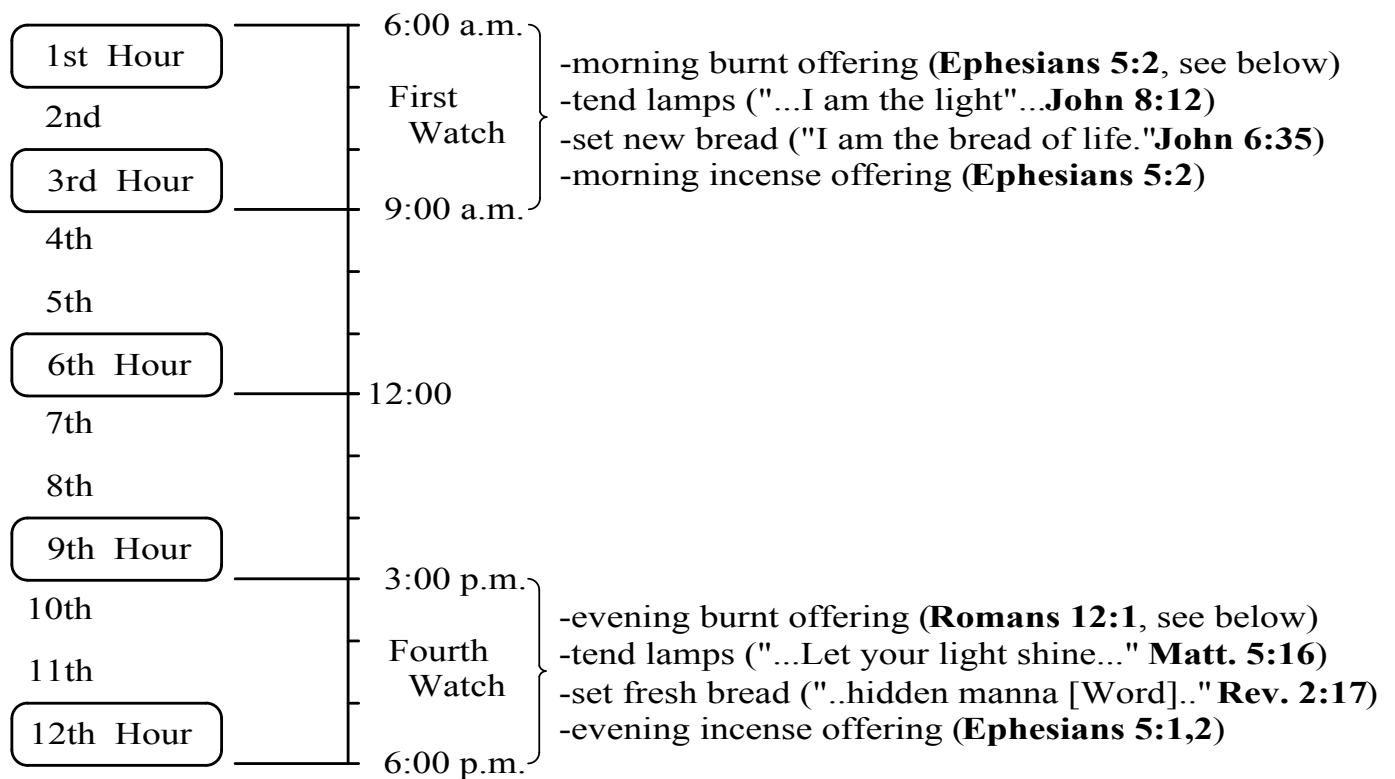
In these verses we note that four things are done twice daily. The likely order was first a burnt sacrifice offered in the Court. Next the fire from this was then used to tend the lamps of the candlestick so that there was renewed light in the Holy Place. Then, with the renewed light, the fresh bread could be arranged on the Table of Shewbread. Fourth, a fire from the burnt offering also lights the fire on the Golden Altar so that incense can be burnt. All of this flows together as a wonderful thing to the Lord. It all culminates as a sweet smell, the burning of incense on the Golden Altar. Also on one day of the year this incense is carried in a censer (not the entire altar!), from the Golden Altar into the most Holy Place by the High Priest to make atonement for himself and then the people.

(See *Hebrews 9:4* in YLT, *George Lamsa’s Translation* & also *the Jubilee Bible*)



These events were done daily first thing in the morning and then last thing before night. It took time to do everything. It was all done in the morning watch, and then repeated again in the evening watch. These tasks done twice daily represent a preparation that heralds the transition into a new day. They all represent spiritual truths. These 4-tasks are also associated with the sacrifice of the 2-goats on the Day of Atonement. Jesus fulfilled the role of both goats at His baptism, (see Lesson No. 09), which was at the start of His ministry. This was so that He could then go forth as a lamb without blemish (the 1st-goat), to make atonement *for us* so that *we* could take on the role of the 2nd-goat. This can be seen as Christ Jesus the Head being the morning offering and Christ Jesus the Body as the evening offering.

The Daily Morning & Evening Offerings



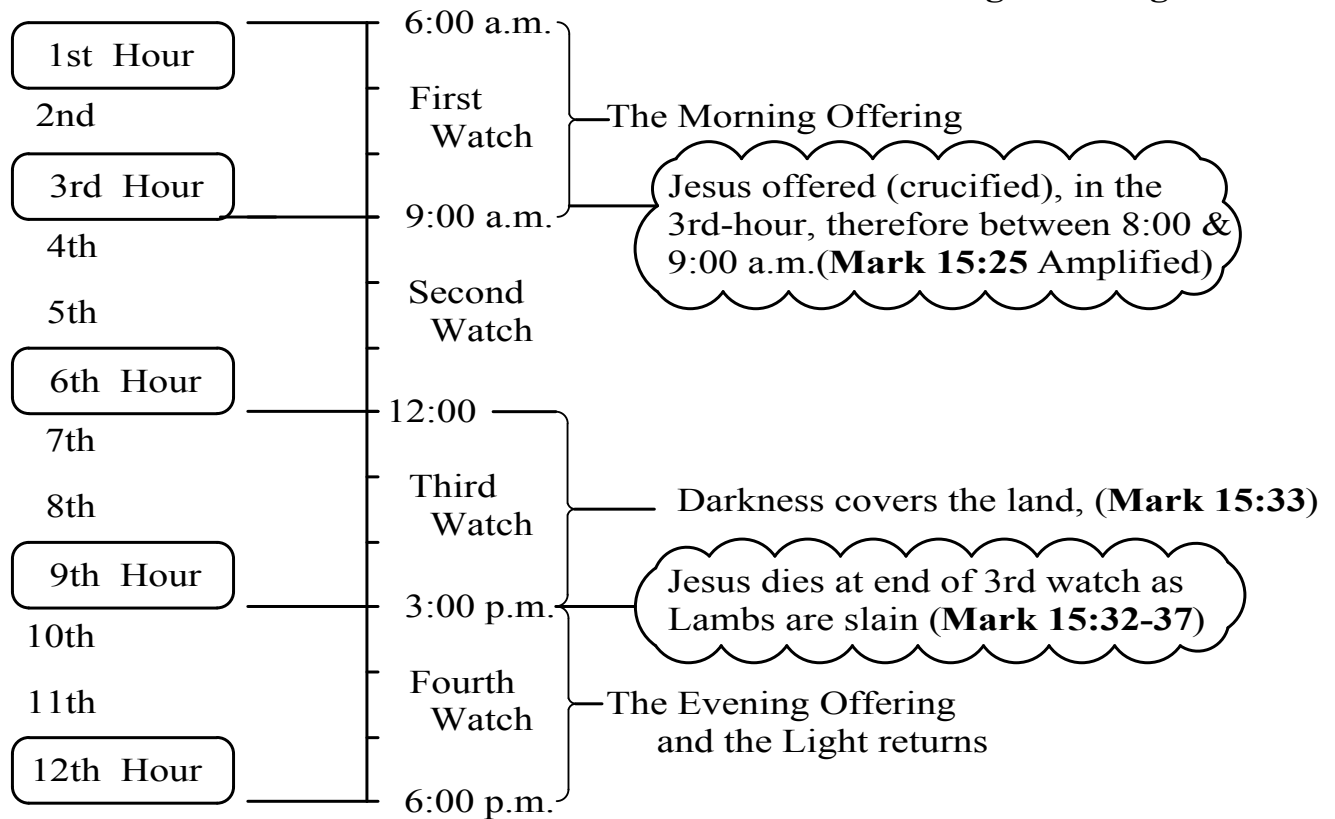
“1. Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2. and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant [incense] offering and [burnt offering] sacrifice to God.”
Ephesians 5:1,2 (NIV)

“1. And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice [type of burnt offering]—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.” **Romans 12:1 (NLT)**

In this pattern we see Jesus as the morning offering, paving the way for us as the evening offering. How do we know that for sure? Well, let’s explore the Word a bit more.

It is very important to keep the lamp burning at all times, (**Exodus 27:20**). This candlestick of 7-lamps (Holy Spirit) is to shed light on the new daily bread, (Word). We must ask for & seek this bread every day, (**Matthew 6:11**). Without the Word & the Holy Spirit we are not equipped to move on as incense to be offered on the Golden Altar. The fire to burn the incense comes from the fire of the burnt offering of the brazen altar of the Court. The flesh nature of Adam can be burnt out of us by the indwelling Holy Spirit because of the sacrifice of Christ Jesus, our Passover Lamb. He was the morning sacrifice of the Court that makes possible the fire (Holy Spirit), for removing the dross of the flesh nature so that we can walk in His nature as a living sacrifice, (as a type of the evening burnt offering).

Jesus as the Morning Offering



*“25. And it was the third hour (about nine o’clock in the morning) when they crucified Him.”
Mark 15:25 The Amplified Bible (TAB)³*

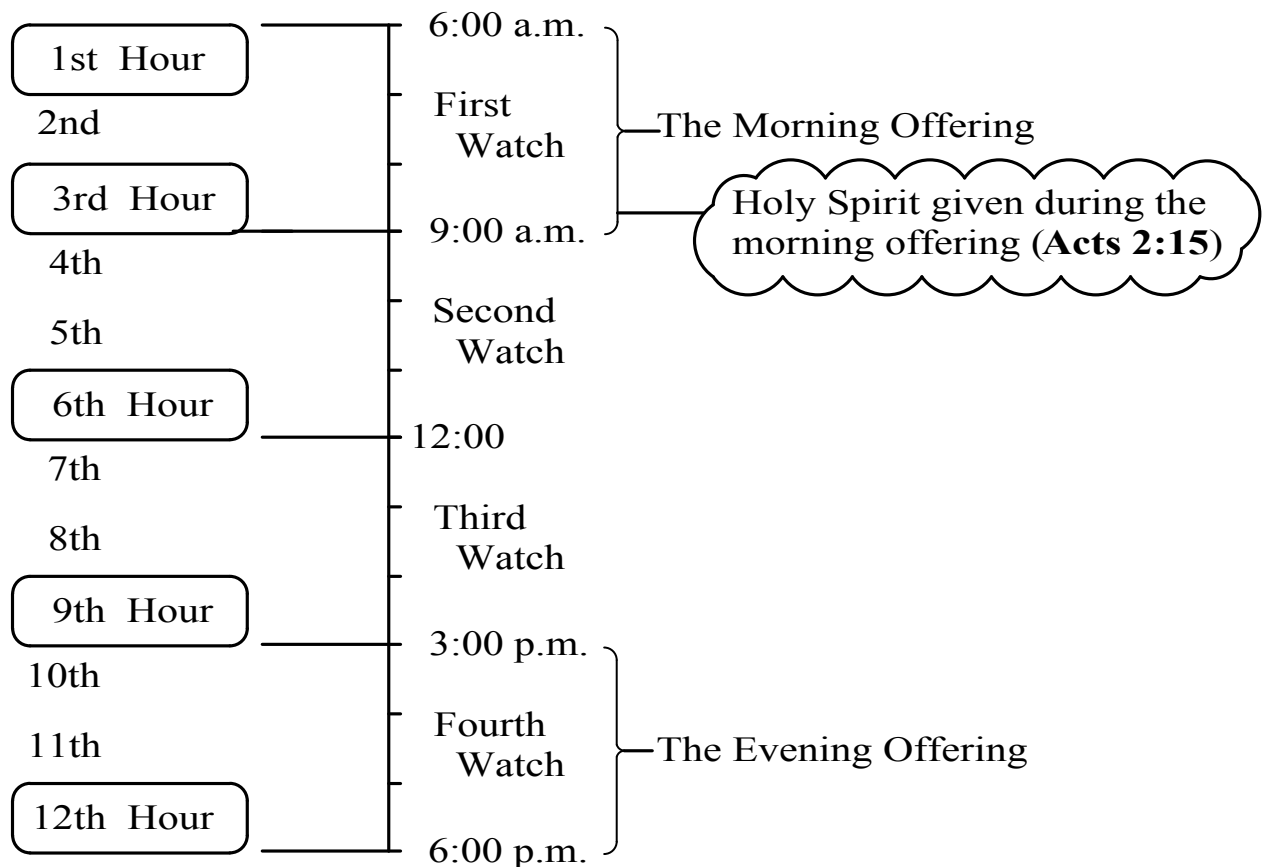
“33. And when the sixth hour had come (about mid-day), there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour (about three o’clock). 34. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice...37. And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed out His life.” Mark 15:33-37 (TAB)⁴

We keep in mind when reading such verses that an hour spans from one to another. For example, “the 3rd hour” is between 8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. What we see above is that although Jesus did not die until the end of the 3rd watch, he was offered up before the end of the first watch. What is interesting to note is that he died before the time of the evening offering.

We see that Christ Jesus the Head was the fulfillment of the prophetic meaning of the morning offering. What else happened at the time of the morning offering? The Holy Spirit was poured out at the time of the morning offering (about 7-weeks after His death), on Pentecost. Both Passover & Pentecost complete the first work of Christ, (see Lesson 10). These two feasts were in the spring of the year and together represent the former rain.

“15. For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the **THIRD HOUR** [between 8:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.] of the day;” *Acts 2:15 New American Standard Bible (NASB)*

The Spirit of Christ as the Morning Offering



The first work of Christ was both the Passover work of salvation and the Pentecost work of instilling His Spirit into others. They both occurred during the time of the first watch on different days. They both together were a fulfillment of the morning offering. The blood atonement of the lamb or young goat was the burnt offering. The sending of His Spirit into a people was the lighting of the candlestick by which to set, see, and eat the fresh bread of the Word. This was all pleasing to the Father like the incense burned on the golden altar.

This all set the stage for the evening sacrifice. And this is now our focus. As we accept the blood of the Lamb and then receive His Holy Spirit, we are ready for the dross of the Adam flesh nature to be removed and a transformation into His nature, likened to burning incense.

So now we see verses that show Christ the Body is associated with the evening offering.

“LET MY PRAYER BE SET BEFORE YOU AS INCENSE, The lifting up of my hands as the EVENING [burnt] SACRIFICE.”
Psalm 141:2 NKJV

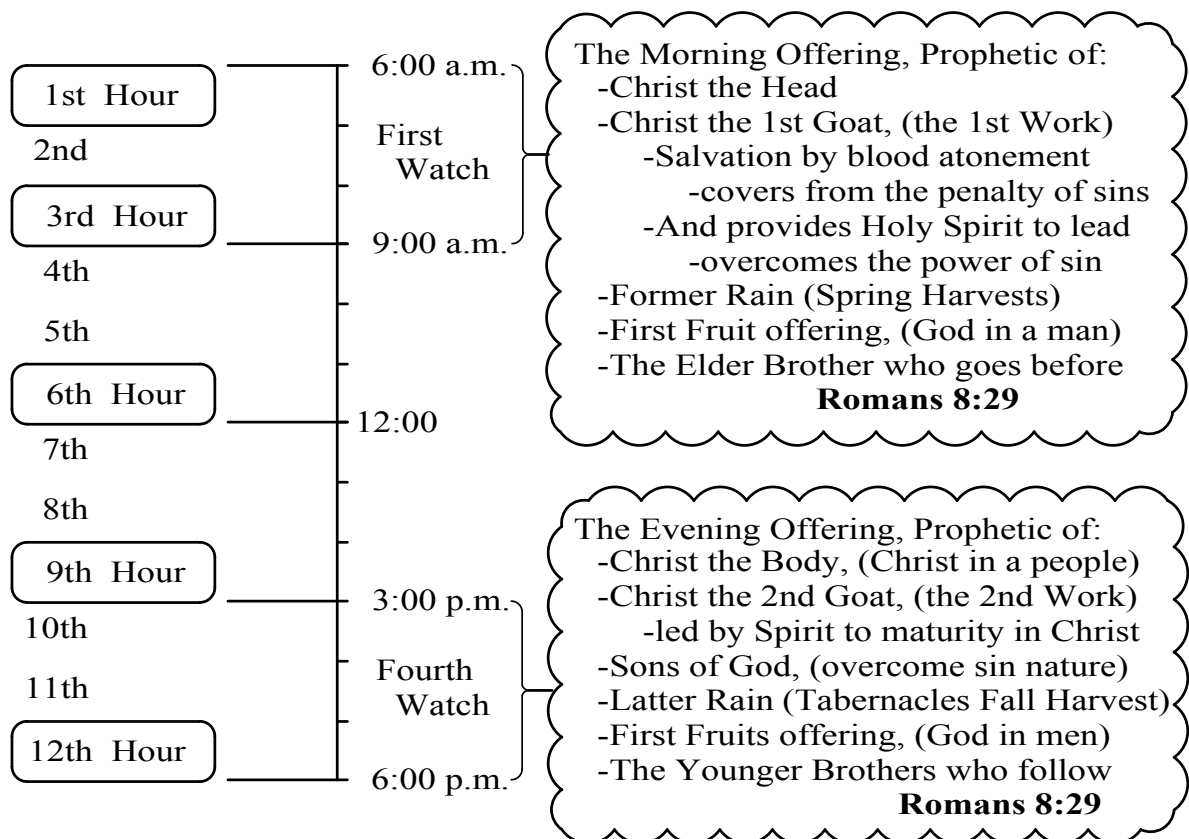
“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the SACRIFICE OF PRAISE to God ... “
Hebrews 13:15 NKJV

“3. and another messenger did come, and he stood at the [Golden] altar [of Incense], having a golden censer [to put incense into], and there was given to him much perfume [incense], that he may give it to the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar that is before the throne, 4. and go up did the smoke of the perfumes [from the burning incense] TO THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS out of the hand of the messenger, before God;”
Revelation 8 (YLT)

“While the incense was being burned, a great crowd stood outside, praying.”
Luke 1:10 NLT (& John 17:20-26)

Here below is a comparison of the morning and evening offerings. They are both fulfilled in Christ, but the morning offering is the 1st work of Christ, while the evening offering is the 2nd work of Christ...in a people. The 1st is as the 1st goat while the 2nd is as the 2nd goat to be led by the Holy Spirit through the trials of life to replace the flesh nature with the nature of Christ. Once mature in Christ their prayers are as perfume to God. This comes from a beautiful union, a consummation with God.

Comparison of the Morning & Evening Offerings



Endnote #3 (*from page 12*)

At some point we come across **John 19:14** which seems to contradict **Mark 15:25**. In **Mark 15:25** we are given the crucifixion as (beginning) in the 3rd hour. Then in **John 19:14** it says the 6th hour. The **Concordant Literal Translation** and the **Wesley New Testament** are the only ones that I could find that have **John 19:14** as the 3rd hour, which keeps both verses in agreement.

But how could so many of the other translations be wrong? Adam Clark's Commentary explains that the Greek manuscripts used just one Greek letter to express the number value to distinguish the hour. Greek, like Hebrew, has a number value for each letter, so this was commonly done. These two Greek letters for "3" and for "6" look very much like each other. He feels that the "3rd hour" is the correct translation. He also quotes five Bible scholars of the 5th century who felt the same.

Note also that many translators assume the 3rd hour to be 9:00 a.m., but it is not. The 3rd hour is the full hour from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The same liberty by most translators has them tagging the 6th hour as noon and the 12th hour as being 6:00 p.m. But the 6th hour is not noon, but ends at noon. So too the 12th hour is not 6:00 p.m., but ends at 6:00 p.m.

Endnote #4 (*from page 12*)

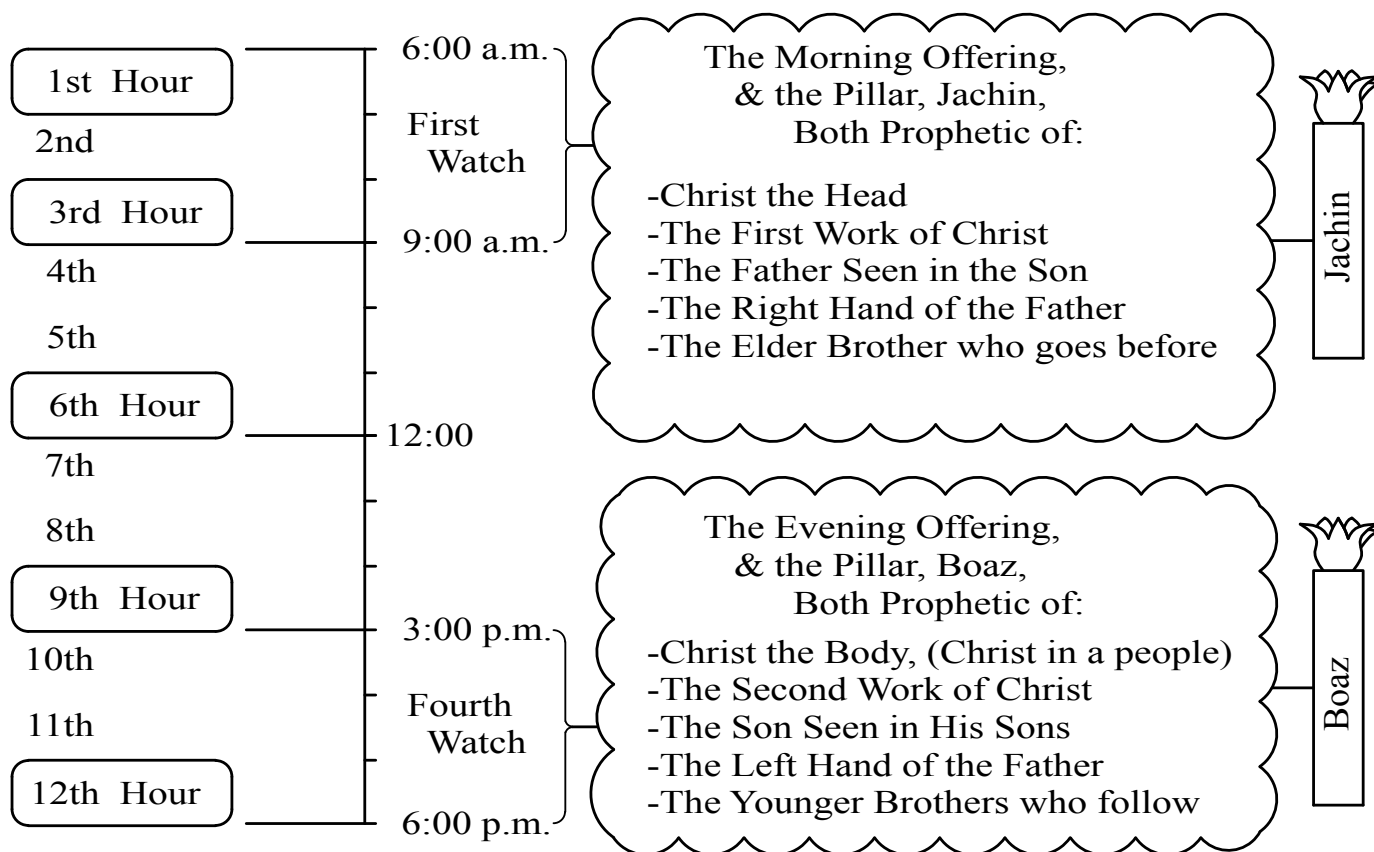
"...when the sixth hour *had come*..." implies that the sixth hour had come to its fullness. In other words, the darkness likely started to grow at the beginning of the sixth hour and things were fully dark by the time the sixth hour "had come" (KJV)/ "having come" (YLT)/ "was come" (NKJV). I see this as "was fully come", which would be the end of the sixth hour, high noon, or our 12:00 noon. This is how most translators appear to interpret this passage. Later in the sentence is the phrase "...until the ninth hour.." but this does not indicate exactly when between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. that the darkness began to dissipate. The Passover Lambs were to be killed in the afternoon before sunset, meaning they had to be slain during daylight. Once the darkness began to leave, then the lambs were slain. They were not slain from noon until nearly 3:00 p.m., (the end of the third watch), because of the darkness. Then they were *all* slain at once to give time to prepare them before supper! It was at this time that Jesus uttered a loud cry and died, along with the cries and deaths of all the lambs. God was making it obvious that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Passover as our Lamb who was slain to atone for our sins.

Part 4: Left Hand or Right?

Let's review before moving on. First we established by Word & Spirit that to come into the presence of the Father one had to first pass between two great pillars. The pillar on the right-hand side of the Father is a prophetic type of Christ the Head. The pillar on the left-hand side of the Father is a prophetic type of Christ the Body. The second pillar (representing Christ the Body), is erected after the first one. The second pillar draws its strength from the first pillar just as the Body of Christ draws its life from Christ the Head.

Then we went on to see that the morning offering is a prophetic type of Christ the Head. The evening offering follows later in the day as also a prophetic type of Christ the Body. Do the two prophetic types of offerings & pillars overlap? Yes, and each lends further insight into the other. We start with this diagram below.

Comparison of the Two Offerings & the Two Pillars

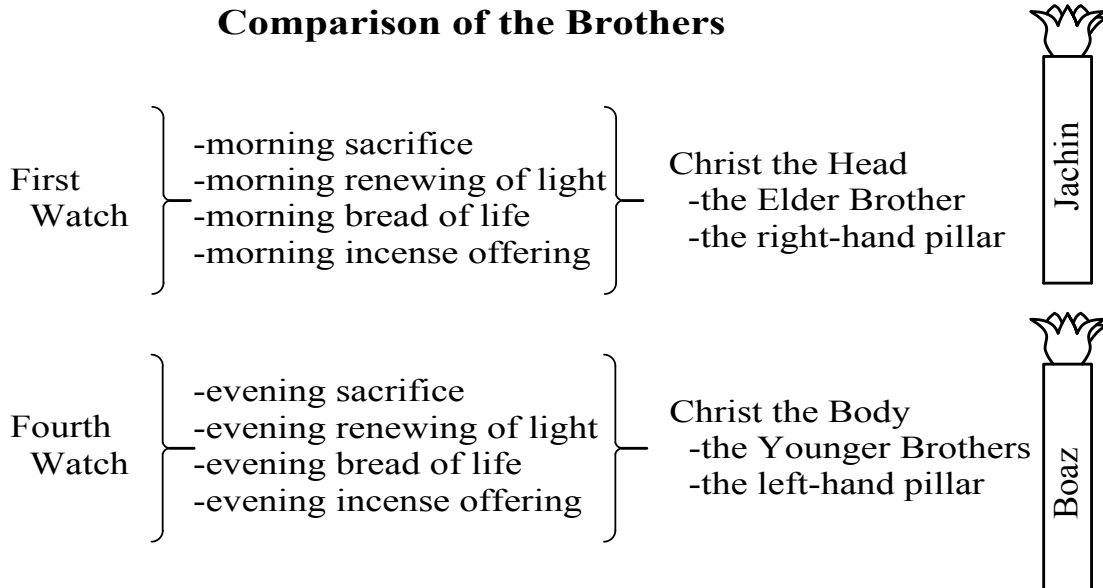


But one thing doesn't seem to quite fit. Isn't the Body of Christ (those who inherit, which are the overcomers), made to sit at the right hand of the Father as well?

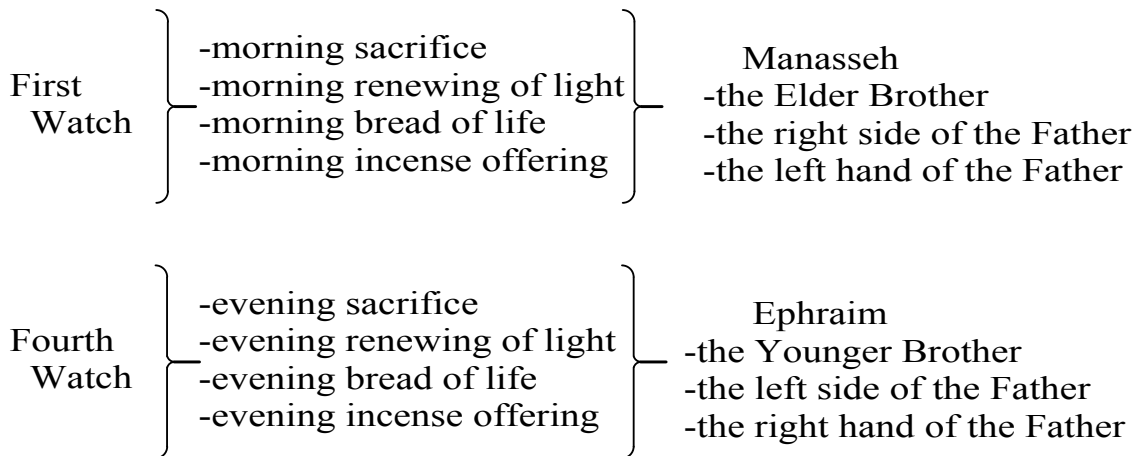
"33. And he shall set the sheep on his RIGHT HAND, but the goats on the left. 34. Then shall the King say unto them on his RIGHT HAND, Come, ye blessed of my Father, INHERIT the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:" **Matthew 25:33-34 King James Version**

This may look like a contradiction at first, but how the left side (Body of Christ), could be by the right hand as well is explained in the next two diagrams.

Comparison of the Brothers



Comparison of Two Other Brothers



“12. Joseph took the boys by the hand, bowed deeply to him, and led the boys to their grandfather’s knees—Ephraim at Israel’s left hand and Manasseh at his right. 14. BUT ISRAEL CROSSED HIS ARMS as he stretched them out to lay his hands upon the boys’ heads, SO THAT HIS RIGHTHAND WAS UPON THE HEAD OF EPHRAIM, THE YOUNGER BOY, and his left hand was upon the head of Manasseh, the older. He did this purposely.” Genesis 48:12-14 The Living Bible (TLB)

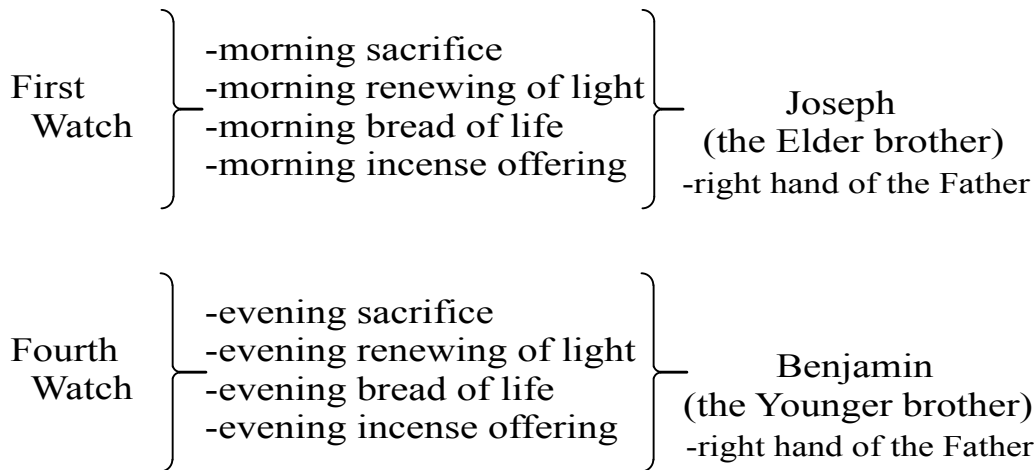
This is the key that unlocks the mystery. There are many types here, but note that the Father (Israel), crossed his arms. Because of the cross there was an exchange. *(And because of the cross of Christ there was another exchange. Christ Jesus humbled Himself and took our place on the cross so that we would come into the inheritance of who He is. In Christ we are all sons in His image.)* So the Father (Israel), has taken the younger son of Joseph and brought him into the status of His right hand of blessing, which is where the inheritance is, (Matthew 25:34). The 2-pillars become as one!

This pattern explains how the pillar on the Father’s left hand can get the Father’s right hand blessing of inheriting the Father and the Father dwelling in it. Only joined to Christ Jesus can this happen.

“7. *He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.*“
Revelation 21:7 New King James Version (NKJV)

The pattern below both confirms and repeats this truth while providing more insight.

Comparison of Two More Brothers



“18. *And as her soul was departing, for she died, she called his name Benoni (son of my sorrow): but HIS FATHER CALLED HIM BENJAMIN (SON OF THE RIGHT HAND).*”

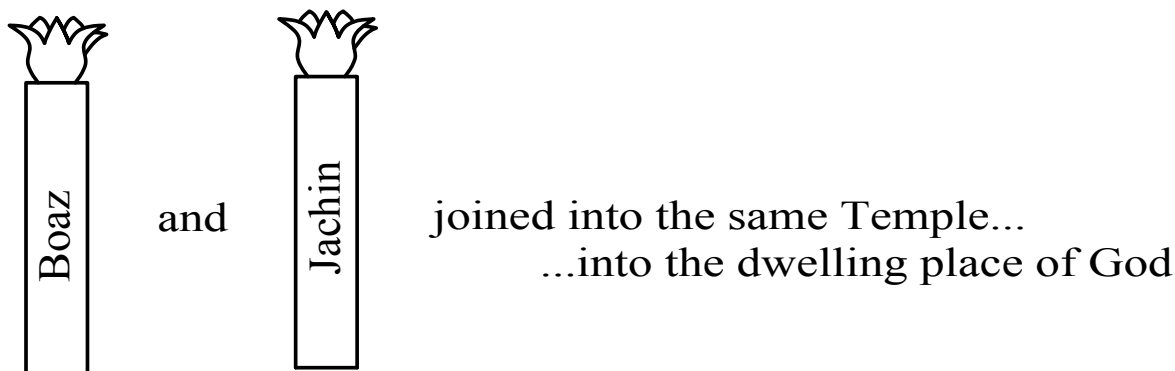
Genesis 35:18 The Amplified Bible (TAB)

These patterns display the morning & evening sacrifices to align the types with Christ the Head first, and then Christ the Body at the end. Benjamin has many prophetic types, which could be a lesson in itself. But for now, recognize that his tribe camped to the West of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. Our progressive growth in the Lord begins in the East as we enter the Tabernacle, receive the blood of the Lamb, move Westward into the Holy Place to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, and then further Westward to become a mature overcomer in Christ as an incense offering to be carried into the Holiest Place to come into full union with our Bridegroom, Christ. It is a journey Westward, moving toward Benjamin...toward becoming a Son of the Right Hand!

Another note of interest is that the tribe of Benjamin settled in the area just north of Judah’s territory. At the time of Jesus the area was called Galilee. All of the 12 disciples were from this area...Benjaminites, except for Judas Iscariot, who the Lord replaced with Paul, another Benjaminite. This tribe of the “younger brothers” of Christ Jesus are also seen in general types as “the Overcomers”, “the Manchild”, “the New Jerusalem”, “the generation of Christ”, “the seed of Christ”, and other names as well.

Part 5: Two Pillars Elsewhere

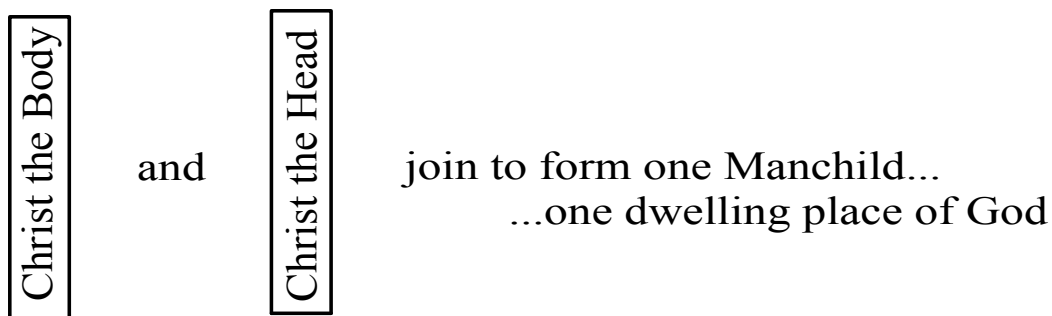
We have seen that the two pillars are types of Christ Jesus the Head, and Christ Jesus the Body. And we saw that the two pillars become as one in Christ. Separate and yet of one Temple. Like a marriage where the two are one. Each is seen in the other. Christ in us and us in Christ. The two become joined into one Temple; one habitation; one dwelling place of the Father. To enter to become part of this dwelling place we must pass between the two pillars....we must enter into Christ. This Temple displays His Life in a people. In and through them He sets creation free. We will look at some examples of the joining of His Life, Head & Body into one. It is what is happening now and will soon come to its completion with the resurrection of the bodies of the overcomers.



The truth of the joining of Christ the Body to Christ the Head is so central to God's plan that we see this prophetic type in several places. Here's one of them:

"And I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow of the cloud was upon his head, and his face was as though it were the sun, and HIS LEGS AS PILLARS OF FIRE;" Revelation 10:1 George Lamsa's Translation (GLT)

This messenger is Christ Jesus the Head and the Body joined together after the resurrection of the overcomers at the end of the age. This is seen in the symbolism of the messenger as two legs (right & left), as pillars. The two pillars belong to the same messenger. They both have been tested in fiery trials. They represent the walk of His Spirit. All of the symbolism of this messenger speaks of the manifestation of the sons in Christ as the Manchild fully birthed. Together they cover the entire earth & sea with the Kingdom (government), of His Life in His people as His presence & glory.



But note that this messenger is also cloaked with a cloud. So the messenger has both pillars of fire and a covering of a cloud. That reminds us of the two pillars that led Israel in the Wilderness. One was a pillar of fire by night. The other was a pillar of cloud by day. Together they are prophetic of this Manchild Messenger.

“14...They have heard that You, LORD, are among these people; that You, LORD, are seen face to face and Your cloud stands above them, and YOU GO BEFORE THEM IN A PILLAR OF CLOUD BY DAY AND IN A PILLAR OF FIRE BY NIGHT.” Numbers 14:14 New King James Version

It is the same pillar. It just changes appearance according to the need to give light and protection. Note that the Lord did not go “under” or “behind” the pillars. The Lord was found *in* both pillars...one at a time...seen in one during the time of darkness, and found in the other during the time of the daylight.



and



act as one to cover Israel...

...the nation of God's firstborn Sons

(See **Exodus 4:22**)

Why fire and cloud? How are things cleansed and made pure? By water and by fire. And we are made into His image by the Water of the Word, and by the Fire of His Holy Spirit. These two pillars which are actually one, are a people who have been covered in a walk. It is through this walk in His Word and in His Spirit that we come into the maturity in Christ...where it is His Life that is seen in us and through us. And when is this union fully complete? At the resurrection of His Overcomers at the end of this age. We are very close to this event.

This theme of union in Christ is seen also in the incense offerings. We see that there is *one handful* of incense used in the morning incense offering, and *one handful* used in the evening incense offering. But there comes a day (Day of Atonement), when the High Priest carries *two handfuls* of incense to the Golden Altar. It is the day of the joining of both offerings. We saw that the morning offering is prophetic of Christ the Head, and that the evening offering is a prophetic type of Christ the Body. So we can see that this joining of the two is prophetic of Christ the Body and Christ the Head becoming one on the day of resurrection. It is on the Day of Atonement in a certain year that the Jubilee begins...a setting free of all creation.

“12... he will fill an incense burner with burning coals from the altar that stands before the LORD. Then he will take TWO HANDFULS of fragrant powdered incense and will carry the burner and the incense behind the inner curtain” Leviticus 16:12 New Living Translation

Yet another example is the joining of the rod of Judah with the rod of Joseph from Ezekiel 37:19. In that type Judah represents the blessing of the Scepter, (Kingship) which was fulfilled in Christ Jesus the Head, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Joseph represents the blessing of the Birthright (inheritance, including the name of “Israel”, God’s nation of *firstborn sons*), which is fulfilled in Christ Jesus the Body of Overcomers as shown here:

“7. he who is overcoming shall inherit all things, and I will be to him--a God, and he shall be to me--the son,”
Revelation 21:7 Young’s Literal Translation (YLT)

We note that the overcomer is one who is in the pattern of overcoming. No one has fully achieved at this point. Overcoming is our mode of thought and life...ever moving into Him as He is ever coming forth in us. The last conquest to overcome is the mortality of the body. This will be fully accomplished when He changes us from our mortality into His immortality.

“7. But this precious treasure—this light and power that now shine within us —is held in a perishable container, that is, in our weak bodies. Everyone can see that the glorious power within must be from God and is not our own. 8. We are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed and broken. We are perplexed because we don’t know why things happen as they do, BUT WE DON’T GIVE UP AND QUIT. 9. We are hunted down, but GOD NEVER ABANDONS US. We get knocked down, but WE GET UP AGAIN AND KEEP GOING. 10. These bodies of ours are constantly facing death just as Jesus did; so it is clear to all that it is only the living Christ within (who keeps us safe). 11. Yes, we live under constant danger to our lives because we serve the Lord, but this gives us constant opportunities to show forth the power of Jesus Christ within our dying bodies.”
2 Corinthians 4:7-11 The Living Bible (TLB)

Let’s close with one last type of the joining of Christ the Head with Christ the Body. We see it in the Tree of Life on both sides of the River of Life, (the Spirit of God). One tree in two locations, yet joined as one by the River of Life, His Spirit. The Tree of Life (Christ), bears the Fruit of Life of the Son for the Father.

“1 And he shewed me a pure RIVER OF WATER OF LIFE, bright as crystal, going forth out of the throne of God and of the Lamb: 2. in the midst of its broad place, and of the river ON THIS SIDE AND ON THAT, IS A TREE OF LIFE, yielding twelve fruits, in each several month rendering its fruits, and the leaves of the tree are for the service of the nations;”
Revelation 22:1-2 Young’s Literal Translation (YLT)

It is His Spirit that joins the Tree of Life from two places. Each tree bear the same 12 fruit. The Tree of Life is the Life of the Father. It is expressed in Christ Jesus the Head & in His Body. It is expressed as the fruit of a Son in His image. It is the life, the fruit, the character, the nature, the full expression of the Godhead. And this River of Water of Life that comes from the throne (source), of the Father is also seen as the River of Fire of Life, as we see in the next verse.

“9. I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. His clothing was as white as snow, his hair like purest wool. He sat on a FIERY THRONE with wheels of blazing fire, 10. and A RIVER OF FIRE WAS POURING OUT, FLOWING FROM HIS PRESENCE. Millions of angels ministered to him; many millions stood to attend him...”

Daniel 7:9-10 New Living Translation (NLT)

His Spirit that flows from the throne of the Father (the “Ancient of Days”), is seen as a river of water of life and also as a river of fire of life. His Spirit does a cleansing work in His people from the Adam nature by the washing of the Water of the Word and by the baptism in the Fire of the Spirit. This river...these two...are the source of the Tree of Life...seen in His Son...in a man Christ Jesus, and in a people found in that man. It is the Life of God that flows from the throne. This Life of God is seen in a people who are fed by His Word & Spirit.

“13. I was watching in the night visions, And behold, One like the Son of Man, COMING WITH THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN! He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. 14. Then to Him [Christ Head & Body] was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, Which shall not pass away, And His kingdom the one Which shall not be destroyed.”

Daniel 7:13-14 New King James Version (NKJV)

We quicken to this word, for it is all unfolding before our eyes. Yes, it is the transitioning from the Church Age into the Age of His Kingdom. The New Jerusalem of a people found in Christ in the heavenlies is now appearing upon the earth...and His coming is not like the way that we were taught. It is gradual. The reigns of rulership are shifting from Adam to Christ. We are beginning to see this even in the political realm. The statue of man is crumbling while the stone of His Kingdom is growing to never pass away!

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