



Mishkan / Dwelling Place

Transcript

Mishkan.

"The glory of Yahweh filled the *mishkan*."

Mishkan refers to a lived-in space, like a tent or a house. In the Bible, a *mishkan* is sometimes used for human homes but primarily identifies the tent where God dwells among his people, the tabernacle.

God's *mishkan* is decorated to look like the garden of Eden, where God and humanity walk together as one. Like the garden, the *mishkan* is a place where divine and human realms overlap. So as the Israelites journey through the wilderness, God's presence in the *mishkan* provides blessing and life.

But access to the *mishkan* is limited. Only the high priest can enter the innermost space called the holy of holies, where God is enthroned. This creates hope for a day when God's presence will be freely available to everyone, as it was in the garden.

"My *mishkan* will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people."