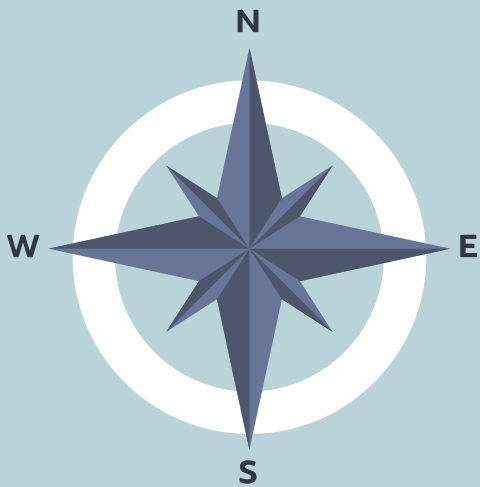
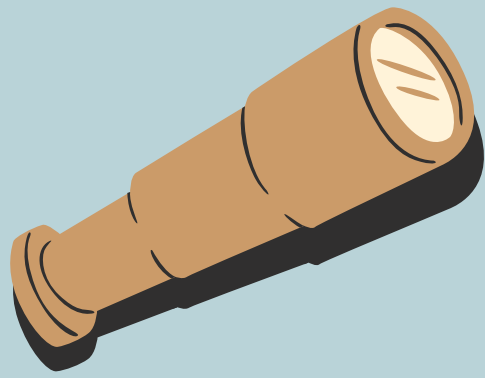


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FINDING OUR SPIRITUAL ORIENTATION

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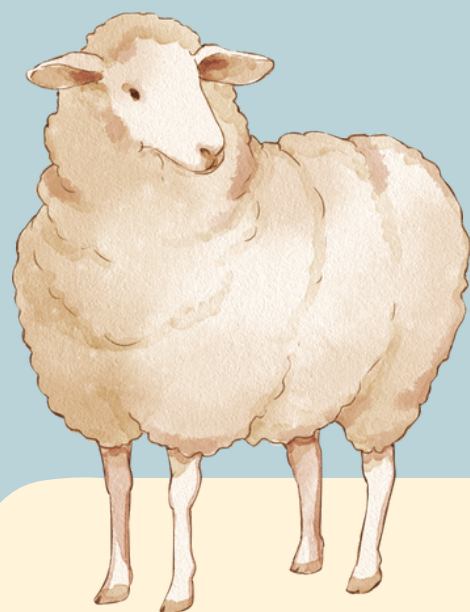
KORBAN OLAH



Vayikra 1:10–11

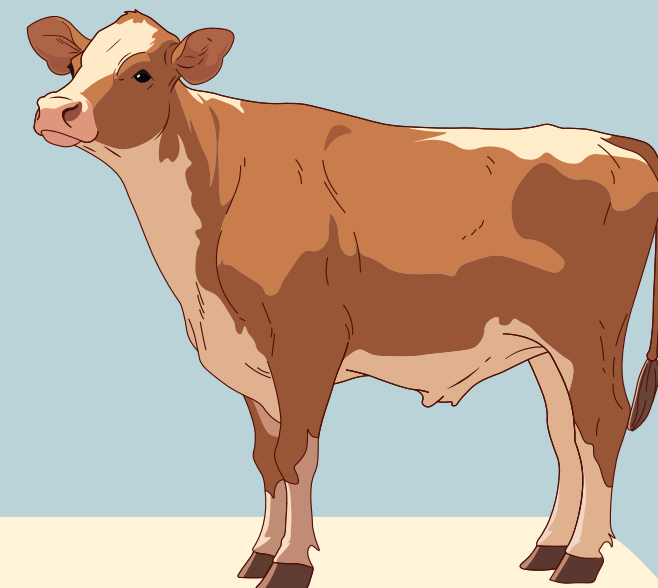
וְאִם־מִן־הַצֹּאן קָרְבָּנוֹ מִן־הַכְּשָׁבִים אוֹ מִן־הָעִזִּים לְעֹלָה זָכָר תָּמִים יִקְרִיבֵנוֹ:
וְשָׁחַט אֹתוֹ עַל יַד הַמִּזְבֵּחַ צִפְּנָה לְפָנֶי יְהוָה וְזָרְקוּ בְּנֵי אֹהֶרֶן הַכֹּהֲנִים
אֶת־דָּמֹ עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ סָבִיב

If his offering for a burnt offering is from the flock, of sheep or of goats, he shall make his offering a male without blemish. It shall be slaughtered before the LORD on the north side of the altar, and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall dash its blood against all sides of the altar.



MISHNA ZEVACHIM

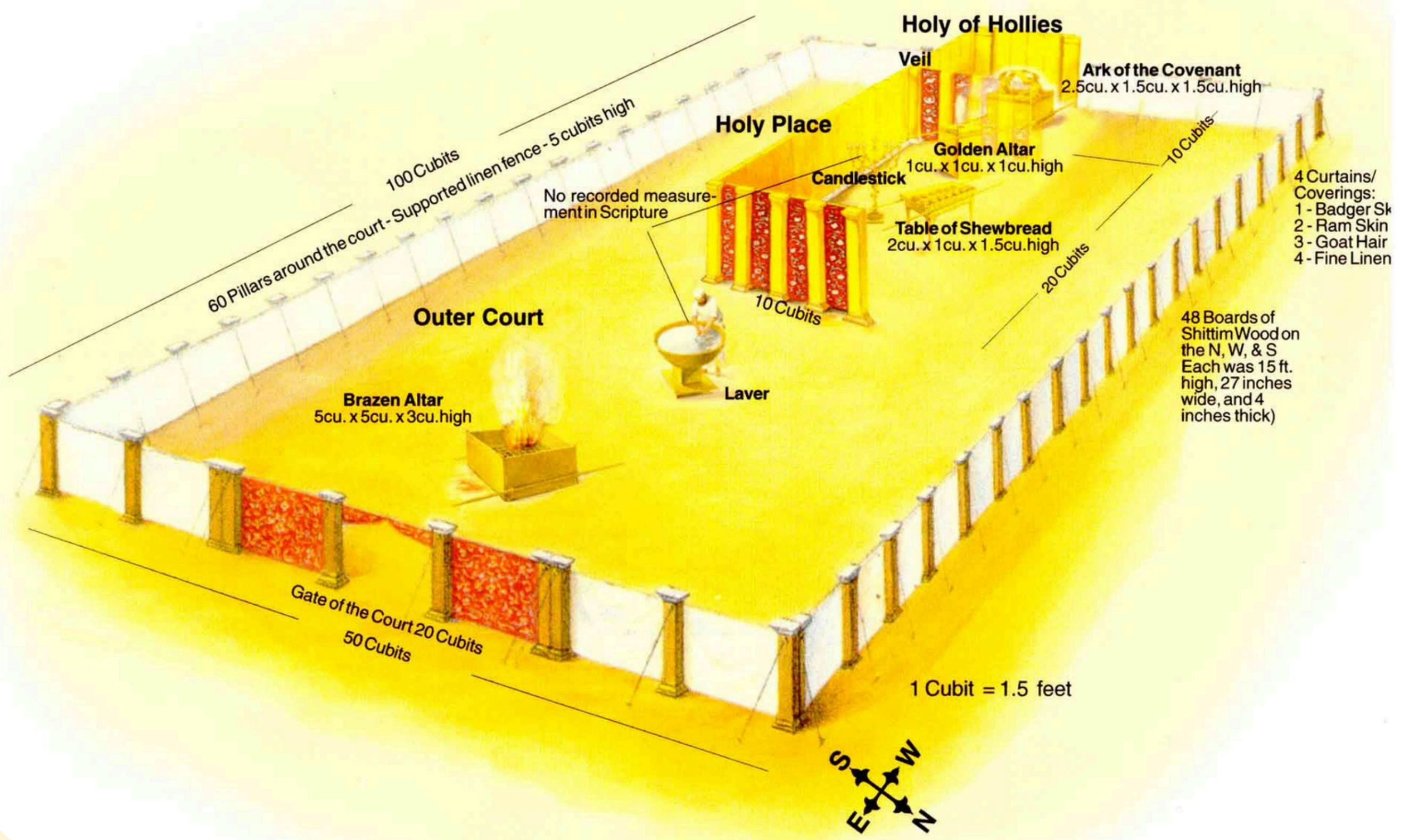
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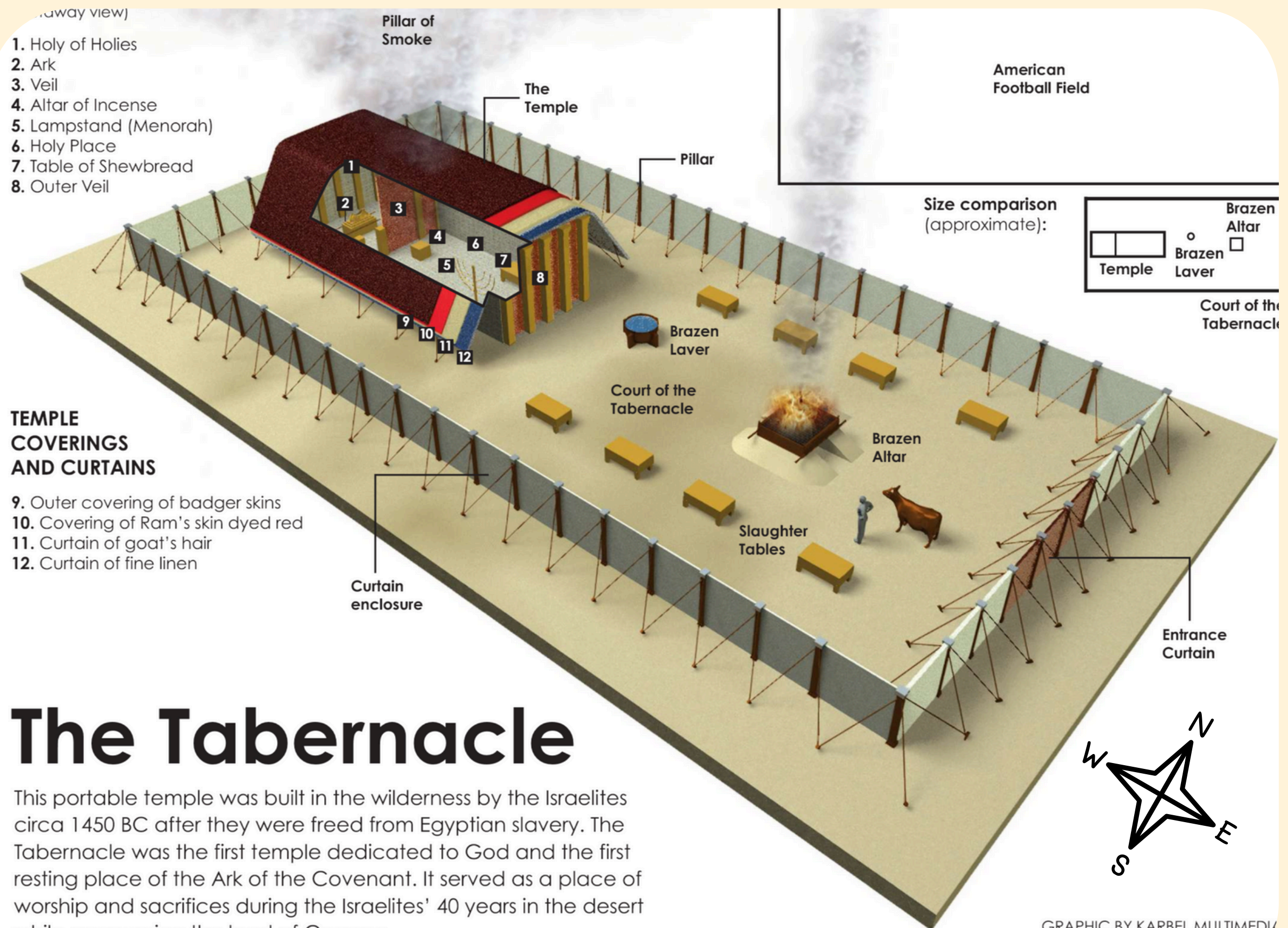


אִיזָהוּ מְקוֹמָן שֶׁל זְבָחִים, קִדְּשֵׁי קִדְּשִׁים שְׁחִיטָתָן בְּצִפּוֹן, פֶּר וְשִׁעִיר שֶׁל יוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים
שְׁחִיטָתָן בְּצִפּוֹן, וְקִבּוּל דָּמָן בְּכָלִי שָׁרֵת בְּצִפּוֹן, וְדָמָן טָעוּן הִזְיָה עַל בֵּין הַבַּדִּים וְעַל
הַפְּרָכֶת וְעַל מִזְבַּח הַזָּהָב.

What is the location of the slaughtering and consumption of offerings? The principle is that with regard to offerings of the most sacred order, their slaughter is in the north of the Temple courtyard. Specifically, with regard to the bull and the goat of Yom Kippur, their slaughter is in the north and the collection of their blood in a service vessel is in the north, and their blood requires sprinkling between the staves of the Ark in the Holy of Holies, and upon the Curtain separating the Sanctuary and Holy of Holies, and on the golden altar.

The Structure and Dimensions of the Tabernacle





- 1. Holy of Holies
- 2. Ark
- 3. Veil
- 4. Altar of Incense
- 5. Lampstand (Menorah)
- 6. Holy Place
- 7. Table of Shewbread
- 8. Outer Veil

TEMPLE COVERINGS AND CURTAINS

- 9. Outer covering of badger skins
- 10. Covering of Ram's skin dyed red
- 11. Curtain of goat's hair
- 12. Curtain of fine linen

The Tabernacle

This portable temple was built in the wilderness by the Israelites circa 1450 BC after they were freed from Egyptian slavery. The Tabernacle was the first temple dedicated to God and the first resting place of the Ark of the Covenant. It served as a place of worship and sacrifices during the Israelites' 40 years in the desert while conquering the land of Canaan.



Menahem ben Benjamin Recanati (1223–1290) was an Italian rabbi who was born and died in the city of Recanati, who devoted the chief part of his writings to the Kabbalah.

ושחט אותו על ירך המזבח צפונה וגו'.
הקרבנות הבאים על חטא שחיטתן בצפון
משום דכתיב מצפון תפתח הרעה (ירמיה א'
יד) והנה למנוע הרעה הבאה מן הצפון או
מפני שנגשים שם כחות המקטרגים וכחות
מדת הדין צוה הקב"ה שכל שעה שיבואו שם
ימצאו שחד ולא יבואו לקטרג. אבל תודה
ושלמים בכור ומעשר שחיטתן בכל מקום
בעזרה שלא היו באים על חטא:

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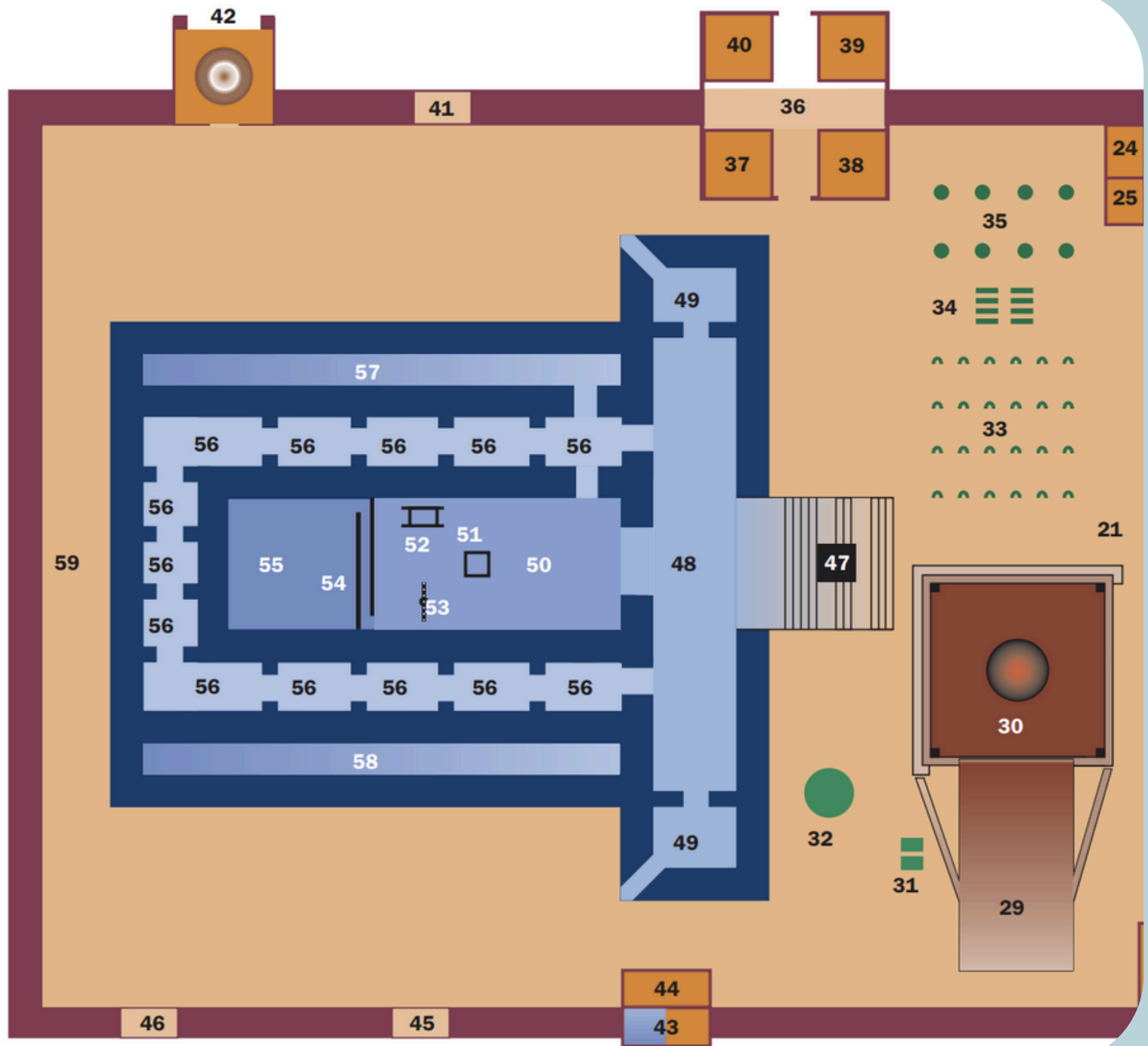
Evil and Sin



BECHOR SHOR

Logistical

Joseph ben Isaac Bekhor Shor of Orléans (12th century) was a French tosafist, exegete, and poet who flourished in the second half of the 12th century. He was the father of Abraham ben Joseph of Orleans and Saadia Bekhor Shor.



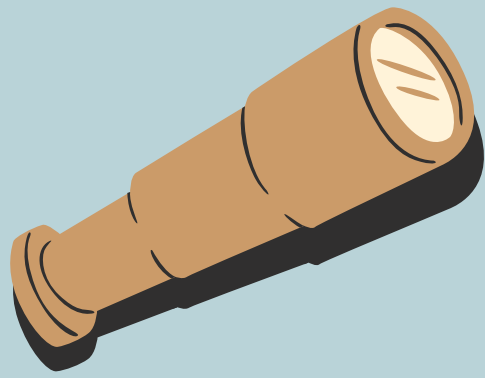
לפני ה'. קבע מקום לבית המטבחים בצפון, שהוא פנוי ואינו מקום דרוסת רגלי הכהנים, שהכבש בדרום כדכתיב: ומעלתיהו פנות קדים, כשיפנה למזרח יהיה דרך ימין, וכן קבע מקום לקדשי קדשים כדכתתיב: במקום אשר תשחט העלה תשחט החטאת, וכתוב: כי כחטאת האשם [וכו'], דאילו עיקר זביחת לשמים, אבל קדשים קלים לא קבע מקום לשחיטתן, אלא נשחטין בכל מקום עזרה, לפי שאין כל כך עיקרים לשמים:

RABEINU BACHYA

Answer 1 – Metaphor

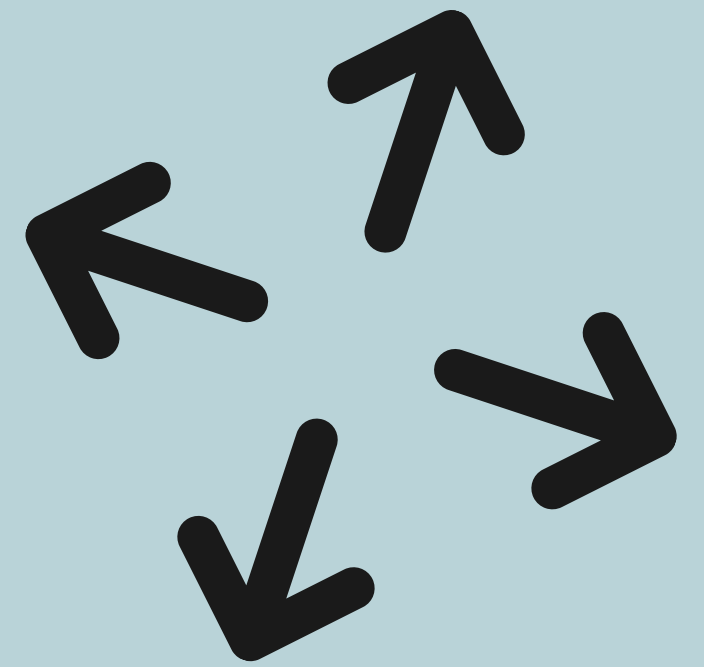


Our sages (Baba Batra 25) say that the world is like a small house and the north wind can turn only inside its confines. It is just like a three-legged stool which cannot stand properly and requires a fourth leg (Berachot 32). The sacrifices may be viewed as if they supplied the fourth leg for the stool called the universe. This is also the meaning of Psalms (48:3) that ירכתי צפון, "Mount Zion, summit of Zaphon, city of a great king." [*without Mount Zion the world would not be able to function properly. Ed.*]



RABEINU BACHYA

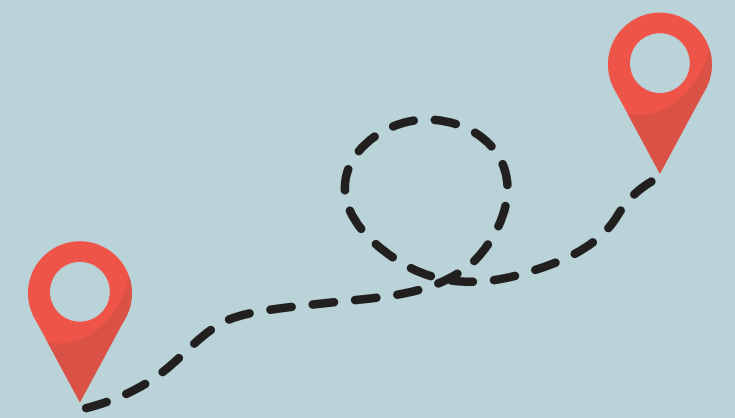
Answer 2 – Tikkun Olam



We are told in Pirke d'Rabbi Eliezer chapter 3 that four directions (of the compass) were created in the world. Light originates from the east; beneficial dew as well as beneficial rains originate in the south, whereas snow, hail, cold and heat and normal rain originate in the west. Whereas God had “created” i.e. initiated the north also, He did not assign to it any specific function. God reputedly said that anyone who claimed to be a deity should prove his ability by assigning a useful function to the north, i.e. the corner of the universe that He had left incomplete.

RABEINU BACHYA

Answer 3 – Growth



A kabbalistic approach: the word צפונה is a reference to the attribute of גבורה, i.e. it is meant to be perfected still. *[In order for man to perfect himself, such as to atone for his sins, he needs to turn northwards. Ed.]* This is what is meant in Zevachim 53 that the officiating priest ascended the ramp called כבש, i.e. that the entire structure (the world) was called כבש.

Avraham's journey through the Holy Land described in Genesis 12,9 mentioning also a southward journey is considered a parallel to the priest's manner of walking on the altar when performing his service in the Temple. The priest awakens the attribute of חסד, love, in G'd. This is why he has to start out in the south (like Avraham proceeding southwards. This means that Avraham embarked on his mission for mankind from a southerly direction.) Having aroused G'd's love he turns to the east the seat of תפארת, the emanation harmony from where the attribute of Mercy emerges. From there he turns northwards in order to make his peace also with the attribute of גבורה, the attribute of Justice. From the north he turns westwards the site of the emanation מלכות, the emanation representing the עולם העשייה, our terrestrial part of the universe.

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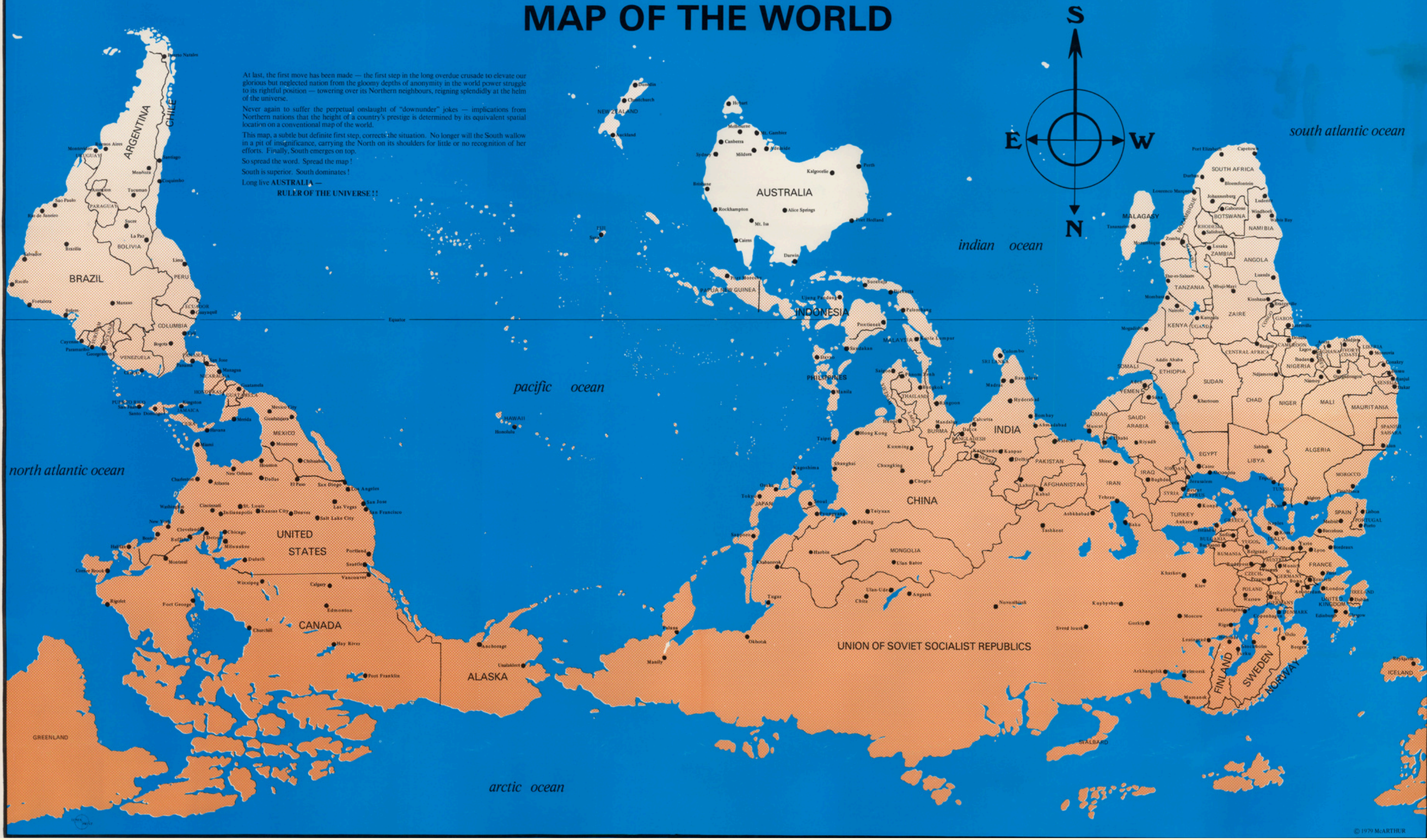
McARTHUR'S UNIVERSAL CORRECTIVE MAP OF THE WORLD

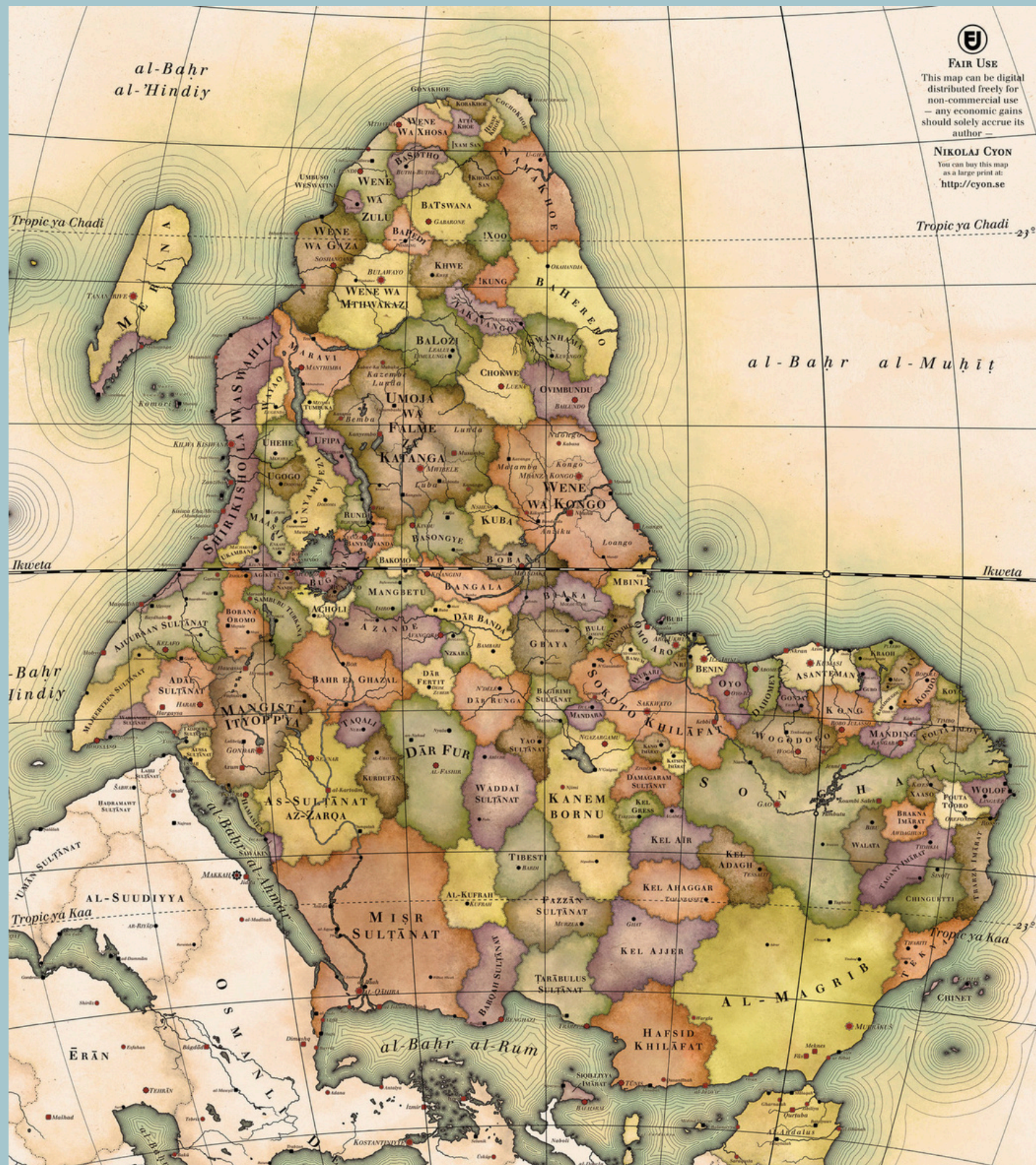
At last, the first move has been made — the first step in the long overdue crusade to elevate our glorious but neglected nation from the gloomy depths of anonymity in the world power struggle to its rightful position — towering over its Northern neighbours, reigning splendidly at the helm of the universe.

Never again to suffer the perpetual onslaught of "downunder" jokes — implications from Northern nations that the height of a country's prestige is determined by its equivalent spatial location on a conventional map of the world.

This map, a subtle but definite first step, corrects the situation. No longer will the South wallow in a pit of insignificance, carrying the North on its shoulders for little or no recognition of her efforts. Finally, South emerges on top.

So spread the word. Spread the map!
South is superior. South dominates!
Long live AUSTRALIA —
RULER OF THE UNIVERSE !!





ALKEBU-LAN 1260

BY THE SWEDISH
ARTIST,
NIKOLAJ CYON.

WHY IS NORTH UP?



SHMOT 27:9-13

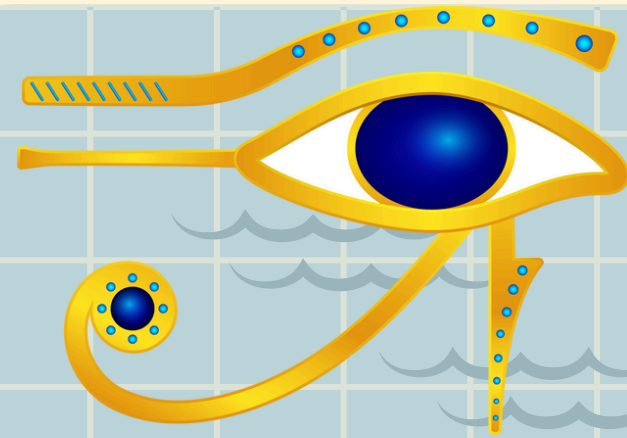


וַעֲשִׂיתָ אֶת הַחֲצֵר הַמְּשֻׁכָּן לַפְּאֵת נֶגְב־תִּמְנָה קַלְעִים לְחֲצֵר שֵׁשׁ מִשְׁזֹר מֵאָה בְּאַמָּה לְאַרְךָ לַפְּאֵה
הָאַחַת: וְעַמֻּדָיו עֶשְׂרִים וְאַדְנִיָּהֶם עֶשְׂרִים נְחֹשֶׁת וְוֵי הָעַמֻּדִים וַחֲשֻׁקֵיהֶם כֶּסֶף: וְכֵן לַפְּאֵת צָפוֹן
בְּאַרְךָ קַלְעִים מֵאָה אֶרְךָ וְעַמֻּדָו עֶשְׂרִים וְאַדְנִיָּהֶם עֶשְׂרִים נְחֹשֶׁת וְוֵי הָעַמֻּדִים וַחֲשֻׁקֵיהֶם כֶּסֶף:
וְרֹחַב הַחֲצֵר לַפְּאֵתִים קַלְעִים חֲמֻשִׁים אַמָּה עַמֻּדֵיהֶם עֶשְׂרֵה וְאַדְנִיָּהֶם עֶשְׂרֵה: וְרֹחַב הַחֲצֵר
לַפְּאֵת קִדְמָה מְזֻרְחָה חֲמֻשִׁים אַמָּה:

You are to make the courtyard of the Dwelling: on the **Negev border, southward**, hangings for the courtyard, of twisted byssus, a hundred by the cubit, the length on one border; with its columns, twenty, their sockets, twenty, of bronze, the hooks of the columns and their binders, of silver. And thus on the **northern border**, lengthwise, hangings a hundred [cubits] in length, with its columns, twenty, their sockets, twenty, of bronze, the hooks of the columns and their binders, of silver. And [along] the width of the courtyard on the **sea border** hangings of fifty cubits, with its columns, ten, their sockets, ten. And [along] the width of the courtyard on the **eastern border, toward sunrise**, fifty cubits, namely: fifteen cubits of hangings for the shoulder-piece,



EGYPTIAN ORIENTATION



Legend

iAbtt – EAST, left side, left hand.

rsy – SOUTH, head, beginning, upper, elevated, up river.

imntt – WEST, right side, right hand.

mHty – NORTH, feet, end, submerged, decline, down river



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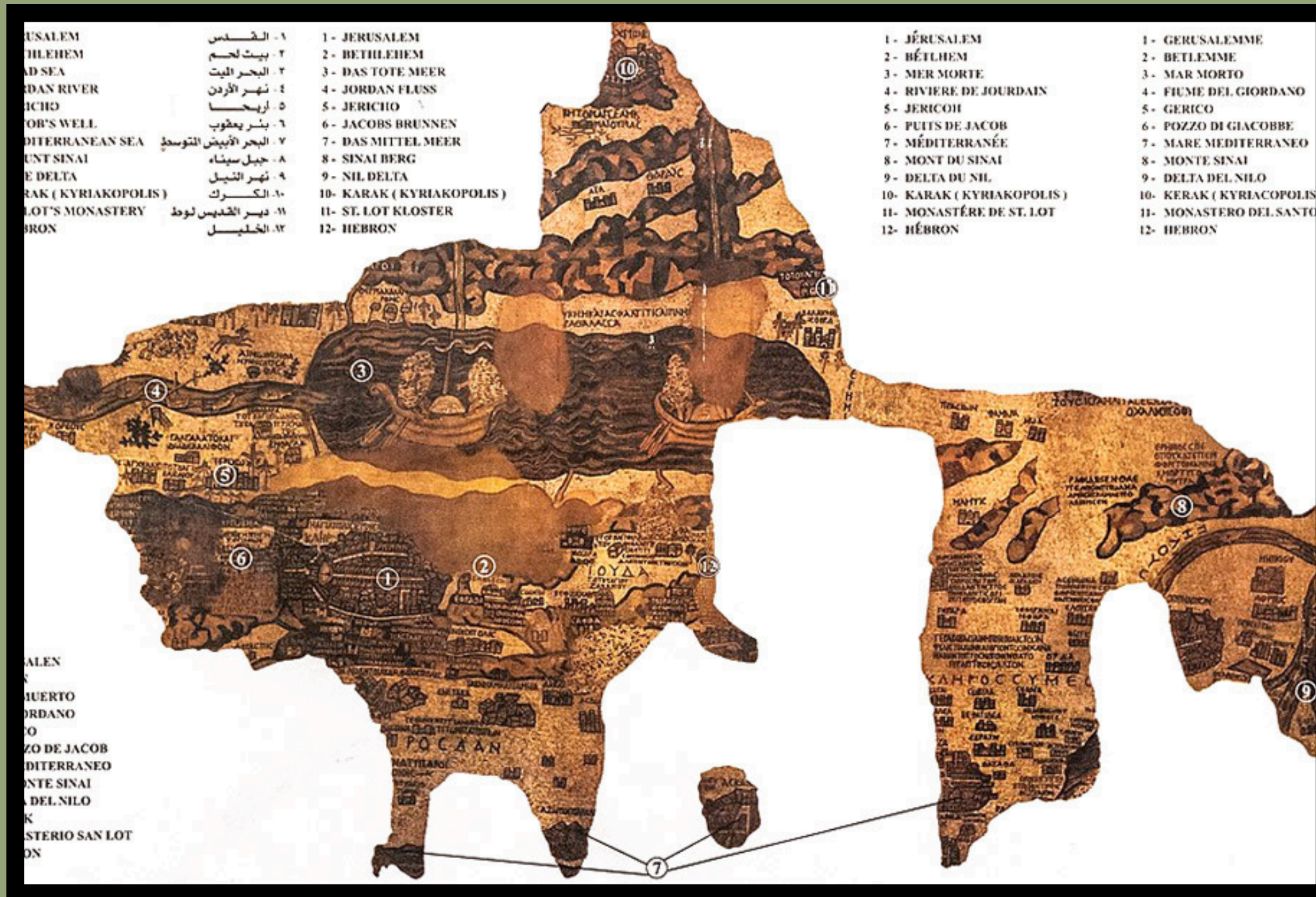
Egyptian Orientation And Geography
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Paran Map from *Situs Terræ Promissionis* by Christian van Adrichom (Amsterdam, 1590 C.E.)



Adrichom's map shows Egypt directly south of Israel, with the Nile and the Red Sea perpendicular to the Dead Sea. (The Mediterranean Sea is on the bottom).

6th c. C.E. Madaba Map



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כיוון שהכיוון המרכזי במצרים היה הדרום ומי שפונה לכיוון זה יד ימינו פונה למערב ושמאלו למזרח, על כן המילה המצרית **imnty** משמשת הן לציון יד ימין והן לציון מילה שפירושה 'מערבי'. בדומה לכך, המילה 'מזרחי' מצוינת בסימן **iAbtt** הזוהה לסימן המציין במצרית עתיקה את יד שמאל. כאמור לעיל, בעברית המקראית, הנאמנת למינוח המקובל בארץ ישראל. המילה ימין משמשת ככינוי לכיוון דרום והמילה שמאל ככינוי לכיוון צפון.

כיוון שיש להניח כי בני ישראל היו רגילים למונחים המצריים של רוחות השמיים, אילו הייתה התורה כותבת "קדמה" בלבד הם היו עלולים לפרש זאת ככינוי לצד דרום, כפי ש"תימן" היה מתפרש בטעות כמערב. זאת ועוד, אילו הייתה התורה כותבת "נגבה" (אזור מנוגב ממים, דהיינו יבש) בלבד, לא היה יודע מי שגדל במצרים כי כוונת הכתוב היא לצד דרום, שכן דווקא בדרום היה מצוי מקור החיים של המצרים. נמצא אפוא כי בראשית שהותם של בני ישראל במדבר היה צורך להשתמש במערכת מושגים כפולה כדי למנוע אי הבנות: "תימנה" הוא "נגבה" ולא מערב, ואילו "קדמה" הוא "מזרח" ולא דרום.

TZAFON-TZAFUN

Vayikra Rabbah 2:10



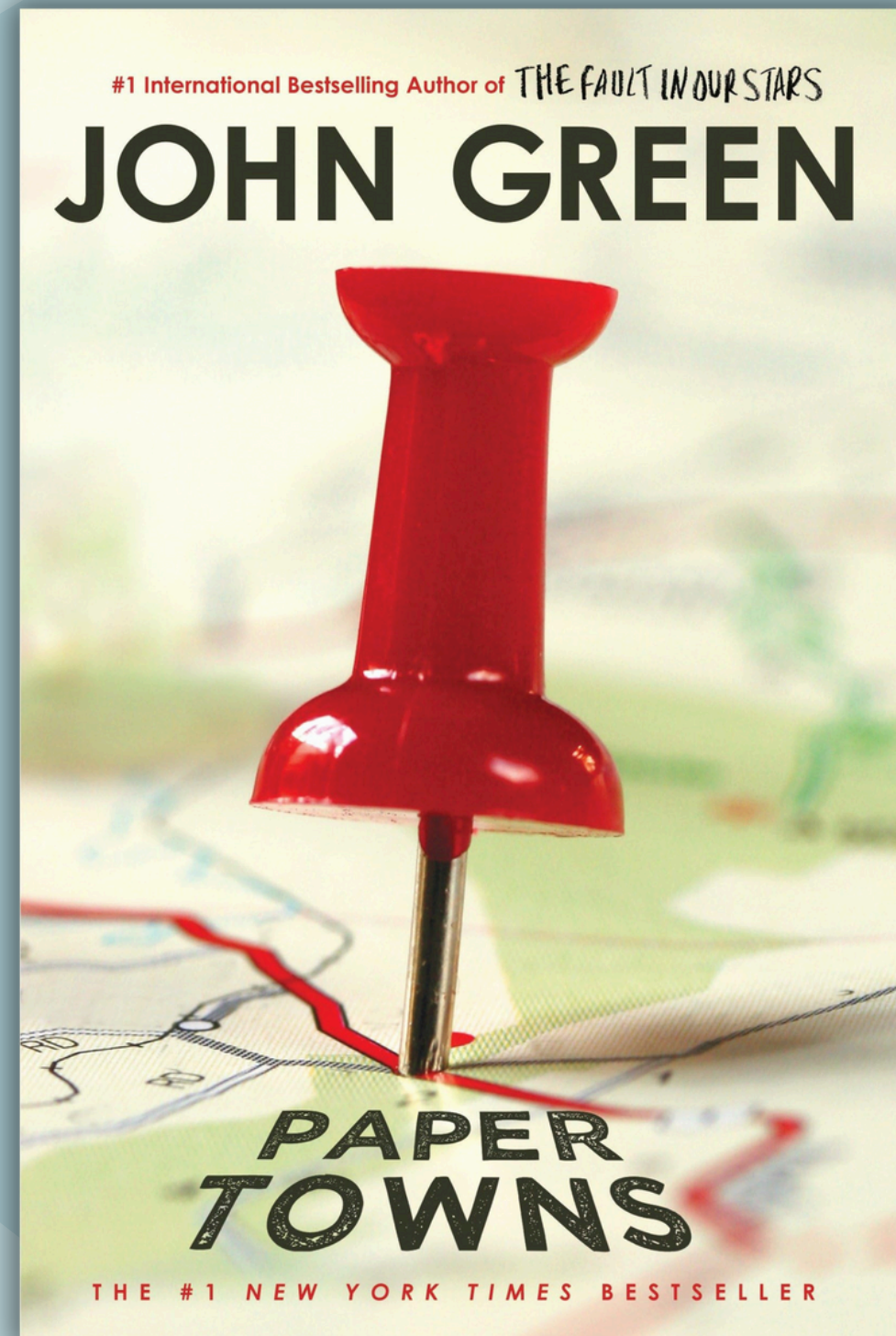
בשעה שישראל מקריבין תמיד על גבי
המזבח וקורין את המקרא "צפונה לפני ה'",
זוכר הקב"ה עקידת יצחק

When Yisrael offer the daily (olah) offering on the Mizbeach and recite the pasuk "At the north side before Hashem," the Holy One, Blessed is He, remembers the Akeidah of Yitzchak.

Rashi - Vayikra 26:42

וְלֹמָה לֹא נֶאֱמַרָה
זְכוּרָה בְּיִצְחָק? אֵלֹא
אֶפְרוּ שֶׁל יִצְחָק נִרְאָה
לְפָנַי צָבוּר (צפון)
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