

A Holy Priesthood for a Holy God

Leviticus 21-22



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WHOLE in our **HOLINESS**
The book of Leviticus



Church allowed abuse by priest for years

Spotlight

Aware of Geoghan record, archdiocese still shuttled him from parish to parish

First of two parts

Since the mid-1990s, more than 130 people have come forward with horrific childhood tales about how former priest John J. Geoghan allegedly fondled or raped them during a three-decade spree through a half-dozen Greater Boston parishes.

Almost always, his victims were grammar school boys. One was just 4 years old.

Then came last July's disclosure that Cardinal Bernard F. Law knew about Geoghan's problems in 1984, Law's first year in Boston, yet approved his transfer to St. Julia's parish in

Worcester. Wilson D. Rogers Jr., the cardinal's attorney, defended the move last summer, saying the archdiocese had medical assurances that each Geoghan reassignment was "appropriate and safe."

But one of Law's bishops thought that the 1984 assignment of Geoghan to St. Julia's was so risky, he wrote the cardinal a letter in protest. And for good reason, the Spotlight Team found: The archdiocese already had substantial evidence of Geoghan's predatory sexual habits. That included his assertion in 1980 that his repeated abuse of seven boys in one extended family was not a "serious" problem, according to an archdiocesan record.

The St. Julia's assignment proved disastrous. Geoghan was put in charge of three youth groups, including altar boys. In 1989, he was forced to go on sick leave after more complaints of sexual abuse, and spent months in two institutions that treat sexually abusive priests. Even so, the archdiocese returned him to St. Julia's, where Geoghan continued to abuse children for another three years.

Now, as Geoghan faces the first of two criminal trials next week, details about his sexual compulsion are likely to be overshadowed by a question that many Catholics find even more troubling: Why did it take a succession of three cardinals and many bishops 34 years to place children out of Geoghan's reach?

Donna Morrissey, a spokeswoman for Law, said the cardinal and other church officials would not respond to questions about Geoghan. Morrissey said the church had no interest in knowing what the Globe's questions would be.

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Antitrust exception shields baseball

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Trump's double trouble
 Liam & Rita get up close & personal

Two days before Pope Francis arrives the Archbishop of Dublin admits the number of Irish children sexually abused by priests is IMMENSE

Martin calls for legal reform to help cleric assault victims

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CHILD VICTIMS ACT

More than 100 lawsuits filed, including 5 against active priests, and 1 dating to '48

Most target church but Boy Scouts, teachers also accused

BY JAY TONASE

Sacred trust was violated by priest

Three men abused as boys at a Lincoln church talk about the fear and shame they felt and the lingering effects the abuse has had on their lives and their families' feelings toward the church

BY STEPHEN BUTTRY/WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Into the Light

As the clergy abuse scandal unfolds, Roger Mahony's moral authority — and his legacy — erodes

BY VICTORIA KIM, ADRIAN POWERS AND HANLEY DEAN

Heroes' tale is at the heart of 'Windtalkers,' Living

Omaha World-Herald

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER OWNED BY EMPLOYEES

Curry awards \$800,000 for abuse

Omaha Archdiocese owes an ex-altar boy \$800,000 and his mother \$50,000.

Bishops vote to oust sex abuser



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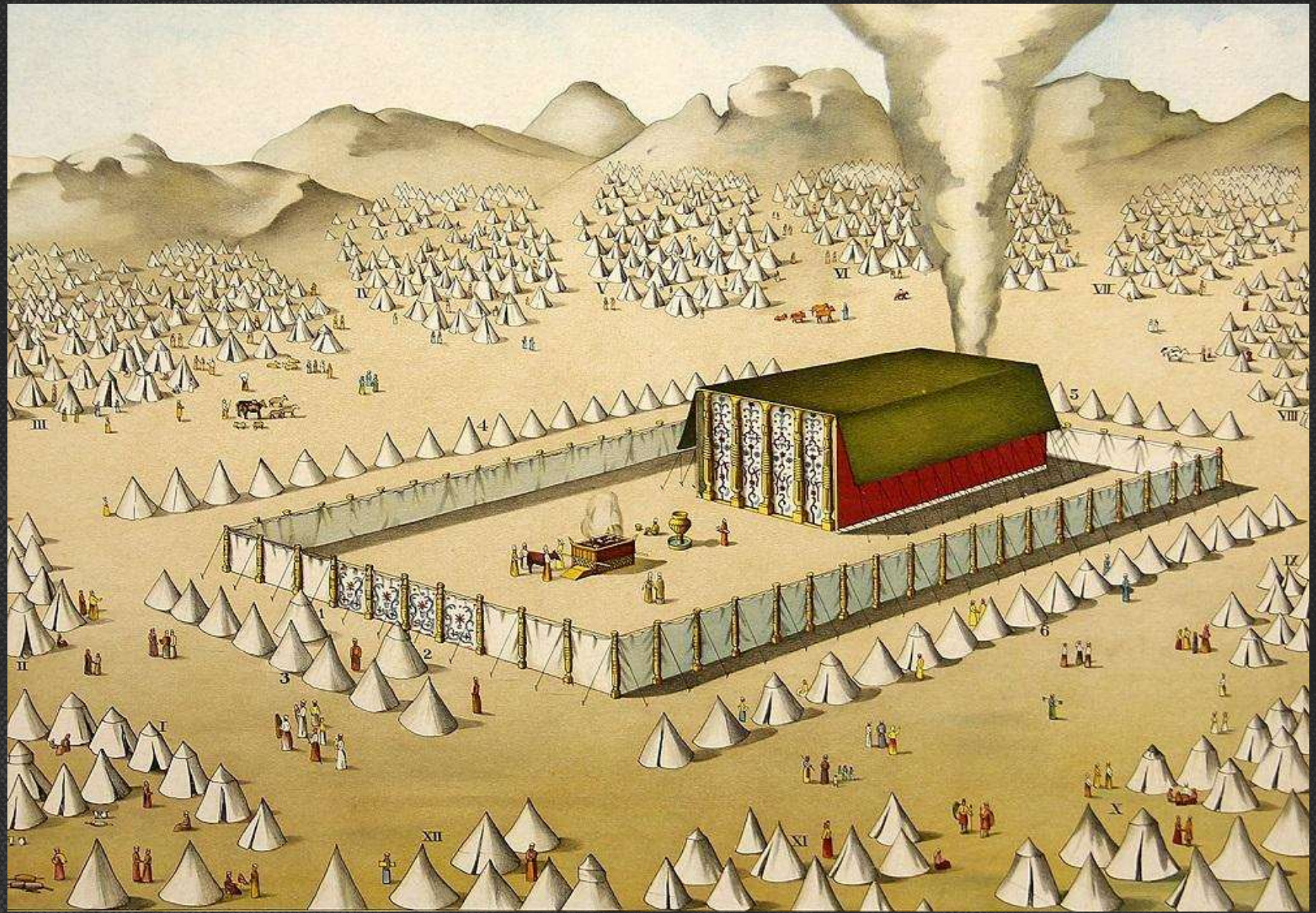


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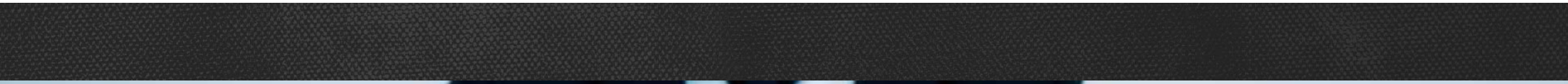
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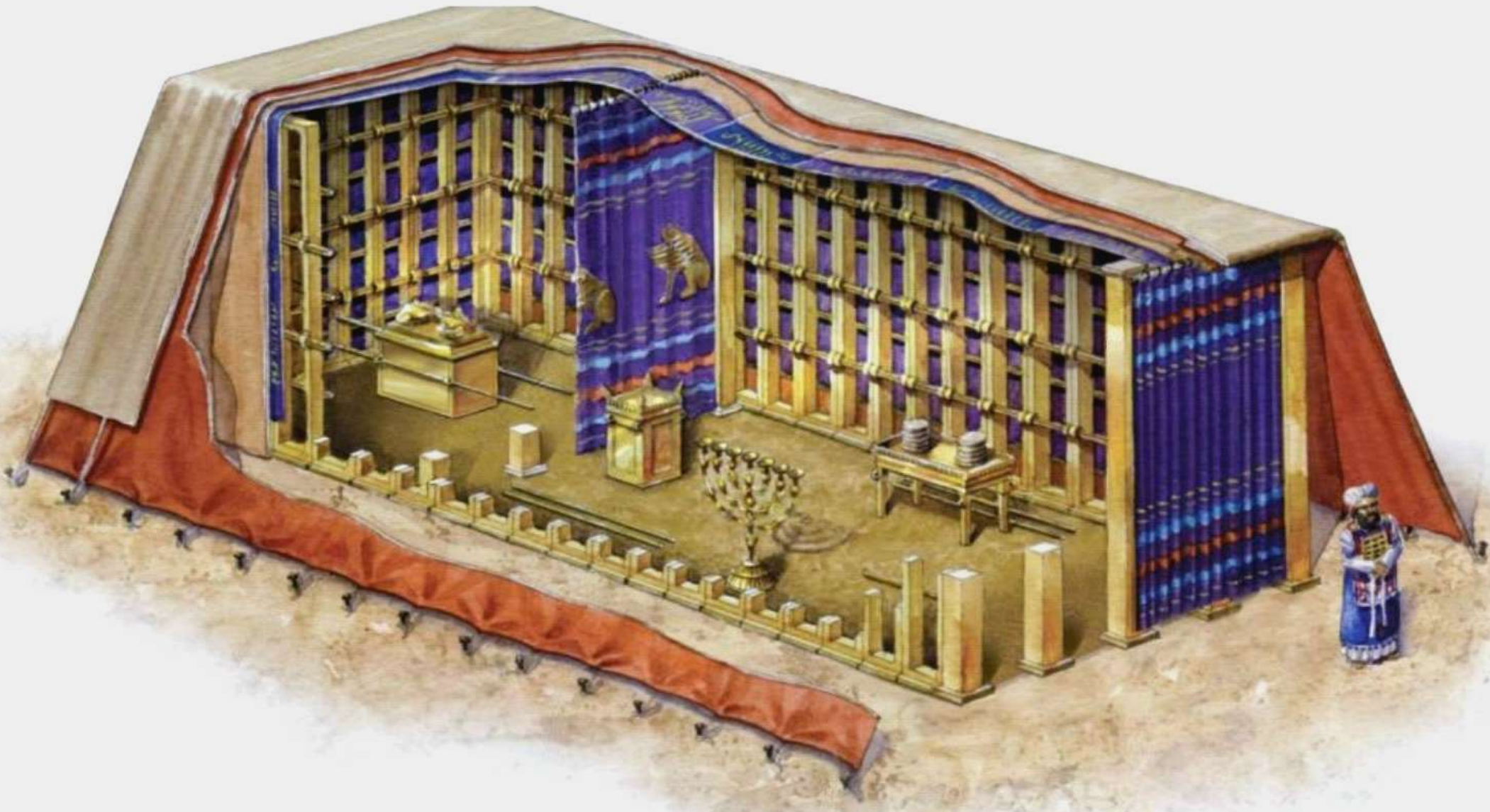
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HIGHEST LEVEL OF MORAL INTEGRITY & RITUAL HOLINESS







An open book with a semi-transparent text overlay. The book is open, showing two pages. The text 'Leviticus 22:21-22' is centered on the pages in a white, sans-serif font. The background is a blurred image of the book's pages and cover, with a dark grey border at the top and bottom.

Leviticus 22:21-22



An open book with a semi-transparent text overlay. The book is open, showing two pages. The text is centered on the pages. The background is a wooden surface.

Leviticus 22:31-33



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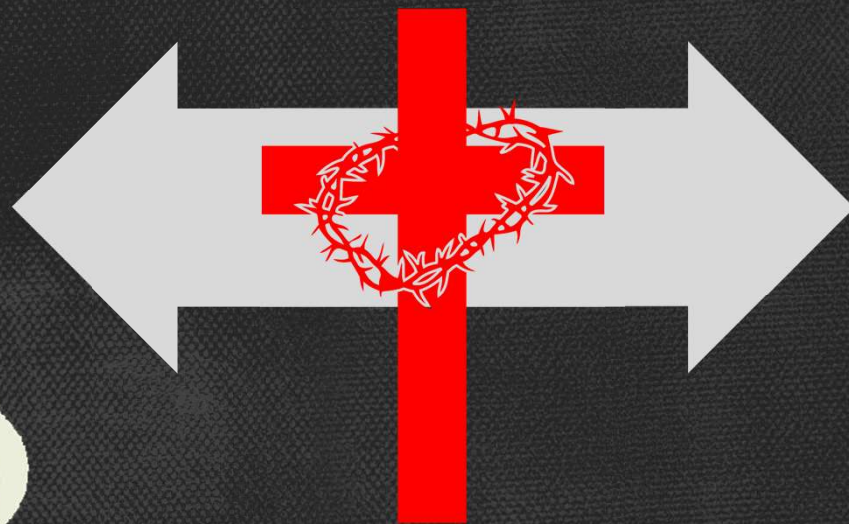
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1 Peter 2:9-10





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- A collage of three images. The top left shows hands resting on a table with papers and a laptop. The top right shows children jumping joyfully in a grassy field. The bottom left shows a family portrait of a man, woman, and children. A diagonal black line separates the top and bottom images.
- Am I being faithful? Idol vs idle?
 - Loving others?
 - God's Kingdom priority?
 - Living for this world?



Choose one or more of the following to discuss:

- Are you serving God with everything that you have, or giving Him leftovers?
- What might it cost you to pursue holiness? Do you believe it will be worth it?
- Spend some time praying for the yourself and the leaders of the church to keep growing in holiness.