

COMPARING THE TABERNACLE AND THE TEMPLE

Exodus 25-31, 1 Kings 6-7

The tabernacle of Israel and Solomon's temple were alike because they had similar meanings in heaven. However, they were also different. The differences changed the significance of each meaning in heaven.

What was similar about each of the following:

- ❖ Shape of the layout _____
- ❖ Number of separate main sections _____
- ❖ Purpose of each section _____

- ❖ Furniture in each section _____

Give examples of differences between each of the following:

- ❖ Materials used _____
- ❖ Movability _____
- ❖ Magnificence _____
- ❖ Simplicity/Complexity _____

The Writings for the New Church teach that the tabernacle stands for the Lord's goodness and the highest heaven—the celestial heaven. Think about the materials used, the movability and the simplicity or complexity of the tabernacle and explain why it might have this meaning.

The Writings for the New Church teach that the temple stands for the Lord's truth and the middle heaven—the Spiritual Heaven. Think about the materials used, the movability and the simplicity or complexity of the temple and explain why it might have this significance.