

# **Mark Dispensationally Considered**

**Mark 5:1-20: The Maniac of Gadara**

# Mark 5:1-5

- Mark 5:1—remember that when we last saw Christ and his disciples they had been boat crossing the Sea of Galilee when Jesus calmed the storm (Mark 4:35-41). Now in verse one they have safely crossed to the other side.
- Mark 5:2—immediately upon exiting the ship Christ meets a man living in the tombs possessed with an unclean spirit.
  - Matthew 8:28-29 (1006)—reports that there were two men possessed with devils who confronted Christ when he entered into the country of the Gergesenes. While on the surface the Bible may seem to be contradicting itself this is not the case. Mark and Luke do not contradict this statement in Matthew they merely focus on the more prominent of the two demon possessed men.
- Mark 5:3-5—again this guy was living in the tombs and could not be bound or tamed.
- Luke 8:27, 29 (1084)

# Mark 5:6-9

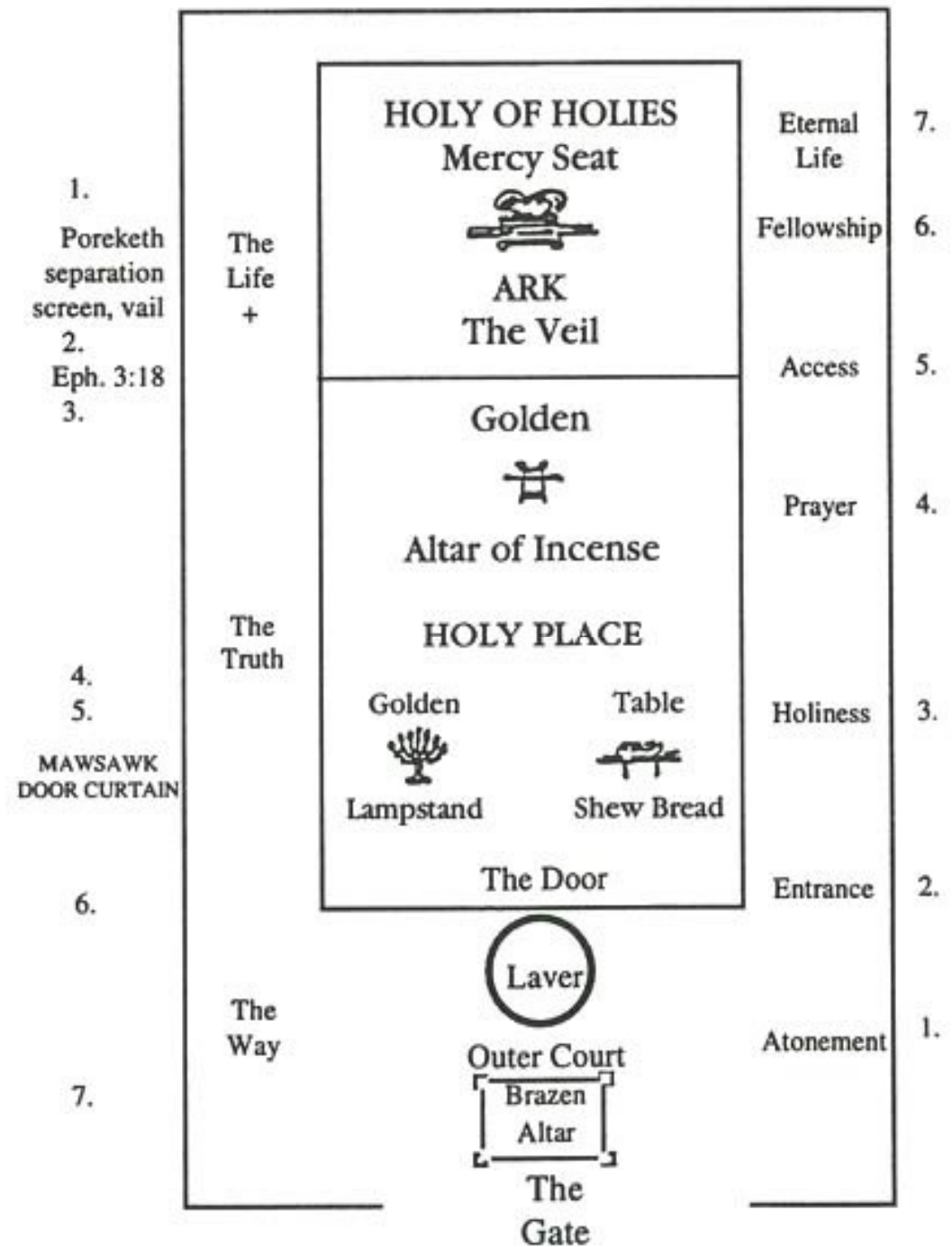
- Mark 5:6-7—again we see that even the unclean spirits knew who Jesus was.
  - Matthew 8:29—the demons knew why they were there. They were there to confront the Lord Jesus Christ. The request that Christ not torment them before the time speaks to this fact. There was an appointed time when the demons knew they would confront or contend with Christ.
- Mark 5:8-9—Jesus orders the unclean spirit to leave the man, however, before departing the man Christ has a conversation with the demon.
  - What is thy name? The demon answers Christ and tells him his name was Legion because there were many devils possessing this man. According to *Strong's Concordance* a legion is “a body of soldiers whose number differed at different times, and in the time of Augustus seems to have consisted of 6826 men (i.e. 6100 foot soldiers, and 726 horsemen).”

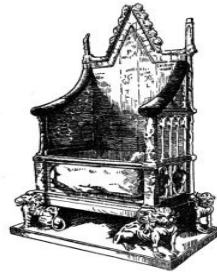
## Mark 5:10-12

- Mark 5:10—in this verse Legion “besought him much” that is he begged Christ to not send them out of the country.
- Mark 5:11—is somewhat of an editorial comment. It informs that close by there was a great herd of swine feeding.
- Mark 5:12—the devils request to be sent into the herd of swine.
- So the devils comprising the Legion ask two things 1) not to be sent out of the country, 2) to be sent instead into the herd of swine.
- Luke 8:31—have you ever wondered where the evil spirits went once Christ cast them out? These demons plead that Christ not send them into the deep. What does this mean?

# The Heavenly Tabernacle

- Isaiah 40:22—God created the heavens as a tent for himself to dwell in. Remember that Hebrews says that the tabernacle Moses built was patterned after the one God pitched in heaven.





Light

3<sup>rd</sup> Heaven

Face of the Deep  
is Frozen

Sea of Glass like  
unto Crystal

Water/Darkness

Firmament=  
2<sup>nd</sup> Heaven

Abode of the Fallen  
Angels



Water/Darkness

Deep