

smallest detail to the greatest, is there for our learning. (Romans 15:4) In other words, He has given us many visual pictures throughout the Bible to help us understand His ways a little more clearly. Solomon's Temple is definitely one of these.

## **The Order of Worship in Solomon's Temple**

So how did the priests in this temple worship the Lord? What was their order of service like?

See Chart 1: The Temple Blueprint (on the next page).

Let me first give you an "overall picture" and then we'll come back and explore each area of service in greater detail. The order of service for the priests was as follows:

After the Levites opened the Outer Court gate for the people, they began to sing and praise the Lord. Then, the priests entered the Inner Court and immediately went to the Lavers of Bronze where they washed their hands and feet. After that they approached the Brazen Altar (or Holocaust Altar), where they sacrificed their animals in order to purge the sins of the people. Next, they immersed themselves bodily in the Molten Sea. And, finally, they took a censer full of hot coals from the Brazen Altar, went back into the Holy Place where they changed their clothes, took some incense and sprinkled it over the coals at the Golden Incense Altar where God promised to "meet with them." (Exodus 25:22) Approaching the Golden Altar of