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   It answers the "big questions" about the existence of evil and the problem of human suffering.

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God Himself introduced the sacrificial system, at first by individuals and families; after the Exodus He enshrined it in the sanctuary services. The sacrifices were to symbolize that the penalty of sin is death.

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He was the water of life and the light of the world.

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The "great controversy" and the disposition of sin and Satan are fully portrayed and illustrated through the sanctuary.

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