

FINAL STUDY NOTES - *EXODUS CHAPTERS 24-26* 11-25/26-24

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OPENING PRAYER

EXODUS – Chap 24 – Israel Affirms the Covenant – (v 1-8); On the Mountain With God – (v 9-18); Chap 25 - Offerings for the Sanctuary – (v 1-9); The Ark of the Testimony - (v 10-22); The Table for the Showbread – (v 23-30); The Gold Lampstand – (v 31-40); Chap 26 – The Tabernacle – (v. 1-37).

REVIEW: Chapters 20-23 are known as the *Book of the Covenant*. This is the law that David referred to in (*Psa 1:2*) *But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.*

Exodus 24-26

The Covenant Confirmed - The nation in the presence of God

Exo 24:1 Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar.

- God now invites Moses, Aaron, and the two older sons of Aaron, who will soon be wiped out when they offer strange fire before God at the dedication of the tabernacle; along with the seventy elders; those men that were appointed by Moses to be the judges over the people. They are invited to come on up to the mountain with the Lord and worship Him from afar.

Exo 24:2 And Moses alone shall come near the LORD, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him."

Exo 24:3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do."

- Moses told them the things that are written in chapters 20 through 23, the law of the LORD and the judgments. They said, "We will do them. All that the Lord said, we will keep that."
- All the people answered....All the words....we will do! It is an excellent thing for them to do, but nobody can maintain a personal relationship with God on the basis of law. So, God immediately comes in behind the giving of the law of Moses. He starts to institute sacrifice. He starts to describe the Tabernacle, the furnishings of the Tabernacle, the sacrifice, because that is going to be the basis of the covenant. Not their keeping of the law, but it is going to be a Covenant that is based upon blood, based upon sacrifice based upon the death of the innocent for the guilty. All of the picture of the greatest picture of that in human history, which is Jesus' death upon the cross for our sins!

Exo 24:4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

- Moses was not quite sure that they understood what they were getting into, and so Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. He wrote them down in a book. This is the first reference of the written record, the Bible in a written form.
- Each pillar was representative of one of the tribes.

Exo 24:5 Then he sent young men of the children of Israel (no Levitical priesthood yet), *who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD.*

- A burnt offering was the offering of consecration, an offering of dedication of my life to God: "LORD, I just consecrated my life to you." I would do that with a burnt offering; the idea of just being consumed for God, and my life being consumed for Him.
- The peace offering was the offering of communion, or fellowship. With the peace offering, the meat was roasted, God got a portion of it and you got a portion of it. The idea was that you sit down with God and you eat your portion, fellowshiping with God, becoming one with God through the eating of the common meal.
- The burnt offering was the offering of consecration, which was necessary before the real fellowship. That dedication of myself, my life to God, precedes the real, full fellowship with God. They offered both burnt offerings of consecration, and peace offerings of fellowship.

Exo 24:6 And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

- Usually, the custom was to take the blood and sprinkle it on the altar. He kept half of the blood in basins.

Exo 24:7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient."

- He wrote it down in a book. Now he stands in front of the people, reading to them out of the book the covenant that God established. "If they will obey My voice, and keep My covenant..." This is it. This is what God commands. He read it to them.
- All that the LORD has said we will do and be obedient. 'We will abide by it. We accept it. We acknowledge it. It is good.'
- As you read this covenant, you find it is good! I do not have anything to argue with. (Psa 19:7-8) *The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making*

wise the simple; [8] The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

- So, they accepted it. They said, "We will be obedient, we'll obey."
- **How much does my life reflect being obedient to God and His word? Is it truly a great contrast to that of the world? Is it inviting others to seek the LORD?**

Exo 24:8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

- **On the people.** Probably upon the seventy elders who represented each of the tribes. There were probably six elders from each tribe, and then the four: Moses, Aaron, and his two sons, comprising the four from the tribe of Levi. Six from each of the other tribes.
- **He sprinkled the blood on the people.** This is then known as a blood covenant. It was thought to be the most sacred and binding covenant that you could make.
- **Moses, in establishing the blood covenant, did so by just sprinkling it upon the people.** They were forbidden by God to drink blood. So, he sprinkled it upon the people, and he said,
- **This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words.** You declared your willingness to obey, and this is the blood of the covenant, and God has established it now. (**Heb 9:18-20**) *Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. [19] For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, [20] saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD HAS COMMANDED YOU."*

Exo 24:9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, **Exo 24:10** and they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in its clarity.

- (**Eze 1:26a**) *And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone;*
- **This crystal clear, bluish colored sapphire stone** that was under the feet of God. Now, it is thought, that they saw, in reality, a manifestation of God, and none other than a theophany Jesus Christ. He is the theophany of the Old Testament: God manifested. *Theophanes*, the manifestation of God. (**Joh 1:18**) *No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father; He has declared Him.* He has manifested Him." The manifestation of God.
- **Now here, they saw Him, no doubt, in a form.** His feet standing upon this paved work of Sapphire stone, as clear as the very heavens themselves. Ezekiel had a vision of God, the throne of God. In (**Isa 6:1**) *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.* John had a vision of God. He describes it in the fourth chapter of the book of Revelation: again, the throne of God.

Exo 24:11 But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. So they saw God, and they ate and drank.

- **In other words, God did not destroy them.** In His grace, having seen God, they were not destroyed. There was that fear that, to see God, would bring annihilation to the man. They make note of the fact that even though they saw Him, He did not lay His hand on them. An interesting fellowship: They ate and they drank. That is the idea of the peace offering, sitting down and fellowshiping with God. You just become one in fellowship and in communion with God, eating together with Him.

Exo 24:12 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

- God said, "Come on up, and I'll give you tablets of stone, and the law I have written one them, that you might teach the people." Note this call of the nation into the presence of God!

Exo 24:13 So Moses arose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up to the mountain of God.

Exo 24:14 And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Indeed, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has a difficulty, let him go to them."

- **The elders were ordered to remain back here at the base of the mountain.** Aaron and Hur were sort of placed in charge. Any matter that needed judgment, they were to come to Aaron or Hur.

Exo 24:15 Then Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain.

Exo 24:16 Now the glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud.

- **Moses left the elders at the base. He and Joshua went on up the mountain**, but not to the top. They waited on this plateau upon the mountain for six days. On the seventh day, the LORD called Moses to come on up, thus, Moses was thirty-four days there on the top of the mountain with the LORD.

Exo 24:17 The sight of the glory of the LORD was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.

- **As they looked up to the top of the mountain**, it looked like the thing was just a raging fire up there. Moses walked up on into the thing!
- **God is a symbol of fire. (Heb 12:29) For our God is a consuming fire.** Fire being used as a symbol of God is a very apt symbol for God because one thing that you can say about fire is that it is universal. He is everywhere.
- **God is a fire, and that fire of God is either destroying you, or is transmitting you** into permanency. You see, the same fire can destroy, or it can sort of transmit into the eternal in a sense; for that fire that destroys the log that is thrown into it will temper the steel to give it permanence.
- **Now, the question is, what is the fire doing to me?** I dwell in the presence of God, I cannot escape it; but what is it doing to me? And it all depends on what I am made of. Am I a child of God? Then that fire of God is purging out the dross and transmitting me into permanency, like gold tried in the fire. .
- **Or it is destroying me if my relationship with God is wrong.** It is consuming if, indeed, your life is out of synch with God.

Exo 24:18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

- That is a total of thirty-four days at the top; six before the LORD said, "Come on up into the higher regions."

Contributions for the Sanctuary

Exo 25:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Exo 25:2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.

- **Willingly, literally, "everyone who is driven by his heart to give."** Those whose hearts are driven to give. 'God has put that compulsion on my heart to give.' They are the ones who are to give. If you do not have that compulsion in your heart to give, then do not give! Your giving to God should never be grudgingly, it should never be under pressure, it should never be under constraint. It has to always come from a heart that has been driven, a willing heart! Thus, we shall give to God, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- **God is asking the people to bring Him an offering.** It has to be willingly with his heart, or a man driven by his heart. He has no need for an unwilling gift! Here is an opportunity to invest!

Exo 25:3-7 And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze; [4] blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; [5] ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; [6] oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; [7] onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.

Exo 25:8 And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

- **They are to build now a portable sanctuary!** The place that brings the people into the consciousness of the presence of God. While they are in the wilderness, they are going to be moving around from place to place, so they have to be able to dismantle the thing and move it on to the next place where God shows them to park.
- **God wanted to dwell among his people!** He wanted them to have that confidence of that and be in their midst and in that way. So, it symbolized His presence with them. Further, it is to be set in the middle of the camp, with all of the nations parked around the sanctuary, the tabernacle, so that it is right in the center of the camp!

- **What beautiful symbolism that is! God at the heart of the nation. God at the center** of the national life. Oh, how glorious the nation, how strong the nation, when God is at the center of the national life! When they would pitch their tents, they would pitch them around the sanctuary so that the door of their tents would face towards the center, so when they get up in the morning, and walk out the door, they see the sanctuary in the midst of the camp.

Exo 25:9 According to all that I show you (seven times: 5x OT; 2x NT), **that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.** (from His viewpoint – from the **inside out**; from man's standpoint, it was **outside in**.)

- **God emphasizes 'to make it exactly according to the plan that I give.** Why does He want it to be so precise and exacting? Because it was actually a model of heaven. (**Heb 8:5, 9:24**) who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "SEE THAT YOU MAKE ALL THINGS ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN." [9:24] For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us. This is a model of what heaven, the throne of God, is like. Here is that earthly model of what is heavenly.
- **Now, as God begins to give him the instructions, first of all God instructs him** for the furnishings that were to be inside of the tabernacle before He gives him the instructions of the tabernacle itself. The very first thing that God instructs him in making is the Ark of the Covenant.

The Ark of the Covenant

Exo 25:10 "And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits (45 inches) shall be its length, a cubit and a half (27 inches) its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

- **The ark of the covenant was the only piece of furniture in the Holy of Holies.** It was to remain hidden from view at all times. The ark was not to be touched with human hands. It was a wooden chest overlaid with gold. The ark is to be made out of acacia wood. It is a little box. A cubit is about eighteen inches. So, it is about forty-five inches long, and about two feet - three inches wide, and two feet - three inches height. If you can sort of picture it now in your mind, this little box made out of acacia wood; forty-five inches long, two feet - three inches wide, and that deep.
- **The center of the center of the center** – The tabernacle is in the center of the camp of Israel. The center of the tabernacle is the building itself. The center of that is the Holies of Holies. The central instrument there is the Ark of the Covenant.

Exo 25:11 And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around.

- **It was then to be overlaid with gold.** They were to make four rings, and attach the rings to this little box, and they were to take rods out of acacia wood, overlay them with gold, twelve and they were to insert them through the golden rings, so that the box could be picked up without touching it. These rods overlaid with gold, through these rings, would then be lifted up by the priests and carried.

Exo 25:12 You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners; two rings shall be on one side, and two rings on the other side.

Exo 25:13 And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold.

Exo 25:14 You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. (not to be touched by man. Uzzah touched it and he died! (2Sa 6:6,7)

Exo 25:15 The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it.

Exo 25:16 And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you.

- **Into this ark, they were to place the two tables of stone,** upon which God was to inscribe the Ten Commandments. Later on, they also put in a jar of manna and Aaron's rod into this little box.

Exo 25:17 "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width.

- **On the top of the box, they were to make a mercy seat of pure gold.** This was not wood overlaid with gold, this was to be out of pure gold, the lid, or the top of the box. And it was to be the same length, forty-five inches, and the same width, two feet - three inches. If it were an inch thick, [and it probably was, made of solid gold, it would weigh seven hundred and fifty pounds, and would have an estimated value of several million dollars; this gold, solid gold mercy seat that went over the top of the box.

Exo 25:18 And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat.

- **On the top of the gold mercy seat there were to be carved these cherubim.** When Ezekiel had a vision of the throne of God in chapter one and chapter ten as he describes this vision, he saw the cherubim around the throne of God. The mercy seat is a model of the throne of God in heaven, surrounded by the cherubim; and the cherubim were to be facing inward towards each other, towards the center of the box, and their wings extended and touching the box. They also were to be made of solid gold; but not molded, but rather hammered, or shaped by the hammer into the shape of the cherubim.
- **John, in the fourth chapter of the book of Revelation**, when he is caught up into heaven and sees the throne of God, he also saw the cherubim about the throne of God - and he describes them.
- **And so, these cherubim that are carved here on the mercy seat**, the lid of the ark of the covenant, are symbolic of, again, the presence of God, surrounded by the cherubim in heaven.

Exo 25:19 Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat.

Exo 25:20 And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat.

Exo 25:21 You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you.

Exo 25:22 And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

- **So, this is where I'll meet with you.** This is where I will speak to you, above this mercy seat.
- **Now, only the high priest could go into this little room known as the Holy of Holies** where this *ark of the Testimony* is kept. The people would never see it. They would just transport it without touching it, carrying it between them on the golden rods, or staves, that they had made.
- **This Ark of the Covenant had disappeared at the time** of the Babylonian captivity. There are rumors, stories: Josephus says that Jeremiah hid it in a cave.
- **Other stories place it over on Mount Nebo**, which is now in Jordan territory. Another story is that it is in Ethiopia. It would be exciting if someone would find that ark of the covenant today.

The Table for Bread – It speaks of Christ as being the Bread of Life.

Exo 25:23 "You shall also make a table (for the showbread) of acacia wood; two cubits (36 inches) shall be its length, a cubit (18 inches) its width, and a cubit and a half (27 inches) its height.

- **Now, the second furnishing to go into the tabernacle was a little gold showbread table** made of acacia wood, covered with gold. It was to be set upon a frame.

Exo 25:24 And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make a molding of gold all around.

- **The molding of gold is a border around the table** to keep the bread from falling off.

Exo 25:25 You shall make for it a frame of a handbreadth all around, and you shall make a gold molding for the frame all around.

- **On the top, the handbreadth, they were to make this gold ornamentation**, and it was to frame it around - no doubt for strength and to keep the bread from falling off.

Exo 25:26 And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that are at its four legs.

Exo 25:27 The rings shall be close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table.

Exo 25:28 And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them. .

- **Again, it was to have four rings made of gold.** They are to be put on the corners of the four legs, and again, the poles were to be put through them so that they could carry this little table in the same manner with poles.

Exo 25:29 You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold.

- There were to be dishes in which the bread was to be brought in, and pans, and pitchers, and bowls, and they were to be made of pure gold.

Exo 25:30 *And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always.*

- The twelve loaves of bread were set on this little table, and every Sabbath day, they would change these loaves of bread. The priests there would eat the twelve loaves of bread and put on the twelve new loaves.
- The bread is a type of Christ, picturing and speaking of Him of salvation, sustenance, provision, and supply. This table also speaks of the Lord's Supper, as instituted by the Lord Himself just prior to His death upon the Cross. It is a table for believers. The table of showbread is a prefiguration of Christ as the sustainer of spiritual life for the believer.
- The showbread also speaks of Christ as the *life-sustainer*. Eternal life is a gift and is the manna which came down from heaven. The person who receives manna receives eternal life..

The Golden Lampstand

- The lampstand is probably the most perfect picture of Christ found in the tabernacle furniture. It sets Him forth as pure gold and speaks of His deity. It sets Him forth as He is—God. Worship has to do with walking in the light. This is a very important fact to see.

Exo 25:31 *"You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece.*

- The third item of furniture was this golden lamp stand of pure gold. It shall be of hammered work, that is, not molded. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece.

Exo 25:32 *And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.*

- It is to be a one-piece lamp stand coming up. Out it, there would be three arms on each side, with cups on the top that would hold the oil. This was to be the light in this tent, or tabernacle. It was thought to be about five feet tall.

Exo 25:33 *Three bowls shall be made like almond blossoms on one branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond blossoms on the other branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower—and so for the six branches that come out of the lampstand.*

Exo 25:34 *On the lampstand itself four bowls shall be made like almond blossoms, each with its ornamental knob and flower.*

Exo 25:35 *And there shall be a knob under the first two branches of the same, a knob under the second two branches of the same, and a knob under the third two branches of the same, according to the six branches that extend from the lampstand.*

Exo 25:36 *Their knobs and their branches shall be of one piece; all of it shall be one hammered piece of pure gold.*

Exo 25:37 *You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it.*

Exo 25:38 *And its wick-trimmers and their trays shall be of pure gold.*

Exo 25:39 *It shall be made of a talent (\$2600/oz. = \$3.1 million/talent) of pure gold, with all these utensils.*

Exo 25:40 *And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.*

- So, this golden lamp stand was the third bit of furniture. Many see in these three items of furniture, see the trinity of the Godhead. The mercy seat; the place of the presence of God. The Table of Showbread; Jesus said, "*I AM the bread of life*," thus, representing Jesus Christ. The lampstand: in the book of Revelation, in the description of the throne of God, as John talks about the throne of God, the cherubim about the throne and all, he said, "And there was the lamp stand, with



*Titus' Arch of Triumph in Rome
Lampstand and Showbread table
Only depiction of Tabernacle/furn.*

the seven golden lamps, which are the Spirit of God.” So, the purpose of the lamp stand within the tabernacle was symbolic of the presence of the Holy Spirit; the presence of God within the Holy of Holies; the Ark of the Covenant, and the presence of Jesus Christ in the Table of Showbread.

The Tabernacle - - Video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=75fHH9gPNrg>

Exo 26:1 "Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine woven linen and blue, purple, and scarlet thread; with artistic designs of cherubim you shall weave them.

- Now the tabernacle itself, he was given instructions on the first curtain. Ten of them were to be woven out of the fine linen thread, blue, purple, and scarlet; and they were to weave into its artistic designs of the cherubim.

Exo 26:2 The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits (42 feet), and the width of each curtain four cubits (6 feet). And every one of the curtains shall have the same measurements.

- The length of each of them was to be twenty-eight cubits, or about forty-two feet. (hanging about 2 feet above ground level). They were to be six feet wide.

Exo 26:3 Five curtains shall be coupled to one another, and the other five curtains shall be coupled to one another.

- They were to be attached so that it became a covering forty-two feet long, and sixty feet (10 x 6) wide because they made these loops in them, and they attached at the center.

Exo 26:4 And you shall make loops of blue yarn on the edge of the curtain on the selvedge of one set, and likewise you shall do on the outer edge of the other curtain of the second set.

Exo 26:5 Fifty loops you shall make in the one curtain, and fifty loops you shall make on the edge of the curtain that is on the end of the second set, that the loops may be clasped to one another.

Exo 26:6 And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains together with the clasps, so that it may be one tabernacle.

- They were attached into two basic pieces, then looped, tied in the center. And they made the covering over the top of this framework that was to be built.

Exo 26:7 "You shall also make curtains of goats' hair, to be a tent over the tabernacle. You shall make eleven curtains.

- Secondly, they were to make a curtain of goats' hair. Now, they took the goats' hair, actually, the fine little soft hair, and they would weave; and it was much like wool.

Exo 26:8 The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits (45 feet), and the width of each curtain four cubits (6 feet); and the eleven curtains shall all have the same measurements.

- The second curtain was as wool, and it was to be thirty cubits wide, which would be forty-five feet, hanging all the way to the ground, and six feet, each one of them.

Exo 26:9 And you shall couple five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain at the forefront of the tent.

Exo 26:10 You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in one set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain of the second set.

Exo 26:11 And you shall make fifty bronze clasps, put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.

- But there were to be eleven of these, and they were to be coupled together in five and in six, and again, attached in the middle, the fifty loops attaching them.

Exo 26:12 The remnant that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle.

Exo 26:13 And a cubit on one side and a cubit on the other side, of what remains of the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and on that side, to cover it.

Exo 26:14 "You shall also make a covering of ram skins dyed red for the tent, and a covering of badger skins above that.

- The tent then came over the top, or the covering. First the linen covering, and then the woolen covering. Then over the top of that, and probably on a ridge pole, they were to drape the skins of the animals to make the whole thing waterproof.

- **Covering of badger skins.** Great protection from the elements for what was within, but **unattractive from the outside.** (*Isa 53:2b*) *He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.* No beauty on the outside. We have to go inside (in Christ!) to behold His beauty. The world does not see in Him what we see in Him.

Exo 26:15 And for the tabernacle you shall make the boards of acacia wood, standing upright.

Exo 26:16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the width of each board.

Exo 26:17 Two tenons shall be in each board for binding one to another. Thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

Exo 26:18 And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side.

Exo 26:19 You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.

Exo 26:20 And for the second side of the tabernacle, the north side, there shall be twenty boards

Exo 26:21 and their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under each of the boards.

Exo 26:22 For the far side of the tabernacle, westward, you shall make six boards.

Exo 26:23 And you shall also make two boards for the two back corners of the tabernacle.

Exo 26:24 They shall be coupled together at the bottom and they shall be coupled together at the top by one ring. Thus it shall be for both of them. They shall be for the two corners.

Exo 26:25 So there shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver—sixteen sockets—two sockets under each of the boards.

Exo 26:26 "And you shall make bars of acacia wood: five for the boards on one side of the tabernacle,

Exo 26:27 five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the far side westward.

Exo 26:28 The middle bar shall pass through the midst of the boards from end to end.

Exo 26:29 You shall overlay the boards with gold, make their rings of gold as holders for the bars, and overlay the bars with gold.

- **The tabernacle was forty feet long, and about fifteen feet wide, and fifteen feet tall.** It was made of acacia wood that was fifteen feet long, and two feet three inches wide. This acacia wood had little, sort of, legs cut in the bottom, and they were set then in these silver sockets that were molded, and they would overlay the silver sockets, and then they were attached, and they formed the framework for the tabernacle.

Exo 26:30 And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain.

- **The details given here are not exhaustive,** which is also indicated when God repeats the command which Moses shall follow the pattern or plan he was shown on the mountain.

Exo 26:31 "You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim.

Exo 26:32 You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be gold, upon four sockets of silver.

Exo 26:33 And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy.

- **Inside there was to be another curtain to separate the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies,** which was a little cubicle fifteen feet cubed. The outer room was thirty feet by fifteen feet, fifteen feet high; and as you would come into the tabernacle, on your right-hand side would be the Table of Showbread, the little golden table, with the twelve loaves of bread. On your left-hand side there would be the Golden Lampstand, or the lamp, burning in the seven little cups at the top.
- **Directly in front of you would be the curtain separating from the Holy of Holies.** Inside of the holy of holies was this ark of the covenant, this little golden box, with this solid gold lid with the cherubim, and the two tables of stone within the box.

Exo 26:34 You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy.

Exo 26:35 You shall set the table (Showbread) outside the veil, and the lampstand across from the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

- In front of the curtain, as you were in this outer, Holy Place, there was also the Altar of Incense (Exo 30:1-5), where they would offer incense before the LORD, which was symbolic of the prayers of God's people ascending up to the LORD. The altar of incense speaks of prayer—that the Lord is our great intercessor today, and we pray to the Father through Him.

Exo 26:36 "You shall make a screen for the door of the tabernacle, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver.

Exo 26:37 And you shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold; their hooks shall be gold, and you shall cast five sockets of bronze (symbolic foundation of what Jesus did for us) **for them.**

- **But it was all portable.** These things could be set up in a hurry.
- **We will get later on, around the perimeter, there was a fence** about seven feet high so that people would not just approach or come near it, it was protected by this fenced area that was around it.

SUMMARY –

- **Video address** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=75fHH9gPNrg>
- Notice that in a direct revelation sense, for the people of Israel, this was the high point of 1500 years of subsequent history! Within 40 days of their fellowship with God, the nation built a golden calf to worship. The people never again would have this experience. The fellowship available to them only through their leaders is available to you and me forever, directly through Christ!
- **That is the purpose of the Tabernacle! This is what the Tabernacle is all about!** Not just this portable tent thing, but as in being and fellowshiping in the presence of God, as told in (Joh 1:14a) *And the Word became flesh and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, and we beheld His glory.* The whole tabernacle thing is an attempt to teach us what the presence of Jesus Christ can mean to you and me, personally!
- We are now embarking on a journey from Chapters 25-40, (except 32-34), the rest of it is on the Tabernacle!
- **May we be reminded of the importance of the Tabernacle, as it is God showing us where He meets us in our being in the presence of and fellowshiping with Him!**
- **May we be also be even more aware of what the presence of Jesus Christ can mean to each of us, personally!**

CLOSING SONG

I SPEAK JESUS Here be Lions, Darlene Zschech (4:00/4:03)

I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind 'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus I just want to speak the name of Jesus Till every dark addiction starts to break Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus 'Cause Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over fear and all anxiety To every soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like the fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets Jesus in the darkness over every enemy Jesus for my family I speak the holy name Jesus (2x)

Your name is power Your name is healing our name is life Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind 'Cause I know there is peace within His presence I speak Jesus

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Read and study Exodus Chapters 27-30!