

The Exodus Series - The Dwelling Place of God is with Man

What is the Purpose of the Tabernacle?

Exodus 29:43 – 46

43 There I will meet with the people of Israel, and it shall be sanctified by my glory.

44 I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar. Aaron also and his sons I will consecrate to serve me as priests.

45 I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God.

46 And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

Summary of the Next Seven Chapters Establishing the Tabernacle and Priests

I. Chapter 25 - Contributions for the Tabernacle and Furniture Within

- A. The Call for Various Materials for the People to Give (25:1 - 9)
- B. The Ark of the Covenant (25:10 - 22).
- C. The Table for the Bread of the Presence (25:23 - 30)
- D. The Golden Lamp Stand (25:31 - 40)

II. Chapter 26 - The Assembly of the Tabernacle

- A. Curtains, Clasps, and Coverings (26:1 - 14)
- B. Frames, Bases, Bars, Pillars, and the Veil (26:15 - 37)

III. Chapter 27 - The Items for Tabernacle Service

- A. The Bronze Altar (27:1 - 8)
- B. The Court of the Tabernacle (27:9 - 19)
- C. The Oil for the Lamp (27:20 - 21)

IV. Chapter 28 - The Clothes for the Priests

- A. Summary of Aaron's Garments as High Priest (28:1 - 5)
- B. The Ephod (28:6 - 14)
- C. The Breastplate (28:15 - 30)
- D. The Robe, Coat of checker work, Turban, and Sash (28:31 - 39)
- E. Garments for Aaron's Sons as Priests (28:40 - 43)

V. Chapter 29 - The Consecration of the Priests

- A. Process of Ordination for Aaron and his Sons (29:1 - 37)
- B. Orders for Regular Daily Offerings (29:38 - 46)

VI. Chapter 30 – Functional Instructions for Sacrificing

- A. The Altar of Incense (30:1 - 10)
- B. Collecting the Census Tax (30:11 - 16)
- C. The Bronze Washing Basin (30:17 - 21)
- D. Instructions for Making Anointing Oil (30:22 - 33)
- E. Instructions for Making Incense (30:34- 38)

VII. Chapter 31 – Appointed Workmen and Keeping the Sabbath

- A. Bezalel and Oholiab (31:1 - 11)
- B. Above All Keep the Sabbath (31:12 - 18)

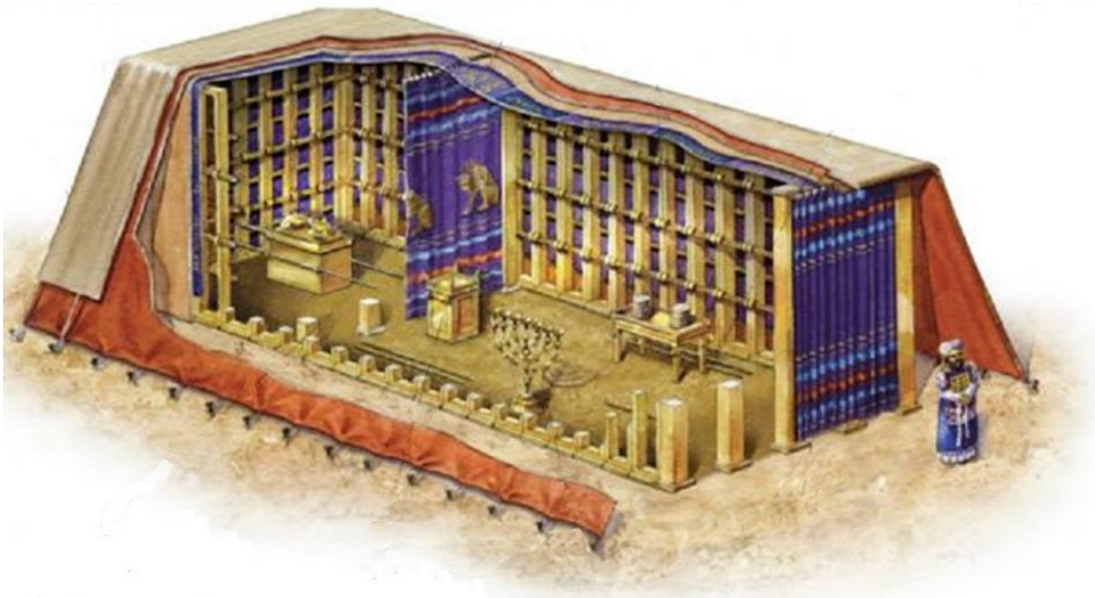
- In **Chapters 25 – 31**, God provides all the instructions for building the tabernacle.
- In **Chapters 35 – 40**, we see the execution of the project.

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Chapter 25 - Contributions for the Tabernacle and Furniture Within

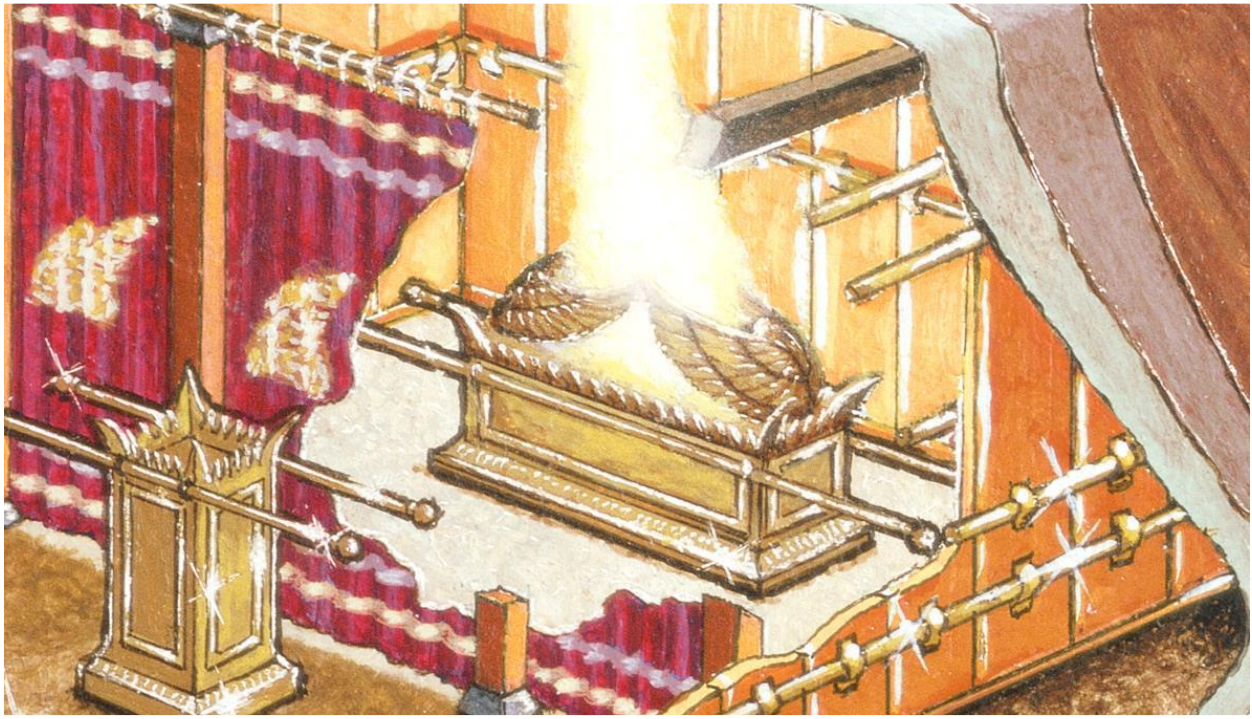
The Call for Various Materials for the People to Give (25:1 - 9)

Exodus 17:7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”



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The Ark of the Covenant (25:10 - 22)



The Table for the Bread of the Presence (25:23 - 30)



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The Golden Lamp Stand (25:31 - 40)



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Chapter 26 - The Assembly of the Tabernacle

Curtains, Clasps, and Coverings (26:1-14)



Frames, Bases, Bars, Pillars, and the Veil (26:15-37)



THE TABERNACLE WITHOUT ITS COVERING

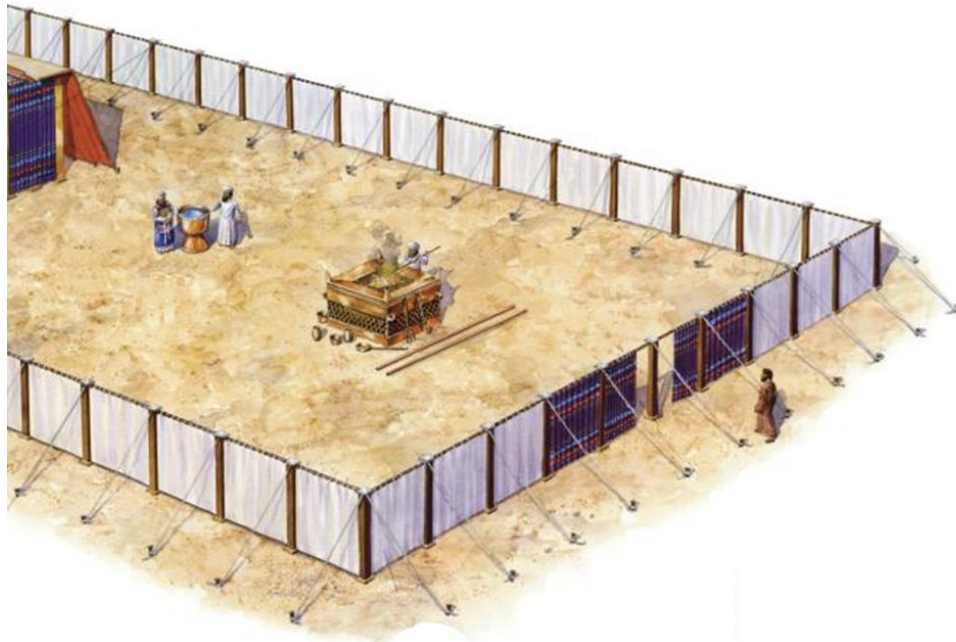
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The Bronze Altar (27:1-8)



The Court of the Tabernacle (27:9-19)



The Oil for the Lamp (27:20-21)

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Chapter 28 - The Clothes for the Priests

Aaron's Garments as High Priest (28:1-39)

Garments for Aaron's Sons as Priests (28:40 – 43)



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Chapter 29 - The Consecration of the Priests

Process of Ordination for Aaron and his Sons (29:1 – 37)

- The priests were to be consecrated in this order:
 - They were first washed from head to toe (v. 4).
 - Next, they were clothed with the garments (vv. 5-6)
 - Then, they were anointed with oil to pour on their heads, showing that they were set apart for their ministry (v. 7).

Psalm 133:1 - 2

1 Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

- Then the sacrifices in 29:10-28 for Aaron and the priests get mentioned: a bull and two rams
 - The bull was a “sin offering” (vv. 14,36).
 - The first ram was a “burnt offering” (v. 18)
 - The second was an offering “for ordination” (v. 22).
- After the bull was killed, the blood was applied to:
 - the altar
 - the priests’ right ears
 - the priests’ right thumbs
 - the priests’ big toes on their right feet
- The second ram was to be prepared as a sacred meal for Aaron and the priests (vv. 31-34).
- The entire ceremony of offering the bull and the rams was repeated for seven days (vv. 35-37).

Orders for Regular Daily Offerings (29:38 – 46)

- Two lambs were to be offered every day, one in the morning and one at twilight.
- These daily sacrifices were combined with offerings of grain, oil, and wine.

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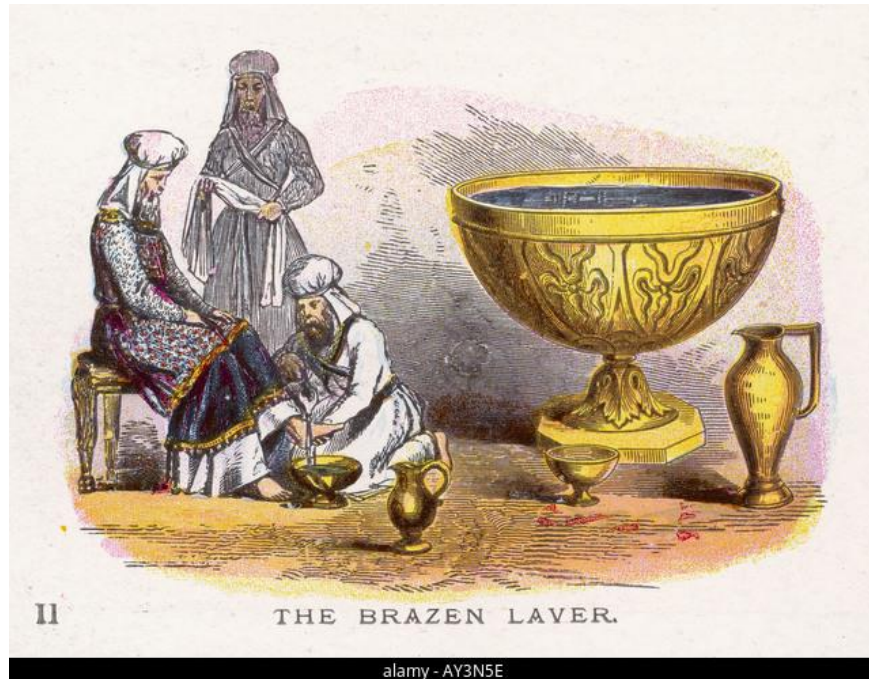
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Instructions for Making Anointing Oil and Incense (30:22 – 38)

Zechariah 14:20 – 21a

20 And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, “Holy to the LORD.” And the pots in the house of the LORD shall be as the bowls before the altar.

21a And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the LORD of hosts

Chapter 31 – Appointed Workmen and Keeping the Sabbath

Bezalel and Oholiab (31:1 – 11)

Above All Keep the Sabbath (31:12 – 18)

Hebrews 8:5 - 6

5 They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.”

6 But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt(tabernacled) among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Revelation 21:2 - 3

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place(tabernacle) of God is with man. He will dwell(tabernacle) with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.”

