

The  Teaching Series  
Lesson One-The Blueprint: A Dwelling Place for God

TEXT: Exodus 25:8-9 - And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. [9] According to all that I show you, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments, even so shall you make it.

Never before had a people been so privileged and blessed as the nation of Israel under the wings of the Almighty. Before we get into the construction of the tabernacle let's consider just a few things the nation had experienced just prior to the construction of God's "dwelling place."

- **The Israelites had just been liberated, set free after 400 years of slavery. They were now free at last.**
- **Their nation was being born, the nation of Israel, They were soon to be given a homeland, their very own country, the land of Canaan that is known today as Palestine.**
- **Moreover, and just as important as any of the above events, the Israelites had been chosen by God to be His followers, the people of God.**

They had been chosen to be God's witnesses to the other nations of the earth, testifying to the fact that there is only ONE TRUE and LIVING God. In fact, during the very days Moses had been up on Mount Sinai face to face with God, the Lord had given him the civil and religious laws that were to form Israel as a nation and govern them as a people. To be blunt, these civil and religious laws form the basis for all society today! The very fiber of governments throughout the entire globe is united by these principles. This is just one small way that shows how valuable the Jewish race has been to humanity.

We know from the record of Exodus chapters 19-31 that God had just completed giving Moses three things:

- **The Ten Commandments**
- **The Civil and Religious Laws**
- **The Instructions for constructing the Tabernacle, the place where God's very own presence was to dwell in a very special way upon earth.**

Moses had come down from the mountains and shared all with the people, forming them into a nation ruled by law, the laws that had actually been given by God Himself. Now, they were ready to begin their final march to the Promised Land. They were ready to begin their march except for one thing: building the house of God, the TABERNACLE. The Tabernacle was to be the place of God's presence where He would dwell and guide His people in a very special way during their wilderness journeys. The building of the Tabernacle was to be one of the most joyful and momentous occasions in the history of Israel.

The Tabernacle was the **WORSHIP CENTER** of the Israelites during their wilderness wanderings and wilderness journeys. The wilderness wanderings lasted from the day of Israel's liberation from slavery over to the day Israel's entrance into the Promised Land. The Tabernacle was actually a large, beautiful, portable tent, built so it could be easily pitched and taken down.

### **Some Key Facts About the Tabernacle:**

**1. The Tabernacle was the worship center of Israel for a long, long time: more than 500 years from MOSES to DAVID - until Solomon's TEMPLE was built**

**2. A Large Portion Of God's Holy Word Is Dedicated To The Tabernacle:**

- a. Some 37 entire chapters discuss the Tabernacle: 13 chapters in the book of Exodus discuss the Tabernacle and its priesthood.
- b. Some 18 chapters of Leviticus discuss the sacrificial system of the Tabernacle.
- c. Two chapters in Deuteronomy are set aside for the study of the Tabernacle.
- d. In the New Testament, the Tabernacle is discussed in detail in four of the 13 chapters in the book of Hebrews - 30% of the entire book.

**3. The Tabernacle Of Moses Is A Powerful Teaching Tool Of God's Grace**

The Tabernacle was full of symbols, types, pictures, and shadows that point to spiritual truths for the believer. The symbolism of the Tabernacle is significant, very significant. However in looking at symbolic meanings, we must allow the Bible to speak for itself and allow "scripture to interpret scripture." The Holy Spirit is our guide, just as He was the guide in the construction of this magnificent building.

**4. God's Holy Sprit Inspired Moses To Write Everything Down That God's People Would Need In Order To Know How God Wanted To Be Approached And Worshipped.**

The Tabernacle and its priesthood were teaching tools for more than 500 years. Israel had to settle for an imperfect Tabernacle that was made with human hands. The believer today has a much better perspective of our redemption that was spelled out in the Tabernacle. **The spiritual has come to fulfill the natural.** We are no longer limited to the mere shadow of the Tabernacle and its priesthood; we have the reality of the Tabernacle's message - the very Person to whom the Tabernacle pointed - THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, the Redeemer of the World.

**Col. 2:17 - Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.**

**Hebrews 8:5 - Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.**

**Hebrews 9:23-24 - It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. [24] For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:**

**Hebrews 9:28 - So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**

**Hebrews 10:1-5 - For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. [2] For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. [3] But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. [4] For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. [5] Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:**

**Hebrews 10:9-12 - Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. [10] By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. [11] And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: [12] But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;**

## **5. The Tabernacle Symbolizes Three Major Things:**

- **The Tabernacle symbolizes the ministry of JESUS CHRIST. (John 1:14)**
- **The Tabernacle symbolizes the ministry of the CHURCH.**

- **The Tabernacle symbolizes or pictures the Christian believer, the person who TRULY follows God**

**John 1:14 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

The Tabernacle was a worship center in which God dwelt, and the Tabernacle stood as a witness to the world. So does the church. God's presence and witness dwell within the church in two ways:

- **God's Spirit dwells within believers**
- **God's Spirit dwells among believers - within the presence of believers - when two or three of them gather together:**

**Matthew 18:20 - For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**

**1 Cor. 3:16 - Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

**Ephes. 2:20 - And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

**1 Cor. 6:19-20 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? [20] For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

The Tabernacle was the dwelling place for God's presence upon earth, standing as a strong witness to the Lord. The believer, his body - is the very **TEMPLE OF GOD**, the sanctuary and dwelling place for the presence and witness of God upon earth.

**John 17:23 - I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.**

**1 Cor. 6:19-20 - What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? [20] For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

**2 Cor. 6:16 - And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

**Galatians 2:20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

**Col. 1:27 - To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

**Col. 3:3 - For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.**

Stephen Oxford says this about the Tabernacles' relation to the believer and vice versa:

- **The Body - Corresponds to the OUTER COURT; it the outer and visible part of our personality. (Romans 12:1-2; 1 John 1:7,9)**
- **The Soul - Corresponds to the HOLY PLACE; it's the part of our personality that enjoys fellowship with other believers, worships, eating at the table, walking in the light, and interceding in prayer.**
- **The Spirit - Corresponds to the HOLIES OF HOLIES; it's the believer's deepest hidden life, the individual and personal communion of one sheltered under the BLOOD (John 4:23; Romans 1:9); it is the place of spiritual victory.**

**"As such the Tabernacle speaks of the whole ministry of the New Testament Christian," according to Oxford.**

### **The Purposes of the Tabernacle:**

The purpose of the tabernacle had TWO main purposes and several other smaller ones. Its short-term purpose was to build God a sanctuary where God might be worshipped and be able to live among the people.

**Exodus 25:8 - And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.**

**Exodus 25:22 - And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.**

The long-term purpose of the Tabernacle was to arouse God's people to look at the promised MESSIAH. The promised MESSIAH would come and fulfill every picture of the Tabernacle within HIMSELF. Through the life of Jesus Christ,

God's people would no longer have to settle for a pattern made with human hands. Jesus Christ is the true Tabernacle who came to "tabernacle" among HIS PEOPLE! That word tabernacle can mean, "camp out," "dwell," "stay," "commune," "inhabit," and "be in union with." All those things speak to us of the relationship between the believer and our Lord.

**John 1:14 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

**Hebrews 1:1-3 - God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, [2] Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; [3] Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

God made a dwelling place for man when He created the earth. The details of creation are contained in Genesis 1 and 2. Mankind marvels at the creation. But the most striking and riveting mystery in all of scripture perhaps is how a Sovereign Creator, a Supreme Being, could lead a group of slaves to construct a building to where GOD HIMSELF could dwell among the people. A wealth of knowledge, truth and revelation about God lies in this study. The Tabernacle is a mere shadow of our Redeemer and a picture of the type of dwelling place God wants US to be FOR HIM. We are the New Testament Tabernacle of the Lord.

God has forever wanted to dwell among His people. This is revealed in the typical dwelling place in the Old Testament and consummated in the New. There is a progressive revelation of the dwelling places for God in Scripture:

- God dwelt with man before the entrance of sin in Eden's dwelling or tabernacle. God walked and talked with Adam in this Garden (Genesis 3:8, 24)
- God walked and talked with Noah and the patriarchs in their times (Genesis 6:9). God appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Gen. 17:1; 26:24 and 35:1)
- God dwelt with man in the TABERNACLE OF MOSES (our study and Exodus 25:8, 22). He dwelt with redeemed Israel.
- God gave further revelation and truth in His dwelling under King David in the TABERNACLE OF DAVID 17:1-6 and Acts 15:15-18)
- God gave still further revelation in the TEMPLE OF SOLOMON
- God's fullest and most perfect revelation was in the person of JESUS CHRIST. He is the FULLNESS of the Godhead Bodily. He is God in human

form. He is THE TABERNACLE and THE TEMPLE. He was the WORD made flesh who DWELT (lit. tabernacles) among us, and we BEHELD HIS GLORY. God was IN CHRIST. (2 Cor. 5:18-19)

- God now dwells in the tabernacle or dwelling place of the Church. He dwells individually in each believer's heart and corporately in the Church as a body. (2 Cor. 5:1; Ephesians 3:17 and 2 Peter 1:13-14; 1 Timothy 3:15; John 14:23; 1 Peter 2:5; 2 Corinthians 6:15-18; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 and Ephesians 2:20-24)
- The ultimate revelation of the dwelling place of God is seen in the revelation of the FOURSQUARE CITY of GOD. This is the New Jerusalem. "The Tabernacle of God is with MEN, and He will DWELL with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God." (Revelation 21:3, See Hebrews 8:2, 5; 9:11, 24; Revelation 11:19; 21:1-3)

**Rev. 21:1-3 - And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. [2] And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. [3] And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.**

So God has dwelt WITH MEN, AMONGST MEN, and today, IN MEN. Fellowship with God and man is necessary to fulfill God's purpose and plan in redemption. (In the beginning (Genesis) we see God coming down to earth to dwell and fellowship with Man eternally) God desires fellowship with man, and yet God can only dwell with man on His own grounds and His own terms. That is, Divine holiness having dealt with man's sinfulness: **"Be ye holy, as I am holy," (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:15-16)**

### **Names and Titles Given to Tabernacle**

In the Old Testament we see that there were many different names by which the Tabernacle of Moses was called. Each of these names brings out its own particular aspect of the truth, even as the various names for the New Testament Church speak different aspects of the Church. This Tabernacle was called:

- **The Tabernacle (Exodus 25:9)** - The word tabernacle simply means "tent" or "dwelling place." This tabernacle was to be the dwelling place of the Most High.
- **The Sanctuary - (Exodus 25:8)** - The word "sanctuary" means "a holy place" or "place set apart." This Tabernacle was to be a place set apart for the habitation of a holy God.

- **The Tent of Testimony or Witness (Numbers 9:15; 17:7; 18:2; Exodus 25:22 and 26:33-34)** - The Tabernacle received this title because it contained the Ark of the Covenant which contained the Tables of the Law. The Tables of the Law were called the "testimony of a holy God." They were His moral standard for redeemed Israel.
- **The House of God - (Exodus 24:26, Deuteronomy 23:18; Joshua 9:23; Judges 18:31)** - This was God's house in which He was to be Lord.
- **The Tent of the Congregation - (Exodus 40:34-35)** - This was to be the place where the congregation gathered together at the door for festival days and worship. Even as they gathered unto the door of the Tabernacle, so today we gather to THE DOOR, the Lord Jesus Christ, who declared, **"I am the DOOR."** (John 10:1-10)

### **Seven- Fold Requirement For Building The Sanctuary**

There were **seven particular requirements** necessary for the building of the Sanctuary of the Lord in the Old Testament. The dwelling place of God was to be built:

#### **1. By Freewill Offerings -**

**Exodus 25:2 - Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that gives it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.**

The Spirit of Giving came upon the Israelites in thankfulness to the Lord who had delivered them out of the House of Bondage in Egypt through the blood of the Passover Lamb. This is the kind of offering in which God is interested - FREE WILL. It is interesting to notice when the Children of Israel got all this material to build the sanctuary. They got it from the Egyptians themselves. This was a direct fulfillment of prophecy given to Abraham years before that Israel would come out with great substance:

**Genesis 15:12-16 - And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. [13] And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; [14] And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. [15] And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. [16] But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.**

These blessings that the people receive from the hands of the Egyptians were not received to make the people rich, but they were given to them to be given back to the Lord. There came a time to give and the people responded. The same principle works today.

## **2. By A People Stirred Up**

**Exodus 35:21 - And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments. 26 - And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair.**

**Exodus 36:2 - And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:**

The people were stirred up about the building of the Lord's Sanctuary. That is how we today should also conduct ourselves as believers when it pertains to the building of God's house today. We should ask the Lord to stir our spirits up to be as close to Him and as LIKE HIM as we can possibly be.

**Isaiah 64:7 - And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirred up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.**

**2 Tim. 1:16 - The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:**

## **3. By a People Made Willing -**

**Exodus 35:5 - Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord; gold, and silver, and brass,**

**Exodus 35:21-22 - And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the Lord's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments. [22] And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the Lord.**

**Exodus 35:29 - The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the Lord, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the Lord had commanded to be made by the hand of**

Moses.

**Exodus 25:1-2 - And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, [2] Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.**

The Lord is looking for someone who has a willing heart to give and do His will. It is the only type offering and pledge, or tithe, He really accepts. Motives are everything. The Lord wanted His house built up by a people who were WILLING to bring their offerings to Him.

#### **4. By a Freehearted People**

**Exodus 36:3 - And they received of Moses the entire offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning.**

A study of Exodus 35 and 36 reveals the word "heart" or "hearted" is used at least 12 times. The people gave these offerings freely as a heart response to the goodness of the Lord. It is the condition of the heart that counts before the Lord. (Psalms 51:10,12, 17 and Mark 7:6)

#### **5. By the Wisdom of God**

**Exodus 36:1-8 - Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded. [2] And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it: [3] And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning. [4] And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made; - [5] And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the Lord commanded to make. [6] And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. [7] For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much. [8] And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work made he them.**

**Exodus 35:10,25 - And every wise hearted among you shall come, and make all that the Lord hath commanded;**

**25 - And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.**

The Tabernacle was built by the wisdom of God through **Moses**. The Temple was later built by the wisdom of God through **Solomon** (1 Kings 3:12-13). And likewise the New Testament Church will only be built by the wisdom of God:

**Proverbs 1:1-6 - The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; [2] To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; [3] To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; [4] To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. [5] A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: [6] To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.**

**Proverbs 9:1 - Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn out her seven pillars:**

**1 Cor. 3:9-11 - For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. [10] According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. [11] For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is**  
**Jesus Christ.**

**Eph. 1:14-18 - Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. [15] Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, [16] Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; [17] That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [18] The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,**

It is important to understand that even though Moses was learned in all the wisdom of Egypt-world, he depended on the wisdom of God alone for the building of God's Sanctuary (Acts 7:22). The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.

**Acts 7:22 - And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.**

**1 Cor. 1:18-25 - For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish**

foolishness; but unto us, which are saved, it is the power of God. [19] For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. [20] Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? [21] For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. [22] For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: [23] But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; [24] But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. [25] Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Proverbs said Wisdom has built the house out of seven pillars. Those seven pillars are the foundations of our faith:

- **The Justification and Redemption of the Believer**
- **The Sanctification of the Believer**
- **The Walk of the Believer**
- **The Warfare of the Believer**
- **The Power Available to the Believer**
- **The Worship of the Believer**
- **The Glorification of the Believer**

## **6. By the Spirit of God**

**Exodus 36:1-3** - Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded. [2] And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it: [3] And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning.

The equipping and enabling of the Holy Spirit upon men built the Tabernacle. The New Testament Church must be built accordingly. We are now living the Dispensation or Age of the Holy Spirit. More than ever before it is necessary for God's people to be totally available to and dependent upon the ministrations of the Spirit of God (1 Cor. 12:1-13 and Galatians 5:16-26). This is the way in which God accomplishes His work among men.

**Zech. 4:6** - Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

## 7. By the Divine Pattern

**Hebrews 8:5 - Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount.**

A study of Exodus 39-40 reveals that 17 times we are told that Moses built the Tabernacle "as the Lord commanded Moses." In addition, at least seven times in other places he is told to make all things according to God's pattern. Nothing was left to the mind or imagination of man. Everything was to be made according to God's pattern. God can only bless and seal with glory that which is done according to the standard of His Word. The N.T. Church must be built according to the pattern of God. That pattern may not be the same for each church but we must find out by the Spirit what the will of God is for our churches and lives and walk in that pattern!

Moses gave COMPLETE obedience to the instructions and revelation of the Sanctuary. He fulfilled God's Word to him to the LETTER. As a result we have the following PROGRESSION in Moses' experience:

- **Moses did "as the Lord Commanded"**
- **Moses finished the work (Ex. 39:32,42,43; 40:33)**
- **The Cloud of Glory filled the Tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-38)**

### The Builders of the Tabernacle

There were primarily TWO individuals in the construction of the Tabernacle. The first man was **BEZALEEL**. He was a man filled with wisdom, understanding and knowledge. He was a skilled workman. He was a man filled with the Spirit of God with a vision of God's plan in his heart. In his very name we see that the hand of God was upon this man's life. Whenever God calls a person by name it is always significant to a spiritual truth. Divinely given names are significant of the nature of the individual. This principle is set forth in Hebrews 7:2 in the case of Melchizedek:

**Hebrews 7:2 - To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;**

God says of Bezaleel, "See, I have called by NAME Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of JUDAH. (Exodus 31:2)

**Exodus 31:2 - See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:**

Bezaleel means, "**in the shadow of God**" or "God is my protection." (cp. Isaiah 49:1-2) The name "Uri" means "light" or "splendor" and calls to mind that Jesus was to be the Brightness of the Father's glory and the express image of His person (Hebrews 1:3)

**Isaiah 49:1-2 - Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. [2] And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;**

**Hebrews 1:1-3 - God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, [2] Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; [3] Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

The name "Hur" means "noble, whiteness or free." We remember that Jesus was anointed to set people free. He was the TRUTH, and knowing the TRUTH is able to set men free. (Luke 4:16, John 8:32,36). Bezaleel was of the tribe of Judah, which means "praise." Jesus was the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Revelation 5:5). He ALONE is worthy to be praised.

As a type of the Holy Spirit, Bezaleel typifies the work of the Holy Spirit to bring us into: LIGHT, SPLENDOR, THE SHADOW OF God's PROTECTION and make our lives "noble" and "whiteness." The Holy Spirit has come to set us free.

The other man involved in the building of the Tabernacle was **Aholiab** (Exodus 31:6 and 35:34-35). He was also a skilled man who was filled with wisdom. Aholiab was "the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan." Aholiab means "tabernacle or tent of my father." Jesus was that Tabernacle or Temple of His Father (John 1:14 and 2:19-21). Jesus is the one who BUILDS the Tabernacle, which is the CHURCH for His Father. The Church becomes a habitation of God by the Spirit of God. (Eph.2:20-22). The name Ahisamach means "brother of support" pointing to the ministry of the Holy Spirit who is called to be our support and helper (John 14:26 and 15:26). Aholiab was of the tribe of DAN, which means, "judge." This also speaks of one aspect of the Spirit's ministry. He is to reprove, or JUDGE, the world of sin, righteousness and JUDGMENT.

**1 Cor. 2:15 - But he that is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.**

As a type of the Holy Spirit Aholiab has come to help us and comfort us. His work in us is to convict us of sin. When we judge ourselves, we will not be judged by the world. When a person matures in the things of the SPIRIT, he JUDGES all things, yet he is not judged of any one. In other words, the Spirit of God will keep us out of condemnation.

**Romans 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

GOD HIMSELF was the Divine Architect. Moses, Bezaleel and Aholiab built to the Divine Pattern.

### **The Tabernacle And The Revelation Of The Cross**

In Israel there were 12 tribes at the time of construction of the Tabernacle. These 12 tribes were divided into four groups in regard to their positioning around the Tabernacle. Each group of three Tribes had their own particular standard under which they encamped. The four groupings were as follows:

- **On the EAST side under the standard of the LION were positioned the Tribes of Judah, Issachar and Zebulon. (Numbers 2:3-9) These armies totaled 186,000 individuals and comprised the largest of the groups:**
- **On the WEST side of the Tabernacle under the standard of the OX were the three tribes of Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin (Numbers 2:18-24). This was the smallest group of tribes involving 108,100 people:**
- **On the NORTH side the Tribes of Dan, Asher and Naphtali camped under the standard of the EAGLE (Numbers 2:25-31). This camp was comprised of 157,000 individuals.**
- **On the SOUTH side Tribes of Rueben, Simeon and Gad on the SOUTH side of the Tabernacle under the standard of the MAN. The individuals that total this group almost equal the number of the group on the NORTH, 151,450**

The Tribes arranged on the NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST with the Tabernacle in the midst form a heavenly view of a CROSS one would see if looking at the camp from above. The New Testament fulfillment is that God's camp of HIS SAINTS around the world is seen in relation to each other and in relation to JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS!

I want to hammer that point home here. There are many voices in the Body of Christ today telling us we should “move on” or “go beyond” the cross. Neighbor when we move away from the cross we backslide! The coming apostasy will be a movement of the church away from its foundational message – that man is a sinner who stands condemned before God without hope unless man repents and embraces the cross of Christ. Any other message than that is “another gospel,” that embraces “another Jesus,” and is empowered by “another spirit.” The Tabernacle rebukes all such foolishness. It’s central message – even in the way it was organized in the wilderness is that God’s prescribed order of our walk with Him starts and ENDS with the cross of Christ!

Everything we have today as believers – be it salvation, baptism in the Holy Spirit, miracles, gifts of the Spirit, fruit of the Spirit, wisdom, knowledge, etc. all come through the HOLY SPIRIT. The Holy Spirit is here today to do one thing – to fulfill the FINISHED work of Christ on the cross in our hearts and lives. The Holy Spirit does not work any other way! He WILL not work in any other circumstance and there are no exceptions to that rule!

This is Divine Order. Just as God had order then, He has order now in the Church.

**1 Cor. 14:40 - Let all things be done decently and in order.**

The principle of the Cross is the foundational block of all Christianity. It must be maintained for **full blessing**. All we have comes through Calvary. The Holy Spirit comes through Calvary. Healing comes through Calvary. Deliverance comes through Calvary. Victory comes through Calvary. Our redemption comes through Calvary. To state it again - the Holy Spirit’s work in our New Testament tabernacles is to bring the experience of the CROSS into our daily lives so that Jesus Christ can live through us and in us as we seek His glory to bring hope to a lost and dying world.

WE DIE AT THE CROSS just as Jesus died on the cross. As Jesus was buried in that tomb so too must WE BE BURIED with Him in that tomb. As He was raised the third day over the powers of darkness, death and hell, so too have we been RAISED up with Him over those powers. But before we can be raised over the powers of darkness – we must DIE! We must DIE. God help us to DIE. God help us to be obedient “even unto death,” to Your will today. God help us make the reality of YOUR SON’S DEATH on the CROSS a reality in our lives so that HIS LIFE can live through us! Praise God, Praise God.

**Galatians 6:14 - But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.**

**Galatians 2:20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

**1 Cor. 2:1-2 - And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellence of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. [2] For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**

**Col. 2:15 - And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.**

### **The Revelation of the Cross In The Furniture's Order And Position**

Further confirmation of the "Cross" principal is that it is seen in the Divine placing of the furniture in the Tabernacle itself. God gave express instructions as to the position of the FURNITURE. Divine arrangement is seen throughout the whole of the structure and enclosure.

- The **ARK** of the Covenant was placed at the HEAD in the MOST HOLY PLACE, or the HOLY OF HOLIES, the Holiest of All
- The **STAVES** were on the sides (Ex. 25:13)
- The **CHERUBIMS** were on the ends (Ex. 25:18)
- The **MERCY SEAT** faced the East. (Lev. 16:14)
- The **STAVES** were left in the rings. Hence the ARK was placed with the Staves running NORTH and SOUTH.
- The **GOLDEN ALTAR** of Incense was placed in the following position:
  1. It was placed before the Veil (Ex. 30:6)
  2. It was also before the ARK (Ex. 40:5)
  3. It was spoken of as being before the Mercy Seat. (Ex. 30:6). This would place the Incense Altar in line with the Ark of the Covenant, or at the "Heart" of the Tabernacle (Ex. 40:22)
- The **SHOWBREAD TABLE** was placed on the NORTH side of the Tabernacle (Ex. 40:22)
- The **GOLDEN CANDLESTICK** was placed on the SOUTH side of the Tabernacle. (Ex. 40:24). It is specifically placed opposite the Table. Both were in the **Holy Place**. Thus **Candlestick** and **Table** were opposite each other. (Ex. 26:35)
- Coming out to the OUTER COURT we find that the **BRAZEN ALTAR** was placed before the DOOR. (Ex. 40:6, 29) That is, at the "FOOT," the beginning of man's approach to God. Then the **BRAZEN LAVER** was placed in the **OUTER COURT** "between the tent of the tabernacle" and the **Brazen Altar**. (Ex. 40:7). Thus in line with the **Brazen Altar**

- Though Scripture does not expressly state all in their position, yet it can be seen that if a straight line is drawn from the **Ark of the Covenant**, passing through the **Incense Altar**, and through the **Brazen Laver** to the **Brazen Altar**, and then another straight line is drawn from the **Golden Candlestick** across to the **Table of Showbread**, the revelation of the Cross is beheld in the positioning of the furnishings.

Evidence thus shows the furniture in the form of a CROSS! The Divine message is clear: All of God's dwelling with His people is upon the basis of the work of the CROSS, which is in CHRIST JESUS.

**1 Cor. 1:17-18 - For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. - [18] For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us, which are saved, it is the power of God.**

**Galatians 5:11 - And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? Then is the offence of the cross ceased.**

**Col. 2:14 - Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.**

**Col. 1:20 - And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.**

**Hebrews 12:2 - Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Eph. 2:14-16 - For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; [15] Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; [16] And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:**

**Philip. 2:8 - And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

### **The Order And Revelation Of The Tabernacle's Construction**

The chapters in the Book of Exodus dealing with the complete revelation and construction of the Tabernacle are as follows:

- Exodus 25-31 - In this section we have the actual REVELATION of the Tabernacle to Moses in the Mount closing with the giving of the Ten Commandments on the Two Tables of Stone
- Exodus 32-34 - Here we find the Golden Calf erected and the idolatry of Israel followed by the judgment of God. This closes with the intercession of Moses and the second giving of the Ten Commandments on the second Tables of Stone
- Exodus 35-40 - The final section includes the actual construction of the Tabernacle and closes with the placement of the Ten Commandments and the Ark of God. When all is done after the pattern the Glory of God fills the Sanctuary.

We offer the following chart to summarize the accounts of the revelation and construction of the Tabernacle pieces:

Passage	Revelation	Construction
1. Offerings and material commanded to be brought	Exodus 25:1-9	Exodus 35:4-29
2. The Ark and the Mercy Seat	Ex. 25:10-23	Ex. 37:1-9
3. The Table of Shewbread	Ex. 25:23-30	37:10-16
4. The Golden Lampstand or Candlestick	Ex. 25:31-40	37:17-24
5. The Curtains and the Coverings	Ex. 26:1-14	36:8-19
6. The Boards, Bars and Sockets	Ex. 26:15-30	36:20-34
7. The Veil	Ex. 26:31-35	36:35-36
8. The Tabernacle Door	Ex. 26:36-37	36:37-38
9. The Brazen Altar	Ex. 27:1-9	38:1-7
10. The Court, Pillars, Sockets, Pins and Cords	Ex. 27:9-19	38:9-20
11. The Oil for the Candlestick	Ex. 27:20-21	39:27
12. The Priests' Garments	Ex. 28	39:1-32
13. The Consecration of the Priests	Ex. 29	Lev. 8:1-36
14. The Golden Altar of Incense	Ex. 30:1-10	37:25-28
15. The Soul-Atonement Money	Ex. 30:11-16	38:21-31
16. The Brazen Laver	Ex. 30:17-21	38:8
17. The Holy Anointing Oil	Ex. 30:22-23	37:29
18. The Incense	Ex. 30:34-38	37:39
19. The Builders	Ex. 31:1-11	35:30-36:7
20. Furniture Inspected by Moses		39:33-49
21. The Glory of God Fills the Sanctuary		Exodus 40

## The Time of the Building of the Tabernacle

Our God is a sovereign ruler of the universe, and when He tells us that "all these things happened to them for an example" to us, he means ALL THINGS! Every detail of the Tabernacle speaks some truth to the end of this age we live in today. The time it took to construct the Tabernacle holds an important revelation as well. It is a prophetic shadowing of what was to take place 1500 years later in the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When we correspond Exodus 19:1 and Number 9:1 with tradition in Jewish history, we find that the Tabernacle took about NINE MONTHS to complete. After nine months it became the habitation of God. In the Lord Jesus Christ, the Word which dwelt among us, was in the womb of the Virgin Mary for NINE MONTHS:

**Hebrews 10:5-8 - Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me: [6] In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. [7] Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. [8] Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldst not, neither had pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;**

As the Tabernacle took nine months to complete, so did the incarnation. So did the BIRTH of the nation of ISRAEL take nine months - the number of months usually involved in BIRTHING in the natural. That's how beautiful this picture of the tabernacle is. The WORD and the SPIRIT built the Tabernacle of Moses. The SPIRIT AND THE WORD has built the tabernacle of the New Testament believer today.

## The Message of the Tabernacle

The Tabernacle of Moses was simply a portable tent with various curtains and coverings over a wooden structure. It had three apartments or places to it. The scriptures refers to each of these as

- **The Holiest of All** contained: **The Ark of the Covenant**
- **The Holy Place** contained: **The Golden Altar of Incense; The Table of Shewbread; The Golden Candlestick**
- **The Outer Court** contained: **The Brazen Altar and the Brazen Laver**

The message of the tabernacle is graphically illustrated with one simple word - the WAY. It is God's appearance or approach to man in grace or Man's approach to God in faith. As man comes to God, he must begin at the Gate, accept the Blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ. From there on he progresses step by

step, line upon line, until he comes to the ultimate, the full of Glory of God as seen in the Most Holy Place.

God first comes in Grace to man. Without this Grace, no man would be able to stand in the presence of a THRICE HOLY God who is sinless. Sinful man would be stricken dead on the spot. In this present study we will be following the second approach. We begin where God began. This is the order of Sovereign Grace. God coming out from His Throne in Heaven to meet the sinner in redeeming love.

- **From the Brazen Altar to the Ark of the Covenant - Man's Approach - Faith**
- **From the Ark of the Covenant to the Brazen Altar - God's Approach - Grace**

The entire revelation of the Bible is God's plan of redemption. **God's plan of redemption is always God ward to Man ward.** The Tabernacle is a picture of God's plan of salvation to man. It is illustrated in seven main ways:

**The Way of Introduction - THE GATE OF THE OUTER COURT;**

Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate...because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life. (Matthew 7:13-14)

**The Way of Reconciliation - THE BRAZEN ALTAR;**

2 Cor. 5:19-21 - To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. [20] Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. [21] For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

**The Way of Separation - THE LAVER;**

John 13:10 - Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

John 15:3 - Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

**The Way of Illumination - THE GOLDEN CANDLESTICK;**

John 8:12 - Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

**The Way of Satisfaction - THE TABLE OF SHOWBREAD;**

John 6:35 - And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

**The Way of Intercession - THE ALTAR OF WORSHIP or INCENSE;**

Hebrews 13:15 - By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

The Way of Communion - THE ARK OF THE COVENANT;

1 John 1:3 - That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

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**Study Questions And Review**

**Part A. Matching**

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| 1. Israel's Worship Center  | A. Grace                       |
| 2. Brazen Altar             | B. The Tabernacle              |
| 3. Brazen Laver             | C. Illuminated Holy Place      |
| 4. Altar Of Worship         | D. Holy Spirit Dwells There    |
| 5. Ten Commandments         | E. Received The Divine Pattern |
| 6. Golden Lampstand         | F. Place Of Washing            |
| 7. Table of Showbread       | G. Faith                       |
| 8. Solomon's Temple         | H. God's Moral Code Of Conduct |
| 9. "In The Shadow of God"   | I. Fed The Priests Daily       |
| 10. Moses                   | J. Place Of Sacrifice          |
| 11. Jesus                   | K. Fulfillment Of Tabernacle   |
| 12. The Tabernacle Of Moses | L. God's Second Dwelling Place |
| 13. New Testament Believer  | M. Incense Burnt There         |
| 14. Man's Approach To God   | N. Bezaleel                    |
| 15. God's Approach To Man   | O. God's First Dwelling Place  |

**Part B. Fill In The Blank**

1. Israel was promised a land called \_\_\_\_\_, which is referred to today as modern day Palestine.
2. The Israelites are referred to in scripture many times as the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, or God's chosen people.
3. Israel was chosen by God to be \_\_\_\_\_ to the other nations on the earth to testify there is but \_\_\_\_\_ God.
4. During Moses' time in Mt. Sinai, the Lord gave His religious and civil \_\_\_\_\_ that would be the foundation of Israel's government and social life. In reality they form the basis of \_\_\_\_\_ in all society.
5. The three things the Lord gave Moses in the Mount were the 10 Commandments, the religious and civil laws and the instructions for constructing the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Tabernacle of \_\_\_\_\_ was simply a portable tent with various curtains and coverings over a wooden structure.

7. It had \_\_\_\_\_ compartments to it – the outer \_\_\_\_\_, the Holy of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ Place.
8. In the outer court one would find the \_\_\_\_\_ altar and the brazen \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The brazen altar was the place of \_\_\_\_\_. This was the first thing the individual offerers of sacrifice would see.
10. The brazen laver was the place where the priests would \_\_\_\_\_ before entering the Holy Place to minister before the Lord.
11. The Holy Place contained the Golden \_\_\_\_\_, the altar of \_\_\_\_\_, or incense and the table of \_\_\_\_\_ bread.
12. The Golden Lampstand \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Place for the priests. It had to be tended to \_\_\_\_\_ daily.
13. The priests eat at the table of \_\_\_\_\_, which contained 12 \_\_\_\_\_ representing the 12 tribes of the nation of Israel.
14. The altar of incense sat at the front of the \_\_\_\_\_, which separated the Holy Place from the Holy Of Holies.
15. The veil had the design of \_\_\_\_\_ on it.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ was skilled in making brass elements for the tabernacle.
17. The three human architects for the tabernacle were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The Tabernacle took \_\_\_\_\_ months to complete. This was the same time it took Israel to be born.
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ table was placed on the NORTH side of the Tabernacle
20. The Golden Candlestick was placed on the \_\_\_\_\_ side of the Tabernacle. It is specifically placed right across from the table of showbread.
21. Looking from above the tabernacle in the wilderness formed the shape of a \_\_\_\_\_.
22. In the ark were \_\_\_\_\_ that were left in the rings. These staves run north and south.
23. The \_\_\_\_\_, which sat on top of the ark, was where the priests sprinkled the blood of the sacrifices once a year on the Day of Atonement.
24. On each end of the ark sat two \_\_\_\_\_ which looked down upon the broken \_\_\_\_\_ that was placed inside the ark's cabinet. Also in the cabinet was Aaron's \_\_\_\_\_ that budded and a golden pot of \_\_\_\_\_.
25. Proverbs said \_\_\_\_\_ has built the house out of seven pillars.
26. These pillars represent the seven foundations of the faith – the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the believer.

27. Man's body corresponds to the \_\_\_\_\_ court of the tabernacle. It is the visible part of our personality just as the outer court was visible to those who approached the tabernacle.
28. The \_\_\_\_\_ of man corresponds to the Holy Place; it's the part of our personality that enjoys fellowship with other believers, worships, eating at the table, walking in the light, and interceding in prayer.
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ man of the believer is a type of the Holy of \_\_\_\_\_; it's the believer's deepest hidden life, the individual and personal communion of one sheltered under the BLOOD (John 4:23; Romans 1:9);
30. The long-term purpose of the Tabernacle was to arouse God's people to look at the promised \_\_\_\_\_.

**Part Three – Matching Part Two:**

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| 1. The Way Of Introduction   | A. The Brazen Laver       |
| 2. The Way Of Reconciliation | B. The Golden Candlestick |
| 3. The Way Of Separation     | C. The Outer Court Gate   |
| 4. The Way Of Communion      | D. The Brazen Altar       |
| 5. The Way Of Satisfaction   | E. Table Of Showbread     |
| 6. The Way Of Intercession   | F. Ark Of The Covenant    |
| 7. The Way Of Illumination   | G. Altar Of Worship       |

## The Study Series Lesson Two - The History Of The Tabernacle

**TEXT: Exodus 40:17 - And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.**

God's established His plan of salvation before He laid the very foundations of the world. Every child of God since has observed its principles, whether it's been Abel offering his "excellent sacrifice" at the beginning of history or the Israelites offering their sacrifices at the tabernacle in the wilderness. As modern believers we have entered into this same plan by putting our faith in the propitiatory (substitutionary) work of Jesus.

The tabernacle performed a particularly special role in revealing God's principles and plan of Salvation to the human race but especially to the Jewish people. Too often we forget that Christianity has its roots in Judaism. Jesus was Jewish. He sprang from the tribe of Judah from which we get the word "Jew."

All but ONE of the New Testament writers were Jewish as well. This makes it all the more important that one understands the relationship of Judaism (the sacrifices of animals) and Christianity (the sacrifice of Jesus). The laws and history given in the Pentateuch are the platform on which the rest of the Bible stands. People who are biased and prejudiced usually have a misunderstanding about God's character and His plan of salvation. Many Christians are willfully ignorant of this because of the seed of anti-Semitism the devil has placed in their hearts to blind them from God's higher purpose and call.

Although the differences between worshipping God at the tabernacle under the Old Testament Covenant and worshipping Him under the New Covenant are profound, the principles are identical.

Also, in **Romans 3:25,26**, we see the efficacy of Christ's death for Old Testament saints as well. The same is expressed in **Hebrews 9:15**. The salvation experiences of the Old Covenant are similar in many ways to those of the New Covenant. The only difference is under the Old Covenant economy, those who were "saved," looked toward or forward to a Promised Redeemer and His ultimate end – the CROSS. The Cross to the Old Covenant saint was just as real and important as it is to us today. Every time an Old Testament saint built an "altar" to the Lord, that altar stood in type for the place of sacrifice that one would day ultimately receive this Promised Redeemer and deliver humanity from it's sins.

They experienced the same sinfulness, the same contrite heart, and repugnance at what is unholy. To be saved in Old Covenant times one still had to depend on God's sacrifice for the atonement of their sins. The huge difference between them and us today is that the Redeemer has now come and we are looking BACK to the focal point of God's plan of salvation – the CROSS. Only the revealed stage of the plan of redemption has changed:

**Hebrews 9:10-15 - Which (the Old Covenant economy of God for salvation) stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. [11] But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; [12] Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. [13] For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh: [14] How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? [15] And for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they that are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**

The conditions under the Mosaic Economy under the Old Covenant were the same as they are today in many ways but very DIFFERENT too. The huge and paramount difference is that the **tangible observance of rituals NEVER saved a soul**. It served only to PORTRAY the reality of God's RECONCILIATION to His people and therefore served as a tangible way in which they could express their faith in the coming sacrifice God would provide. They still had to walk in FAITH in that sacrifice as we do today.

These actions were actually more involved than what we even do today under the New Covenant, but it DID NOT REPLACE THE CONDITION OF A RELATIONSHIP WITH A HOLY, ALMIGHTY GOD! If the heart of the individual was not in recognition of the divine intention, it availed them nothing. **Thus, the worship of the tabernacle was central to the spiritual well being of the Israelites.** We must grasp this truth to see the powerful message of redemption lying in the construction of this "meeting" place for God.

***Every part of the tabernacle was typical of the nature of God, the coming redemption, the sinfulness of man, the means of pardon through grace, and the full reconciliation of man to God***

Most Christians believe the tabernacle was used for 40 years when in fact it was used for 647 years. In addition, when the tabernacle was no longer in use, Israel came to JERUSALEM to worship God at Solomon's temple, which continued

the same means of approaching God. Therefore, the nation of Israel, from its birth to the death of Christ, a period of nearly 1,700 years, approached God with the same system initiated originally with the **TABERNACLE of the wilderness**. The fact that the Israelites used the tabernacle and its system of worship for hundreds of years should certainly indicate its importance.

Present-day Christians may still glean something from a study of the tabernacle, as a writer of Hebrews so wonderfully reveals. Another factor that emphasized the tabernacle's importance was its location at the center of the camp and the position of the **Levites**, who camped nearby to guard against unlawful approach. The other tribes also camped around the tabernacle but at a distance. The tabernacle was also at the center of the nation during marches:

**Numbers 10:17 - And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, bearing the tabernacle.**

### **The Mosaic Covenant and the Mosaic Economy**

When we look at the Book of Exodus we see that the book is basically divided in two sections. In chapter 1-19 the material is HISTORICAL in nature. This section deals primarily with the bondage and deliverance of the nation under God by the hand of Moses and Aaron who brought them through to Mt. Sinai in the wilderness. The second section covers chapters 20-40. This section is mainly LEGISLATIVE. That is, it deals with primarily with the laws that were to govern the life of a nation. These laws included the Moral Law, the Civil Law, and the Ceremonial Law. The Moral Law basically involved the Ten Commandments. The Civil Law included the Book of the Law or the Book of the Covenant. And the Ceremonial Law ordered the religious life of the nation manifest in the giving of the Tabernacle, the Priesthood and Offerings.

The "church in the wilderness" was built upon a FIVE-FOLD foundation laid down in the Mosaic Covenant or Economy of God that finds its fulfillment first in CHRIST and then in the CHURCH. These will be reinstated to a degree in the coming Millennium Kingdom when Israel will be restored to the rightful place of supremacy in the world and the Feasts will be celebrated again under Messiah Jesus. In the ages to come, there will be no more temple because the LAMB will be the temple and we will worship HIM forever. This five-fold foundation is as follows:

- 1. The Tabernacle of Moses (Exodus 25-40)**
- 2. The Law Covenant (also called the Old and Mosaic) Exodus 20**
- 3. The Priesthood, both Aaronic and Levitical (Exodus 28,29, 39)**
- 4. The Five Offerings and sundry Sacrifices (Leviticus 1 -7)**
- 5. The Feasts of the Lord – Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles. (Leviticus 23)**

Upon these five things the whole epistle of Hebrews dwells, interpreting all in relation to the ministry of Christ Jesus. This study deals with the Tabernacle of Moses. We are completing a study on the fifth one, The Feasts of the Lord on this site as well.

***The church of the Lord Jesus today is built upon the five-fold foundation laid down under the Mosaic Covenant. This covenant included the building of the tabernacle***

## **Joshua, the Tabernacle and the Promised Land**

Joshua followed the same principle in the Promised Land when he established the tabernacle at SHILOH, a city in the geographical center of the nation, even though the tribes were separated after the dividing up of the land. At this time, the tribes were scattered some distance from the tabernacle, and later, the temple. We can see God's foresight in commanding the sacrifices be made only at the tabernacle (Lev. 17:1-9) and that all males assemble there before the Lord three times a year. These laws were instituted to assure that the Israelites continued to use the proper means of approaching God.

**Leviticus 17:1-9 - And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, [2] Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them; This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, saying, [3] What man so ever there be of the house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth it out of the camp, [4] And brings it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the Lord before the tabernacle of the Lord; blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people: [5] To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the Lord, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest, and offer them for peace offerings unto the Lord. [6] And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savor unto the Lord. [7] And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after which they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute forever unto them throughout their generations. [8] And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offered a burnt offering of sacrifice, [9] And brings it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the Lord; even that man shall be cut off from among his people.**

The events surrounding the giving of the pattern of the tabernacle also point to its importance. The pattern was given to Moses on his SIXTH ascent of

Mt. Sinai when God gave the law. Therefore, with the giving of a greater revelation of God's law, there was also a giving of a greater revelation of God's reconciliation with the people. This is a cornerstone moment in eternity. For God, in giving his moral standards to the Israelites, also gave them to the world.

**Deut. 4:8 - And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?**

These laws, which pertained to every aspect of their lives, guided them in their infancy as a nation and set them apart as a peculiar nation, even to this day. It has taken other nations, apart from the biblical revelation, many hundreds of years to understand the need of laws similar to those God gave the Israelites. The Bible records how great these laws are, but, just as importantly, it reveals the result of neglecting them – divine punishment. The seesaw relationship Israel had with God was always as a result of their obedience or disobedience to these laws:

**Hebrews 3:8-19 - Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: [9] When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. [10] Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, they always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. [11] So I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) [12] Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. [13] But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. [14] For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end; [15] While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. [16] For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. [17] But with whom was he grieved forty years? Was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? [18] And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? [19] So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

God's justice demands punishment for disobedience. **When penalty is not inflicted, it encourages rebellion.** However, God desired more than justice, He desired MERCY to the Israelites as He does today still for the rest of the world. That's why He sent Jesus to this world – to show us that He never wanted us to live under LAW but He wanted to write His law upon our HEARTS and extend MERCY to us through His Son Jesus Christ. ALL HAVE SINNED AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD but it is His mercy that endures throughout every generation. Yes, we reap what we sow and we pay a price for sin and disobedience. Make so mistakes friend – God is not mocked. You go out and commit fornication and adultery on your wife or husband – there is going to be a price you will pay. If you murder someone, there is a penalty you will pay under the law. There are no shortcuts or easy ways out of that. Man's problem

today is that he wants to sin with impunity so he makes laws to legalize his sin. It may not be illegal to kill an unborn baby in America today –but there is a higher law in heaven that calls such as act – MURDER!

The Lord Jesus came to be our covering and provide GRACE to deliver us from both sin's power and its penalty. Paul went on to say that when sin abounds more, grace just abounds even more! Glory to God. We all deserve hell. But God has given mercy. We do not want justice! We do not want the Lord to measure our lives based upon His justice because we will always fail, just as CHRIST will always PASS THE VERY SAME TEST! Get the picture. **The covering of Christ protects us from divine justice which declares every man SINFUL!**

God's mercy does not abrogate His justice. To say it in another way - as good as laws are, once broken, they can only bring condemnation and demand the infliction of a penalty. One a law is broken it can never justify, only demand that its penalty be inflicted upon the lawbreaker.

**Galatians 3:21 - Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.**

This does not make the Law of God bad. The issue is justification. What law can justify us once it is broken? The problem confronted God from the beginning of the fall. How could He extend mercy without breaking His own law? The tabernacle portrays the answer to this. In "shadow" He demonstrated how He could extend His mercy without abolishing his law:

**Hebrews 4:2 - For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**

***The tabernacle demonstrates how God can extend His mercy to the sinner yet not abolish the demands of His Law***

The gospel preached to Israel through the tabernacle – its priesthood, its ritual, offerings and furniture – was based upon principles found in the New Covenant. If the tabernacle is to be a true type of the gospel then the similarity between them must be real. God didn't have two gospels; rather, when Christ came he revealed the Gospel that was concealed in the SHADOW of the tabernacle. This in no way moderated the salvation of the Israelites, for the LAW never justified them! They were justified by FAITH in a coming sacrifice as we are presently justified in a PAST sacrifice. The only thing lacking in the Gospel

preached through the tabernacle was that Christ had not yet died as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. And the blood of bulls and goats could never "ATONE FOR SIN" or deliver one single solitary soul! It pushed or assuaged the justice of God, but neighbor it left the sinner in the same sinful condition.

But when THE LAMB came – oh Praise God, He didn't just come to bring us a new ritual. No, He came with the power to not only declare us "not guilty," but take the very power of sin away that was resident in man's rebellious heart to begin with following the FALL of Adam. My Lord that should make us shout! I know this is a study course but as I'm writing this I want to just Praise God right here. Thank you Lord, thank you Jesus for becoming our Lamb. We are saved today because of the Lamb's sacrifice. We are born again because of the Lamb being slain.

When we get to heaven and walk through those gates of glory, it won't be because we have "done" anything here on earth or belonged to a certain group. No, no, no, no – it will be because of the marks of fresh slaughter John saw in his heavenly vision when he wept before the Lord wondering why no man could open heaven's book of redemption. Weeping because there was no one worthy to open it in the presence of a THRICE HOLY GOD. But as he was weeping, he heard the voice of heaven cry – "WEEP NOT", behold the LAMB OF GOD, THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH hath prevailed to open the book and has been found WORTHY." WORTHY, WORTHY, WORTHY, WORTHY, WORTHY, WORTHY, WORTHY. HE IS WORTHY of all praises and glory and honor. We are so UNWORTHY of anything we have received from heaven. Neighbor that is GRACE. And that is the message of the Tabernacle in the wilderness.

### **The History of the Tabernacle From Exodus to Solomon's Temple**

The record of events surrounding the tabernacle's origin, use and travel is linked to the history of Israel, this study is more than just a study of the tabernacle itself, and it is a study of the nation of Israel. Israel, as an independent nation, and the tabernacle came into existence at the same time for a mutual reason; consequently, they shared the divine purpose of revealing a significant part of God's unfolding revelation of himself to mankind.

Israel was chosen to be the nation through which the world would be divinely blessed, and the tabernacle was chosen to represent how this blessing would be accomplished.

## From Abraham to Moses

There is about a 430-year period of time from Abraham to Moses. From the call of Abraham to the birth of Isaac was 25 years; from the birth of Isaac to Jacob's birth, 60 years; from Jacob's birth to his death, 147 years; from the death of Jacob to the death of Joseph in Egypt, 54 years; and from Joseph's death to the Exodus, which is found by subtracting the total years thus far, or 286, from the 430-year total, leaves 144 years.

All total the Israelites were in Egypt for 215 years – almost half the time they sojourned on this planet in the beginning of their heritage. The greatest event in Israeli history, their Exodus from Egypt after 215 years of Egyptian servitude, began when God heard their cries: (Ex. 2:24, 3:7) and sent Moses to lead them back to the Promised Land. While they were in Egypt, the Israelites had increased from a mere seventy individuals (Ex. 1:5) to more than 3 million. We find in Exodus 12:37, 38 that their first census was taken as they departed Egypt. This small nation was no more than a large group of liberated slaves who were unacquainted with war, self-government or even God. This is the reason God chose not to take them to the Promised Land by a direct route (Ex. 13:17,18). Instead they traveled by way of the wilderness to the Red Sea to Mount Sinai, where God began to establish them as a nation. (See map, chart)

**Exodus 2:24 - And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.**

**Exodus 3:7 - And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;**

**Exodus 1:5 - And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were **seventy** souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already.**

**Exodus 12:37-38 - **And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.** [38] And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.**

**Exodus 13:17-18 - And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: [18] But God led the people about, **through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt.****

From Egypt, the Israelites sojourned 45 days before reaching Mt. Sinai. While they were in the wilderness, God gave them laws to govern themselves.

Christians should never underestimate the importance of those laws to the Israelites and the influence they had had on the rest of the world. During the first three months, Moses ascended Mt. Sinai EIGHT TIMES to receive these laws from God. Two of those ascensions lasted 40 days. **The sixth ascension**, the first of the 40-day meetings, is important to this study because it was during this excursion that God gave Moses the pattern for the tabernacle.

Upon descending the mount, Moses probably had all intentions to begin construction on the tabernacle. But instead, Moses faced a crisis situation upon his descent to the camp. The Israelites, who had earlier heard God deliver the Decalogue and had agreed to keep it, nevertheless had quickly reverted to idolatry. It was only Moses' intercession that prevented God from consuming Israel in His wrath. (Exodus 32:10-11)

**Exodus 32:10-11 - Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. [11] And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand?**

After this the construction of the tabernacle did not begin for another 42-days, or four months and 11 days after the Israelites departure from Egypt. During the next seven months, anointed workers constructed it from freewill offerings of the congregation and according to the pattern God gave Moses. This blueprint is covered in Lesson One. Some 11 months and 15 days after their departure from Egypt, the tabernacle was completed and set up (Exodus 40:17)

**Exodus 40:17 - And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.**

**This was the final tabernacle.** There was another tabernacle mentioned in Exodus 33 that was constructed on a temporary basis and should not be confused with the tabernacle of the wilderness. It was at this time that the pillar of cloud, which had guided them from Egypt, covered the tabernacle and the glory of the Lord filled it. The presence of the cloud over the tabernacle signified the guiding presence of the Lord. When it rested over the tabernacle, they were to rest, and when it was taken up, they were to follow. Some 50 days later, the pillar of cloud was taken up for the first time (Numbers 10:11 and the Israelites began their journey to the Promised Land. They had been at Mt. Sinai for 11 months and 20 days. While they were there, God had revealed to them everything necessary for their well-being, which was dependent on their obedience.

**Numbers 10:11 - And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony.**

**Deut. 1:2 - (There are eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea.)**

In Deuteronomy 1:2 we find that their move from Horeb (Mt. Sinai) to Kadesh-barnea, located in the southern part of the Promised Land, was an 11-year journey. Yet, it took them almost 40 years to complete the trip to the Promised Land. Why? In the 15 chapters that deal with this period of history (Numbers 11-26) we witness complaints, lust of the flesh, the rebellion of Miriam and Aaron against Moses, the nation's rebellion at Kadesh-barnea, the rebellion of Korah in seeking the priesthood, and Israel's sin through the teaching of Balaam.

For 38 years of that 40-year period, there is a complete silence since the events covered in the 15 chapters deal with only the first and last years of the 40 years of wandering. The forty years were literally years of waste, a revealing testimony of the effects of **disobedience**. The second numbering of the nation reflects this. After almost forty years the Israeli population of men able to go out to war decreased by 1,820, silent proof how complaining and disobedience hold back the promises of God.

In Numbers 33:19-49 we find a summary of their journey during the wilderness wanderings. These verses locate the various encampments after their departure from Mt. Sinai and on their way to Shittim, which is on the plain of Moab bordering the Promised Land. There were no more permanent camps.

**Numbers 33:19-49 - And they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez. [20] And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah. [21] And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah. [22] And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah. [23] And they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher. [24] And they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah. [25] And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth. [26] And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath. [27] And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah. [28] And they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah. [29] And they went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah. [30] And they departed from Hashmonah, and encamped at Moseroth. [31] And they departed from Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan. [32] And they removed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped at Hor-hagidgad. [33] And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jotbathah. [34] And they removed from Jotbathah, and encamped at Ebronah. [35] And they departed from Ebronah, and encamped at Ezion-gaber. [36] And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which is Kadesh. [37] And they removed**

from Kadesh, and pitched in **mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.** [38] And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the Lord, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first day of the fifth month. [39] And Aaron was an hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount Hor. [40] And king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel. [41] And they departed from mount Hor, and pitched in **Zalmonah.** [42] And they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in **Punon.** [43] And they departed from Punon, and pitched in **Oboth.** [44] And they departed from Oboth, and pitched in **Ije-abarim, in the border of Moab.** [45] And they departed from Iim, and pitched in **Dibon-gad.** [46] And they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in **Almon-diblathaim.** [47] And they removed from Almon-diblathaim, and pitched in the **mountains of Abarim, before Nebo.** [48] And they departed from the mountains of Abarim, and pitched in the plains of Moab **by Jordan near Jericho.** [49] And they pitched by Jordan, from **Beth-jesimoth even unto Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.**

When they entered the Promised Land they camped at Gilgal ( which means "rolling away" (Josh. 4:19), which is between the Jordan River and Jericho. More than likely the tabernacle was set up here for the five years it took them to conquer the land from the Canaanites. At the end of the five years, the whole congregation assembled at Shiloh. It was there that the seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance, had the land divided to them by lots. Here the tabernacle was set up (Josh. 18:1) and used for 470 years.

**Joshua 4:19 - And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho.**

Although the arrival of the tabernacle at Shiloh marked the beginning of a bright future, its departure from Shiloh heralded a dark period in Israeli history. In 1 Samuel 4 we see the Israelites defeated the Philistines who captured the ark. Also, they destroyed Shiloh and possibly the tabernacle at this time. (Psalms 78:60-61, Jer. 7:12; 26:6). It was at that time God determined to make his permanent dwelling in Jerusalem (Ps. 78:67-68). With the permanent separation of the ark and the tabernacle, it becomes necessary to follow their histories separately.

There is no scriptural mention of the tabernacle for the next 70 years. This may indicate its destruction, but not in the sense that it was total, which would contradict 1 Chronicles 21:29 and 2 Chronicles 1:5. That the material parts, curtains, and veils were burnt, and the walls, pillars, and furniture uprooted, as depicted in 1 Chronicles 17:5, is a reasonable interpretation.

**Psalm 78:60-61 - So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, the tent which he placed among men; [61] And delivered his strength into captivity, and his glory into the enemy's hand.**

**Jeremiah 7:12 - But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.**

**Jeremiah 26:6 - Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.**

**Psalm 78:67-68 - Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: [68] but chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion that he loved.**

**1 Chron. 17:5 - For I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel unto this day; but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.**

The next mention of the tabernacle is at NOB (1 Samuel 21:1-9). When and why it was taken there is not clear. The incident of David eating the Shewbread and his receiving the sword of Goliath occurred at NOB. Jesus refers to this in Mark 2:26 and Matthew 12:2-6. Saul, the king of Israel, on hearing that David had been at **Nob**, became jealous, destroyed the city, and killed 85 priests. It is not known as to whether the tabernacle was destroyed at this time, but if so, it was rebuilt and transferred to **Gibeon**; for it is mentioned there about 10 to 15 years later during David's reign as king. We know it was already at Gibeon at that time (1 Chronicles 16:39).

The tabernacle was probably had probably been set up after the death of Saul, but before the unity of the nation of King David. Very likely it was set up by the "house" of Saul during the early part of the seven-year division of the nation after Saul's death in an effort to unify the tribes that were following Saul's successors.

**1 Samuel 21:1-9 - Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee? [2] And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabouts I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place. [3] Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present. [4] And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women. [5] And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels**

of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel. [6] So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the Lord, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away. [7] Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the Lord; and his name was Doeg, an Edomite, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to Saul. [8] And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste. [9] And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.

**1 Chron. 16:39 - And Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the Lord in the high place that was at Gibeon,**

During this same period we need to keep in mind that David built a tabernacle in Jerusalem to house the ark, which is the only holy vessel ever mentioned in use at the tabernacle of David. Apparently, the other vessels remained with the Mosaic tabernacle at Gibeon (1 Sam. 21:6; 1 Chron 21:29 and 2 Chron 1:3-5). The distinction is necessary to prevent confusion about the two tabernacles. Even with the separation of the ark from the tabernacle, the nation continued to go to Gibeon to make their animal sacrifices (1 Chron. 16:37-40). The two tabernacles explain why there were two High Priests during David's reign (2 Sam. 8:17).

The original (Mosaic tabernacle was moved from Gibeon to Jerusalem when Solomon dedicated the temple there. That this is the original tabernacle of Moses is proved by 1 Kings 8:4 and 2 Chronicles 5:5, which state that, along with the original tabernacle, all the holy vessels were brought. The only part of the original tabernacle, along with its furniture, was probably put into storage. From here its history ends in obscurity.

The length of time the Mosaic tabernacle was used can be deduced by adding the following periods of history:

- Time from the tabernacle was set up to the crossing of the Jordan River – **40 years**
- Time from the crossing of the Jordan until the end of the book of Joshua – **25 years**. (We know from Joshua 14:7, 10 that there were five years of conquest, but much time is covered after this is not known. Josephus states that Joshua was 85 years old when he took over for Moses. At the end of Joshua he was 110, so the book of Joshua covers 25 years)

- Time from the reign of the judges to the reign of Samuel and was **450 years** (Acts 13:20). Samuel's reign is generally believed to be **40 years**. The reign of King Saul and the reign of King David were each **40 years** (80). From the beginning of Solomon's reign to the dedication of the temple, when the tabernacle was brought there to be stored, twelve years passed. The temple was completed the eleventh year of Solomon's reign and was dedicated 11 months later (1 Kings 6:37-38), for a 12-year total.

**These figures 40,25,450,40,40,40 and 12, establish that the tabernacle was used for 647 years, much longer than many people realize.**

### **Summary of The Exodus:**

#### **The Following is the List of Cities Israel Camped at After Egypt**

- Rameses
- Succoth
- Etham
- Baal-Zephon
- Mirah
- Elim
- Rephidim
- Mt. Sinai (Instructions for the Tabernacle, 10 Commandments)
- Hazeroth
- Kadesh-barnea
- Mt. Hor
- Ezion-geber
- Oboth
- Ijeabarim

#### **Estimated Number of People in the Exodus:**

- Men of war (Exodus 12:37, Numbers 1:3) – 600,000
- Wives of the men of war – 600,000
- Children of the men of war (3 to a family) – 1,800,000
- Levites:
- Males one month and older (Numbers 3:39) – 22,300
- 30-50 year old wives of Levites (Numbers 4:47, 48) – 8,580
- Children of the Levites (3 to a family) – 25,740
- Those not counted:
- Men too old to go to war
- Men too young to go to war
- Wives and children of the above

- All females of the tribe of Levites not married to a male between the ages of 30 and 50
- Mixed multitudes that came out of Egypt with the Israelites (Gen. 45:10; Numbers 11:4; Exodus 12:38)
- TOTAL: 3,056,620

### **Summary of the Movement of the Tabernacle in the Promised Land:**

- Shiloh
- Ashdod
- Gath
- Ekron
- Beth-shemesh
- Kiriath-jearim
- House of Obed-edom
- Jerusalem
- Gibeon
- Nob
- Shiloh
- Jericho
- Gilgal
- Shittim

### **Part One: Matching**

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| 1. Sixth Ascension | A. Means Rolling Away               |
| 2. Joshua          | B. Walls Came Down                  |
| 3. Promised Land   | C. Saul Kills 95 Priests Here       |
| 4. Shiloh          | D. City Of Peace                    |
| 5. Moses           | E. Received Divine Pattern          |
| 6. Divine Pattern  | F. Samuel Ministered Here           |
| 7. Jerusalem       | G. Final Destination Of Israel      |
| 8. Nob             | H. Followed Moses                   |
| 9. Jericho         | I. Given To Moses                   |
| 10. Gilgal         | J. Moses Receives Pattern This Trip |

### **Part Two: Fill In The Blank**

1. God's established His plan of \_\_\_\_\_ before He laid the very foundations of the world.

2. The original \_\_\_\_\_ tabernacle was moved from Gibeon to Jerusalem when Solomon dedicated the temple there
3. There is about a \_\_\_\_\_ year period of time from Abraham to Moses
4. The incident of David eating the Shewbread and his receiving the sword of Goliath occurred at \_\_\_\_\_.
5. During the first three months, Moses ascended Mt. Sinai \_\_\_\_\_ times to receive these laws from God.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ of those ascensions lasted 40 days.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ ascension, the first of the 40-day meetings, is the excursion that God gave Moses the pattern for the tabernacle.
8. The Israelites reverted to \_\_\_\_\_ while Moses was in the Mount by sacrificing to a golden calf.
9. It was only Moses' \_\_\_\_\_ that prevented God from consuming Israel in His wrath.
10. Time from the reign of the judges to the reign of Samuel and was \_\_\_\_\_ years.
11. Samuel's reign is generally believed to be about \_\_\_\_\_ years.
12. The reign of King Saul and the reign of King David were each \_\_\_\_\_ years each.
13. Israelites defeated the Philistines who captured the ark at \_\_\_\_\_, which they also destroyed.
14. God has determined to make his permanent dwelling in \_\_\_\_\_.
15. All total the Israelites were in Egypt for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

## The Study Series

### Lesson Three - Materials Needed For Construction; God's Call To Stewardship

**Exodus 25:1-9 - The LORD said to Moses, These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.**

Man's greatest need is to find the "place" where he meets God in an intimate way. The only solution for survival in life with its toils, heartaches and test is the help only God can give us. Man needs God to face moments of loneliness and despair, hopelessness and helplessness, emptiness and restlessness, unemployment and poverty, accident and disease, temptation and sin, aging and dying, hunger and thirst.

Man needs the presence and assurance of God throughout all life. That is how God created us – with the capacity in our hearts to only be satisfied by HIM and nothing else. That is why the vain pursuit of worldly wealth, fame and fortune is so futile. All the money in the world will not solve the cry of the thirsty heart in need of God. All the fame in the world will not bring the peace that only comes through having a personal relationship with Jesus through the intimacy of the Holy Ghost. God knows that man has these needs. Therefore, God established a very special place for His people –

- **A place where He could live among His people**
- **A place where a special manifestation of His presence would dwell**
- **A place where His people could come to Him for worship and HELP**
- **A place where people worshipped and received forgiveness of God and committed their lives to God**
- **A place set aside or sanctified for God**

That place was the TABERNACLE. The breakdown of this lesson on the materials, which were a type of Christ and were used in the Tabernacle, is as follows:

- **The Architect of the Tabernacle: God Himself**
- **The Supplier of the Materials: The People**
- **The Materials Listed**

As we look at the materials used in creating this structure, we must understand that God's revelation to man of Himself is always progressive. He always moves from the lower to the higher level. God moves from the **ritual** to the **reality**, from the **SHADOW** to the **substance**, from the **type** to the **antitype**, from the **prophecy** to the **fulfillment**, from the **symbol** to the **spiritual truth**, from the **NATURAL TO THE SPIRITUAL**, from the **first** to the **second** and from the **earthly** to the **heavenly**.

### **God Is The Tabernacle's Architect**

When planning and constructing any building, the most important person is the one responsible for the construction of a building. He determines whether a building stands or falls, functions or fails, is problem-free or loaded with problems, lasts or quickly needs repairs, brings joy or arouses disappointment. That type person is known as the architect. The Tabernacle was so important – so desperately needed by God's people – **that God Himself chose to be the architect of the Tabernacle**. Only God knew what kind of building he needed and wanted for the manifestation of His presence. He knew what kind of building He needed to receive man's worship, what kind of building He needed to teach people about Himself.

**Heb 3:3 - Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.**

**Rom 11:33 - Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!**

**Ps 122:1 - I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."**

**Ps 27:4 - One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

**Isa 2:3 - Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**

### **The Materials to Build the Tabernacle Were Supplied By the People (Ex. 25:2)**

**Exodus 25:2 - Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.**

Moses was to take up offerings from the people, and the people were to give willingly and generously. The word for "offering" (**terumah**) has the idea of a present, a gift that is given sacrificially; the giving of a special gift, a valuable, costly gift. As slaves in Egypt for nearly 400 years the Israelites had accumulated little if any wealth. But now they had enough to give offerings to build the Tabernacle. Where did they get their wealth? The Egyptians! God has so stirred up the Egyptians to get rid of the Israelites they were willing to pay the Israelites to just get rid of them! Glory to God!

They paid them in gold and silver and other goods that would help the nation of Israel as they journeyed to the promised land of Canaan. (Ex. 11:2; 12:35-36) God had seen, as He always does today, that the needs of His people were met. Thus they were now able to give offerings to build the Tabernacle. The point is this: God had provided for the people. What they had was due to HIM; they had money – gold, silver, and possessions because GOD had moved upon the Egyptians to give them wealth. Now, God asked them to give back to Him WILLINGLY and SACRIFICIALLY and to give VALUABLE and COSTLY gifts!

There are several important stewardship lessons to be learned from this attitude the people had in building the Tabernacle:

- **Ultimately, everything belongs to God. Everything we have has come from HIM.**

**Psalm 50:10 - For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.**

**Haggai 2:8- The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts.**

- **The greatest thing we can give God is an undivided heart, totally yielded to Him.**

**Matthew 6:19-24 - Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: [20] But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: [21] For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. [22] The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. [23] But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! [24] No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

**Luke 9:23 - And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.**

- Every person has something to offer to God. No matter how little a person may have, he has something that he can give to God.

Ezra 2:69 - They gave after their ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments.

Mark 12:42-43 - And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. [43] And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

Acts 11:29 - Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:

- We are to share with those who are in need.

Acts 2:44-45 - And all that believed were together, and had all things common; [45] And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

Acts 20:35 - I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Luke 18:18-25 - And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? [19] And Jesus said unto him, why call thou me good? None is good, save one, that is, God. [20] Thou knoweth the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor thy father and thy mother. [21] And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. [22] Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, yet you lack one thing: sell all that you hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. [23] And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich. [24] And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrowful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! [25] For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

- We are to give sacrificially, to give WILLINGLY and CHEERFULLY. It is the pattern of the Old Covenant; it is the pattern under the New Covenant.

2 Cor. 9:7 - Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.

**Acts 4:34-35** - Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, [35] And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

**Deut. 16:17** - Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee.

### **The Tabernacle Materials - Spiritual Truth About God's Dwelling Place**

The materials for the Tabernacle are listed in Exodus 25:3-7. There were derived from the **MINERAL Kingdom**, the **PLANT Kingdom**, and the **ANIMAL KINGDOM**.

**Exod 25:3-7** - These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; ram skins dyed red and hides of sea cows; acacia wood; olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastplate. (NIV)

- **Gold** – Gold is a symbol of value, of the greatest and most precious value that can be possessed in Scripture. It is a symbol of the heavenly, that which is not temporal, yet eternal. It speaks of the righteousness of God, the Glory of His Personhood and His Mercy. It speaks of the Deity and Kingship of Jesus Christ. He was God, yet man. Man, yet God.

**Rev. 3:18** - I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

**Exodus 25:17** - And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

**Job 23:10** - But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

**1 Peter 1:7** - That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

**2 Peter 1:4** - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

**Rev. 21:21-22 - And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. [22] And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.**

The mercy seat that we will study in detail later was pure gold. It represented the throne of God, the very place where the presence and mercy of God were symbolized as flowing out to God's people. The point: gold is the symbol of heaven.

- **Silver** – Silver is a symbol of redemption, of the soul being ransomed by the atonement money. <Ex. 30:12-13, 16 cp. Num. 18:16) It was illustrated in the New Covenant as the price paid for the betrayal of Christ who was our ransom. Zech. 11:12-13, 1 Peter 1:18-20)

**Exodus 30:12-13, 16 - When you take the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the Lord, when you number them; that there be no plague among them, when you number them. This they shall give, every one that passes among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) an half shekel shall be the offering of the Lord. And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls.**

**Numbers 18:16 - And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.**

**Zech. 11:12-13 - And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver. [13] And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.**

**1 Peter 1:18-20 - Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; [19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: [20] Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,**

- **Bronze, or Copper, Brass** – Bronze is a symbol of strength, and judgment in respect to the judgment God placed on Christ for our sins. This will be seen in the brazen altar, the place where the lamb was slain

as the sacrificial offering on behalf of the people. (Deut. 28:13-23). God tells us if we do not listen the heavens will be to us as BRASS. Jesus was seen on the Isle of Patmos as having feet of BRASS to tread down the winepress of fury. This speaks of judgment upon sin. (Rev. 1:12-15)

**Deut. 28:13-23 - And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: [14] And thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. [15] But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: [16] Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. [17] Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. [18] Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. [19] Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. [20] The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. [21] The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. [22] The Lord shall smite thee with consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. [23] And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.**

**Rev. 1:12-15 - And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; [13] And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. [14] His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; [15] And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.**

- **Blue, Purple, Scarlet Yarn and Fine Linen** – This combination of colors was the main color scheme used in the Tabernacle. These main colors are mentioned about 25 times in the Book of Exodus alone. Blue is the color of the heavens, it is said to be a symbol of the heavenly character of Christ that lives within us. It speaks of the SON SHIP of Jesus. He came from heaven to redeem fallen humanity. That which is of Him is from ABOVE, not earthly. This ties into the Gospel of John's narrative of the Master. In John, He is the Son of God.

- **Purple** – Purple was the most precious of the colors of ancient times and speaks to us of royalty and KINGSHIP; there it is a symbol of the KINGSHIP of CHRIST as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This color ties into the Gospel of Matthew's account of Jesus. In Matthew, He is the KING.
- **Scarlet Yarn** – Scarlet symbolizes sacrifice, picturing the entire scene of sacrifice and redemption. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, the One sacrificed to take away the sins of man. It speaks of His servant hood and redemptive work in the Atonement when He shed His blood for humanity. Scarlet speaks to us of the Gospel of MARK, which portrays Jesus as the SERVANT.

Hebrews 9:13-14 - For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh: [14] How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:19-20 - For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, [20] Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.

Hebrews 9:23 - It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Hebrews 9:28 - So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

- **White Linen** – symbolizes purity and righteousness, the purity, righteousness, and holiness of God and the purity and righteousness demanded by God. It is the attire of the saints:

Rev. 19:8 - And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Rev. 3:5 - He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Rev. 3:18 - I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see.

Rev. 4:4 - And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Rev. 7:9 - After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

- **Goat Hair** (izzim) – Goat hair would be used for the tent's covering. (Ex. 26:7). These curtains of goat hair were most likely black in color. A set of eleven curtains was joined together to make one great covering for the tent. There seems to be a direct connection between the goat's hair and Christ's connection to sin pointing to Christ as the sin-bearer, appointed to God to bear the sins of the world.

The goat, in scripture, is mentioned in connection with the sin offering and sinners. (Lev. 16:5-28, Num. 28:15, Matthew 25:32)

**Exodus 26:7 - And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make.**

**Leviticus 16:5-28 - And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. [6] And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house. [7] And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. [8] And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the scapegoat. [9] And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. [10] But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness. [11] And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself: [18] And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the Lord, and make an atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. [19] And he shall sprinkle of the**

blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel. [20] And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat: [21] And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: [22] And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness. [23] And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there: [24] And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people. [25] And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar. [26] And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp. [27] And the bullock for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall one carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung. [28] And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

Numbers 28:15 - And one kid of the goats for a sin offering unto the Lord shall be offered, beside the continual burnt offering, and his drink offering.

Matthew 25:32 - And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

Jesus became the "scape-goat" for the world. Instead allowing the sting of sin to rest upon sinners, Jesus Christ offered Himself as a Sacrifice, as the Substitute and Saviour of the world. HE is the SIN-BEARER for all people for all generations, past, present and future.

Isaiah 53:12 - Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Galatians 1:4 - **Who gave himself for our sins**, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

Hebrews 9:28 - **So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many**; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

1 Peter 2:24 - **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins**, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 John 3:5 - **And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins**; and in him is no sin.

Rev. 1:5 - **And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**

- **Rams Skin Dyed Red** – Rams Skin Dyed Red have been described by scholars as skins that had all the wool removed and then were dyed red; it was like our morocco leather.” The purpose of these tanned ram skins were to provide protective covering for the tent. It was layered between the goat hair and badger (or sea cow) skins. Ex. 36:19. It speaks to us of substitution, consecration and dedication. Abraham used a RAM as a substitute for Isaac.

**Exodus 36:19 - And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above that.**

- **Badger Skins** – Badger skins are not considered to be a precious fur. They were the source of this outer covering and protection for the Tabernacle. They would be what the outside observer would see if we were to look up at the Tabernacle. These probably came from the Red Sea. This durable weather-resistant skin was the ideal choice to protect the tent from the hot sun, the drenching rains, and the piercing dust storms that swept across the desert. This also speaks of the HUMANITY of Christ and how He is portrayed in Luke’s gospel – as the SON OF MAN. His earthly body had no form or beauty that men should desire Him outwardly but Oh’ what a Savior HE is to those who put their faith in HIM! (Ex. 36:19)

Even though He doesn't have outward beauty, He protects us the N.T. Tabernacle, the believer, from the elements of fear, guilt, sin, evil, death, loneliness, emptiness and the enemy. He is our protective separation from the world. He does this by:

1. **Sanctifying us, setting us apart to God**
2. **Sanctifying us with His Word**
3. **Watching over us with His loving eyes**
4. **Surrounding us with His presence**

- **Acacia wood** (shittim wood) – Shittim wood came from Shittim, which was in an area in the plains of Moab, slightly northeast of the Dead Sea. Acacia wood came from a tree that flourished in the wilderness. Acacia was an extremely hard wood that was a mixture of brown and orange in color. The tree was very plentiful in Old Testament times and grew in groves next to fast-moving bodies of water. It was the craftsman's prime choice for furniture because of its durability. It is interpreted in the Greek as "incorruptible wood." This wood speaks of the sinless Humanity of Christ while He was here on earth. He is called the righteous BRANCH which speaks of the redeemed humanity of HIS BODY, the CHURCH (Isa. 11:1-3)

**Isaiah 11:1-3 - And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: [2] And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; [3] And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:**

In a world filled with corruption, Jesus Christ is the only person who is incorruptible. His nature in us is changing us from corruption to incorruption. As the acacia wood and tree speaks of durability and strength Jesus is the perfect picture of durability and strength.

- **Oil for the light** – (v.6) The oil was made by crushing the olives from olive trees. The oil would be needed to provide continuous light for the sanctuary with the golden lamp stand (Ex. 27:20) Throughout the scripture; **the olive tree is a symbol of fullness and fruitfulness, a choice tree among people.** It is a symbol of the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the fullness and fruitfulness it produces in our lives as believers. In the Tabernacle the oil was used in the Lampstand, which ILLUMINATED the inner court. The Holy Spirit illuminates the WORD.

1 John 2:27 - **But the anointing** which ye have received of him abides in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same **anointing teaches you of all things**, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Judges 9:9 - But the olive tree said unto them, **Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honor God and man**, and go to be promoted over the trees?

Psalms 52:8 - But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

Jeremiah 11:16 - The Lord called thy name, **A green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit:** with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, **and the branches of it are broken.**

Song 4:16 - **Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out.** Let my beloved come into his garden, **and eat his pleasant fruits.**

Galatians 5:22-23 - **But the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

- **Spices for the Anointing Oil and for Sweet Incense** (v. 6) – There were four spices used in this process. These spices and incense speak to us of prayer that ascends unto the Lord as incense (Psalms 141:2). The spices for this sweet incense would include the various aspects or types of prayer – intercession, praise, worship, and travail. Incense always moves from man to God (Luke 1:10, Romans 8:26-27 and Rev. 5:8)

Psalms 141:2 - **Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense;** and the lifting up of my hands as the **evening sacrifice.**

Luke 1:10 - And the whole multitude of the people **was praying without at the time of incense.**

Romans 8:26-27 - Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. [27] **And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

Rev. 5:8 - And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, **and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.**

- **Onyx Stones** – v.7 – These were semi-precious stones. The color of these stones is uncertain. Their purpose was to be used on the priest's breastplate and ephod. The Hebrew word for "onyx" (shoh-ham) comes from a root word meaning a flashing forth of splendor. The names of the 12 tribes of Israel were to be inscribed on the two onyx stones. The picture is this: in God's eyes, His people shine forth in splendor, as precious gems. In addition, these stones speak of the various gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit, the glories of the saints. They are witness to both the WORD and the SPIRIT working in our lives.
  - **Gems Set in the Priest' Ephod and Breastplate** (v.7) - We are part of the New Covenant Priesthood unto God. As our Mediator before God, Jesus bears our names on His chest as the gems and precious stones bore the names of the 12 tribes of Israel on the Great High Priest. He is always interceding for us before the Father in Heaven as the Holy Spirit intercedes for us on earth.
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## Study Questions

### Part A: Matching

1. Onyx Stones
2. Gems Set In Breastplate
3. 12 Tribes Of Israel
4. Incense
5. Oil For The Light
6. Rams Skin Dyed Red
7. Acacia Wood
8. Badger Skin
9. Goat's Skin
10. Blue, Purple, Scarlet Yarn and Fine Linen

### Part B. Fill In The Blank

1. Gold is used a great deal in the tabernacle. It is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_, that which is not temporal.
2. Jesus Christ was \_\_\_\_\_, yet all \_\_\_\_\_; Man, yet God.
3. The Hebrew word for "onyx" (shoh-ham) comes from a root word meaning a \_\_\_\_\_ forth or \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The names of the \_\_\_\_\_ were to be inscribed on the two onyx stones.

5. In a world filled with corruption, \_\_\_\_\_ is the only person who is incorruptible
6. We are part of the \_\_\_\_\_ Priesthood unto God.
7. As our \_\_\_\_\_ before God, Jesus bears our names on His chest as the gems and precious stones bore the names of the 12 tribes of Israel on the Great High Priest.
8. He is always \_\_\_\_\_ for us before the Father in Heaven as the Holy Spirit intercedes for us on earth.
9. Oil is a symbol of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit and the fullness and fruitfulness it produces in our lives as believers.
10. In the Tabernacle the oil was used in the \_\_\_\_\_, which ILLUMINATED the inner court. The Holy Spirit illuminates the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Rams Skin Dyed Red have been described by scholars as skins that had all the \_\_\_\_\_ removed and then were dyed red;
12. The purpose of these tanned ram skins were to provide \_\_\_\_\_ covering for the tent.
13. It speaks to us of substitution, \_\_\_\_\_ and dedication. Abraham used a Ram as a substitute for \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Goat hair was used in the curtains of the tabernacle and speaks to us of Christ being our \_\_\_\_\_-bearer.
15. The goat, in scripture, is mentioned in connection with the \_\_\_\_\_ offering and sinners.
16. Bronze is a symbol of strength, and \_\_\_\_\_ in respect to the judgment God placed on Christ for our sins.
17. Jesus was seen on the Isle of Patmos as having feet of \_\_\_\_\_ to tread down the winepress of fury. This speaks of judgment upon \_\_\_\_\_. (Rev. 1:12-15)
18. Silver is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_, of the soul being ransomed by the atonement money.
19. It was illustrated in the New Covenant as the price paid for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ who was our ransom.
20. All the fame in the world will not bring the \_\_\_\_\_ that only comes through having a personal relationship with Jesus through the intimacy of the Holy Ghost.

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Exodus 25:10-22 - And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. [11] And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. [12] And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. [13] And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. [14] And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. [15] The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. [16] And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. [17] And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. [18] And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. [19] And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. [20] And the cherubim shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be. [21] And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. [22] And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

### **The Ark in General**

The Tabernacle of Moses was the very special place - the very special place - where God's people came to meet Him, seeking His presence, forgiveness, guidance, help, strength and power. The Ark was the most important of all the furniture that went into this "tabernacle" or dwelling place for God. It was the first dwelling place for God since Adam fell because of sin and broke man's ability to approach God without sacrifice. The Ark of God represented the presence of God, His Glory and His mercy. The Tabernacle drew people to approach God for help. More importantly, the fact people knew the ARK OF GOD, God's holy presence, sat in the midst of the Tabernacle, caused many to seek the Lord here.

This is the subject of this important lesson.

### **The Ark or Chest of God: Symbol Of The Very Throne of God**

In the Old Testament God has set forth revelation of Divine truth in three distinct Arks. Each of these Arks carries with it the thought of preservation. The first Ark mentioned in the Scripture is the ARK OF NOAH (Genesis 6:13-9:18). This Ark was made of gopher wood, pitched within and without and speaks emphatically to all of us of preservation; for in it the animals and eight souls were preserved from the water of judgment and death.

**1 Peter 3:20 - Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.**

The second Ark mentioned in the Old Testament is the Ark prepared for the BABY MOSES, which we will call the ARK OF MOSES (Exodus 2:3-6). This Ark was made of reeds and pitched within and without just as Noah's Ark. Here, too, we see that the Ark was a means of PRESERVATION for the baby Moses from the waters of death. It is interesting to note that the Hebrew word "**tebah**" is used in reference to both the Ark of Noah and the Ark of Moses. The literal meaning of this word is 'box, chest, vessel, or ARK.'

The third Ark referred to in the Bible is the ARK OF THE COVENANT. An altogether different Hebrew word is used when this Ark is referred to. The word used in reference to the Ark of the Covenant is "**arown**." This word means "ark" or "chest", but it also carries with it a couple of other connotations. In Genesis 50:26, this same word is used in regard to the coffin (mummy-case) of Joseph. In another reference in **2 Kings 12:10-11** we find this word used in reference to a money chest. However, this word is used most often in regard to the Ark of the Covenant. This Ark is referred to by many different titles or names in the Old Testament. We will discuss those in detail later.

The Ark of the Covenant was made of shittim wood, overlaid with pure gold without and within. This Ark also carries with it the thought of preservation. We see this particularly when the children of Israel were crossing the Jordan (Joshua 3-4). As the Ark led the way, the children of Israel were preserved from the waters of the Jordan (death). In addition to this, the thought of preservation is seen in regard to the Tables of the Law, the Golden Pot of Manna and Aaron's rod that budded which were preserved in the Ark of the Covenant.

### **And They Shall Make An Ark**

**Exodus 25:10a - And they shall make an ark of shittim wood...**

In Exodus 25:8 God expresses His desire to live among His called or chosen people as He instructs Moses to build Him a Sanctuary that He might dwell

among them. He instructs Moses to follow the pattern that He reveals to him to the letter. In it all, in the very order, materials, dimensions and colors, God has hidden the eternal purpose of the ages in this complex that would house His presence for nearly 1500 years. The fact is that it is the only piece of furniture to inhabit THREE DIFFERENT TABERNACLES or SANCTUARIES:

- **In the Tabernacle of DAVID: 1 Chron. 16:1 - So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God.**
- **In the Temple of SOLOMON: 1 Kings 8:9 - There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt.**

There are nearly 200 references made in Scripture to the Ark of God. The reference here in Exodus is the first mention of the Ark. The last mention of it in the Old Testament is found in Jeremiah 3:14-16, and the FINAL mention of the Ark in the Bible is in Revelation 11:19 where the TRUE ARK of His Testament is seen in heaven.

**Jeremiah 3:14-16 - Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: [15] And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. [16] And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the Lord, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the Lord: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more. (In other words, Israel will not need to remember the fact that the ark is no more among them - the LORD WILL BE THERE IN THE MIDST!)**

**Rev. 11:19 - And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.**

### **The Revelation of God's Plan of Redemption Begins With the Ark**

God begins here in His instructions to Moses with the Ark, overlaid with gold, made within and without with Shittim Wood. It is so important to realize that the Ark was more than just a mere chest. It represented several things:

- **The Ark represented the THRONE OF GOD in the earth**
- **The Ark represented the PRESENCE OF GOD in Christ, by the SPIRIT in the midst of His redeemed people**
- **The Ark represented the GLORY OF GOD revealed in Divine order and worship**

- **The Ark represented the FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY revealed in the LORD JESUS CHRIST - Colossians 1:19 and 2:9. All that the Ark was to Israel in the Old Covenant, the Lord Jesus is the New Testament CHURCH today! That Church is comprised of both JEW and GENTILE. We have not replaced Israel in the Covenant, but we are partakers of Her blessings under the New Covenant because of the BLOOD!**

**Col. 1:19 - For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;**

**Col. 2:9 - For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.**

**Ephes. 2:12-17 - That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: [13] But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. [14] For he is our peace, who hath made THE TWO (JEW AND GENTILE) one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; [15] Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; [16] And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: [17] And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.**

God's plan of redemption begins with Himself, where it must begin. ALL THINGS BEGIN WITH GOD. The scripture says "IN THE BEGINNING GOD." Notice Moses put a PERIOD after the word "GOD." God begins in the Holiest of all or the Most Holy Place, in His own Throne ROOM, with the ARK OF THE COVENANT. It was upon this piece of furniture that the High Priest sprinkled the Blood of atonement once a year (Lev. 16 and Hebrews 9:7). It was from this piece of furniture that God's audible voice was heard speaking to Moses the Lawgiver and Aaron the High Priest (Lev. 1:1).

Every other article in the Tabernacle took a secondary seat to the ARK OF THE COVENANT. If the Ark of God's presence were to be removed from the Tabernacle (as it was when the Tabernacle of David was established), all that would remain would be an empty form. For without the Presence of the Lord, as upon that Ark and Mercy Seat, all our ritual is meaningless and powerless. All of Israel's worship was directed to JEHOVAH who dwelt upon that Blood-stained Mercy Seat. (Psalms 80:1)

**Psalm 80:1 - To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim-Eduth, A Psalm of Asaph. Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who led Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubims, shine forth.**

**Hebrews 9:7 - But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the**

people:

**Leviticus 1:1 - And the Lord called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying,**

God begins with HIMSELF, where He must begin. For He alone is God, who from everlasting to everlasting. This is a picture of the grace of God. God dwelling in eternity becomes flesh and Tabernacled among us.. God begins first with His Throne, the Ark of the Covenant, and proceeds in GRACE to man and the place of sacrifice - the Brazen Altar. This is the opposite of man's approach to God, which must begin at the BRAZEN ALTAR. Man must experience the CROSS and the BLOOD before he can approach the ARK OF THE COVENANT or the presence of a HOLY GOD.

This is indeed a true picture of Grace. For unless God first comes out to man, man has no access whatsoever to God. Any man that tried to come straight into the presence of God without approaching the prescribed way through the Blood was SLAIN. Violation of God's order means death. The Ark and all it contains are representative of the holiness of God. The Brazen Altar is necessary because of man's sinfulness. But because of the provision of God in the Brazen Altar, there is a DAY when the High Priest can enter beyond the veil to the very THRONE OF GOD (Hebrews 9)

### **The Construction of the Ark**

The Ark of God was the most important piece of furniture to the Israelites. Its significance is emphasized in that it is mentioned over 200 times in the Bible. The Ark is called different names throughout scripture, which we will deal with later. The instructions for constructing the Ark were given in great detail and were precise and exact:

- **The Ark was to be made of ACACIA WOOD: a hard, durable wood, resistant to weather and insects**
- **The Ark was to be a BOX-LIKE or CHEST-LIKE structure: 4' long by 2 1/4' wide by 2 1/4' high (1.1 meters by .07 meters by .07 meters)**
- **The Ark was to be OVERLAID WITH PURE GOLD WITHIN AND WITHOUT, and it was to have a gold molding around the rim**
- **The Ark was to have FOUR GOLD RINGS attached to its four lower corners at the base of the ark.**
- **The Ark was to have TWO STRONG POLES MADE OF ACACIA WOOD OVERLAID WITH GOLD**
- **The poles were to be slid into the gold rings on the Ark for the purpose of carrying it. And note: once inserted, THE POLES WERE NEVER TO BE REMOVED. THEY WERE A PERMANENT PART OF THE ARK OF GOD**
- **The TESTIMONY OF GOD, the stone tablets of God's covenant (the Ten Commandments), WAS TO BE PLACED INSIDE THE ARK**

## The Ark Was Made Of Shittim Wood

**Exodus 25:10 - And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.**

Shittim wood most likely comes from the Acacia trees, which are still common in the Sinai desert region. The Acacia tree grows in the desert in arid conditions, and a medicinal gum comes from it. It is a hard, orange-brown wood that is extremely durable. In fact, the Septuagint version of the Old Testament translates the word as "**incorruptible**" or "**non-decaying**" wood.

This wood is a beautiful type of or symbol of the sinless, incorruptible humanity of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was a "root out of dry ground" and "**hath no comeliness...no beauty that we should desire him.**" (**Isaiah 53:2**). In the midst of desert conditions of evil and corruption, He remained uncorrupted, incorruptible and unstained in His nature and character (Psalms 16:10; Luke 1:35; 1 Peter 1:23 and 1 John 3:5). This wood also speaks to us of Christ as "**the branch**" revealed throughout the Old Testament. God continually promised to raise up a righteous "**branch**" to rule over His people (Isaiah 4:2; 11:1; Jeremiah 23:5; Zechariah 3:8 and 6:12)

**Isaiah 53:2 - For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

**Psalm 16:10 - For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

**Luke 1:35 - And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**

**1 Peter 1:23 - Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever.**

**1 John 3:5 - And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.**

**As the Branch:**

**Isaiah 4:2 - In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.**

Jeremiah 23:5 - Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Zech. 3:8 - Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

Zech. 6:12 - And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord:

This acacia wood also speaks of the human element of the incarnation. Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, dwells within human tabernacles. **That acacia wood speaks of the indwelling of HEAVEN (GOLD) in human vessels.** We have this treasure in HUMAN VESSELS. Glory to God. We'll talk more about this when we deal with the overlay of Gold. Acacia wood speaks of humanity. It speaks of the humanity of Jesus and the fact we as Deity can touch humans.

### **Two Cubits And A Half The Length, A Cubit And A Half The Height**

**Exodus 25:10 - And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.**

The measurements of the Ark of the Covenant suggest spiritual significance in the numbers:

The ark measured 2 1/2 cubits in length, by 1 1/2 cubits wide, 1 1/2 cubits high, or 2 1/2 x 1 1/2 x 1 1/2. The Mercy Seat fitted as a perfect lid on the top of the box-like Ark. Thus:

- **2 x 1 1/2 = THREE - the NUMBER OF THE GODHEAD**
- **2 x 2 1/2 = FIVE - the NUMBER OF GRACE (Five-fold ministry gifts, etc.) AND ATONEMENT**
- **The Circumference of the end , 1 1/2 + 1 1/2 + 1 1/2 + 1 1/2 = SIX, the NUMBER OF MAN**
- **The Circumference of the top, 2 1/2 + 1 1/2 + 2 1/2 + 1 1/2 = EIGHT, the NUMBER OF RESURRECTION**
- **The top and bottom of the Ark, 4 x 2 1/2 = 10, the NUMBER OF LAW, ORDER and JUDGMENT**
- **The two ends together, 8 x 1 1/2 = 12, the NUMBER OF PERFECT GOVERNMENT, THE ORDER OF ISRAEL**
- **The Height of the Ark was 1 1/2 cubits; the same height as the Table of Shewbread, and the Grate of the Brazen Altar in the Outer Court.**

The connection of these items are this: the three articles in the Outer Court, the Holy Place, and the Holiest of All are connected in the same height; the same TRUTH. It is only as we come to the Blood sacrifice (Brazen altar grate, 1 1/2 cubits), that we may come to the Mercy Seat (Ark of the Covenant, 1 1/2 cubits) and then may have the Communion as in the Shewbread (Table, 1 1/2 cubits).

In the numbers 3,5,6,8,10 and 12 we understand the combined significance of truth as fulfilled in the Lord Jesus:

Jesus Christ is GOD (No. 3), and the GRACE OF GOD personified (No. 5). He became MAN, the UNION in ONE PERSON, the God-Man. (No. 6) He alone perfectly kept and fulfilled the Law, God's Order and was judged for OUR SIN, in our breaking of the Law (No. 10). In Him, God's perfect and eternal Order of Israel, perfect Government, will be manifested. He chose 12 APOSTLES (No. 12).

### **And You Will Overlay It With Pure Gold**

**Exodus 25:11 - And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.**

In addition to the shittim wood, the Ark of the Covenant was composed of PURE GOLD. In Bible typology, GOLD is always typical of DIETY or the DIVINE NATURE. Wood, on the other hand, speaks to us of Humanity or Human nature coming from the natural growth in the earth. Hence, we have a blending of the two materials in the Ark. We have TWO MATERIALS in one ARK. The gold is always gold, and the wood is always wood. This is a picture of the TWO NATURES in ONE PERSON as seen in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ - "God manifest in the flesh."

**1 Tim. 3:15-16 - But if I tarry long, that you may know how you ought to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. [16] And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**

The GOLD symbolized His Divine NATURE (Hebrews 1), and the wood symbolizes His Human nature (Hebrews 2). These two natures remain separate though brought together in one PERSON. God and Man are united in ONE PERSON, the NEW CREATURE, the FIRSTBORN of every NEW CREATION,

IMMANUEL (God with us), the WORD made flesh, the God-man, the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:22-23; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6 and John 1:14)

**Matthew 1:22-23 - Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, [23] Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.**

**Isaiah 7:14 - Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.**

**Isaiah 9:6 - For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

**John 1:14 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

### **Within and Without Will You Overlay It**

**Exodus 25:11 - And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.**

A second picture that we see here is that of the Fullness of the Godhead Bodily (Colossians 1:19, 2:9). When the wood was overlaid with gold within and without it produced a THREE LAYERED ARK - Gold, Wood (central) and Gold, this is symbolic of the Three Persons of the Godhead - The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit. The gold without it typical of the Father God who created the entire universe. The gold within is typical of the Holy Spirit who dwells within. And the central material or the wood represents the central figure of the Godhead who was crucified on a Cross of wood "in the midst" (John 19:18) the Son.

All of these together united in one ARK speak of the FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY - the LORD JESUS CHRIST." Peter proclaimed the marvelous truth on the great day of Pentecost that God had made this "same Jesus...both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:36); John 14:7-10 and John 3:33-34.

- **Gold Without - Type of the Father God**
- **Wood Central - Type of the Son (The Cross)**
  - **Gold Within - Type of the Holy Spirit**

ALL THREE POINT TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, the FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY.

**Acts 2:36** - Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

**John 14:7-10** - If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. [8] Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it suffices us. [9] Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father? [10] Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwells in me, he doeth the works.

**John 3:33-34** - He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. [34] For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God gives not the Spirit by measure unto him.

**John 19:18** - Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

**Col. 1:19** - For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;

**Col. 2:9** - For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

**And Make Upon It A Crown of Gold Round About**

**Exodus 25:11** - And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

**Hebrews 2:9** - But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

Three pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle receive Crowns - the Golden Altar of Incense, the Table of Shewbread and the Ark of the Lord. The Crown of gold tells us what the Father thinks of His Son. When the Son of God became flesh, man CROWNED HIM with thorns (Mark 15:17), but God CROWNED Him with GLORY AND HONOR.

A crown speaks of Kingship. It is only natural then that we should see a CROWN in connection with God's THRONE ROOM in the earth relative to Israel.

- **The Holiest of All was the Throne Room for the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords**
- **The Crown signifies the KINGSHIP of the Lord Jesus Christ**

- He was born **KING OF THE JEWS** (Matthew 2:2)
- He was revealed as the **KING** in the **GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**, the Gospel of the Kingdom
- He was crucified as **KING** (John 19:14)
- He is the **King-Priest** forever sitting at the right hand of God (Psalms 110:1)
- He is **King in Zion** (Psalms 2:6), the Church (Hebrews 12:22-23)
- We notice that it is the Lord Jesus Christ in His ministry as the **King-Priest** after the **ORDER OF MELCHISEDEK** who positions the **MERCY OF GOD**, even as the **CROWN OF GOLD** positioned the **MERCY SEAT ABOVE THE ARK**. Ultimately, when Jesus comes again, He will be **CROWNED** with many **CROWNS**, and we will lay our **CROWNS** at His feet in worship (Proverbs 4:9, Isaiah 28:5-6; 1 Peter 5:4; Revelation 3:11 and 5:5-10)

### **Four Gold Rings On The Ark In the Four Corners; Two Rings on One Side, Two on the Other**

**Exodus 25:12 - And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.**

These four rings were built for the staves, which we will look at next. There were a total of **FOUR RINGS**. The number four is usually symbolic of the creation of the world. It speaks to us of the four corners of the earth, with a world-wide or a universal appeal. The number **FOUR** resonates throughout the gospel:

The Gospel was go the **FOUR CORNERS** of the earth (Acts 1:6)

- 1. Jerusalem**
- 2. Judea**
- 3. Samaria**
- 4. Uttermost part of the earth**

This speaks that Christ has all power in **ALL THE EARTH**. The four rings were absolutely necessary to give the Ark **BALANCE**. We must have balance in our spiritual lives. Let **ALL** things be done in moderation. When we go into extremes the cause of the gospel is hurt and our witness for the Lord Jesus weakened.

We see a similar pattern in the four Gospel's portrayal of Christ:

- 1. Gospel of Matthew - Christ as the KING, the Son of David**
- 2. Gospel of Mark, Christ as the SERVANT, the Son of Man**
- 3. Gospel of Luke, Christ as the PERFECT MAN, the Son of Adam**
- 4. Gospel of John, Christ as GOD, the Son, the Son of God**

Such balance is seen in the FOUR Gospels of the New Testament. In Matthew we see Him as the King. In Mark, we see Him as the SERVANT. There are no genealogies of Christ's royal lineage mentioned at all. Luke portrays Him as the Son of Man, and John clearly points to Him being the SON OF GOD.

### **The Four Descriptions of God in the Bible**

Balance is also seen in connection with the number four in regard to the description of God in the Bible. In John 4:24 we are told "God is a Spirit." In another place, 1 John 1:5, we are told, "that God is LIGHT, and in Him is no darkness at all." In 1 John 4:16, we see a third description of God, "God is LOVE." In Hebrews 12:29, we are told God is a CONSUMING FIRE. When all these descriptions of God are seen, we have a balance in the presentation of God. He is all of these things in equal. We cannot stress one above the other.

- 1. God is Light - 1 John 1:5**
- 2. God is Spirit - John 4:24**
- 3. God is Love - 1 John 4:16**
- 4. God is a Consuming Fire - Hebrews 12:29**

### **The Four Moral Attributes of God Relative to His Creation**

- 1. God DWELLS In Perfect Holiness**
- 2. God MANIFESTS Perfect Righteousness**
- 3. God HAVES Perfect Love**
- 4. God OPERATES In Perfect Faithfulness**

First, God DWELLS in perfect holiness. God is sinless perfection in the strictest sense. He has an absolute hatred for sin. Second, God manifests perfect RIGHTEOUSNESS or justice. Righteousness is holiness in action. It is holiness dealing with sin. Third, God is seen having PERFECT LOVE. The goodness, mercy, grace and kindness of God to the Creation is related to His love for them. Finally, God manifests perfect FAITHFULNESS. He is absolutely trustworthy. He always keeps His Word. All four of these attributes come together in JESUS, who is the expression of God's dealings with man.

That is the balance of the Messiah. He is Holy, Righteous, Loving and Faithful. You cannot wink at sin and not deal with it and say you are of God. Yet you cannot deal with sin in anger and malice either. Everything that is done hinges on the faithfulness of God. As the Gospel message goes forth, THESE FOUR THEMES must be maintained. You cannot swing or over-emphasize one or the other. That is what the rings of the Ark represent. They represent the

BALANCE of the Gospel and the Word of God. Four rings of gold - Balanced TRUTH relative to the things of God.

### **Staves Shittim Wood, Overlay Them with Gold; Put the Staves in the Rings for the Ark to Be Carried With**

**Exodus 25:13-15 - And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. [14] And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. [15] The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.**

God instructs Moses to **make** staves of shittim wood, overlaid with gold. Again this is the picture of the blending of two natures, the Divine and the Human or earthly. The staves were to be put through the rings so that the Ark could be carried upon the shoulders of the priests without actually touching the Ark itself.

**1 Chron. 15:15 - And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the Lord.**

The staves were to remain in the rings of the Ark significant of an earthly pilgrimage or an unsettled Ark. The staves remain in the Ark until we come to Solomon's TEMPLE where the Ark was finally set (1 Kings 8:8).

This was significant for Israel that the wilderness wanderings and their journey were over. It speaks to us of the fact we are but PILGRIMS and STRANGERS in a foreign land (Matthew 8:20; John 15:19; 1 Peter 2:11 and 1 John 3:1) This world is not our home, we're just passing through like Abraham who was "looking for a city."

**Matthew 8:20 - And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.**

**John 15:19 - If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.**

**1 Peter 2:11 - Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;**

**1 John 3:1 - Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.**

## Part One: Fill In The Blank

1. Three pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle receive Crowns - the Golden \_\_\_\_\_, the Table of Shewbread and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of gold tells us what the Father thinks of His Son. When the Son of God became flesh, man crowned him with \_\_\_\_\_; God crowned Him with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A crown also speaks of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. We see a crown in connection with God's \_\_\_\_\_ room in the earth relative to Israel.
5. In it all, in the very order, materials, dimensions and colors, God has hidden the eternal purpose of the ages in this complex that would house His presence for nearly \_\_\_\_\_ years.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the only tabernacle furniture that inhabited three different locations.
7. There are nearly \_\_\_\_\_ references made in Scripture to the Ark of God.
8. The first mention of the ark is in \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ mention of it in the Old Testament is found in Jeremiah 3:14-16.
10. The final mention of the Ark in the Bible is in Revelation 11:19 where the true ark of the Lord's Testament is seen in \_\_\_\_\_.

## Part Two: Matching

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| 1. Son of God              | A. Look On The Broken Law         |
| 2. Son of Man              | B. Place Where God Dwelt          |
| 3. Consuming Fire          | C. One Of 3 Places Ark Dwelt      |
| 4. Servant                 | D. Incorruptible Material         |
| 5. King                    | E. Seen By John In Vision         |
| 6. Shittim Wood            | F. Placed On Top Of Ark           |
| 7. Gold                    | G. Portrayal Of Christ By John    |
| 8. God's Manifest Presence | H. Portrayal Of Christ By Luke    |
| 9. Heavenly Ark            | I. Symbolic Of Heaven             |
| 10. Crowns Of Gold         | J. Portrayal Of Christ By Matthew |
| 11. Holy Of Holies         | K. Portrayal Of Christ By Mark    |
| 12. Cherubims              | L. The Reason We Fear God         |
| 13. Temple of Solomon      | M. Between The Cherubims          |
| 14. God The Father         | N. Creator Of All                 |

## Lesson Five- The Ark of the Covenant:

### Part Two - The Names Of The Ark And The Purpose Of The Ark

**Exodus 25:17 - And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.**

**Exodus 25:21-22 - And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. [22] And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims, which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things, which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.**

As stated before in the Old Testament God put forth divine revelation in three distinct Arks - the Ark of Noah, the Ark prepared for Baby Moses and this Ark found in the Tabernacle - the ARK OF THE COVENANT. The Ark is referred to many times and by many different titles throughout the Old Testament:

#### The Names of the Ark

1. The ark (49 times, Exodus 25:10)
2. The ark of God (36 times, 1 Samuel 4:11-22; 2 Samuel 6:2-12)
3. The ark of God, the Lord (1 Chron. 13:6)
4. The ark of our God (1 Chron. 13:3)
5. The ark of the God of Israel (1 Samuel 5:7-6:3)
6. The ark of the Lord (29 times, 1 Samuel 6:1-7:1)
7. The ark of the Lord God (1 Kings 2:26)
8. The ark of the Lord your God (Joshua 4:5)
9. The ark of the Lord God of Israel (1 Chron. 5:12,14)
10. The ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth (Joshua 3:13)
11. The ark of the covenant (Joshua 3:6)
12. The ark of the covenant of our God (Judges 20:27; 1 Chron. 16:6)
13. The ark of the covenant of the Lord (27 times, Numbers 10:33; Deut. 31:9)
14. The ark of the covenant of the Lord your God (Deut. 31:26; Joshua 3:3)
15. The ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth (Joshua 3:13)
16. The ark of the covenant of the Lord of Hosts (1 Samuel 4:4)
17. The ark of the testimony (13 times, Exodus 25:22; Exodus 26:33,34)
18. The ark of Thy strength (2 Chron. 6:41; Psalm 132:8)
19. The holy ark (2 Chron. 35:3)

It was called "the ark of the testimony" because of the constant testimony of the law inside it; "the ark of the covenant" because it represented the Mosaic

covenant between God and Israel; "the ark of Thy strength" because it represented what God was to Israel in power and blessing; and "the holy ark" because of the sacredness and holiness it represented.

### **The Place Of The Ark**

The Ark of the Covenant was placed in the Holiest of all or the Most Holy Place where God would grant forgiveness for the nation and the individual. This area measured 10X10X10 or 1,000 cubical content. It was foursquare, just as the Brazen Altar, the Golden Altar and the Breastplate of Judgment on the Priest. The Shekinah Glory of God filled that four square ness and covered the earth floor within the veil.

The 1,000 cubits speaks to us of the upcoming millennial reign of Christ, which will be, according to John, the writer of Revelation, for 1,000 years. The ultimate fulfillment and revelation is the Glory of God and in the New and Heavenly Jerusalem, which is the foursquare and Eternal City of God, and the Redeemed (Revelation 21-22)

### **The Purposes Of The Ark**

**Hebrews 9:4 - ...Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;**

The Ark of God was to HOLD God's testimony, the two tablets of the covenant, that is, the Ten Commandments (v. 21). The Ten Commandments are a very special covenant between God and man, the basic laws that are to govern man's life and society. So far as laws are concerned, above all man is to keep the Ten Commandments. Therefore, they were to be preserved, secured, contained in the very throne of God Himself. They were to be under His watchful care. There were several other items kept in the Ark as well.

### **The Contents In The Ark, Manna, A Rod And The Broken Law**

First of all, we see the contents of the Ark as being a type of the Godhead - three items in ONE Ark. Each of these three articles can be seen as a revelation of a different Person of the Godhead. Each declare the righteousness and symbolism of a distinct member of the Godhead, as follows:

1. **The Tables of the Law - A Type of the Father-God, the Lawgiver.** It was by HIS VOICE that the Law was first given. The Law is symbolic of all authority and power which is in the hands of the Father
2. **The Golden Pot Of Manna - A Type of God the Son, Jesus.** Jesus is the Bread of Life and the Bread of heaven, which came down from above (John 6:48-45)
3. **Aaron's Rod That Budded - A Type Of the Holy Spirit.** In Aaron's Rod we see the principle of fruitfulness and life (Gal. 5:22-23)

Second, the contents of the Ark speak to us of the "fullness of the Godhead bodily." Everything in the TABERNACLE finds its fulfillment in the LORD JESUS CHRIST:

**Col. 2:9 - For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.**

Each of these articles tell us something of the nature of CHRIST and His Ministry to and through the Body:

### **1. The Tables of the Law**

In Israel there were three aspects of the Law:

#### **a. The Moral Law**

This was the Ten Commandments, which were written on the Table of Stone. This Law was given to Israel three times. It was given orally to the nation of Israel as they gathered at Sinai. Later written by the finger of God on two tables of Stone (Ex. 31:18 and Ex. 32:16), these Tables of the Law were broken by Moses symbolizing how Israel had already broken those commandments in their sinful idolatry in making the golden calf. (Exodus 34:1-4) God had Moses place the tablets in the Ark by Moses (Deut. 10:1-5) and beneath the bloodstained Mercy Seat.

**Exodus 31:18 - And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.**

**Exodus 32:16 - And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.**

**Exodus 34:1-4 - And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. [2] And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. [3] And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any**

man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount. [4] And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone.

Deut. 10:1-5 - At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. [2] And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark. [3] And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand. [4] And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the Lord spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the Lord gave them unto me. [5] And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the Lord commanded me.

#### **b. The Civil Law**

This is commonly referred to as the Book of the Law. These laws were an amplification of the Moral Law. It proceeded from the basis of the Moral Law and applied it to specific situations. These laws were written in a book and placed in the side of the Ark (Deut. 31:24-26)

Deut. 31:24-26 - And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, [25] That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying, [26] Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

#### **c. The Ceremonial Law -**

The law was the manifestation of the grace of God. It had to do with all the regulations in regard to sacrificial blood, the Priesthood, the Sanctuary service, the Feasts of the Lord and the Sabbaths (Exodus 25-40) and the book of Leviticus covers these ceremonies.

In these three aspects of the Law, we are able to see shadowed forth the truth of John 1:17 - "for the LAW was given by Moses, but GRACE and TRUTH came by Jesus Christ." Just as in the grace of God, the Law (the ministration of death) was covered by a bloodstained Mercy Seat, even so CHRIST; the BLOOD STAINED MERCY SEAT became a curse to remove for us the curse of the LAW - DEATH!

**Galatians 3:13 - Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:**

All the Law was perfectly kept and fulfilled in Jesus Christ. he is the one and only Person who has ever kept the Law, for it was in His heart. He was a just God and a Saviour:

**Isaiah 45:21 - Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.**

**Psalm 40:7-8 - Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, [8] I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.**

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) Jesus resumes His role as the Lawgiver. He is the one who magnifies the law and makes it honorable. He fulfills the Moral, Civil and Ceremonial Law and at the Cross He abolishes the Ceremonial Law (for He is the ultimate expression of the grace of God when His Body was broken and His blood was shed.

He now calls us to a higher Law. This is not a Law written on two Tables of Stone, but the finger of God upon the fleshly tables of our heart writes it. This is the New Covenant. It is much higher - it is the Law of LOVE!

**Jeremiah 31:31-34 - Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: [32] Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: [33] But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. [34] And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**

**Isaiah 42:21 - The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honorable.**

The two tables of Law in the Ark point to the one who only perfectly kept the Father's law. Because of this, ALL JUDGMENT formerly given under the LAW is now given over to THE SON, Jesus Christ!

**John 5:22 - For the Father judges no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:**

## **2. The Golden Pot Of Manna**

**Exodus 16:11-31 - And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, [12] I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God. [13] And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host. [14] And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. [15] And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat. [16] This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents. [17] And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. [18] And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. [19] And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning. [20] Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. [21] And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. [22] And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. [23] And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, To morrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: bake that which ye will bake to day, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. [24] And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. [25] And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day is a sabbath unto the Lord: to day ye shall not find it in the field. [26] Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. [27] And it came to pass, that there went out some of the people on the seventh day for to gather, and they found none. [28] And the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? [29] See, for that the Lord hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. [30] So the people rested on the seventh day. [31] And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey.**

In natural terms, the manna was the Bread from heaven upon which Israel fed for forty years in the wilderness. It is named after the first impression

the people had when they saw it on the ground. Manna means "what is it?" The characteristics of it were as the taste of OIL, coming in the stillness of the night and coming up with the dew. It was white, round and sweet as honey to the taste:

**Numbers 11:7-9 - And the manna was as coriander seed, and the color thereof as the color of bdellium. [8] And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. [9] And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.**

All of the people were responsible to gather it early in the morning for them. No one could eat for another.

Spiritually speaking, this manna was a type of Christ, the Bread of Life. It symbolized the nature, character and sustaining power of the Lord Jesus as the Bread of life. Jesus is the Bread from heaven, anointed with oil of gladness. Jesus is sweet as honey and as fresh as the dew (to the believer) to the partaker. Jesus is the TRUE MANNA. All must eat of Him or die. No one can eat for another. He is the source of life eternal. He sustains His people in the wilderness journey.

Other observations about the manna:

- **There was no Manna once Israel entered Canaan land (Joshua 5:11-12)**
- **There was no Manna on the seventh day of the week, but there was twice as much on the sixth day (Exodus 16:25-26). In spite of what Moses declared, some thought that there would be Manna on the seventh day (Ex. 16:27)**
- **There was no Manna in the Ark of the Covenant when it was taken to Solomon's temple, the permanent resting place of the Ark (1 Kings 8:9)**

All of this speaks to us of the need to be saved NOW! NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION. There will be no Gospel preaching in the Age or Ages to come. There is coming a time when the Manna will cease! Jesus is the Bread of Life. If any eat of Him they shall never die. Those that overcome will be once again given of the "Hidden Manna" that was preserved in the Ark (Revelation 2:17)

### **3. Aaron's Rod That Budded (Numbers 17:1-10)**

**Numbers 17:1-10 - And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, [2] Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. [3] And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the**

head of the house of their fathers. [4] And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. [5] And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you. [6] And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. [7] And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the tabernacle of witness. [8] And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds. [9] And Moses brought out all the rods from before the Lord unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod. [10] And the Lord said unto Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their murmurings from me, that they die not.

In the rebellion of Korah against Aaron, God commanded Moses to take twelve rods for the twelve tribes and to write their tribal names thereon. Aaron also had a rod with his personal name on it. Moses laid these rods up in the presence of the Lord before the Ark. In the morning Aaron's rod was manifested in life having the bud, the flower and an almond fruit. There was ONE ROD and yet a THREE-FOLD manifestation of fruitfulness, once again a type of the Godhead:

- **The Bud - The Father, Source, Beginning**
- **The Flower - The Son, Fragrant, Crushed**
- **The Fruit - The Holy Spirit, Fruitfulness (Gal. 5:22-23)**

As the fruitfulness of Aaron's rod attested he was the God-chosen, God-anointed and God-appointed High Priest in Israel even so does the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead attest to His eternal Priesthood after order of Melchizedek. In Aaron's rod, life came out of death. In the resurrection of Christ, our Great High Priest, the only Mediator between God and man also rises out of death. In Christ is manifested ALL life, beauty and fruitfulness. He is the only way of approach for man unto God (Christianity is the only religion founded on a resurrected man)

Thus, ALL the contents of the Ark testify and witness to the fact of the Godhead. ALL witness to the fact that in CHRIST dwells ALL that the GODHEAD loves and empowers. All of this fullness is to be manifested in the CHURCH, which is the BODY OF CHRIST!. The Church is HIS BODY!

**Ephes. 1:22-23 - And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of**

him that filleth all in all.

Ephes. 3:17-21 - That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; [19] And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. [20] Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, [21] Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

John 12:48-50 - He that rejects me, and receives not my words, hath one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. [49] For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father, which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. [50] And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

### Part One: Matching

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| 1. Aaron's Rod         | A. Manna Ceased                     |
| 2. Golden Pot Of Manna | B. Measurement Of Ark               |
| 3. Broken Law          | C. Written On Hearts By Holy Spirit |
| 4. Korah               | D. God's Moral Law                  |
| 5. 1,000 Cubits        | E. Reminder Of Man's Sin            |
| 6. Law Of Love         | F. Led Rebellion Against Moses      |
| 7. Ten Commandments    | G. Reminder Of God's Provision      |
| 8. Canaan              | H. Budded As Reminder Of Korah      |
| 9. Body Of Christ      | I. The Church                       |

### Part Two: Fill In The Blank

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is all that the Godhead loves and empowers.
2. All of this fullness is to be manifested in the \_\_\_\_\_, which is the Body of Christ.
3. In the rebellion of \_\_\_\_\_ against Aaron, God commanded Moses to take \_\_\_\_\_ rods for the twelve \_\_\_\_\_ and to write their tribal names thereon.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ also had a rod with his personal name on it. Moses laid these rods up in the presence of the Lord before the Ark.
5. In the morning Aaron's rod was manifested in life having the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and an \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.

6. There was one \_\_\_\_\_ and yet a three fold manifestation of fruitfulness, once again a type of the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The Bud is a type of God the \_\_\_\_\_, being the source of all things and the beginning.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a type of God the Son, Jesus Christ, who being fragrant is yet crushed.
9. The Fruit is a type of God the \_\_\_\_\_ and His attributes revealed to us in Galatians 5:22-23.
10. Spiritually speaking, manna was a type of \_\_\_\_\_, the Bread of Life.
11. God is calling us to a higher \_\_\_\_\_, known as the law of \_\_\_\_\_. This is not a Law written on two Tables of Stone, but the finger of God upon the fleshly tables of our heart writes it. This is the \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant.
12. The 1,000 cubits speaks to us of the upcoming \_\_\_\_\_ reign of Christ, which will be, according to John, the writer of Revelation, for 1,000 years.
13. The ultimate fulfillment and revelation of the Ark's splendor is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and in the New and Heavenly \_\_\_\_\_, which is the foursquare and Eternal City of God, and the Redeemed (Revelation 21-22)
14. The ark measured \_\_\_\_\_, just as the Brazen Altar, the Golden Altar and the \_\_\_\_\_ of Judgment on the Priest.
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ Glory of God filled the entire foursquareness of the ark and covered the earth floor within the \_\_\_\_\_.
16. In the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, our Great High Priest, He becomes the only \_\_\_\_\_ between us and God
17. As stated before in the Old Testament God put forth divine revelation in \_\_\_\_\_ distinct Arks - the Ark of \_\_\_\_\_, the Ark prepared for Baby \_\_\_\_\_ and the Ark found in the \_\_\_\_\_, known as the Ark of the Covenant.

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Lesson Six – The Ark Of The Covenant – Part Three-The Mercy Seat

**Exodus 25:17 - And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.**

**Exodus 25:21-22 - And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. [22] And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims, which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.**

The Hebrew word for Mercy seat means "COVERING" or "Atonement." The idea is that of the covering of sins, of atonement, or reconciliation made possible by the mercy of God. Forgiveness and reconciliation were made possible because the blood of the sacrifice (propitiation) was sprinkled upon the Mercy Seat once a year on the Day of Atonement. The root word for Mercy Seat or "Atonement Cover" comes from *kaphar*, which means:

- **To cover**
- **To make atonement, reconcile**
- **To appease, placate, cancel, annul**
- **To cleanse, forgive, pardon, purge away, put off**

This root word has a rich meaning in relation to the Mercy Seat. It is at the Mercy Seat God:

- **Covers man's sin**
- **Cleanses, forgives, pardons purges away, and puts off man's sin**
- **Makes atonement and reconciles man to Himself**
- **Appeases His own wrath against sin; Cancels the death penalty, annuls and placates the requirements of His law**

It was made of solid gold exactly to fit the dimensions of the ark. The propitiatory covering as it is translated is a beautiful type of CHRIST, the great propitiation, whose satisfaction fully answers the demands of the law, covers our transgressions, and comes between us and the CURSE OF DEATH we deserve. Thus he is the END OF THE LAW FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Romans speak a great deal of this great piece of furniture in its fulfillment in Christ. God set the redemption that is in Christ Jesus forth first here in the Tabernacle with the Mercy Seat. It's a seat of mercy. **Mercy, mercy, mercy.**

More than that, it symbolizes the constant stream of love flowing from the God the Father through Jesus the Son to all humanity. The Holy Spirit makes this love real in our hearts!

**Romans 5:5 - And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**

This doesn't give us license to sin and live, as we want. It gives us great assurance to know there is ample grace and mercy available to all who will but come to Him through His Son, Jesus Christ and confess their sins and have them washed in the blood of the Lord Jesus!

### **And You Will Make A Mercy Seat Of Pure Gold**

**Exodus 25:17 - And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.**

**Exodus 25:21-22 - And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. [22] And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.**

Paul tells us in Romans exactly whom this mercy seat represented:

**Romans 3:25 - Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;**

John stated it like this:

**1 John 4:10 - Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

The word "propitiation" here is the same word in the original Greek found in Hebrews 8:5 translated "mercy-seat."

**Hebrews 9:5 - And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.**

Note the plan and design for constructing the Mercy Seat or Atonement Cover. Keep in mind that it was to be placed on TOP of the ARK, that was to serve both as a LID to the Ark or Chest and as the Mercy Seat for God's Holy Presence:

- **The Mercy Seat was to be made of PURE GOLD (v.17)**
- **The Mercy Seat was to be oblong; the very same size as the Ark itself: 3 3/4' long x 2 1/4' wide**
- **There were to be two cherubims at the two ends of the Mercy Seat (v. 18-20). The Cherubim symbolizes God's justice. They are the messengers of judgment - in Genesis in the Garden; In Ezekiel in the whirlwind; In Revelation in heaven. Here on the mercy seat, they stand poised to strike, were it not for the BLOOD sprinkled on the top!**  
**PRAISE JESUS**
- **The Mercy Seat was to be placed on TOP of the ARK (v.21)**

It was here from above the Mercy Seat that God spoke to Aaron (Ex. 25:22; Numbers 7:89). This is where the Blood of the slain bullock was sprinkled as atonement for the sin of the nation (Leviticus 16). The Priest could never enter the Most Holy Place without the Blood. And so we see that the voice of God from off the Mercy Seat was only heard through Blood atonement. God has nothing to say to man apart from Jesus Christ and His work of redemption. ALL WE HAVE - the Holy Spirit, prosperity, healing, and salvation - ALL COMES THROUGH THE BLOOD.

Our sin has separated us from God. There is a great gulf between God and man, a gulf so vast that it keeps us from reaching God. That gulf is SIN. And sin condemns us to death and hell. But there is hope - the MERCY OF GOD. This is the very reason God designed the Mercy Seat of the Ark - to proclaim the great MERCY of GOD. IT is the Blood that changes the throne of Judgment into a throne of Grace (Hebrews 4:14-16). It is through faith in the Blood that Jesus became our propitiation - Mercy Seat.

The word means "To appease, placate or to make satisfaction." God is a holy God, full of righteousness and judgment. This is the God we see in the LAW. When Israel broke the Law, they stirred up the wrath of God. Divine wrath is the holiness of God in action against sin. Sin must be judged; the demands of a Holy God must be appeased. God's holiness and righteousness must be vindicated. The wages of sin is death! The Blood, which was sprinkled on the Mercy Seat, testified that a death had taken place. The judgment of God had been executed. Hence God's wrath was appeased. His righteousness was vindicated and now, God's mercy could flow.

Under the Old Covenant, God accepted the blood of a sinless animal as atonement for sin, but this was only a shadow of the blood of the Lord Jesus, which would be for us propitiation. As we stand sprinkled in the blood of Christ, God can be merciful, just and the justifier of all who believe or have faith in the blood.

**1 John 2:2 - And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**

**1 John 4:10 - Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**

**Romans 3:20-27 - Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin. [21] But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; [22] Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: [23] For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; [24] Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: [25] Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; [26] To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. [27] Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.**

The blood shed at the Brazen Altar (a type of the Cross) is brought to the Ark and God is propitiated. In the Tabernacle we see a blending of judgment and mercy. Mercy and truth, righteousness and peace have been reconciled HERE. The grate on the Brazen Altar of sacrifice, which was one and one half cubits high, was the Judgment Seat.

Here the sin of the whole nation was judged in that Substitutionary death. Yet we see the Ark of the Covenant which was also one and one half cubits high was the SEAT OF MERCY. Here the whole nation of Israel was reconciled.

### **The Blood Covers, Law Kills**

In 1 Samuel 6:19-20 we see a story of what happens when man tinkers with the bloodstained mercy seat.

**1 Samuel 6:19-20 - And he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the Lord, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the Lord had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter. [20] And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? and to whom shall he go up from us?**

When we stop seeking Mercy, we come under the penalty of the LAW - which is DEATH. If man wants to look upon the Tables of Stone, which had no

life in them, we will have to put aside the Blood. If we reject the Blood, (THE LAW OF SPIRIT AND LIFE), we fall to the level of the Law (the Law of Sin and Death,) which can only bring death to fallen man.

The Law could only thunder, demand, command and condemn. It was God's perfect standard of righteousness, but it was powerless to "every one that believeth" (Romans 10:4). Therefore since Christ has died to vindicate the righteous claims of a holy God and to satisfy divine justice (His Blood being the evidence that sin has been judged), we can once again be restored to a position of fellowship with God (Revelation 5:8-10)

**Romans 8:2 - For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**

**Romans 10:4 - For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.**

**Rev. 5:8-10 - And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints. [9] And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; [10] And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

The Mercy seat preaches a message to us of the MERCY OF GOD:

- **The Mercy of God Saves us - (Titus 3:5-7; Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9)**
- **The Mercy of God demands repentance for salvation (Joel 2:13)**
- **The Mercy of God is poured out upon those who fear Him (Psalms 103:17; Psalms 119:63-64)**
- **The Mercy of God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to become the merciful and faithful High Priest, to make atonement for sin, and to deliver us from death (Hebrews 2:14-17)**
- **The Mercy of God forgives our sin (Micah 7:18)**
- **The Mercy of God delivers us from the consuming trials of life day-by-day (Lam. 3:22-23)**
- **The Mercy of God invites us to approach God in order to receive mercy and find help in time of need (Hebrews 4:14-16)**
- **The Mercy of God has no end; it reaches above the heavens; (Psalms 108:4)**

It is also important to notice also that this structure is called a Mercy SEAT. This is the one and only seat in the whole of the Tabernacle. It was called a seat, and yet no man ever sat upon this seat. Paul, or the writer to the Hebrews, clearly identifies the truth set forth here:

**Hebrews 10:11-12 - And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: [12] But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;**

**Psalm 110:1 A Psalm of David. The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

**Hebrews 8:1-3 - Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; [2] A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. [3] For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer.**

**Hebrews 12:1-2 - Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, [2] Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

The fact that Jesus "sat down" is significant of HIS FINISHED WORK. Christ presented His own Blood at the Throne of God, and having done so, He sat down. He is now seated as our Heavenly High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. He is now seated on a Throne of pure gold, a seat for Deity, even the ETERNAL SON OF GOD.

### **You Shall Make Two Cherubim Of Gold; Of Beaten Work;**

**Exodus 25:18-20 - And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. [19] And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. [20] And the cherubim shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.**

In the Cherubim and the Mercy Seat, which were, but one piece of gold, we have the most magnificent representation of the Godhead in all of the typical triangles in Scripture! Having identified whom the Mercy Seat is, we identify the two cherubims at each end of the Mercy Seat. Nowhere does the Bible ever speak of these as angels. Angels have no part in the Mercy Seat because they are not one with Jesus. Hence, they will never be able to identify with our salvation.

**1 Peter 1:12 - Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.**

The Cherubim are referred to as "Cherubim of Glory" (Hebrews 9:5) The lid of the Ark of the Covenant was made of ONE piece of gold fashioned into three figures. We have Two Cherubs and a Blood-stained Mercy Seat. This is significant of the fullness of the Godhead that is, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Tri-Unity). Just as there is one piece of gold, there is only one God. Just as there are three representations, there are Three Persons in the Godhead.

### **One Cherub - Mercy Seat - One Cherub The Father, Son, Holy Spirit**

Only the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are one in the plan of Redemption (1 John 5:5-8). Thus, the Father and the Holy Spirit gaze with satisfaction upon the Blood-stained Mercy Seat and the finished work of Redemption. God said to Moses, "WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD, I WILL PASS OVER YOU" (Exodus 12:13).

As God sees the Blood-sprinkled Mercy Seat, He is appeased and He withholds the judgment of death. All throughout the Old Testament and the Cherubim are seen in relation to judgment on sin. They are the guardians of the holiness of God, as well as that, which pertains to the work of Redemption.

**Genesis 3:21-24 - The Cherubim guard the tree of life with the flaming sword at the Gate of Eden**

**Exodus 26:31-33 - The Cherubim are inwrought within the veil (Hebrews 10:20), and are seen guarding any presumptuous intrusion, without Blood into the Holiest of all, God's Throne Room**

**Psalms 80:1 - The Shepherd of Israel dwells between the Cherubim**

**Psalms 99:1 - The Lord reigns and sits between the Cherubim**

### **The Shekinah**

Between the Triune pieces of gold, there was the very Presence and Glory-Brightness of God in visible manifestation upon the bloodstained Mercy Seat. As we have said, it was here that God spoke in an audible voice.

**Exodus 29:42 - This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.**

**Exodus 30:6 - And thou shalt put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.**

**Exodus 30:36 - And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.**

**Numbers 7:89 - And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubims: and he spake unto him.**

The Hebrews called this manifestation of the visible Glory or Brightness of God the "Shekinah." Although this word never occurs in the Bible, it does occur in extra-Biblical Hebrew writings. "That the Shekinah abides in the midst of Israel," is the statement that is used concerning the burning lamps outside the veil. Shekinah means "the one who dwells," and refers to God's dwelling visibly among His people.

The Ark of the Covenant is the only piece of furniture upon which God dwelt in Brightness. All the other pieces of furniture were powerless forms if "the Presence" in the Ark was not there. So everything in the Church becomes empty form and meaningless ceremony if "The Presence" is not there (Matthew 18:20). So what is "the Presence" in the Church? It is the "glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus." Jesus was the brightness of His Glory and the express image of His Person" (Hebrews 1:3). He was the WORD made flesh that "dwelt" among us.

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### **Part One: Matching**

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| <b>1. Mercy Seat</b>        | <b>A. God Spoke Face To Face To Him</b>   |
| <b>2. Shekinah</b>          | <b>B. Births The Love Of God In Us</b>    |
| <b>3. The Face Of Jesus</b> | <b>C. Only Way Of Salvation</b>           |
| <b>4. The Voice Of God</b>  | <b>D. Means Covering</b>                  |
| <b>5. Moses</b>             | <b>E. Time When Mercy Seat Sprinkled</b>  |
| <b>6. Kaphar</b>            | <b>F. Glory Of God</b>                    |
| <b>7. Propitiation</b>      | <b>G. Heard Over The Mercy Seat</b>       |
| <b>8. Blood Covenant</b>    | <b>H. Filled Tabernacle Often</b>         |
| <b>9. Holy Spirit</b>       | <b>I. Work Of Jesus In Granting Mercy</b> |
| <b>10. Day Of Atonement</b> | <b>J. Place Where Blood Sprinkled</b>     |

## Part Two: Fill In The Blank

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the only piece of furniture upon which God dwelt in Brightness.
2. The mercy seat was sprinkled with blood \_\_\_\_\_ a year by the priest on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Atonement.
3. The Hebrew word for atonement is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The Lord's voice was always heard over the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Paul uses the word \_\_\_\_\_ in describing Christ's work on our behalf in forgiving us our sins and granting us mercy.
6. The Glory of God is seen in the face of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The Holy Spirit has been shed abroad in our hearts so we may know and embrace the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
8. God's \_\_\_\_\_ glory filled the tabernacle often.
9. The Cherubims over the mercy seat gaze at the finished work of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. For mankind to be saved, its sin must be placed under the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The mercy seat was made of pure \_\_\_\_\_.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ has separated us from God.



## The **TABERNACLE** Study Series

### Lesson Seven: The Ark of the Covenant: Part Four

#### The Ark As A Type Of Christ

This lesson is a simple summary of the typology between the Ark of the Covenant and Our Lord Jesus.

The Ark of the Covenant is the most important piece of furniture in the Old Testament. God places such a great importance on it that there are more references to the Ark than to any other piece of furniture. For this reason a closer study of the history of the Ark is warranted and needed. In fact, it will be seen that the history of the Ark is prophetic of the history of the New Testament Ark, the Lord Jesus Christ. As the Ark was first and foremost in Israel's history, so Jesus Christ is preeminent in all things before the Father and in the Church.

**Col. 1:17-19 - And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. [18] And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. [19] For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;**

The journeying of the Ark speak of the Lord Jesus Christ in his birth, anointing, life, ministry, death, resurrection, glorification and second coming. It is in fact HIS-STORY! This lesson is but a seed-chart to encourage you to study further into the Ark's history and see the typology of the Lord Jesus Christ:

#### The History Of The Ark of the Covenant

The Ark was made according to the pattern by the enablement of the Spirit of God in wisdom. (Ex. 35:31-36:3); Christ Jesus was made (Galatians 4:4) by the wisdom and Spirit of God (Luke 1:35)

**Exodus 35:31-35 - And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; [32] And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, [33] And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. [34] And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. [35] Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.**

**Galatians 4:4 - But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,**

**Luke 1:35 - And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.**

There were three coverings for the Ark in transit. Jesus was the Fullness of the Godhead bodily. (Col. 2:9)

- The Covering Veil - symbolic of Christ's flesh (Hebrews 10:20)
- The Covering of Badger's Skin - symbolic of no natural beauty (Isaiah 52:14)
- The Cloth of Blue - symbolic of the Lord from heaven (1 Corinthians 15:47)

**Hebrews 10:20 - By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**

**Isaiah 52:14 - As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:**

**1 Cor. 15:47 - The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.**

The Ark was never exposed to the peoples eyes in the wilderness walk. (Numbers 4:44-45); Jesus as the Son of God was hidden from view in His earthly body, the veil.

The Ark of the Testimony was anointed. (Exodus 30:26); Jesus was anointed to be a Testimony (Luke 4:18 and Acts 10:38) The voice of God spoke from off the Ark (Exodus 25:22 and Numbers 7:89); and confirmed the Sonship of Jesus (Mark 9:7 and Matthew 3:17)

The Israelites found the Ark of Strength (Psalms 132:6-8); Philip declared that "**we have found Him.**" (John 1:45)

**Psalm 132:6-8 - Lo, we heard of it at Ephrathah: we found it in the fields of the wood. [7] We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool. [8] Arise, O Lord, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.**

The Philistines wanted to know what they should do to the Ark. (1 Samuel 6:2); The scribes and Pharisees communed one with another what they might do to Jesus (Luke 6:11)

The Cloud overshadowed the Ark in the Tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-38); Jesus was overshadowed by THE CLOUD on the Mount of Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-8)

In connection with the Ark was a visible manifestation of the Glory of God (Exodus 40:33-38); The visible manifestation of the Glory of God shown through the veil of Christ's flesh (Matthew 17:1-2 and Revelation 1:16) There was rejoicing and shouting before the Ark as it entered the city (2 Sam. 6:12-18); Jesus was heralded by rejoicing and shouting as He entered the city (Matthew 21:8-9)

Those who despised the coming of the Ark were smitten with physical barrenness (2 Sam. 6:20-23 and 1 Chronicles 15:29); those who despised and rejected Christ were left in spiritual barrenness (Luke 19:41-44)

**2 Samuel 6:20-23 - Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovers himself! [21] And David said unto Michal, It was before the Lord, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel: therefore will I play before the Lord. [22] And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honor. [23] Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.**

**1 Chron. 15:29 - And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart.**

**Luke 19:41-44 - And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, [42] Saying, If you had known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. [43] For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, [44] And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because you did not know the time of thy visitation.**

The Ark of God was carried out of Jerusalem and across the Brook Kidron with the rejected King David (2 Sam 15:23-24); Jesus fulfills this remarkably when He crossed the Kidron with His disciples in rejection's darkest hour.

**John 18:1 - When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples.**

When the Ark was taken, Israel fled (1 Samuel 4:10); When Christ was taken the disciples fled (Matthew 26:31,56)

The Philistines wanted to know what they should do with the Ark (1 Samuel 5:8); Pilate wanted to know what he should do with Jesus (Matthew 27:22) The Ark was placed on a new cart (1 Samuel 6:7-13); Jesus was nailed to a cross (Matthew 7:32)

The Ark experienced a journey of three days and three nights (Numbers 10:33-36). In this time the tabernacle was taken down and the glory departed as they went to find rest. But the glory returned when it was once again set up; Jesus experienced a journey of three days and three nights. His body (the tabernacle) was taken down and the Glory departed as He died to give us rest (Matthew 11:30). In the resurrection the Glory returns and He is set up at the right hand of God.

**Numbers 10:33-36 - And they departed from the mount of the Lord three days' journey: and the ark of the covenant of the Lord went before them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting place for them. [34] And the cloud of the Lord was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp. [35] And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. [36] And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel.**

The Ark led the way into the Jordan, the river of judgment, 2000 cubits ahead of the others, and then held back the waters for the others to go across (Joshua 3:3-15); Jesus entered into and conquered the waters of death 2000 years before the experience of the Church at this end of the age, and he restrained its power until our crossing.

**Hebrews 12:1-2 - Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, [2] Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Romans 6:3-4 - Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? [4] Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

**Col. 3:1-4 - If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. [2] Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. [3] For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. [4] When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.**

The Ark was sprinkled in connection with atonement (Lev. 16:14); By Jesus Christ, we now receive the atonement (Romans 5:11)

The Ark was positioned "in the midst" of the camp as they marched and at rest (Numbers 2:17 and 10:14-28); Christ is also positioned "in the midst" of His Church (Matthew 18:20; John 19:18 and Revelation 1:13)

Presuming to fight without the Ark meant sure defeat (Numbers 14:44-45); attempting to stand against Satan without Christ means sure defeat

When the Ark was lost there was no victory or Glory (1 Samuel 4:3-22); When Christ is outside the camp there is no Glory or victory

Israel shouted when the Ark came into the Camp (1 Samuel 4:5-6), but it caused a trembling in the Camp of the enemy (v.8-9); When Christ comes to His Church there is great joy and rejoicing, but to the world outside its causes fear and trembling.

The Ark meant judgment in the Camp of the enemy; but it was great blessings to the people of God (1 Samuel 5 cp. 2 Samuel 6:11); Christ and the things of God have a two-fold effect:

**2 Cor. 2:15-16 - For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: [16] To the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?**

The Ark was the place for enquiring after the Lord concerning His will (Joshua 20:18-28); Christ, our Ark, is the only Mediator and High Priest

**1 Tim. 2:5 - For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

**Hebrews 7:26-27 - For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; [27] Who needs not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.**

There was to be a continual ministry before the Ark with musical instruments (1 Chronicles 16:4, 37, 42); We are to minister before the Lord in a like manner. (Col. 3:16 and Eph. 5:19)

No god can stand before the Ark of the Living God (1 Samuel 5:1-4); Every knee must bow to the Lordship of CHRIST (Phil. 2:1-10; John 18:6)

Seven priests and seven trumpets preceded the Ark when Jericho collapsed. At the seventh time, on the seventh day, at the sound of the seventh trumpet there was a shout and all things collapsed. The Kingdom was possessed (Joshua 6 and Hebrews 11:30); At the end of the Book we see seven angels with seven trumpets before the Ark (Rev. 11:18-19). There is a great shout that ushers in the end of the age and possession of the Kingdom (Rev. 11:15 and 1 Thes. 4:16)

**Rev. 11:18-19 - And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that you should give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and should destroy them which destroy the earth. [19] And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.**

The Ark is placed "in the midst" of two companies, one on Mt. Ebal and the other on Mt. Gerizim. One company receives blessing, and the other receives cursing (Joshua 8:30-35 and Deut. 37:28). A day is coming when Christ will be "in the midst" of two companies, those on the right or the sheep and those on the left or the goats. One group receives blessing, and the other receives cursing (Matthew 25:32-46).

Part One: Matching

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| 1. Mt. Gerizim         | A. Brought The Ark Home           |
| 2. Mt. Ebal            | B. Antitype Of The Veil           |
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The  Study Series  
Lesson Eight - The Table of Showbread, Part One

**Exodus 25:23-27 - Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about. [25] And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about. [26] And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof. [27] Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.**

The second article of furniture to be made in the Tabernacle was the Table of Showbread. This table was made of shittim wood, overlaid with pure gold. It was placed directly opposite the Golden Candlestick in the Holy Place, the second part of the Tabernacle. In our study on the Ark and the Mercy Seat we covered the Holy of Holies, which was a separate compartment from the Holy Place and the Outer Court. Upon this Table of Showbread were placed 12 loaves of bread, which were the priests of the Tribe of Levi to partake. This table is a beautiful type of Christ and His ministry to the Church as the Bread of Life.

### **You Will Make A Table**

This is the first use of the word "table" in the Bible. The first use of a word is always significant, and here the same is true. In Genesis we see the first sin and man's ruin because of it. In Exodus we are given a picture of fallen man redeemed by the grace of God. We see God's grace coming to fallen man to re-establish the severed lines of communion. God provides the Table for His Priests in His Sanctuary. All of this tells forth the truth that God has prepared a Table in Christ for His redeemed people, the PRIESTS of His Sanctuary under the New Covenant. The Priests ate the 12 loaves of bread off the Table under the Old, we partake of THE BREAD OF LIFE, CHRIST, under the New. Praise God.

In the construction of the Table in the Old Testament we find it was again like all the other pieces of furniture given by revelation. It was constructed by the Divine pattern. After its construction it was set on the NORTH side of the Holy Place, opposite the Golden Candlestick. It was to take the light of the Golden Candlestick to reveal and illumine the Bread and the Table.

The Table is given several names in Scripture. It was called:

- **The Table of Shewbread (Exodus 25:30)**

- **The Table of Shittim Wood (Exodus 25:33, 37:10)**
- **The Pure Table (Leviticus 24:6 - we must be clean by the blood to partake)**
- **The Table (Exodus 39:36; 40:4,22)**
- **The Table of God (1 Kings 7:48) - in Solomon's Temple**

The Table of Shewbread is typical and significant of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself as the Bread of Life to His people. (JOHN 6) It points to the Table of the Lord or the Communion of the New Testament Church, the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:15-21; 11:23-24) and Matthew 26:26-28. This Table is what David had in mind when he declared:

**Psalm 23:5 - You prepare a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.**

**Matthew 26:17-20 - Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover? [18] And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at thy house with my disciples. [19] And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the Passover. [20] Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.**

### **Of Shittim Wood**

Once again, as seen in the Ark of the Covenant, shittim wood speaks of the sinless, incorruptible and perfect humanity of Christ. As already noted, the shittim or acacia wood is translated "incorruptible wood" in the Septuagint version. Christ Jesus is the ROOT OUT OF DRY GROUND, the Man whose name is the BRANCH. Christ's incorruptible nature is seen in the desert of this world system and is portrayed for us in the four Gospels.

**Zech. 6:12-13 - And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: [13] Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.**

**Isaiah 11:1-4 - And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: [2] And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; [3] And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: [4] But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for**

**the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.**

### **Two Cubits The Length; A Cubit Breadth; A Cubit And A Half The Height**

God has divinely established measurements for everything. All things must measure up to this standard. **It is to be noted that the Table, the Brazen Altar Grate and the Ark of the Covenant are all 1 1/2 cubits in height.** Thus the Brazen Altar Grate in the Outer Court, the Table of Shewbread in the Holy Place and the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies and its Blood-stained Mercy Seat are brought together in the same measurements.

**This same height signifies the same standard or the same level set forth before God.** It speaks to the believer that we begin at the Judgment Seat (1 1/2 cubits of Brazen Altar - the Cross) that we may come to the Shewbread Table and have fellowship with God and His Priests (1 1/2 cubits of the Table of Shewbread) on the basis of the blood of the Mercy Seat (1 1/2 cubits of Ark lid) and enter into God's presence between the Cherubim.

### **You Shall Overlay It With Pure Gold**

The Hebrew word for "gold" comes from an unused root word meaning "shimmer" or "from its shining." Gold therefore is always a type of HEAVEN, DIETY or the DIVINE nature of Christ, which overlaid the EARTHLY nature (acacia wood). In the Table we have gold and wood, which again speak of His two natures - deity and humanity - which in their fullness are seen in the wood and gold. The Lord Jesus is the GOD-MAN. He is the WORD (Gold) made FLESH (wood) and He dwelt among us.

It is this same Christ who is the mediator between humanity and divinity. In order to mediate between the two parties He had to be both and partake of both natures. He must be Divine to represent God to man. Yet, He must be human to represent man to God before the throne. The gold and the wood came together in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 Tim. 3:16 - And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**

**1 Tim. 2:5-6 - For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; [6] Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.**

**John 1:1-3 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God. [3] All**

**things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

**John 1:14-18 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. [15] John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. [16] And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. [17] For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. [18] No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.**

### **A Crown Of Gold To Border The Table With A Golden Crown**

**Exodus 25:24-25 - And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about. [25] And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.**

**Exodus 37:11-12 - And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about. [12] Also he made thereunto a border of an handbreadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.**

By corresponding these two passages we see the Table had a double crown around the border with a handbreadth between these crowns. The handbreadth was as a border between the crowns for the various vessels. It also acted as a guard to protect anything from falling off the Table. We notice that it is the HAND of Christ that is able to keep of from falling. The hands of Jesus are where the first drops of blood fell when their pierced those hands with nails:

**Zech. 13:6 - And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.**

**John 10:28 - And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.**

**Jude 1:24 - Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,**

Crowns in the Old Testament speak to us of principally two offices - Priest and King. The miter on the High Priest was actually called "The Holy Crown". It is also called the "Crown Of Anointing" The second office that was crowned under the Old Covenant was KING. The Kings were crowned after they had been anointed to their office.

The double crown on the Table points to the fact that Jesus Christ is our Priest-King before God and He has united the two offices in HIM. He is crowned KING-PRIEST after the order of Melchizedek. Jesus is THE BRANCH who is sitting as King-Priest exercising ministry of Mediator between God and man. Man crowned Him with thorns (the product of sin and a curse), but God crowned Him with Glory and DOUBLE HONOR (the seal of a finished work)

**Exodus 29:6 - And thou shalt put the miter upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the miter.**

**Leviticus 21:12 - Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord.**

**Zech. 3:5 - And I said, Let them set a fair miter upon his head. So they set a fair miter upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by.**

**Hebrews 2:6-8 - But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that you visit him? [7] You made him a little lower than the angels; you crown him with glory and honor, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: [8] Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.**

**1 Peter 5:4 - And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fades not away.**

**Hebrews 7:1-2 - For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; [2] To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;**

There were three pieces of furniture that were crowned in the Tabernacle:

- **The Ark Of the Covenant**
- **The Table of Shewbread**
- **The Golden Altar of Incense**

The thought of the crown ends up in Revelation where we see the 24 elders casting their crowns before the feet of the Lamb. Christ comes the second time crowned with man crowns. At His first coming He came as the Man of Sorrows. At His second coming He is revealed as King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

**Rev. 19:11-16 - And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. [12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. [13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. [14] And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. [15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. [16] And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

### **Four Rings Of Gold**

There were four rings of gold in the four corners of the Table on the four feet. The number FOUR is impressed here upon the Shewbread. Four is the number of earth including the thoughts of being worldwide or universal in influence. There are four seasons, four quarters of the moon and four corners of the earth.

The Table had:

- **Four Corners** - This is significant of the fact that Christ is the TABLE OF SHEWBREAD to ALL the four corners of the earth. It is HIS worldwide ministry to feed the people as the Bread of Life. It points to the commission of our Lord to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20 and Acts 1:8)
- **Four Feet** - Feet are always significant of the earth-walk. The four feet here point to the four Gospels which set forth Christ in His earth walk. They reveal Him as the true Bread of Life who established the Table of the Lord before His ascension into heaven. Just as the four legs of the Table upheld the Bread on the Table, so Matthew, Mark, Luke and John uphold the true Bread in their accounts of the Messiah's life.
- **Four Gold Rings** - In these rings we see three particular symbols:

a. **Gold** - This speaks of the Deity or Divine nature of the Lord Jesus Christ

b. **Rings** - A ring is a circle that has no beginning or end. It is a common symbol to represent eternity of being. The Lord Jesus is from everlasting to everlasting.

c. **Four** - As we have already noted there are FOUR descriptions of God in the Bible: God is LIGHT (1 John 1:5); God is LOVE (1 John 4:16), God is SPIRIT (John 4:24); and God is a Consuming Fire (Hebrews 12:29). These are the eternal attributes of God and the Son of God!

### **Staves Of Shittim Wood Overlaid With Gold To Bear The Table**

Again, here we have the thought of incorruptible wood (humanity) overlaid with the pure gold (deity). The purpose of the Staves was to carry the Table in the wilderness wanderings. The Staves also helped to keep and present a balanced Table speaking to us of the need for balance in our walk with the Lord. Balance is not unbelief or doubt. Balance is not cynicism! Jesus Himself was a "pilgrim" and a "stranger" here in His earth-walk. This points to the pilgrimage of the Church. We have no continuing city, but we are seeking one to come. At the present time Christ is wandering the Wilderness of this present age with the Church:

**Hebrews 11:9-13** By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: [10] For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. [11] Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. [12] Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable. [13] These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

**Hebrews 13:14-** For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.

**1 Peter 2:11** - Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

### **The Table In Transit**

**Numbers 4:7-8** - And upon the table of Shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon: [8] And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the staves thereof.

In transit the Table was covered with the following cloths:

- The Table was covered with a cloth of **BLUE**. The blue cloth is seen as a type of Holy Spirit who was upon the true Bread (Luke 4:18). The color of

blue is also seen as the color of heaven which speaks of Christ as the Lord from Heaven:

**1 Cor. 15:47 - The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.**

**Luke 4:18 - The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

- The dishes, spoons and bowls were next and had a covering of **SCARLET** upon them. Scarlet is typical of Blood Sacrifice and speaks to us of the central position of the Godhead. Jesus was the Sacrificial Lamb.
- The final covering was **BADGERS' SKIN**. These are typical of God who is over all and speaks of a third aspect of Christ. For in Christ there is no natural beauty to the unregenerate man.

**Isaiah 52:14-15; 1-3 - As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: [15] So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? [2] For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. [3] He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

### **The Dishes, The Spoons And The Covers**

There were several vessels used in connection with the Table. These are the vessels the prophet Isaiah referred to when he said "be ye clean, that bear the **VESSELS** of the Lord (52:11). There were three types of vessels:

- **Dishes** - The Dishes or Charges were used for holding the food-bread (Numbers 7:13)
- **Spoons** - The Spoons were hollow vessels of gold with incense in them. While the Priests ate at the Table of Shewbread, in the light of the Golden Candlestick, they burnt incense unto the Lord at the Golden Altar. Thus, the three articles were connected signifying to us that as we eat at His Table in the light of His Presence we send up **INCENSE** of prayer, worship and adoration to the Lord (Numbers 7:14)

- **Bowls and Covers** - These are spoken of as "flagons" in the Septuagint version. It implies the thought of "cups." These bowls and covers contained strong WINE, which was poured out in connection with this Table as a libation before the Lord (Numbers 28:7). This was the DRINK OFFERING of outpoured wine. It was used solely in connection with the Table of Shewbread, not with any other articles in the Holy Place (Exodus 30:9). The symbolism here is obvious. In the Table of Shewbread, BREAD and WINE are brought together pointing to the NEW TESTAMENT Table instituted by our Lord Jesus. Jesus referred to the BREAD as "My Body," and the WINE He said was "My Blood of the New Testament.

Part One: Matching

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| 1. Brazen Grate           | A. Type Of Unregenerate Nature     |
| 2. Bowls And Covers       | B. Type Of Holy Spirit Upon Christ |
| 3. Bread Of Life          | C. New Testament Table             |
| 4. Dishes And Spoons      | D. Name Of Table Of Showbread      |
| 5. Wine                   | E. Name Of Christ                  |
| 6. Bread Of The Face      | F. Held The Loaves                 |
| 7. Four Corners           | G. Flagons And Cups                |
| 8. Blue Cloth             | H. Universality Of The Gospel      |
| 9. Root Out Of Dry Ground | I. Jesus As Our Sustenance         |
| 10. Badgers' Skin         | J. Under A Scarlet Cloth           |

Part Two: Fill In The Blank

1. The New Testament Table is comprised of both \_\_\_\_\_ and wine.
2. The Table Of Showbread is found in the \_\_\_\_\_ Place.
3. The Table Of Showbread sits across from the \_\_\_\_\_ Candlestick.
4. Jesus referred to the Bread as His \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus referred to the Wine as His \_\_\_\_\_, the basis of the New Covenant.
6. Isaiah warned those who handled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord to be clean.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ cloth, the color of which typifies redemption by blood sacrifice, covered the dishes, spoons and bowls.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ were hollow vessels of gold with incense in them.
9. While the Priests ate at the Table of Shewbread, in the light of the Golden Candlestick, they burnt \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Lord at the Golden Altar.
10. The color of blue speaks to us of the Christ from \_\_\_\_\_.

The  Study Series  
Lesson Nine - The Table Of Showbread - Part Two

**Exodus 25:30 - And thou shalt set upon the table Showbread before me always.**

Throughout the Bible various names are given to the Showbread that sat on the Table we studied in Lesson Eight.

### **The Names Of The Showbread**

The word "Showbread" means to "tell forth" or "declare." It speaks to us of the New Testament Bread of Life who showed Himself to not only His disciples but to the entire world. The bread was also called five other names:

- **The Bread of God** - Lev. 21:21 - This Bread is on HIS TABLE and through it He offers fellowship to the Priests - i.e. the New Testament Believer
- **The Continual Bread** - Numbers 4:7; 2 Chronicles 2:4 and Leviticus 24:8 - This Bread was to be before the Lord continually. Believers find Christ the continual daily Bread. (Matthew 6:11 - give us this day our "DAILY" Bread - speaking of CHRIST)
- **The Bread of the Presence or Presence Bread** - The presence of the Lord is with us in the Table of the Lord (Matthew 18:20)
- **The Bread of the Face(s)** - In the Bread we see the truth of one God (face) and yet three persons - the tri-unity. In the New Testament we see the glory of God in the FACE of Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 4:6.) As believers in the Lord we will await His coming when we shall see His face (Revelation 22:6)
- **The Bread of Order or Arrangement** - Just as there was order at the Table in the Old Testament (2 Chr. 13:11), there is to be order concerning the New Testament Table of the Lord (1 Cor. 11:34)

**2 Chron. 13:11 - And they burn unto the Lord every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the Shewbread also set they in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the Lord our God; but ye have forsaken him.**

All of these various aspects of truth seen in these titles are symbolic of Communion. The Lord communed with His Priests THROUGH THE BREAD. There were partakers of Him. What we eat becomes a part of our being and nature.

Believers in Christ are PARTAKERS of the DIVINE NATURE when we partake of His Body.

**2 Peter 1:4 - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

**And You Shall Take Fine Flour**

**Leviticus 24:5 - And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.**

We see there is a Divine recipe for the loaves of Bread. First they were to take fine flour, which begins, as a whole kernel of wheat. In order to make this wheat useable in bread and other cooking the wheat must be crushed to powder. Thus, fine flour speaks to us of the trials, the testing, temptations of the Lord Jesus Christ as the CORN OF WHEAT, bruised and broken to become BREAD to us. It also speaks of the believers testing, trails and temptations that mold us into the image of the BREAD - JESUS CHRIST! As in fine flour, there was nothing rough or uncouth in His sinless and perfect humanity. It also applies to ALL OF US WHO ARE IN CHRIST!

**John 12:24 - Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.**

**Psalm 147:14 - He makes peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.**

**Isaiah 28:28 - Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen.**

**Genesis 3:15 - And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.**

From The Christ of God by Robert Clark comes this great analogy of our Lord's character and integrity:

"In our Lord there was  
Meekness without weakness  
Tenderness without feebleness  
Firmness without coarseness  
Love without sentimentality  
Holiness without sanctimoniousness  
Lowliness without lowness

Truth without error  
Enthusiasm without fanaticism  
Passion without prejudice  
Heavenly-mindedness without forgetfulness  
Care-freeness without carelessness  
Service without servility  
Self-exaltation without egotism  
Judgment without harshness  
Seriousness without somberness  
Mercy without softness."

## **Bake The Bread**

In order for the bread to become palatable it must be baked. The FIRE of Calvary here speaks of the intense sufferings of the Son of God. On the CROSS He suffered the fire to become the Bread for us (Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16; Hebrews 12:29 and 9:14) It is also a type of the work of the Holy Spirit as FIRE in the life of the believer to make us palatable in the hands of God.

## **Make 12 Cakes...**

There were 12 loaves of Bread on the Table before the Lord, one loaf for each Tribe of Israel. All the Tribes were represented before the Lord. The New Testament fulfillment of this is the Church where we as both JEW AND GENTILE are represented as members of His Body. Every member of the Body of Christ participates in that one Bread spoken of in First Corinthians:

**1 Cor. 10:17 - For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.**

The unity of the Body is set forth in ONE BREAD. There is also significance in the number 12 here. The number 12 is always symbolic of Government and Apostolic Fullness. This truth is found in the selection of Jesus of TWELVE APOSTLES. It was through these 12 that He gave the miracle supply of Bread to the multitudes (John 6; Matthew 14:15-21; 15:32-39). The Church of today is feeding on the revelation of the apostles of the Early Church government. The FULNESS of the WORD (BREAD) is dispensed from the HEAD through the apostles and finally to the priestly Body.

**Ephes. 2:20 - And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

**Rev. 21:14 - And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

## **Two-Tenths Of Fine Flour Will Be In Each Cake**

Each of the 12 loaves had 2/10ths deal of fine flour in them. The significance of this is as follows:

- **The Manna that was to be gathered on the sixth day of the week was 2/10ths deal (Exodus 16:22, 36). In other words this 2/10ths deal speaks of the DOUBLE PORTION**
- **The Meal Offering in the Feast Day of the Sheaf Of Firstfruits was to be made of 2/10ths deal of fine flour (Leviticus 23:13). This speaks of the anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the Church after Jesus ascended to heaven and sent back the Promise of the Father.**
- **The Two Wave Loaves in the Feast of Pentecost were also to be made of 2/10ths deal of fine flour (Leviticus 23:17)**
- **Here, in the 12 loaves of Shewbread, we have 2/10ths deal per cake. In this we see a double portion of Life and Health in the Bread for the Lord's People. Jesus said "greater" works shall you do!**
- **The two Tables of Stone on which the Ten Commandments were written by the finger of God find their fulfillment in the Two Commandments given by Jesus in the New Testament (Matthew 22:34-40)**

## **Set The Loaves in Six Rows On The Table Before the Lord**

Various diagrams show how the Bread was set on the Table. The logistics of the Table would indicate that there were two rows of six loaves each. Six always refers to man in scripture. The Bread being put in two rows speaks to us that Jesus came for HUMANITY to feed us, not for a cause, creed, doctrine or organization. The Bread of Life identified with the nature of Abraham to secure our eternal redemption.

## **You Shall Put Frankincense Upon Each Row As Bread For A Memorial**

Pure frankincense speaks of Christ's perfect life of prayer and intercession. The fragrance of His Life was and is pleasing in the nostrils of the Father. The Gospels reveal the Divine frankincense in His life. Jesus accomplished this through the prayer life He had while on earth.

**Song 4:6 - Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.**

The Bread was the Bread of Memorial. This calls to mind what Jesus says in regard to the New Testament Table from which we partake of the Lord's Supper. Jesus said we are to do it in REMEMBRANCE of Him. (Luke 22:19-20)

**Luke 22:19-20 - And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. [20] Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you.**

**Even An Offering Made By Fire Unto The Lord...**

This corresponds to the thought of the Bread being baked. Jesus went through the baking process of Calvary to become the Bread of Life for us. It is God that puts His people through the fires so we may come forth as pure gold.

**Hebrews 12:29 - For our God is a consuming fire.**

**Set The Bread Before the Lord Every Sabbath... Everlasting Covenant**

The Bread was to be set in order every SEVENTH day. The Lord Jesus Christ is the divinely complete Bread of Life. He is all in all. In Him is the true Sabbath-rest, for He is the giver of Baptizer with the Holy Ghost, which is based upon His finished work at Calvary. The disciples met together and broke bread once a week on the first day of the week.

**John 19:30 - When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.**

**Matthew 11:28-30 - Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

**2 Chron. 2:4 - Behold, I build an house to the name of the Lord my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him sweet incense, and for the continual Shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the Lord our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.**

**Acts 20:7 - And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.**

The Bread was to be an EVERLASTING COVENANT, which was foreshadowing the NEW COVENANT in the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And It Shall Be Aaron's And His Sons**

**Leviticus 24:9 - And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the Lord made by fire by a perpetual statute.**

The Bread was to be eaten by the Priests only. In the New Covenant ALL BELIEVERS are called to Spiritual Priesthood and only those who belong to this Spiritual House are entitled to partake of the Table. The Table was the "Most Holy" just as the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ is the "Most Holy Thing" upon which to feed. Those that partake of the Table must be holy also. After the believers experience Calvary (The Brazen Altar) we are able to approach the Table worthily! What a picture of Grace!

**1 Peter 2:9 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:**

**1 Cor. 11:23-24 - For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: [24] And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

### **You Shall Eat It In The Holy Place**

The Bread was to be eaten in the Holy Place. It was never eaten in the Outer Court. The Holy Place measured 10 x 10 x 20 cubits. When this is multiplied we find the cubical content of 2000. This is prophetic of the Age of the Holy Spirit that has lasted now close to 2,000 years since Christ ascended. Christ came the first time as the Corn of Wheat, to be broken for us, to endure the fire of Calvary and to be raised from the dead as the perfect and complete Bread of Life for this Dispensation.

Now we may partake of the fullness of what He became for us by His death and His resurrection. In the Bread we have LIFE, Healing, DIVINE HEALTH, Spiritual Nourishment, Fellowship and Communion. Just as Israel found all these benefits in the Manna for 40 years in the wilderness, when sickness was taken away from their midst, even to the Church of this Age is to experience the same benefits because we have been made partakers of THE BREAD - the Lord Jesus. Just as God gave Himself to them in the Bread that ate, so does Christ give Himself to all who will eat and receive from Him. This is Children's Bread:

**Psalm 78:19 - Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?**

**Mark 7:27 - But Jesus said unto her, let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs.**

**Matthew 4:3-4 - And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. [4] But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

**Matthew 15:26-27 - But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. [27] And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs, which fall from their masters' table.**

**Job 23:12 - Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.**

### **The Offering Is Holy, Made By Fire, An Everlasting Statue To The Lord**

The Believer-Priest is to feed upon the HOLY OFFERING (CHRIST) which in turn produces HIS HOLINESS in us When we partake we are made like Jesus and all His perfections, graces, virtues and character until He becomes our very life and nature.

### **The Tables In Solomon's Temple**

**1 Kings 7:48 - And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained unto the house of the Lord: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the Shewbread was,**

**1 Chron. 28:16 - And by weight he gave gold for the tables of Shewbread, for every table; and likewise silver for the tables of silver:**

In the Temple of Solomon (which we will study later in detail) there were TEN tables of Shewbread. This means that there were 120 loaves of Bread in all. This number speaks to us of the FULNESS OF THE BREAD in the life of the CHURCH. We are the temple of the LIVING GOD by the HOLY SPIRIT (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; Ephesians 2:20-22)

### **The Singers At The Table In Solomon's Temple**

The Singers in the Temple of Solomon had the joy of preparing the Table of Shewbread. Song and singing was always connected with the Table of the Lord.

This is also to be true when we partake of the Lord's Table under the New Covenant (Matthew 26:26)

**Matthew 26:26 - And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.**

### **The Importance of Bread In Natural Israel**

Bread was the staff of life throughout the Old Covenant to the people of God. All throughout the history of the nation of Israel we are given many prophetic pictures of the significance of the Life in this Bread. The following are some examples of this importance of Bread in Natural Israel, which foreshadows Christ as the Bread and Staff of Life in the Church, which is Spiritual Israel:

- **Unleavened BREAD was used in the Feast of Passover - (Exodus 12:14-20;34)**
- **Manna was Israel's BREAD for 40 years in the wilderness (Exodus 16)**
- **There were twelve loaves of BREAD for the Priests at the Table of Shewbread (Leviticus 24:5-9 and Exodus 25:23-30)**
- **The Meal Offering of fine flour was a type of BREAD (Leviticus 2)**
- **There was BREAD in connection with the FEAST OF PENTECOST in the Two Wave Loaves**
- **The Ark of the Covenant contained BREAD in the Golden Pot of Manna (Hebrews 9:4 and Revelation 2:17)**
- **Abraham gave BREAD (three measures of meal) to the Lord (Genesis 18:1-6 and Luke 11:5)**
- **Abraham received BREAD and WINE from Melchisedec, King-Priest of the Most High God (Genesis 14:18)**
- **Elijah went to the strength of the BREAD (cake) and water that the angel ministered to him forty days' journey (1 Kings 19:8)**
- **David received strength from the Shewbread (1 Samuel 21:6, Matthew 12:1-4)**
- **Mephibosheth is made to sit at the King's Table (Bread) and as one of the King's sons (2 Samuel 9:1; 7-13)**
- **Hezekiah restores the ORDER OF THE TABLE under his reformation (2 Chron. 29:18)**
- **The Shewbread is again restored after the Babylonian Captivity under Nehemiah (Nehemiah 10:33)**
- **Jesus fed the 5,000 people with the five loaves and two fish (MIRACLE BREAD) (Matthew 14:15-21)**
- **The 4,000 people were fed with MIRACLE BREAD and fish also (Matthew 15:32-38)**

All of these are an evident foreshadowing of the **True Communion**. They all point to the Table of the Lord and the saints feeding upon CHRIST, who is the Bread of Life. He is the TRUE MANNA. The Table of Shewbread finds fulfillment

in Christ and His Church both personally and collectively. In Him is our SPIRITUAL MEAT and DRINK (1 Corinthians 10:1-4, 15-21) which is the full and satisfying portion, communion and fellowship, healing and truth and health.

**Acts 2:44-47 - And all that believed were together, and had all things common; [45] And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. [46] And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, [47] Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**

#### Part One: Fill In The Blank

1. The word \_\_\_\_\_ means to "tell forth" or "declare."
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the Temple of Solomon had the joy of preparing the \_\_\_\_\_ of Shewbread
3. The Believer-Priest is to feed upon the holy \_\_\_\_\_ which in turn produces HIS HOLINESS in u.
4. When we partake we are made like Jesus and all His perfections, graces, virtues and character until He becomes our very life and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Unleavened Bread was used in the Feast of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The order of the Table was restored by \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The Bread was to be eaten in the Holy \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The prophetic of the Age of the Holy Spirit has lasted now close to \_\_\_\_\_ years.
9. The unity of the Body is set forth in one \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The Bread of the Presence means that the presence of the Lord is with us in the Table of the Lord.
11. The Bread of the Face means that we see the truth of one God (face) and yet three persons – the tri-unity.
12. Another name for the Table of Showbread is the bread of \_\_\_\_\_, which gets its name from the "order" God commands of us from the New Testament table as well.
13. The bread was to be eaten by the \_\_\_\_\_ only.
14. In the New Covenant \_\_\_\_\_ believers are called to spiritual priesthood.
15. The bread was considered most \_\_\_\_\_, typifying the righteousness and holiness of our Lord Jesus Christ.



The **TABERNACLE** Study Series  
Lesson 10 – The Golden Candlestick Part One

Exodus 25:31-40 - And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same. [32] And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side: [33] Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick. [34] And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers. [35] And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick. [36] Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold. [37] And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it. [38] And the tongs thereof, and the snuff dishes thereof, shall be of pure gold. [39] Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels. [40] And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount.

To sum up what we've studied to this point - the Holiest of Holies contained two main items - the **Ark** upon which sat the **Mercy Seat** with the golden cherubims. This compartment of the Tabernacle was where God dwelled "between the cherubims" and where the High Priest of Israel could go just once a year to atone for **his sins**, the **sins of the nation** and the **sins of individuals**. Inside the Ark and the lid of the Mercy Seat lay **Aaron's rod that budded**, a **golden pot of manna** and the **broken law**, or a copy of the 10 Commandments God Himself wrote by His finger on stone. To this point we have studied both the Ark and the Mercy Seat in detail.

Coming from the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies (or the "holiest"), the next compartment was the Holy Place. The next compartment from the Holiest of Holies was the Holy Place. **A veil**, of which we will study in the last lesson of this course, separated these two compartments inside the main

structure of the tabernacle. The Holy Place, or the first compartment of the tabernacle proper for the one entering the building, contained three items - **the candlestick**, the **table of Shewbread** and the **incense altar**.

These items, like all other items in the tabernacle, represent the various ministries of Christ. **The Golden Candlestick was the next article to be made after the Table of Shewbread.** It was positioned immediately opposite the Golden Table on the South Side of the Holy Place in the Sanctuary (Exodus 26:35 and 40:4; 24). When we think of a Candlestick we think of burning candles. In this case the Golden Lampstand, or Candlestick, was a lampstand upon which were seven lighted lamps. This was a Candlestick having oil lamps not candles. Candles burn by self-consumption, while lamps burn by the continual supply of oil being poured into them.

Unlike the outer court where there was ample light, **the holy place had only the candlestick or lampstand as a source of light. Light could not penetrate the four-layer covering or the outer veil, and thus another source of light was necessary.** The light or "fuel" for the candlestick came from pure "olive oil," and the occasional trimming of the candlestick's wick by tongs to keep soot and ashes out so that the light would burn brightly.

**Exodus 25:38 - And the tongs thereof, and the snuff dishes thereof, shall be of pure gold.**

Because the candlestick was to burn continually before the Lord, it was necessary for the priests to replenish it with oil and trim its wicks twice daily, morning and evening (Exodus 30:7-8), Lev. 24:3). Only once in Scripture is it recorded that the lamps ever went out (1 Samuel 3:3,11-14). This was indicative of the backslidden condition of the priesthood at that time. Also, along with the replenishing of the lamps, the incense was to be replenished and the daily burnt offering was to be made (Numbers 28:3-4). The importance of this will be discussed in a future lesson on the **Altar of Worship**. Since light was the most prominent feature of the candlestick, it is here that we should search for the typical significance of the candlestick in representing the ministry of Christ.

Light is also used in scripture as an expression of God's and the Christian's character:

**Luke 2:32 - A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.**

**1 John 1:5 - This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

**Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**

**Ephes. 5:8 - For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:**

Jesus is the LIGHT OF THE WORLD! The Golden Candlestick represents Christ in this ministry as well as the New Testament Church both local and universal.

**John 8:12 - Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.**

**John 9:5 - As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.**

### **And You Shall Make A Candlestick Of Pure Gold**

The Candlestick was called by several names:

- **The Candlestick (Exodus 35:14; 40:4,24)**
- **The Candlestick Of Pure Gold (Exodus 25:31)**
- **The Pure Candlestick (Exodus 31:8; 39:37; Lev. 24:4)**

God gave no measurements to Moses for the candlestick or the Brazen Laver. Both of these articles are described without reference to their measurements or size. **There is no measure of the power of the LIGHT OF GOD or of the power of GOD'S WORD** - our cleansing agent from sin.

Another connection we see in these two pieces of furniture is both the Candlestick and the Laver were constructed of **whole metal**. The Candlestick was made of **whole gold**, and the Laver was made of **whole brass**. There was NO WOOD used in these structures at all. The gold of the Candlestick speaks to us of the Deity of Christ and His divine nature. We are a PRODUCT OF GOD, not man. It is through US that God seeks to reveal HIS DIVINE NATURE. Nothing man can do can imitate this divine nature. That's why PETER said we are **PARTAKERS**, not imitators. We cannot mimic the character of God. It's not something we read about in a book and reproduce. **It comes from the power of the ILLUMINATING Lampstand through the OIL of the Holy Spirit.**

**2 Peter 1:4 - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

In Hebrews 9 we notice that the Candlestick was the FIRST object mentioned by Paul who associated it with the Sanctuary. This "Mystery" was revealed to John in the Book of Revelation. Jesus was standing AMONG THE CANDLESTICKS. It spoke of the Lord Jesus as LIGHT OF THE WORLD but also the NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH as bearers of His LIGHT to a world lost without God.

**Rev. 1:12-20 - And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; [13] And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. [14] His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; [15] And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. [16] And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shines in his strength. [17] And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: [18] I am he that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. [19] Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter; [20] The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.**

**2 Cor. 4:4-6 - In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. [5] For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. [6] For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

**Of Beaten Work Shall The Candlestick Be Made...**

**Exodus 25:38-39 - And the tongs thereof, and the snuff dishes thereof, shall be of pure gold. [39] Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels.**

When gold is taken out of the earth, it is fit for practically nothing. In order to make it useable it must pass through the purifying fires. It is at this point that the impurities are removed, for it is in the fires where that which is pure gold is manifested. After the gold is brought to this point it can be fashioned in the

hands of the goldsmith. This process is also painful, for the gold must submit to the hammers and beating work of the smith. In this process the gold has to go through a lot, but when the work is done, it is a thing of rare beauty.

This process is typical of that which God works in His church. God, by the Holy Spirit, is purifying and sanctifying His Church by means of fiery trials, testings and sufferings. All of this has a purpose to it. Through it all the Church will come forth as pure Gold and shine with the brilliance of God's radiance to all the Earth. That process will intensify the closer we get to the coming of Jesus!

**Isaiah 52:14 - As many were astounded at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:**

**Isaiah 53:4-5 - Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. [5] But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.**

**Job 23:10 - But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.**

**1 Peter 1:7 - That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**

**2 Peter 1:4 - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

Light from the golden lampstand filled EVERY corner of the Holy Place with a warm, shimmering, brilliance, providing illumination for the priest as he ministered. The lampstand was made of one talent of pure gold, which weighed 90 pounds. With gold selling at about \$350 per ounce, the cost to reproduce it today would be great.

### **The Shaft, Branches, Bowls, Knops, Flowers Shall Be Of The Same**

**Exodus 25:31-36 - And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same. [32] And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side: [33] Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick. [34] And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers. [35] And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and**

**a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick. [36] Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold.**

The Golden Lampstand was fashioned out of one piece of Gold. It had a central shaft, or the Main shaft, which means "**His thigh**" in Hebrew. From this shaft proceeded **six branches, three on either side** of the main shaft. Counting the main shaft, then, there were seven branches in all. Under each pair of branches there was a **knop or knob** upholding them. There were a total of three such knops. Upon the **seven branches** were **seven lighted lamps**, burning continually before the Lord.

### **The Shaft and the Branches**

The Shaft and the Branches are the first things that we notice. We see that they are spoken of as "HIS" shaft and "HIS" Branches. Who is He other than the LORD JESUS CHRIST!

**Jeremiah 23:5 - Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.**

**Isaiah 4:2 - In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.**

**Isaiah 11:1-3 - And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: [2] And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; [3] And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:**

**Hebrews 2:11-12 - For both he that sanctifies and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, [12] Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.**

**Romans 11:17-24 - And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partake of the root and fatness of the olive tree; [18] Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, you bear not the root, but the root thee. [19] Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. [20] Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: [21] For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. [22] Behold therefore the goodness and severity**

**of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. [23] And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. [24] For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?**

This union between the branches and the shaft speaks to us of the union between the Church and Christ. John makes reference to this in the 15th chapter saying, "We are the branches, HE IS THE VINE." Just as the branches proceed from the side of the Shaft and Eve proceeded OUT OF THE SIDE OF ADAM, so the CHURCH PROCEEDS out of the pierced side of Christ.

**Genesis 2:21 - And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;**

**John 19:34 - But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.**

### **The Knops, Flowers, And Bowls**

The ornamentation of the Candlestick was made out of three items - **knops (almonds), flowers and bowls**. The language used in the text regarding these items we see a similarity to that which happened when Aaron's rod budded, flowered and brought forth almond fruit.

**Numbers 17:8 - And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.**

**Jeremiah 1:11-12 - Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. [12] Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.**

In the almond tree we have the symbol of RESURRECTION LIFE. Since it is the fruit that comes from the Rod of Aaron, we can see plainly that CHRIST is typified in the ROD. He becomes the measuring rod for the Church. In these two prophetic scriptures we see the Godhead portrayed in the Candlestick as follows:

<b>Aaron's Rod</b>	<b>The Candlestick</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>
<b>Budded</b>	<b>Knop (or bud)</b>	<b>Source - The FATHER</b>

<b>Flowered</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Begotten - The SON</b>
<b>Almond Fruit</b>	<b>Almond Bowl</b>	<b>Proceeding - THE HOLY SPIRIT</b>

- The Knop or round, unopened bud is a type of the Father God who is the source and beginning of everything
- The Central Flower is a type of the SON OF GOD who was crushed as a flower emitting a sweet smelling savor
- The Almond Bowl is a type of the HOLY SPIRIT who proceeds from the Father and produces fruitfulness in the people of God. Thus, we see the FULNESS OF THE GODHEAD typified in this tri-unity of the Golden Candlestick

### **The Almond Tree**

The almond tree is the first of all trees to bud in Palestine. Therefore each year it carried the message of LIFE OUT OF DEATH. In the Rod of Aaron we get the same message. It was once alive, then dead and finally came to resurrection life, bearing a bud, flowers and almond fruit. This tri-unity in Aaron's Rod attests to his Divinely-appointed priestly ministry on behalf of Israel. As a type of Christ, the same ornamentation God used for Aaron's Rod, He repeated in the ornamentation of the Candlestick in the Holy Place which speaks to the same truth of CHRIST.

ALL IS SIGNIFICANT of the fact that the CHURCH is to measure up to the DIVINE STANDARD of JESUS, not man! Jesus is our ROD OF GOD and our HIGH PRIEST.

### **The Message Behind The Lampstand Numbers**

Another interesting feature of the Candlestick is the truth revealed through the combination of numbers involved with it. All numbers in Scripture have significance, and the Candlestick is full of numbers:

- **One Piece Of Gold** - The number one is significant of UNITY, ONENESS, ONE ACCORD, or ONE CHURCH (Hebrews 2:11-13; John 17)
- **Three Knops** - The number THREE is significant of the Godhead - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three knops upheld all the seven branches as the very foundation. This is typical of the truth that the Godhead is the foundation and upholder of the Church. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- **Seven Lamps** - The number seven is significant fullness, completeness and perfection. Upon the seven branches were seven lighted lamps of fire. These seven lamps are significant of seven Spirits upon the Messiah (Isaiah 11:1-4), the Lord Jesus Christ. There are also to be revealed in the CHURCH, His BODY. There were seven lamps, one light. There are seven

Spirits, yet ONE SPIRIT. There is a SEVEN-FOLD unity expressed in Ephesians 4:4-6 and there are SEVEN PRINCIPLES of the DOCTRINE OF CHRIST (Hebrews 6:1-2)

- **Nine Ornaments** - In the branches the number nine is stamped. In each of the six branches proceeding out of the Candlestick were three Bowls, three Knops and three Flowers. Each branch had NINE ORNAMENTS in all. The number nine is the number of the Holy Spirit in the Church. There are NINE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT (Gal. 5:22-24) and NINE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT
- **Twelve Symbols** - In the main shaft of the Candlestick there were FOUR GROUPS of Bowls, Knops, and Flowers making a total of **twelve**. The number TWELVE speaks of APOSTOLIC FULNESS and GOVERNMENT. There are many other twelves in Scripture that complete that thought. Some of them include the following: the 12 loaves of the Table of Shewbread, the 12 foundations of the City of God; the 12 stones on the Breastplate of the High Priest; the 12 Tribes of Israel and the 12 Apostles of the Lamb.
- **Sixty-Six** - When the Bowls, the Knops and the Flowers on the shaft and the six branches are totaled we have a beautiful picture of the Books of the Bible. There were three groups of Bowls, Knops and Flowers in the three branches on one side. If we add the 12 in the main shaft we have a total of 39, which speaks to us of the Books of the Old Covenant. Then the remaining branches total 27 corresponding to the 27 books of the New Covenant. The complete total is 66. It has pleased God to give us His Book containing 66 books yet one BIBLE.

The Candlestick reminds us that it takes the LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT to ILLUMINE these 66 Books to the Church. The number SIX is also significant of MAN. It was the sixth day man was created. The 66 Books constitute God's Book, which is the only Book of Divine light for MAN! The Bible is God's WORD to fallen man. There were not 66 separate parts, but there were 66 ornaments fashioned out of one piece or talent of GOLD. Likewise, the Bible is the essential Work of God. Jesus taught the unity of the Scriptures in their testimony to HIM.

**Psalm 119:105 - Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**

**Luke 24:47 - And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

**Hebrews 10:5-9 - Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou would not, but a body hast thou prepared me: [6] In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. [7] Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. [8] Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin you would not, neither had any pleasure therein; which**

are offered by the law; [9] Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He takes away the first, that he may establish the second.

**All Of It Shall Be One Beaten Work Of Pure Gold...**

**Exodus 25:36 - Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold.**

The Candlestick was made of one piece of gold. The thought of oneness or unity is stamped throughout the Tabernacle. There was only ever ON TABERNACLE OF MOSES, ONE tabernacle of David and ONE Temple of Solomon, because all these structures point to the way of approach to God. There is ONLY ONE WAY to God provided for all mankind.

**1 Tim. 2:5 - For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

The word "beaten" here is a reference to the procedure of testing the gold in the fire to make sure it is pure. It is reference to the trials of our faith, which help to "burn out" the dross of the world, flesh and Satan in our lives. The Lord wants us "spotless, without blemish or wrinkle." Does that mean we will live in sinless perfection? No, but our level of obedience to God must be unfailing if we are to survive the attacks of the enemy. Some of you reading this right now are going through battles, conflicts, temptations that you do not totally understand.

This is the "trial" of your faith. Satan does not tempt a man or woman who does not belong to God. There is no need to. Child of God, take heart. This golden lampstand is a testimony to your walk with the Lord. As Peter puts it so beautifully, "the trying of your faith is more precious than GOLD." The GOLD shine that greeted the priests each morning didn't come without cost.

And when we get to heaven and see our Lord, I have no doubt that everyone there will have reached that grand home beyond the realm of eternity through many "dangers, toils, and snares." This Christian life is not a cakewalk. We will face loss of things on earth, but as Paul put it "I count those things as DUNG, that I may WIN CHRIST!" Take heart child of God you're going to make it. Take heart man of God, you're going through. Take heart servant of the Lord

who is sitting on the sideline right now wondering, maybe even questioning your call. Things are going to be all right. The trials you are walking in now are but a stepping stone to greater anointing and a closer relationship with Jesus later.

How can I say that with such confidence? It's simple - the great intercessor of eternity sits at the right hand of the Father praying for His Body. This same intercessor is our Great High Priest who offered up HIMSELF as the payment for both the penalty and the POWER of sin that seeks to destroy our lives. HE IS THE REASON I CAN SAY THAT TODAY – nothing else!

There is but ONE great High Priest and but ONE sacrifice for sins. This oneness in Christ carries over to oneness in His Body, the Church, Jesus prayed that they might be one that the world may believe (John 17). In God's mind the Church is one (Hebrews 2:11). There are one Tabernacle, one Temple, one Bread, ONE BODY and ONE CHURCH (1 Cor. 10:17, 12:13 and Eph. 2:22)

If you have been born again you are part of that body and church today. If you are not part of this body, I invite you to do so neighbor before it is eternally too late.

#### Part One: Fill In The Blank

1. There is but \_\_\_\_\_ High Priest and sacrifice for sins.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ lampstand sits directly opposite the table of showbread in the Holy Place.
3. The lampstand has \_\_\_\_\_ branches including the main shaft.
4. The lampstand has \_\_\_\_\_ knops on each branch.
5. There is \_\_\_\_\_ main shaft that speaks to us of unity in the Body of Christ.
6. The Candlestick was made of one \_\_\_\_\_ of gold
7. There was no \_\_\_\_\_ in any part of the candlestick or the brazen laver.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ flower is a type of the Son of God who was crushed as a flower emitting a sweet smelling savor
9. The gold of the candlestick was made of \_\_\_\_\_ gold, which meant it was tested in the \_\_\_\_\_ to make sure it was pure.

10. This testing was a picture of the \_\_\_\_\_ of our faith, which help to 'burn out' the dross of the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives.
11. The number \_\_\_\_\_ speaks to us of \_\_\_\_\_ fullness and government.
12. The number nine is the number of the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Church. There are \_\_\_\_\_ fruits of the Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_ gifts of the spirit.
13. The union between the branches and the shaft speaks to us of the union between the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The central or main shaft of the candlestick means \_\_\_\_\_ in Hebrew.
15. From this shaft proceeds \_\_\_\_\_ branches, \_\_\_\_\_ on either side of the main shaft, which counting the main shaft makes \_\_\_\_\_ branches in all.
16. Under each pair of branches there was a \_\_\_\_\_ upholding them.
17. There were a total of \_\_\_\_\_ such knops.
18. Upon the seven branches were seven lighted \_\_\_\_\_, burning continually before the Lord.
19. There was only \_\_\_\_\_ time when the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord.
20. When the Bowls, the Knops and the Flowers on the shaft and the six branches are totaled we have a beautiful picture of the \_\_\_\_\_.
21. There were three groups of Bowls, Knops and Flowers in the three branches on one side. If we add the 12 in the main shaft we have a total of \_\_\_\_\_, which speaks to us of the Books of the \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant.
22. Then the remaining branches total \_\_\_\_\_ corresponding to the \_\_\_\_\_ books of the \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant.
23. There are \_\_\_\_\_ books in the Bible.
24. In Hebrews 9 we notice that the \_\_\_\_\_ was the first object mentioned by Paul who associated it with the Sanctuary.
25. This is related to the 'mystery' John saw in the book of Revelation where \_\_\_\_\_ was standing among the \_\_\_\_\_.

Part Two:

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| 1. Lamps               | A. Sat Opposite The Candlestick |
| 2. Knops               | B. Books Of The Bible           |
| 3. Flowers             | C. Jesus Our High Priest        |
| 4. Oil                 | D. Twelve                       |
| 5. Priests             | E. Brazen Laver                 |
| 6. Light               | F. Golden Candlestick           |
| 7. Beaten Gold         | G. Anti-Type Of The Oil         |
| 8. Trials Of Our Faith | H. Nine                         |
| 9. Jesus               | I. The Head Of The Church       |

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| 10. Mediator           | J. Ten                                |
| 11. Unity              | K. Held The Lamps                     |
| 12. Almond Tree        | L. Poured Oil In Twice Daily          |
| 13. Symbols            | M. The Message Of The Candlestick     |
| 14. 66                 | N. Better Than Gold                   |
| 15. Whole Brass        | O. Symbolic Of Fruit Of The Spirit    |
| 16. Whole Gold         | P. Seven Holding The Oil              |
| 17. Apostolic Fullness | Q. A Type Of The Holy Spirit          |
| 18. Nine               | R. First To Bud In Israel Each Spring |
| 19. Holy Spirit        | S. Needed For Holy Place              |
| 20. Table Of Showbread | T. Gifts Of The Holy Ghost            |

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**Exodus 25:37-40 - [37] And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it. [38] And the tongs thereof, and the snuff dishes thereof, shall be of pure gold. [39] Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels. [40] And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was showed to thee in the mount.**

**Leviticus 24:2 - Command the children of Israel that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.**

With everything we've studied to this point, we need to restate one main theme through this entire study - **the Tabernacle was God's blueprint for His approach to man and man's approach to God.** For six days Moses sat in silent contemplation waiting for direction from God. The God of Israel - who had redeemed them from the bondage of Egypt, revealed His glory to them on Mt. Sinai, and given them His law to live by - now condescended to DWELL IN THEIR MIDST. The Tabernacle and every part of it is of such great importance to God's redemptive program that 50 chapters in the Bible was given to explaining its pattern, construction and service. Nothing was left to Moses' speculation; God revealed to him in minute detail every aspect of the Tabernacle. More than 20

times in Exodus we read, "as the Lord commanded Moses." The Tabernacle stood as a testimony to Israel and the world of God's TRUTH and GLORY.

For almost 500 years, the Tabernacle served as a place for God to DWELL among His people and a place where His people could commune with Him. (Ex. 25:8 40:34-37). Throughout Israel's history, there was a propensity toward idolatry; thus, the Tabernacle stood as a visual reminder to Israel that they served the true and living God. It helped keep Israel from idol worship that was practiced by those living around them as they made their pilgrimage in the wilderness. Although the Tabernacle made God accessible to the Israelites, He was ONLY APPROACHABLE through HOLINESS.

The structure and service of the Tabernacle showed sinful man how it could come before a holy God in worship and service, offer sacrifice for sin, and receive instruction and counsel from the WORD OF GOD. Thus, it was a graphic portrayal of God's redemptive program for not only Israel but also the entire world. Every aspect - the brazen altar, where sacrifices were offered for sin, to the mediating high priest, who offered the sacrificial blood on the mercy seat - pointed to God's redemptive plan. The people could only approach God through BLOOD atonement and a mediating priesthood.

The Tabernacle was a type of CHRIST who came in the FLESH and left His throne in heaven and TABERNACLED AMONG his people. In Christ, we have a high priest, a perfect blood sacrifice and access to God for ALL who put their trust in HIM!

**John 1:14 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

The three pieces of furniture in the Holy Place typified our fellowship with Christ. The table of showbread stood on the right side in the Holy Place. The 12 loaves of bread on the table were a meal offering, representing the 12 tribes of Israel. The showbread typified Christ, who came down from heaven, and all who partake of Him have eternal life (John 6:51). As the bread of life, Christ sustains the believer-priests who feed on Him.

On the left side of the holy place stood the seven-branched GOLDEN LAMPSTAND, which spoke of Christ as the light of the world (John 9:5). All who trust in Him are given the light of LIFE (John 8:12). We are to hold forth the light of God's WORD in this darkened world so that men can see our good works and glorify the Father. The GLORY OF GOD will LIGHT UP the new Jerusalem, which will be our dwelling place throughout eternity (Rev. 21:23)

The lampstand was filled with rich symbolic teaching for Christians. The gold in the lampstand typified the deity of Christ, the divine Son of God, who stepped across the galaxies of the universe and became a man. He was pure in HIS HUMANITY, having neither spot nor blemish, but it was HIS DIETY that sustained HIS HUMANITY.

As we studied in lesson 10, the lampstand was not molded or pieced together but was hammered out of a solid talent of gold symbolizing the LORD JESUS, who endured the harsh, hot sting of a biting whip before His crucifixion. The dimensions of the lampstand were not given, but its size, weight, and beauty portray Christ in His fathomless greatness. He is the creator of all things, and He holds all things together. JESUS is limitless in His value, for in HIM are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge to be found. Paul summed up the greatness of Christ when he wrote, "for in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Col 2:9). Joy should fill every child of God's heart that we are COMPLETE IN HIM! That is one of the eternal messages of the Lampstand - ONE PIECE - ONE CHRIST - A COMPLETE REDEMPTION!

The light in the holy place was symbolic of Christ's holiness. The lampstand itself also typified CHRIST, who lights up the walk and fellowship of believers. The holy place had no windows to allow light to shine into the Tabernacle. The light in the holy place was hidden from the world; only the priests had the privilege of ministering and enjoying the light of the lampstand. So it is with Christians. As believer-priests we are able to ENTER into the light of fellowship and communion with God. John, who knew intimate fellowship with the Lord, wrote, "if we walk in the LIGHT, as HE IS IN THE LIGHT, we have fellowship one with another." The fellowship John refers to is our fellowship with CHRIST. His blood cleanses us to be fit vessels for fellowship. Without the blood, we could NEVER enter into the presence of a HOLY GOD!

We are but reflectors of this light to a lost and dying world. Too often our light is hidden under a bushel. Believers' lamps are to beam brightly, as a lighted city on a hill. The GOLD in this lampstand pictured TRUE FAITH that we as Christians possess.

Make And Light Seven Lamps So They May Give Light Over Against It

**Exodus 25:37 - And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.**

Though there were seven lamps with seven lights (James 1:17-God is the Father of Lights) yet they are spoken of as ONE LAMP or ONE LIGHT (John 1:5-God is light). The seven lamps gave forth ONE LIGHT or ONE WITNESS. In the very light we have the continued thought of the unity of the witness (Lev. 24:1-

2; Ex. 25:6; 35:14, 28) As we look at the Candlestick we are reminded of the Rainbow. The Rainbow has the manifestation of seven colors in one bow.

The purpose of the Candlestick was to give LIGHT. It was a light-bearer. There were FOUR main purposes:

- **The Candlestick was to illumine the HOLY PLACE. The Candlestick was the only light in the Holy Place. The Holy Place, as we will cover later, measured 10 x 10 x 20 cubits giving it a cubical content of 2000. So Christ and His Church are the only LIGHT in this 2000 years Dispensation or Age of the Spirit. There was no natural light in the Sanctuary (John 12:35-36)**
- **The Candlestick was to give light BEFORE THE LORD. We are to SHINE before the Lord as we shine before the world**
- **The Golden Candlestick was to give light on the TABLE OF SHEWBREAD and the ALTAR OF INCENSE**
- **The Golden Candlestick was to give light over against ITSELF. In other words it was to illumine itself or its own ornamentation. In the same way the Spirit illumines the WORD OF GOD. It takes the light of the Spirit to illumine the Word.**

All priestly ministries unto the Lord were in the LIGHT of the Candlestick. The Candlestick was DIVINELY lit, but was kept alight by the supply of daily oil. It's a picture of God's Sovereignty and our human responsibility before Him.

### Bring Pure Olive Oil For The Light

They were instructed by God to use pure Olive Oil beaten for the light. Jesus fulfills this symbol in His pre-cross sufferings. "Gethsemane" means "oil," or "olive press." Jesus became the FRUIT OF THE OLIVE TREE (Romans 11) who was pressed and beaten in the sufferings of Gethsemane and Calvary, that we might have the PURE OLIVE OIL, that is, the HOLY SPIRIT as an ANOINTING and OIL for light and witness. The Holy Spirit is the PURE OLIVE OIL! The Greek word for "oil" is "Charisma" which is also translated "anointing". Christ is the Anointed One, and the followers of Christ are the Anointed Ones! Even as the Candlestick was anointed prior to its witness, so must the people of God be anointed to be a witness (Exod. 27:20).

In order to burn continually there must be a continual supply of oil. In order for there to be light manifest, there must be a continual inflow of oil. This is especially true of the Church of the end times. It must be a Church with an abundant supply of oil. The CHURCH of this last day is challenged to be a light in the midst of a perverse generation. The ministry of the Holy Spirit as the Oil has never been so important!

## **And Aaron...When He Dresses The Lamps...Light The Lamps At Even**

The ministry of Aaron the High Priest was to:

- **Trim the wicks by taking away the burnt part**
- **Supply Oil in the morning and evening as he ministered at the Altar of Incense**

So Jesus Christ, as our Great High Priest performs His ministry of trimming the wicks of the believers taking away the burnt-out areas and supplying oil for further light-bearing. This is done in connection with His ministry of intercession, which we will study in detail when we study the Altar of Incense. Unless the wicks are properly trimmed there will be an abundance of smoke and improper light. God wants a pure light and faithful witness to go forth. Aaron used the TONGS and the SNUFF DISHES for THIS MINISTRY. These represented the instruments that the Lord uses to trim us and cleanse us to cause us to shine brighter for His glory

**Hebrews 12:6 - For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives.**

**John 15:2 - Every branch in me that bears not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that bears fruit, he purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit.**

## **Make The Candlestick After The Pattern Shown In The Mount**

The Candlestick was to be made according to the Divine pattern. The pattern for building shows us the Spirit and wisdom of God made the tabernacle. This speaks to us of the Church, which is God's true Candlestick. It, too, must be built according to the Heavenly Blueprint and Divine Pattern (Hebrews 8:1-5). God has only one pattern for His Church and He will only FULLY BLESS that which measures up to the Divine Standard.

## **The Candlestick In Transit**

In transit the Golden Candlestick was covered with the following cloths:

1. **A Cloth of Blue - Here we see a type of the Holy Spirit. It is also representative of Him who is the LORD FROM HEAVEN (1 Cor. 15:47). Blue is the color of heaven.**
2. **Wrapped in Badgers' Skin - This is typical of the Father God and it also speaks of Him in whom the world sees NO NATURAL beauty (Isaiah 52:14 and 53:1-2)**

**3. Carried on a BAR - This is significant of a pilgrimage and corresponds to the truth set forth in the staves on the furniture**

All of this speaks of the fact that Christ and His Church are of heavenly origin, and that there is no beauty in Christ or His church to the natural, unregenerate man in the wilderness and pilgrimage wanderings of this world. The beauty is in its WITNESS and FUNCTION in the Sanctuary.

**The Candlestick Outside the Tabernacle Of Moses**

In Solomon's Temple there were TEN Golden candlesticks. The Church is God's Temple and the fullness of LIGHT will be manifested in His Temple.

- 1. In Solomon's Temple there were Candlesticks of Silver in the Priests' Chambers around the walls of the Temple. Silver always carries the thought of redemption. Thus, the priests stood in the LIGHT OF REDEMPTION before ministering in the Temple at the Golden Candlestick.**
- 2. In Babylon God used the Golden Candlestick to bring about the fall of Babylon. So in the last days, Babylon will fall by the revelation and ministry of the true CHURCH, God's Candlestick**
- 3. Golden Candlesticks are seen in relation to the vision of restoration times and are typical of the end times (Zech. 4:1-14 and Rev. 11:1-4)**
- 4. The Seven Local Churches in the Book of Revelation are symbolized by the seven Golden Candlesticks each bearing light in the local city in which God has placed them. Thus the church is to let the LIGHT of God shine forth in the darkness of this world, giving the light of the knowledge of the GLORY OF GOD as seen in the face of JESUS CHRIST. The believer's life should be the light of men, for LIGHT is the very nature and character of God in CHRIST**

**The Lampstand And The Holy Spirit**

The oil in the lampstand was a beautiful type of the present day ministry of the Holy Spirit. At the top of each branch were cups into which pure olive oil was poured. The oil produced the glowing light that filled the Tabernacle. The seven stems, olive oil, and flame were types of the Spirit's ministry, which was clearly taught by John:

**Rev. 4:5 - And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.**

The "seven spirits of God" symbolize the perfection and fullness of the Spirit's ministry. The Holy Spirit is the person of the Godhead who administers the plans, purposes, and programs of God on earth.

**Isaiah 11:1-5 - And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: [2] And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; [3] And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: [4] But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. [5] And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.**

There is a parallel the sevenfold ministry of the Holy Spirit with the seven branches of the lampstand. In this context, the Holy Spirit is referred to as the "Spirit of the Lord" resting on Christ, who could be compared to the center shaft of the lampstand. Branching out of the stem were three branches on each side, corresponding to the ministry of the Holy Spirit on the Lord: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.

This sevenfold ministry of the HOLY SPIRIT is operative in the lives of Christians in a similar way. First, He gives us wisdom and understanding through the Scriptures. Second, He provides us with counsel to direct our lives and might to stand against the onslaught of satanic opposition. Finally, He makes known to us the knowledge of Christ (John 15:26; 16:15) and produces in us a reverential respect for God.

Second, the Holy Spirit executes a threefold purpose on earth. He convinces the world of sin, righteousness and judgment. He reveals the sin of unbelief as being the issue that separates the unsaved from God.. He makes them known the righteousness of God in Christ to the world. The Holy Spirit convinces the unsaved world of God's judgment on everyone who rejects the saving power of Jesus Christ (John 16:11)

**John 16:7-11 - Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. [8] And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: [9] Of sin, because they believe not on me; [10] Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; [11] Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.**

**John 14:16 - And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another**

Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

**John 15:16 - Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.**

Third, the Holy Spirit plays a major role in our salvation and service for God. All believers are BORN of the SPIRIT and baptized into the Body of Christ FOR SERVICE. The same believer in Christ is then blessed with gifts for service and empowered to witness for their Lord through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking with other tongues. Today, the light of the Holy Spirit does not dwell in a temple made with hands but in Christians. Paul wrote, "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you." It is the Spirit of God that conforms us to the image of Christ and enlightens the word of God to us.

The Holy Spirit illuminates our worship and intercession before God and the living BREAD of LIFE - JESUS. Without the lighted lampstand the priests would have worshipped in darkness. For our prayers to be effective, they must be offered in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit takes our unintelligible, insufficient and feeble prayers to the throne of God and expresses our needs properly, according to the will of God! (Romans 8:26-27)

We are commanded to be FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT! This is so our light will shine on people in our world. When unconfessed sin remains in our lives, we grieve the HOLY SPIRIT and His ministry is quenched, causing our light to shine dimly or even be extinguished.

When we are burning brightly for Jesus, we are not seen, but HIS GLORY shines through US. It's all about being filled with the OIL of the HOLY GHOST!

#### Part One: Fill In The Blank

1. The three pieces of furniture in the Holy Place typified our fellowship with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The table of \_\_\_\_\_ ----- stood on the right side in the Holy Place.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ loaves of bread on the table were a meal offering, representing the \_\_\_\_\_ tribes of Israel.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ typified Christ, who came down from heaven, and all who partake of Him have eternal life (John 6:51).
5. As the bread of life, Christ \_\_\_\_\_ the believer-priests who feed on Him.

6. On the left side of the holy place stood the seven-branched \_\_\_\_\_, which spoke of Christ as the light of the world (John 9:5).
7. All who trust in Him are given the light of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:12). We are to hold forth the light of God's \_\_\_\_\_ in this darkened world so that men can see our good works and glorify the Father.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ will light up the new Jerusalem, which will be our dwelling place throughout eternity (Rev. 21:23)
9. The gold in the lampstand typified the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, the divine Son of God, who stepped across the galaxies of the universe and became a man.
10. Christ, or Yeshua, was pure in His \_\_\_\_\_, having neither spot nor blemish, but it was His \_\_\_\_\_ that sustained His \_\_\_\_\_.
11. We are commanded to be filled with the \_\_\_\_\_, so our light can shine to the people in the world around us.
12. When unconfessed sin remains in our lives, we \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit and His ministry is quenched, causing our light to shine dimly or even be extinguished.
13. The priests were to use pure \_\_\_\_\_ oil, beaten for the \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus fulfills this symbol in His pre-cross sufferings.
14. \_\_\_\_\_, or the place where Christ prayed before the crucifixion, means "olive press."
15. Jesus became the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Olive Tree (Natural Israel) (Romans 11) and was pressed and beaten in the sufferings of Gethsemane and \_\_\_\_\_; He did this so that we might be fit vessels to receive the pure olive oil for anointing and to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
16. There is a parallel the \_\_\_\_\_ ministry of the Holy Spirit with the seven \_\_\_\_\_ of the lampstand. In this context, the Holy Spirit is referred to as the "Spirit of the Lord" resting on Christ, who could be compared to the center \_\_\_\_\_ of the lampstand.
17. Branching out of the stem were three branches on each side, corresponding to the ministry of the Holy Spirit on the Lord: the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding, the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and might, the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ and fear of the Lord.
18. This sevenfold ministry of the Holy Spirit is operative in the lives of \_\_\_\_\_ in a similar way.
19. First, He gives us wisdom and understanding through the \_\_\_\_\_
20. Second, He provides us with \_\_\_\_\_ to direct our lives and might to stand against the onslaught of \_\_\_\_\_ opposition.
21. Finally, He makes known to us the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:26; 16:15) and produces in us a reverential respect for God.

22. Though there were seven lamps with seven lights yet they are spoken of as \_\_\_\_\_ Lamp.
23. The Candlestick was to be made according to the \_\_\_\_\_ pattern.
24. The pattern for building shows us the \_\_\_\_\_ and wisdom of God made the tabernacle.
25. This speaks to us of the \_\_\_\_\_, which is God's Candlestick on the earth today – the Church – comprised of both Jewish and Non-Jewish believers in Jesus.

#### Part Two: Matching

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| 1. Deity                    | A. Means "oil press."                |
| 2. One Light                | B. Blueprint For Candlestick         |
| 3. Divine Pattern           | C. Holy Spirit                       |
| 4. Convict The World Of Sin | D. The Candlesticks Message Of Unity |
| 5. Gethsemane               | E. Sustained Christ's Humanity       |

## The Study Series

### Lesson 12 – The Altar Of Incense Part One

**Exodus 30:1 - And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it.**

There were two altars in the Tabernacle of Moses, the Brazen Altar and the Golden Altar of Incense. The Brazen Altar was for the Burnt Offering and was located in the Outer Court at the Door of the Tabernacle. The Golden Altar was for burning of Incense and was positioned in the Holy Place before the veil. The Golden Altar is given several names in Scripture. It is called:

1. **The Altar Of Incense - Exodus 30:27 and 31:8**
2. **The Incense Altar - Exodus 35:15 and 37:25**
3. **The Altar Of Gold - Exodus 40:5**
4. **The Golden Altar - Exodus 39:28 and 40:26**
5. **The Golden Altar Which Is Before The Throne - Revelation 8:3**
6. **The Whole Altar That Is By The Oracle - 1 Kings 6:22**
7. **The Altar Before The Lord - Lev. 16:12, 18**
8. **The Altar To Burn Incense - Exodus 30:1**
9. **The Altar Of Sweet Incense Before The Lord - Lev. 4:7**

The incense altar was for the burning of Incense to the Lord. This ALWAYS speaks to us of the prayers and intercession of the saints before God.

**Psalm 141:1-2 A Psalm of David. - Lord, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee. [2] Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**Rev. 8:2-6 - And I saw the seven angels, which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. [3] And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. [4] And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. [5] And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thundering, and lightnings, and an earthquake. [6] And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.**

Incense begins on the altar with man (the priest) and burnt upwards to God. Likewise, our prayers begin in the heart of man and ascend upward to God. As we studied in lesson one we also know that incense also speaks to us of the intercession ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest. Christ appears before the Throne of God in our behalf.

**Hebrews 7:25 - Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.**

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is also witnessed by the operation of incense. We are told HE makes intercession IN US according to the will of God. Thus, we see that the Golden Altar is significant of Christ Jesus in His ministry of prayer and intercession FOR US and of the PRAYERS and INTERCESSIONS of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

**Romans 8:26 - Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

**Romans 8:34 - Who is he that condemns? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.**

**You Shall Make It Of Shittim Wood...**

**Exodus 30:1 - And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it.**

The wood that was used in the construction of the piece of furniture again speaks to us of the truth that Jesus is the Righteous BRANCH and significant of His sinless humanity. The Lord Jesus Christ was incorruptible in thought, word and deed. He saw no corruption even when He was placed in the tomb.

**Zech. 6:10-12 - Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah; [11] Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest; [12] And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord:**

**Isaiah 11:1-4 - And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: [2] And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; [3] And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: [4] But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.**

**Isaiah 53:1-2 - Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? [2] For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

**Jeremiah 23:5 - Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.**

**Psalms 16:10 - For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

**Acts 2:25-28 - For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: [26] Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: [27] Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. [28] Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.**

**Acts 13:35 - Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

**1 Peter 1:23 - Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible,**

by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever.

### **A Cubit In Length And Width And Two Cubits High; Foursquare Wide**

**Exodus 30:2 - A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same.**

When we look at the Altar of Gold in relation to the other pieces of furniture, we see that the Altar is the highest piece in the actual tent. This speaks of the fact that Christ's ministry of intercession is HIS HIGHEST MINISTRY NOW ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH in the 2000 years of this Grace Dispensation.

The Golden Altar was to be foursquare, just as the Brazen Altar and the Most Holy Place were to be. The thought of it being foursquare brings to mind the New Jerusalem - the Foursquare City Of God mentioned in the book of Revelation 21-22. Another thought contained in its four corners is the spread of the gospel to the four corners of the world. Four is the number of earth, creation and universe. We are told by Jesus to preach the Gospel to ALL THE WORLD.

Christ's intercessory ministry and prayer reach into ALL THE WORLD! It reaches to the FOUR CORNERS of the world. Even so the prayers of the saints are to ascend to Heaven from the four corners of the world. Prayer is not something that is only for some of the select, but it is to be worldwide.

**Acts 1:8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

**Rev. 5:9-10 - And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for you were slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; [10] And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

**Mark 16:15-20 - And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. [16] He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. [17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. [19] So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was**

received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. [20] And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Matthew 28:19-20 - **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: [20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

### **The Horns Shall Be The Same**

Exodus 30:2 - **A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same.**

The Altar Of Incense had four horns in four corners. Horns in the Scripture are always significant of power, authority and kingship. In Habakkuk 3:4 we are told that God is seen having "horns coming out of His hand: and there was the hiding of HIS POWER." The horns on the animals are their source of strength, power and their defense (Genesis 22:13). The fact that we have four horns on the altar of incense points us to the truth that ALL POWER WAS GIVEN TO CHRIST both in the heavens and in the earth. The Horn was also used particularly by the prophets to anoint ministries. In order for the horn of oil (anointing of the Spirit) to be provided, a death had to take place.

**Habakkuk 3:4 - And his brightness was as the light; he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power.**

**Genesis 22:13 - And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.**

**Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. [19] Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: [20] Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

**1 Samuel 16:1 - And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.**

**1 Samuel 16:13 - Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the**

**midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.**

**Psalm 92:10 - But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.**

**Psalm 132:17 - There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.**

**Luke 1:69 - And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;**

**Overlay With Pure Gold; On Top; On Sides; And Horns; Make Crown Gold Around It**

**Exodus 30:3 - And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about.**

The Altar of Incense had a golden crown on it just as we have seen what was on the Table of Shewbread and the Ark of the Covenant. Crowns are symbolic of CHRIST AS THE KING. A crown in connection with the Altar of Incense reveals that our KING is also our INTERCESSOR, or HIGH PRIEST. Jesus is now crowned with glory and honor as our King-Priest at the right hand of God. Part of the function of this crown around the Altar of Incense was to keep the burning coals of incense from falling to the ground. The ministry of our Great High Priest is INTERCESSION through the power of the HOLY GHOST ON EARTH to keep us from falling!

**Jude 1:24 - Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,**

To repeat another important fact, the golden altar was overlaid with pure gold. In the wood of the Altar we see the incorruptible humanity of the Lord Jesus. In the gold we always see HIS DIVINE nature - as the SON OF GOD. **THE WORD (GOLD) was made FLESH (WOOD)** and dwelt among us, John wrote. Jesus had two natures in one person, for He was GOD manifest in the flesh (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus was the Son of God because His Father was God. Yet, He was also the SON OF MAN because His mother was MARY. In CHRIST, we are and become a NEW CREATION - His DIVINE nature overlaying our HUMANITY. As there are/were two materials in one Altar, so there are two natures in ONE MEDIATOR between GOD (GOLD) and MAN (WOOD). Glory to God. That's why our High Priest can secure us from falling - He knows what our nature is like since He too walked in our nature. That's powerful!

**John 1:1-3 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.**

**Psalm 2:1-6 - Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? [2] The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, [3] Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. [4] He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. [5] Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. [6] Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.**

**Psalm 45:1-2 - To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves. My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. [2] Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee forever.**

**Psalm 110:1**

**A Psalm of David. - The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.**

**Hebrews 7:1-4 - For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; [2] To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; [3] Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abides a priest continually. [4] Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils.**

**Hebrews 7:25 - Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.**

**Hebrews 2:9 - But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.**

**1 Tim. 2:5-6 - For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; [6] Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.**

**1 Tim. 3:16 - And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.**

## **Make Two Golden Rings**

**Exodus 30:4 - And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal.**

The rings on the Altar of Incense convey the same thoughts as the rings pertaining to the Ark of the Covenant and the Table of Shewbread. Most Bible scholars feel there were TWO RINGS at opposite corners of the Altar, which is a beautiful type of the TWO PERSONS involved in the INTERCESSORY work of the Godhead relative to the Church - THE LORD JESUS and the HOLY GHOST. (Romans 8:26, Hebrews 7:25)

## **They Shall Be For Places For The Staves To Bear It...Of Shittim Wood Overlaid With Gold**

**Exodus 30:4-5 - And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal. [5] And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.**

The two staves of "incorruptible wood overlaid with **gold** was used for traveling in the wilderness wanderings and journeying. This again speaks to us that we are strangers and pilgrims on this earth passing through enroute to eternity. The Lord Jesus prayed not that we should be taken out of the world, but that we would be kept from the evil that is in the world. The staves in connection with the Altar Of Incense speak to us of the NECESSITY of the ministry of Christ as intercessor and a personal prayer life and worship time in our earthly lives. We cannot survive without both!

## **Put The Altar Of Incense Before The Veil**

**Exodus 30:6 - And thou shalt put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee.**

The Golden Altar was positioned immediately before the veil and directly in front of the Ark of the Covenant. The only thing that separated these two pieces of furniture was the inwrought veil, which will be the topic of our next lesson. The Altar of Incense or worship was the nearest piece of furniture to the Ark of God and the Shekinah Glory of God. In Heaven, the altar sits very close to the throne of God. That's a powerful picture there. It means that the more we worship through intercession and prayer the CLOSER we draw to a loving God

who wants intimacy with us. That was the entire purpose of the Tabernacle - to DWELL AMONG HIS PEOPLE, not just visit them once in a while. God wanted to INHABIT, not VISIT. It was the very HEART of the Tabernacle. All the furniture was fashioned as to sit in the shape of a cross and the Golden Altar was at the HEART in this picture. The ministry of intercession, prayer and worship are at the very HEART OF GOD! These are the nearest things to the glory of GOD!

The Holy Place measured 10 x 10 x 20 cubits which when added together comes to 2000. This is interesting since we have basically been seeing as 2000 years of the Church Age we are now in. The Altar was also placed at the END of the Holy Place speaking to us of the fact we are nearing the END OF THIS AGE and that prophetic prayer, worship, supplications and intercession will increase and be more prominent as we get closer to the end of time and the full revelation of the GLORY OF GOD to the church and in time the WORLD!

### **Perpetual Incense Before The Lord**

**Exodus 30:7-8 - And Aaron shall burn thereon-sweet incense every morning: when he dresses the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. [8] And when Aaron lights the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.**

Only the High Priest and the priests could minister at the Altar of Incense (Numbers 4:16, Deut 33:10; 1 Samuel 2:28; 1 Chron. 6:49; 2 Chron. 2:4 and 13:11). King Uzziah presumed to unite the offices of KING and PRIEST and was smitten with leprosy (2 Chr. 26:16-19). In Christ Jesus however, these two offices are permanently united. He is the GREAT HIGH PRIEST after the order of Melchisedec (Heb. 7:1-4). Therefore, as we stand in Christ we become kings and priests unto God after the same order (Rev. 1:6). In Christ we have access to the Father.

### **No Strange Fire**

**Exodus 30:9 - Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon.**

There was to be NO STRANGE FIRE or STRANGE INCENSE on the Golden Altar. The first fire on the Altar was directly or Sovereignty lit. On the day of the dedication of the Tabernacle, God showed His approval by lighting the Brazen Altar in the Outer Court with Divine Fire coming out from the Glory of God resting upon the Ark. When the fire on the Brazen Altar was lit, the coals were taken off from the Brazen Altar and used to light the Golden Altar and the Candlestick. Hence, the fire was a divine fire.

Any other fire was "strange fire." Any incense other than the prescribed incense was "strange incense." Anyone who attempted to offer such an offering on the Golden Altar would be punished by being cut off from the Presence of God. There are a couple of examples of men who offered strange fire and incense. Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire and incense and were smitten by the Lord and Korah and his company were offering strange incense and were also plagued during their rebellion.

This strange fire and incense is typical of ALL FALSE WORSHIP! God is not interested in worship that is excited by mere religious feelings as is found in many heathen religions and false cults that are around today, both INSIDE and OUTSIDE Christendom. There is much strange fire and incense going on today in the substitute religions and witchcraft which are an abomination to God and will come under Divine Judgment in due time.

God only accepts that FIRE which originates with HIMSELF on the basis of the BLOOD ATONEMENT - CALVARY. God lit the fire in the Church on the Day of Pentecost. It is the FIRE OF THE HOLY GHOST, which causes the fragrance to arise and ascend within the veil (Hebrews 12:29). God is only interested in WORSHIP that is rooted in SPIRIT and in TRUTH.

God only accepts incense that He has prescribed. Jesus Christ is the ONLY MEDIATOR between God and man. No man can approach God the Father except THROUGH THE SON, Jesus Christ. Incense (prayer) apart from the NAME OF JESUS is an abomination to the Lord.

### **Nor Burnt Sacrifice, Meat Offering, Drink Offering Poured On The Altar**

**Exodus 30:9 - Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meat offering; neither shall ye pour drink offering thereon.**

There was to be NO BURNT OFFERING, MEAL OFFERING or DRINK OFFERING upon this Altar. There were NO SACRIFICES of blood here. Incense is all that was to be burned upon the Golden Altar in the Holy Place. The Outer Court was the place of sacrifice. The INNER COURT was the place of worship and service. It speaks to us of CHRIST FULFILLING THE LAW AT CALVARY and dying once for all. He now lives in the POWER of an endless life to make INTERCESSION for us. He will never die again! Death no longer has a hold on HIM nor does it have a hold eternally on those who are HIS! GLORY (Romans 6:9-10)

### **The Incense Itself**

We have covered the types of incense that was used on this altar in lesson one - Stacte, Onycha, Galbanum, Frankincense and Salt. Salt acts as both a seasoning and a preservative. Salt speaks to us of speech that is pure, tasty and full of grace. Salt has an enduring quality. God gave David a Covenant of Salt (2 Chr. 13:5). All this is included in the NEW COVENANT in CHRIST. (Lev. 2:13; Matthew 5:13 and Mark 9:49-50)

As we come before the Lord with our incense we want to come in HUMILITY before Him. We want to come having tasted of the BREAD OF LIFE. We want to come in the NAME that is above every name. We want to come having lost our identity in the Lord Jesus Christ, standing in HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS before the HOLY GOD. We want all our prayer and worship to be seasoned with salt.

There were five other qualities about the incense that typified CHRIST:

1. **Sweet** - Christ's ministry was filled with sweetness (Song of Solomon 5:16)
2. **Pure** - Christ was absolutely pure (Hebrews 7:26)
3. **Holy** - Christ ministered in absolute holiness and sinlessness (1 John 2:1 and Hebrews 7:26)
4. **Perpetual** - Jesus ministers in the power of an endless life. He ever lives to make intercession for us (Hebrews 7:25; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2 and Revelation 8:3)
5. **Perfume** - Jesus was fragrant in His whole being (Ephesians 5:2)

## **The Golden Altar In Transit**

**Numbers 4:11 - And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof:**

When the Golden Altar was in transit it was covered with two coverings:

1. Covering of a blue cloth
2. Covering with badgers' skin

We see a beautiful picture of the Godhead in these coverings. The covering of Blue points to the Lord from heaven. The badgers' skin speaks of the Word being made flesh among us - in the person of JESUS THE SON. And the Altar itself emphasizes the ministry of Christ the anointed one who ever lives to make

intercession for us in heaven AND THE HOLY GHOST who is making intercession IN US and THROUGH US here on earth.

- 1. The Golden Altar - Christ Our INTERCESSOR**
- 2. Cloth of Blue - Christ THE LORD FROM HEAVEN**
- 3. Badgers' Skin - Christ IN HIS HUMANITY HAVING NO BEAUTY TO THE UNREGENERATE**

The Golden Altar was carried upon the staves wrapped in the above cloths or coverings. In the wilderness wanderings all the articles were covered with their appointed coverings. The human eye would only behold these "bundles" which would not be very attractive to the natural man. The beauty of all these things would only be seen when in function and operation.

### **The Golden Censer**

God only accepts incense that He has prescribed. Jesus Christ is the ONLY MEDIATOR between God and man. No man can approach God the Father except THROUGH THE SON, Jesus Christ. Incense (prayer) apart from the NAME OF JESUS is an abomination to the Lord.

**Hebrews 9:1-4** - Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. [2] For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the Shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. [3] And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; [4] **Which had the golden censer**, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;

**Rev. 8:1-6** - And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. [2] And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets. [3] **And another angel (CHRIST?) came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.** [4] And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. [5] **And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar**, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. [6] And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

**Leviticus 16:1-10** - And the Lord spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the Lord, and died; [2] And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. [3]

Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering. [4] He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen miter shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on. [5] And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. [6] And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house. [7] And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. [8] And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the scapegoat. [9] And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. [10] But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

### The Altar And The New Covenant Believer

Isaiah 1:13 - Bring no more vain oblations; **incense is an abomination unto me**; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

Isaiah 66:3 - He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrifices a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offers an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; **he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol**. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

John 4:24

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Psalm 141:1-2

A Psalm of David.

Lord, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee. [2] Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Isaiah the Prophet foretold a time when incense would become an abomination to the Lord. Since the coming of Christ, the Great High Priest, and the outpouring of the former rain of the Holy Ghost, God is not interested in the natural shadow but only in the spiritual reality. The only true incense that God desires now is that which ascends from the heart. He is interested in prayers, worship, praise and intercession that come from the SPIRIT and also the spirit of man.

The Altar of Incense carries prophetic overtones for the 21st Century Church. Zacharias received the revelation of the forerunner of Messiah while ministering at the Altar of Incense. In the same way, the CHURCH will be made ready for Messiah's second coming as it enters into full ministry at this piece of furniture. The very HIGHEST and CLOSEST ministry in the Church is the ministry of PRAYER, SUPPLICATION and INTERCESSION. It's WORSHIP IN THE TRUTH of JESUS and in the Holy Ghost!

We are to PRAY IN THE SPIRIT and BY THE SPIRIT. The true incense is that which arises from our hearts as believers ascending within the Heavenly Sanctuary. It is that incense that comes by way of our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ. When we send up INCENSE to the Lord, our whole nature and being must be involved. We must be saturated and permeated with the fragrance of the beauty of Christ that we can only behold through the intercessory and prophetic work of the HOLY GHOST. The TESTIMONY OF JESUS is the SPIRIT of prophecy! We must find ourselves immersed in the fragrance of our Bridegroom's LOVE. We find that when we PRAY! It's time to pray! It's time we embrace the altar of incense in our homes, our churches, our businesses, and our travels - no matter where we are or how - we need the power of the anointed altar of incense. It works and it will set us free from the powers of darkness. Praise God. Worship HIM in SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH!

**Romans 8:26 - Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

**Jude 1:20 - But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,**

Part One: Fill In The Blank

1. Isaiah the Prophet foretold a time when \_\_\_\_\_ would become an abomination to the Lord.
2. Since the coming of Christ, the Great High Priest, and the outpouring of the former rain of the Holy Ghost, God is not interested in the natural shadow but only in the \_\_\_\_\_ reality.
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5. The Altar of \_\_\_\_\_ carries prophetic overtones for the 21st Century Church. Zacharias received the revelation of the forerunner of \_\_\_\_\_ while ministering at the Altar of Incense.

6. In the same way, the CHURCH will be made ready for Messiah's \_\_\_\_\_ coming as it enters into full ministry at this piece of furniture. The very HIGHEST and CLOSEST ministry in the Church is the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_.
7. The badgers' skin speaks of the \_\_\_\_\_ being made flesh among us - in the person of JESUS THE SON.
8. The Altar emphasizes the ministry of Christ the anointed one who ever lives to make intercession for us in \_\_\_\_\_ AND THE HOLY GHOST who is making intercession IN US and THROUGH US here on \_\_\_\_\_.
9. The Golden Censer was especially used on the Great Day Of Atonement when the High Priest went into the Holiest Of All with \_\_\_\_\_.
10. God acceptance of only incense in the Holy Place typified Jesus Christ as the only \_\_\_\_\_ between God and man.
11. Incense (prayer) apart from the name of \_\_\_\_\_ is an abomination to the Lord.
12. The Golden Altar was carried upon the \_\_\_\_\_ wrapped in cloths or coverings. These coverings protected the altar during the \_\_\_\_\_ wonderings.
13. The human eye would only behold the \_\_\_\_\_ which would not be very attractive to the natural man.
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of all these things would only be seen when in function and operation.
15. The Golden Altar is a type of \_\_\_\_\_ our Intercessor.
16. Cloth of \_\_\_\_\_ speaks to us of the Christ from heaven.
17. Badgers' Skin represent Christ in His humanity, having no \_\_\_\_\_ that we should desire Him.
18. Christ's ministry was filled with \_\_\_\_\_, a fulfillment of a trait of the incense used at the Golden Altar. (Song of Solomon 5:16)
19. Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ stood out above any other man – He was spotless.
20. Christ ministered in absolute \_\_\_\_\_ and sinlessness (1 John 2:1 and Hebrews 7:26)
21. Jesus ministers in the power of an \_\_\_\_\_ life. He ever lives to make intercession for us
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the Altar of Incense convey the same thoughts as the rings pertaining to the Ark of the Covenant and the Table of Shewbread.
23. Most Bible scholars feel there were \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ at opposite corners of the Altar, which is a beautiful type of the two persons involved in the intercessory work of the Godhead.
24. These two persons in question 23 are the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

25. There were two altars in the Tabernacle of Moses, the Brazen \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
26. The Brazen Altar was for the \_\_\_\_\_ offering and was located in the Outer Court at the Door of the Tabernacle.
27. The Golden Altar was for burning of Incense and was positioned in the Holy Place before the \_\_\_\_\_.
28. Incense begins on the altar with \_\_\_\_\_ (the priest) and burnt upwards to God. Likewise, our prayers begin in the heart of man and ascend upward to God.

Part B. Matching:

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| 1. Intercession On Earth  | A. Badgers' Skin                  |
| 2. Intercession In Heaven | B. Altar Of Sacrifice             |
| 3. Zechariah              | C. Nadab And Abihu                |
| 4. Before The Veil        | D. Blue Cloth On Altar            |
| 5. Brazen Altar           | E. Burnt Before The Veil          |
| 6. Golden Altar           | F. The Golden Altar               |
| 7. Strange Fire           | G. Gold                           |
| 8. Christ's Humanity      | H. The Holy Spirit                |
| 9. Christ's Deity         | I. The Lord Jesus                 |
| 10. Christ's Eternity     | J. Ministered At Altar Of Worship |

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**Lesson 13 – The Altar Of Incense Part Two**

**Exodus 30:1 - And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it.**

The altar of incense to some degree may have been one of the most important pieces of furniture in the Tabernacle other than the brazen altar and the Ark itself. It was located at the west end of the sanctuary before the inner veil. This position is significant since it was located nearest the ark within the holy of holies.

Here the priests would twice daily burn sweet incense. This was done at the same time the oil in the candlestick was replenished and the daily burnt offering was made. Although the priests had a variety of duties to perform, their work at the same incense altar characterized their overall work. This indicates the altar's importance.

**1 Chron. 23:13 - The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the Lord, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever.**

Therefore, when Korah led 250 princes in seeking the priesthood and took censers for burning incense, and stood before the Lord to see if they could come near Him as priests, they were promptly judged.

**Numbers 16:10 - And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?**

**Numbers 16:35 - And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.**

It is fitting that their censers were used to make a covering for the brazen altar as a memorial that only Aaron and his sons could offer incense before the Lord. Many years later, King Uzziah did not heed the warning of this incident and went into the temple and offered incense. He was immediately struck with leprosy. That only Aaron and his sons should come before the Lord was not an empty threat.

The most severe judgment in association with the incense altar did not come from without the priesthood but within. Nadab and Abihu, Aaron's sons were both consumed by a fire from the Lord when they went into the sanctuary with incense. The only reason given for this retribution was that they used from other than the brazen altar, called *strange fire*. Leviticus 10:9 indicate that their impudence was due to drunkenness, while the reference to their death is given with the instructions for the ritual of the Day of Atonement. This may suggest they tried going into the Holy of Holies.

Although there is no mention of a specific vessel for the burning of incense, we know that there was a censer because of the ritual on the Day of Atonement and from mention of a golden censer in Hebrews 9:4.

Though the writer of Hebrews does not specifically say that the golden censer was from the incense altar, he does state that it was in the holy of holies before the ark, which corresponds to the ritual of the Day of Atonement when sweet incense was burned before the ark.

On the Day of Atonement, instead of moving the incense altar into the holy of holies, only the censer in which the sweet incense was burned was taken in. Thus, there is no mention of the incense altar itself. This illustrated that it was not the item, which was important, but what was on it. The brazen altar without an offering would have no efficacy, the candlestick without oil would be useless, the table of showbread without bread would illustrate nothing, and likewise, the altar of incense without incense would be meaningless as well.

Unlike the brazen altar, it was expressly forbidden to offer "strange," incense (incense not made according to divine instructions), burnt sacrifices, meat or drink offerings on the incense altar (Exodus 30:9). Like the brazen altar, however, it was a means of access to God.

The means of access portrayed here can be seen by the symbolic use of incense throughout scripture:

**Psalm 141:2 - Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**Rev. 5:8 - And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.**

**Rev. 8:3 - And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.**

Jewish tradition teaches that the priests prayed at the incense altar and from Luke 1:8-10, it seems to have become a custom also for the people to pray at the time of offering incense.

**Luke 1:8-10 - And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, [9] According to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. [10] And the whole multitudes of the people were praying without at the time of incense.**

Because of the fact that altars represent access to God (the brazen altar through sacrifice and the incense altar through prayer), we again conclude and see the intercessory work of Christ in this altar. This separation was fully breached by Christ's expiatory death. The access available at the incense altar through prayer was not limited to only those who had gone to the brazen altar for atonement, but was actually effectual for all the Hebrews on a continual basis.

Despite the priests' twice-daily intercession on behalf of the nation at the incense altar, their intercessory prayers were only a temporary and inadequate representation of Christ's intercessory ministry.

**Isaiah 53:12 - Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul**

**unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

**Hebrews 7:25 - Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.**

**Romans 8:34 - Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.**

**1 John 2:1-2 - My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: [2] And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**

The saints can learn an important lesson from the priests' ministry at the incense altar. With the incense altar standing before the inner veil, which separated the holy place from the holy of holies, the priests ministered as close as they could come to the presence of God. This is equally true of the saints when they pray. We can come no closer to the presence of God than when we intercede in prayer!

### **The Daily Burnt Offering And The Altar Of Worship**

As we discuss the altar of worship, it is a good thing to look at the ministry of the brazen altar and the altar of worship together. To this point we have discussed the individual pieces of furniture in the tabernacle and seen a myopic picture of the ministries of Christ.

Viewed corporately, we see the harmonious relationship to each other as well as their dependence on one another. This will give us a picture of Christ's total work. This can best be seen in the ritual of the daily burnt offering.

It is interesting to see how so many seemingly unrelated activities of the priests' work were associated with the same time of day, morning and evening. There was the daily burnt offering (Num. 28:3-4), the replenishing of oil for the candlestick (Lev. 24:3), the burning of incense at the incense altar (Exod. 30:7-8), and the removal of the ashes from the brazen altar to a clean place outside the camp (Lev. 6:8-12).

### **Numbers 28:3-4**

**And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the Lord; two lambs of the first year without spot day by day, for a continual burnt offering. [4] The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer at even;**

### **Leviticus 24:3**

Without the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation, shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before the Lord continually: it shall be a statute for ever in your generations.

#### Exodus 30:7-8

And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresses the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. [8] And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.

#### Leviticus 6:8-12

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, [9] Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it. [10] And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. [11] And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place. [12] And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings.

These activities involved every furnishing of the outer court and the holy place twice daily. The responsibility for these tasks belonged to the priests, whose activities reveal a clear picture of their significance. Several priests were involved with performing these duties. There were three areas of work:

- 1. At the Holy Place**
- 2. At the Brazen Altar**
- 3. Outside the Camp where the ashes were dumped**

This would necessitate at least three priests (the number left after the death of Nadab and Abihu) if the work in these areas was to be done simultaneously. It was not simultaneous; the probable order would have been carrying the ashes outside the camp, making the offerings, followed by ministering in the holy place.

The removal of the ashes from the brazen altar was not an insignificant chore, at least not typically. The wood used to burn the evening burnt offering, and any other offerings afterwards, was only ashes in the ash pans under the grate by morning. A priest would remove these pans from under the altar and then change into other garments before carrying them out to the ash pile outside the camp.

**Leviticus 6:11 - And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place.**

The Levites probably did the actual transporting of the ash pans. Although the ashes were taken outside the camp, this removal was not insignificant (Heb. 13:11-12). This was evidence of God's satisfaction with the animal offered. This was also the site where the sin offerings for the high priest and congregation were taken to be burnt. (Lev. 4:12, 21), which is typical of Christ who was taken outside the gates of Jerusalem to suffer the penalty for our sins. The changing of the priests' clothes at this time speaks to us of Christ's humanity and not His heavenly glory, because Jesus went to the cross not as a priest but as a sacrifice, which made his mediatory work efficacious.

**Hebrews 13:11-12 - For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. [12] Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.**

**Leviticus 4:12,21 - Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt. 21 And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it is a sin offering for the congregation.**

Many of the priests works were called perpetual and continual – both the same Hebrew word. The daily burnt offering, except for the one in Numbers 29:6, was called the continual burnt offering, the fire on the brazen altar was perpetual for it was never to go out. (Lev. 6:13), the candlestick was to burn continually (Lev. 24:2), the showbread was called "continual bread," (Num. 24:7) because it was always before the Lord, and the incense was to burn perpetually (Ex. 30:8). This is indicative of their importance in the priests' ministry typifying Christ's work which is indeed perpetual.

### **The Morning Sacrifice**

The morning daily burnt offering consisted of a lamb along with its meat and drink offering. The burnt offering was the only offering made on a daily basis. (Ex. 29:38-42), the others being only as the need arose. Although the meat and drink offerings accompanied the daily burnt offering, it was not offered to denote the national aspect of the continual consecration to God, but rather, it

was offered to denote the priestly aspect of their continual consecration to God and thus typified Christ's continual consecration.

The burnt offering, which typified total consecration, could best typify Christ's complete and total surrender to God for us: thus, all His ministries were described as continual. The sin offerings was not offered daily because Jesus died only ONCE.

For the morning daily burnt offering, the priest would take an unblemished lamb to the north side of the altar, and there lay his hands on its head while making a confession of continual service and dedication to God. Then, he would cut its throat and catch its blood in a brazen bowl. After washing at the laver, he would sprinkle the blood on the brazen altar. Next, he would butcher the animal, keeping the skin for himself. The head and fat were laid on the fire of the brazen altar, but the legs and inwards were first washed at the laver as were the priests' hands and feet before he took them to the brazen altar.

The meat and drink offerings were then offered and salt was strewn over all the sacrifices. According to Lev. 6:23 the whole meat offering was burnt and not just a small portion.

**Leviticus 6:23**

**For every meat offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.**

The priest would then take a brass censer full of coals from the brazen altar to the laver to wash again. Then he would enter the holy place. Since the candlestick had its own golden censer, the coals were probably transferred to it. He would then trim the wicks and replenish the oil of the candlestick, relighting each lamp with the coals from the brazen altar. He next placed incense in the censer on top of the incense altar. Since the only place spoons, the vessels for holding the incense, are mentioned is at the table of showbread, the priest would stop there to get the sweet incense and light it with the coals from the brazen altar.

These morning and evening priestly duties each beautifully portray the continual ministry of Christ as our true priest. The continual burnt offering speaks to us of Christ's COMPLETE and CONTINUAL service to God for us. In the meat offering and its drink offering we see Christ in His service to man. The fire consumed the offering, changing it to smoke and ashes. Ashes were the evidence of the finished word, and the smoke was a witness of God's satisfaction with Christ, it being called a sweet savour. The washing at the laver was necessary to portray Christ's sinlessness, which made it possible for him to ascend to heaven.

His heavenly ministries portrayed in the holy place by its three furnishings were all linked to the offerings at the brazen altar. It was his vicarious life and death portrayed in the sacrifices at the brazen altar that rendered his other ministries efficacious for the believer. Thus, the coals were taken from the brazen altar into the holy place to light the candlestick and incense.

Only those who went to the brazen altar in acknowledgement of God's provision received the benefit of the priests' ministry in the holy place. Likewise, today, we must go to Calvary before we can receive Christ as our advocate, as well as bountiful provisions, promises, and blessings that a loving God is willing to bestow on His people. It all centers on the CROSS of Christ – the place of sacrifice.

### Study Questions

#### Part One: Fill In The Blank

1. Only those who went to the \_\_\_\_\_ altar acknowledging the provisionary promise of God received benefits from the priests' ministry in the holy place.
2. When the priest took a brass censer full of \_\_\_\_\_ from the brazen altar, his next trip was to the brazen laver to wash again.
3. Once inside the holy place the priest would \_\_\_\_\_ the wicks and replenish the \_\_\_\_\_ of the candlestick, relighting each lamp with the coals from the brazen altar.
4. The priest placed the incense in a \_\_\_\_\_ on top of the incense altar.
5. Since the only place spoons, the vessels for holding the incense, are mentioned is at the table of \_\_\_\_\_, the priest would stop there to get the sweet incense and light it with the coals from the brazen altar.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ priestly duties each beautifully portray the continual ministry of Christ as our true priest.
7. The burnt offering, which typified total \_\_\_\_\_, typified Christ's complete and total surrender to God for us.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ offerings were not offered daily because Jesus died only once.
9. For the morning daily burnt offering, the priest would take an unblemished \_\_\_\_\_ to the north side of the altar, and there lay his hands on its head while making a confession of continual service and dedication to God.
10. After laying the animal on the altar, the priest would cut its throat and catch its \_\_\_\_\_ in a brazen bowl.

11. On the Day of Atonement, instead of moving the incense altar into the holy of holies, only the censer in which the \_\_\_\_\_ incense was burned was taken in.
12. Unlike the brazen altar, it was expressly forbidden to offer \_\_\_\_\_ incense (incense not made according to divine instructions), burnt sacrifices, meat or drink offerings on the incense altar (Exodus 30:9).
13. Three things the priests did each day at both the morning and evening were: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Jewish tradition teaches that not just \_\_\_\_\_ prayed at the incense altar, but also people from the nation.
15. This was illustrated in the life of \_\_\_\_\_, according to St. Luke.

#### Part B. Matching

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| 1. Zecharias            | A. Place Of Intercession            |
| 2. Brazen Laver         | B. Place Of Cleansing               |
| 3. Brazen Altar         | C. Place Of Sacrifice               |
| 4. Whole Burnt Offering | D. Consecration                     |
| 5. Incense Altar        | E. Priest At Time Of Christ's Birth |



### The **TABERNACLE** Study Series Lesson Fourteen – The Framework Of The Tabernacle

**Exodus 26:15 - And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing up.**

**Exodus 36:8 - And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubim of cunning work made he them.**

In our study thus far we have dealt primarily with the furniture INSIDE the Tabernacle. We have studied the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat, which sat within the Holy Of Holies as well as the three articles of furniture - The Table of Shewbread, The Golden Lampstand and the Altar Of Worship Or Incense - in the second compartment of the Tabernacle - the Holy Place.

From God's perspective He instructed Moses to build the articles of the Holy Place FIRST then proceeded to give instructions on each article of furniture going from IN to OUT. That has always been God's way - the INSIDE FIRST, then the OUTSIDE. Everything starts with God! The glory of His anointing rests with HIM first and proceeds from His throne. When we end this study we will be at the outer court, which will show us, how man must approach God - at the

brazen altar of sacrifice - CALVARY. For us to reach God, we must first be washed in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ! Praise God.

This study is a short look at the Tabernacle framework itself. The Holy Place and the Holy of Holies were both contained in a building, which led to the Outer Court. In our next sets of lessons following we are going to deal with the curtains, coverings and the veil. It is fitting however to look at the Tabernacle itself.

The Tabernacle consisted of a framework of 48 boards overlaid with GOLD. These 48 boards stood in 96 sockets of silver and were braced by five bars on each of its three closed sides. At the entrance of open side of the Tabernacle there was a hanging called "the Door of the Tabernacle." The Door was made of fine linen and was upheld by FIVE PILLARS. This Door gave access to the HOLY PLACE. At the end of the Holy Place there was another hanging curtain. This was the VEIL, which was upheld by four pillars and guarded the entrance to the Most Holy Place or the Holy of Holies.

This curtain is often referred to as the "second veil." Over this whole structure there were other curtains and coverings, which were the ceiling and roof of the Tabernacle.

### **Boards For The Tabernacle Of Shittim Wood Standing Up**

**Exodus 26:15 - And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing up.**

These boards were made of shittim wood. This continues to speak to us as it has in other lessons of the incorruptible nature of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is referred to as "THE BRANCH," who was cut off in the land of the living. Because this wood would be shaped into boards, it had to be cut off from the land of the living. Christ is that ROOT out of dry ground who was cut off to become God's Tabernacle and in turn make us vessels and tabernacles as well! Christ is the one and only meeting place between God and man.

The wood also speaks to us of Christ's sinless nature. His manhood was untainted by sin. As He became flesh He tabernacled among us! He did not sin nor did the Father allow Him to see corruption in the grave. In relation to the Church, the boards of shittim wood speak to us of our redeemed nature. When God found us, we were knar led, knotted, and twisted like this desert wood growing in a parched land. In Christ we are taken through the process that these boards experienced. The sinner is cut off from the former old life of the world, and he is shaped into BOARDS (stones) that fit together into ONE TABERNACLE (building) to become the habitation of God by the Spirit!

1 Peter 2:5 - Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:9 - But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

Isaiah 53:1-2 ,8 - Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? [2] For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

Zech. 3:8 - Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

Zech. 6:12-13 - And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: [13] Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

1 Tim. 2:15 - Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety .

### **The Tabernacle Was To Stand Upright**

Each board was to be standing up or upright before the Lord. The Bible promises that "the upright shall dwell in the Presence" of the Almighty. Paul also tells us that having done all we are to stand. This is all we are told to do against Satan. Christ has already won the battle; **all we must do is REST or STAND in the victory already accomplished at Calvary:**

Psalm 140:13 - Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: **the upright** shall dwell in thy presence.

Psalm 64:10 - The righteous shall be glad in the Lord, and shall trust in him; and all **the upright** in heart shall glory.

Psalm 112:4 - **Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.**

Ephes. 6:13 - Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may

be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, **to stand**.

Galatians 5:1 - **Stand fast** therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

### **Ten Cubits The Length And A Cubit And A Half The Width Of One Board**

Exodus 26:16 - Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board.

Each of the 48 boards measured 10 cubits in height and 1 1/2 cubits in width. Each of these Boards was to be overlaid with Gold. All of the Boards were to measure up this Divine Standard in order to qualify as a Board in God's Tabernacle. There was only ONE STANDARD for all the Boards. God has but ONE STANDARD for the Church - THE LORD JESUS! We get ourselves into horrible deception and delusion when we start measuring and comparing ourselves to others. The MAN CHRIST JESUS is the pattern and standard for living.

**Ephes. 4:11-16 - And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; [12] For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: [13] Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: [14] That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; [15] But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: [16] From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

**Rev. 11:1-2 - And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. [2] But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.**

**Ezekiel 43:10 - Thou son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.**

The Boards were to be TEN cubits high. The number TEN speaks to us of trial and testing, law, order and responsibility. In Scripture there are:

- **10 Commandments**
- **10 Talents**
- **10 Virgins**

This speaks to us of our responsibility before God. The Lord will have a building made up of those who are TRIED and tested, who have submitted to His Divine law and order and who are not afraid to take responsibility before Him.

Another interesting measurement of these boards was their width - 1 1/2 cubits wide. As we have already seen, the Grate Of The Brazen Altar, the Table of Shewbread and the Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant were all 1 1/2 cubits high. As we see all four of these in connection with the Tabernacle, we see that the believer must have met CHRIST at the Brazen Altar (THE CROSS), he must have been to the MERCY SEAT (THE THRONE OF GRACE), and he must be in fellowship at the SHEWBREAD TABLE (COMMUNION) to find his proper place in the structure of the Tabernacle. While God is not as concerned about what "CHURCH" we belong to, it is important, we come seeking the PRESENCE OF GOD at our local tabernacles - the LOCAL CHURCH. It is here where we will participate in the embracing of these ordinances and fellowships.

### **Two Tenons Shall Be On One Board**

**Exodus 26:17 - Two tenons shall there be in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle.**

The Hebrew word for "tenon" is literally "hands." These tenons were instrumental in holding the structure together. Each Board had its two tenons. The two tenons speak of those two foundational facts that hold us together in fellowship. They are the DEATH and RESURRECTION of JESUS CHRIST. Every believer (which is typified in each of these boards) must see that CHRIST DIED FOR US and the He also LIVES FOR US. Both His DEATH and His LIFE save us.

A gospel message that only emphasizes His DEATH without the power of His resurrection will always produce DEATH. Jesus rose from the grave but He had to DIE in order to SECURE eternal salvation for us. We must DIE DAILY so that WE MAY LIVE THROUGH THE POWER OF THE HOLY GHOST so that the LIFE OF JESUS can live through us.

### **Set In Order One Against The Other...**

**Exodus 26:18**

**And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.**

The Boards were to stand upright on their own and yet they were to stand COLLECTIVELY to make up a dwelling place for the Lord. No individual Board could make up a fit dwelling place for the Lord God. It was only as the many Boards CAME TOGETHER and, as we will see later, were held together by the

bars that the structure became stable and functional. When every Board was in its place the Tabernacle was complete and the Glory of God could dwell within.

The Church is ONE BODY, yet many "boards," or MEMBERS. God respects the assembly of believers when they dwell together in ONE ACCORD and in ONE PLACE. It is a very "pleasant" thing for brethren to dwell together in UNITY.

**Acts 2:1 - And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.**

**Psalm 133:1-3 - A Song of degrees of David. - Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! [2] It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; [3] As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.**

**Ephes. 2:21-22 - In whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto an holy temple in the Lord: [22] In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

**Ephes. 4:3 - Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

**Ephes. 4:13 - Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:**

**1 Cor. 12:12-18 - For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. [13] For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. [14] For the body is not one member, but many. [15] If the foot shall say, because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? [16] And if the ear shall say, because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? [17] If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where was the smelling? [18] But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.**

**Twenty Boards On South And North; Six Boards On East And West**

**Exodus 26:18**

**And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward.**

**Exodus 26:20**

**And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be**

**twenty boards:**

**Exodus 26:22-24**

**And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards. [23] And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides. [24] And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.**

In the actual Framework of the Tabernacle there were 48 Boards. There were:

- **20 Boards for the South Side**
- **20 Boards for the North Side**
- **6 Boards for the West Side**
- **2 Board for the corners on the West end**
- **GIVING A TOTAL OF 48 Boards**

These 48 Boards formed ONE TABERNACLE. In the number 48 we have the factors 4 X 12. FOUR is the number of the EARTH and speaks of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ that would eventually go into ALL THE WORLD. The Church reaches to the four corners of the earth.

The number 12 is the number of Divine Government and Apostolic fullness. There were TWELVE loaves in the Table of Shewbread. The Church is built upon the foundation of the TWELVE APOSTLES of the Lamb.

The Corner boards speak to us of Christ who is the CORNERSTONE (Psalms 118:22; Isaiah 28:16). They were to give stability and structure to the Tabernacle. They were instrumental in squaring off the building and giving it its alignment. Even so Christ and His Apostles were that which gave that initial stability to the EARLY Church. They laid the foundation and got the building off the ground on the proper alignment being firmly laid in God's WORD.

Coupling rings, which were to be beneath and above the Corner Boards, supported the Corner Boards. These rings would give added rigidity to the Framework and would be instrumental in keeping the Boards from leaning. These rings were very important to the overall strength of the Framework, and yet, they were virtually unseen when the Tabernacle was fully erected. A ring always speaks to us of the eternal nature of God. The unseen binding ring would best apply to the ministry of the Holy Spirit who is unseen and yet BINDS believers (Boards) together to make up the ONE BODY, the ONE BUILDING, of CHRIST.

The number 48 is used one other time in scripture in Joshua 21 where Joshua gave the Levitical tribes 48 cities to dwell in as part of their blessings for priestly service and ministry.

### **Overlay The Boards With Gold**

**Exodus 26:29 - And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.**

These Boards were to overlay with pure gold. Again, the same thought as in many other articles of furniture in the Tabernacle, which were made of shittim wood overlaid with gold, that deity overlaid humanity in CHRIST AND also the CHURCH. Jesus is the God-man. He received the wood, or human nature from His mother Mary, making Him the Son of Man. He receives the gold or Divine nature from His heavenly Father, GOD, making him the SON OF GOD.

The Boards overlaid with gold point to the believer (wood) who is standing IN CHRIST. The believer is cut off from the old desert life of sin, his natural glory is stripped off, he is planed, shaped and fashioned to God's pattern and measurements. In CHRIST we are BORN AGAIN of the incorruptible seed of the Word of God (1 Peter 1:4, 23). We become PARTAKERS, not imitators of the DIVINE NATURE (2 Peter 1:4)

**1 Peter 1:4, 23 - To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you; Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever.**

**2 Peter 1:4 - Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

### **Forty Silver Sockets, 20 Boards; Two Sockets. One Board, 2 Tenons**

**Exodus 26:19-22; 25 - And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons. [20] And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards: And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards. 25 - And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.**

For each of the 48 Boards, there were two sockets of SILVER. There were:

- 40 Sockets for the 20 Boards on the North Side
- 40 Sockets for the 20 Boards on the South Side
- 16 Sockets for the 8 Boards on the West Side
- TOTALING: 96 Sockets In All

The sockets were made of SILVER. The question must be asked, where did this silver come from? The answer is found in Exodus 30:11-16 where Moses instructed every man who was over the age of 20 to bring a half shekel of silver to the Lord. This half shekel was to be after the shekel of the sanctuary, which were 20 gerahs. This meant that each half shekel was 10 gerahs.

This was God's standard and points to the 10 Commandments, God's Divine Standard of the LAW. This money was to be ATONEMENT MONEY for the souls of the people. The poor as well as the rich were to pay the same amount for himself. None could pay for another. The soul had to be redeemed with silver, and as it was, God promised to prevent plagues from coming upon them.

**Numbers 3:46-51 - And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the firstborn of the children of Israel, which are more than the Levites; [47] Thou shalt even take five shekels apiece by the poll, after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take them: (the shekel is twenty gerahs:) [48] And thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons. [49] And Moses took the redemption money of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites: [50] Of the firstborn of the children of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred and threescore and five (1365) shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: [51] And Moses gave the money of them that were redeemed unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the Lord, as the Lord commanded Moses.**

**Numbers 18:16 - And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs.**

**Exodus 30:11-16 - And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, [12] When you take the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the Lord, when you number them; that there be no plague among them, when you number them. [13] This they shall give, every one that passes among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) an half shekel shall be the offering of the Lord. [14] Every one that passes among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the Lord. [15] The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls. [16] And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before**

the Lord, to make an atonement for your souls.

**Psalm 49:7-8 - None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: [8] (For the redemption of their soul is precious, and it ceases for ever:)**

Silver ALWAYS speaks of ATONEMENT and REDEMPTION. It also speaks of ransom money and the price of a soul. Jesus was sold for 30 pieces of silver. Matthew 26:15 - And said unto them, 'What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?' And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.

Peter interprets this symbol for us in the New Covenant when he writes:

**1 Peter 1:18-21 - Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; [19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: [20] Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, [21] Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.**

The silver atonement of the Old Covenant becomes the BLOOD atonement of the New Covenant (1 John 1:6-7). The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the New Covenant takes the place of the "ransom money" that was established under the Mosaic Covenant and the Tabernacle God ordained Moses and the nation to build. His BLOOD is our atonement, our ransom, our redemption and the price for our soul. This is the PRICE by which we were bought. This is the STANDARD that God has set for our redemption. The Bible says that Jesus came to minister and give HIS LIFE A RANSOM for many."

That word ransom has its root meaning in this Old Covenant Tabernacle where the boards were placed in SILVER SOCKETS. We have been placed into HIS BODY through the precious blood of His sufferings on Calvary. This is God's standard and ALL MUST MEET THIS STANDARD. None can pay for another to get into the Kingdom of His Dear Son. No one can be numbered in the TRUE CHURCH and with the SAINTS unless they are redeemed with this price. Calvary is the MINE (VEIN) of silver to which we all have access that we might obtain the price of atonement.

As we find our place in CHRIST, God's judgment is stayed off our lives and eternal souls. What a glorious picture of our Redeemer in these boards. What a glorious thought to see how God enfolded His great plan of redemption inside this Tabernacle of Moses.

### **The Silver And The Numbering Of The People**

Another thought seen here in the silver is found in relation to the result of the numbering. In this numbering there were found to be 603,550 persons. This means that there would have been 301,775 shekels of silver that were collected from the people. Each of the sockets was to be made by ONE TALENT of silver. There were 3,000 shekels in a talent. Thus, we see that each of the 96 sockets was composed of ONE TALENT or 3,000 shekels of silver. In addition there were four Sockets needed for the four pillars that upheld the veil. When we subtract the amount of silver needed for these 100 sockets we are left with 1,775 Shekels to be used for the hooks, chapters and the connecting rods in the pillars of the Outer Court.

If each Socket was comprised of 3,000 shekels, then each Socket represented the redemption price of 6,000 souls. Each board had two Sockets. Each Board was, therefore, typically upheld by 12,000 redeemed Israelites. In the book of Revelation, 12,000 of each tribe of ISRAEL are redeemed from the earth to go forth and spread the word of the Lord during the Great Tribulation.

**Rev. 7:1-8 - And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. [2] And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, [3] Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. [4] And I heard the number of them, which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel. [5] Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand. [6] Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manassas were sealed twelve thousand. [7] Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. [8] Of the tribe of Zebulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.**

It speaks to the CHURCH of her roots in Judaism as we, the New Testament Tabernacle, are engrafted into the VINE, the OLIVE BRANCH, THE OLIVE TREE, from which the covenants, the oracles of God and the testimony of Jesus came from - ISRAEL! We must never forget it. **We are the New Testament tabernacles of God** and our redemption was paid for with the blood of a Jewish Savior and REDEEMER! We are ONE NEW MAN in CHRIST! That one new man is both Jew and Gentile.

**Ephes. 2:13-15 - But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. [14] For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; [15] Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;**

These sockets were the very FOUNDATION of the Tabernacle. The Boards each had TWO TENONS (two hands or feet) by which they stood in the silver Sockets. The Sockets of silver were the foundation or standing place for these boards. No Board had its feet in the dessert sands of this world, but each stood in REDEMPTION METAL.

We as believers must never forget our salvation and redemption does not hinge on the world's system or the world's economy. We are standing upon the BLOOD FOUNDATION of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. It is absolute proper to have the right foundation laid. Even as Moses laid the foundation of silver and atonement for the Old Covenant Tabernacle, so Paul in Apostolic ministry lays the proper foundation of Blood-Atonement for the New Covenant Church.

**Matthew 7:24-29 - Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: [25] And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. [26] And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: [27] And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. [28] And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: [29] For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.**

**1 Cor. 3:9-14 - For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. [10] According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds thereon. But let every man take heed how he builds thereupon. [11] For other foundation (the silver-socketed gold-overlaid BOARDS!) can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (THE BLOOD COVENANT) [12] Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; [13] Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. [14] If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.**

**Psalm 11:3 - If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?**

**Isaiah 28:16 - Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a**

foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation:  
he that believeth shall not make haste.

Luke 6:46-49 - And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? [47] Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: [48] He is like a man which built an house, and dug deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. [49] But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

Hebrews 6:1-2 - Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, [2] Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

### **Shittim Wood Bars; Five For North, South And East Sides; Two For West**

Exodus 26:26-29 - And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, [27] And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward. [28] And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end. [29] And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold.

On each side of the structure there were positioned five bars of Shittim wood overlaid with gold. These bars were placed through rings of gold attached to the Boards. As they were inserted, they would act as brace-bars to hold the entire structure in a firm position. Without these brace-bars the structure would be susceptible to every desert wind that came up. As the bars fulfilled their ministry the Tabernacle would stand for sure. It speaks to us today of the Lord Jesus Christ being our STABILITY in the midst of our trials and "winds" of life.

The most interesting of these bars is the central bar. In speaking of the bar the Scripture says, "The middle bar in the midst of the Boards shall reach from end to end." And again in Exodus 36 where the details of the actual building are recorded: he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from one end to the other." Perhaps this bar ran through a hole in the middle of each Board. If this was the case, it would have been in the midst and shooting through the boards.

FIVE is the number of GRACE. God's grace is manifested to the Church in many ways. The FIVE-FOLD ministry gifts of the prophet, teacher, apostle,

evangelist and pastor have been given to the Church to STABILIZE HER and keep her on the path of life. Just as the five bars on each side was used to stabilize the whole structure and keep it from being shaken by every wind that came along - so is the five ministries in the CHURCH given to us to keep us stabilized and kept from being swayed by every wind of doctrine.

**Ephes. 4:14-16 - That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; [15] But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: [16] From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.**

Just as the bars were also responsible for keeping the Boards COMPACTED TOGETHER, even so these ministries keep the Church united in our goal. Without these ministries functioning and functioning PROPERLY, the Church lacks stability, solidity and proper structure. The five bars are seen in relation to each side of the framework. This five-fold ministry should be operating in EACH CHURCH as well! The Church is the household of God, built upon the foundation of the APOSTLES and PROPHETS:

**Col. 2:2 - That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;**

**Col. 2:19 - And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increases with the increase of God.**

**Ephes. 2:20-22 - And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; [21] In whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto an holy temple in the Lord: [22] In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.**

**1 Peter 2:5 - Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.**

### **Make Rings Of Gold For The Bars**

The symbol of the ring speaks to us of endlessness, eternity, having neither beginning or ending. God has established an EVERLASTING Covenant of love with His redeemed. It is the LOVE OF GOD that LINKS all believers together. If each of the 48 Boards had three rings, as most Bible teachers suggest,

through which the five bars passed, they could point to the "abiding three," - FAITH, HOPE and LOVE. It is these that bind God and all believers together eternally.

**Hebrews 13:20 - Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,**

**1 Cor. 13:13 - And now abides faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity .**

Study Questions:

Part One: Fill In The Blank

1. The symbol of the tabernacle \_\_\_\_\_ speak to us of endlessness, eternity, having neither beginning or ending
2. Just as the bars were also responsible for keeping the \_\_\_\_\_ compacted together, even so these ministries keep the Church united in our goal. Without these ministries functioning and functioning PROPERLY, the Church lacks stability, solidity and proper structure
3. Five is the number of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. On each side of the structure there were positioned five bars of \_\_\_\_\_ wood overlaid with gold. These bars were placed through rings of gold attached to the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. As they were inserted, the boards would act as brace-bars to hold the entire structure in a \_\_\_\_\_ position. Without these brace-bars the structure would be susceptible to every desert wind that came up. As the bars fulfilled their ministry the Tabernacle would stand for sure.
6. These bars also speak to us today of the Lord Jesus Christ being our \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of our trials and "winds" of life.
7. The sockets were made of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The sockets were the very \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tabernacle.
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ each had two tenons (two hands or feet) by which they stood in the silver \_\_\_\_\_.
10. We as believers must never forget our \_\_\_\_\_ and redemption does not hinge on the world's system or the world's economy.
11. We are standing upon the \_\_\_\_\_ foundation of the LORD JESUS CHRIST
12. The Tabernacle consisted of a framework of \_\_\_\_\_ boards overlaid with \_\_\_\_\_.
13. These 48 boards stood in \_\_\_\_\_ sockets of silver and were braced by \_\_\_\_\_ bars on each of its three closed sides.
14. At the entrance of open side of the Tabernacle there was a hanging called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tabernacle.

15. The Door was made of fine \_\_\_\_\_ and was upheld by five \_\_\_\_\_.
16. This Door gave access to the \_\_\_\_\_.
17. At the end of the Holy Place there was another hanging \_\_\_\_\_.
18. The \_\_\_\_\_, which was upheld by four pillars, guarded the entrance to the Most Holy Place or the Holy of Holies.
19. Two foundational "tenons" that hold us together, as believers are the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord Jesus Christ.
20. A gospel message that only emphasizes the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ without the power of His resurrection will always produce DEATH.
21. Jesus rose from the grave but He had to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to secure eternal \_\_\_\_\_ for us.
22. We must die \_\_\_\_\_ so that we may live through the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ so that the life of \_\_\_\_\_ can live through us.
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the brazen altar, the table of showbread, and the \_\_\_\_\_ seat on the Ark of the Covenant were all 1 1/2 cubits high.
24. The New Testament believer is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

#### Part Two: Matching

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Tenons                  | A. Foundation To All Gospel         |
| 2. Boards                  | B. 96                               |
| 3. Sockets                 | C. Separated Holy Place And Holiest |
| 4. Silver                  | D. Five                             |
| 5. Veil                    | E. Supported The Door               |
| 6. Curtains                | F. Deity Within Humanity Of Christ  |
| 7. Grace                   | G. Where God Dwelt                  |
| 8. Five Pillars            | H. Place Where Sacrifices Made      |
| 9. Fine Linen              | I. Incorruptible                    |
| 10. Door Of Tabernacle     | J. 48                               |
| 11. Shittim Wood           | K. Hands                            |
| 12. Overlaid With Gold     | L. Brazen Altar Grate, Mercy Seat   |
| 13. Death Of Jesus         | M. Tabernacle Of God                |
| 14. Ark Of Covenant        | N. Behind The Veil                  |
| 15. 1 1/2 Cubits           | O. Covered The Tabernacle           |
| 16. New Testament Believer | P. Place Of Priests' Ministry       |
| 17. Holy Place             | Q. Only Way Into Tabernacle         |
| 18. Holy Of Holies         | R. Means Redemption                 |
| 19. Outer Court            | S. Material Used For Door           |
| 20. Mercy Seat             | T. Place Where Blood Was Sprinkled  |

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Lesson 15 – The Curtains

**Exodus 26:1-6 - Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them. [2] The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure. [3] The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another. [4] And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the second. [5] Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another. [6] And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.**

**Goats' Hair; Rams' Skin Dyed Red; White Linen With Enwove Cherubim**

There were various curtains and coverings involved in the Tabernacle. These Curtains and Coverings were hung or draped over the Framework. Some diagrams suggest that the final Coverings were placed in a tent position over tent poles. As to the specific arrangement of these Coverings we are not told. The materials and order of these curtains and coverings make an interesting lesson in this ongoing study of God's dwelling place - THE TABERNACLE.

## The Order

The Curtains and Coverings for the Tabernacle were laid out in the following order:

- **The Curtains and Fine Linen (Exodus 26:1-6 and 36:8-13)** - These curtains were placed directly over the Framework and comprised the actual roof or ceiling of the Sanctuary.
- **The Curtains Of Goats' Hair (Exodus 26:7-13 and 36:14-18)** - This curtain which referred to as the "tent" was placed over the Curtains of Fine Linen
- **The Rams' Skin Dyed Red - (Exodus 26:14 and 36:19)** - This is referred to as the Covering and was next in order
- **The Covering of Badgers' Skins (Exodus 26:14 and 36:19)** - This was the final covering and was that which was seen to all who were outside the Tabernacle

It is suggested that the first two were Curtains and that the next two were the Coverings;

**Numbers 4:25 - And they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that is above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,**

## Make The Tabernacle With Ten Curtains

**Exodus 26:1 - Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.**

Moses was told to make the Tabernacle with TEN CURTAINS. Ten is the number of the Ten Commandments and represent the LAW COVENANT. These curtains thus speak to us of Jesus as the FULFILLMENT OF THE LAW. He is the only MAN who ever kept the Law and the Commandments of God entirely. The entire Law, the Moral, the Civil and the Ceremonial Law were FULFILLED IN HIM.

**Psalm 40:6-8 - Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. [7] Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, [8] I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.**

## Of Fine Twined Linen...

These ten curtains of fine linen were referred to as times as "the Tabernacle." In Exodus 36:13 we are told in regard to these ten curtains:

**Exodus 36:13 - And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: so it became one tabernacle.**

This Tabernacle was to be comprised of TEN CURTAINS of fine twined linen. Clean, fine, white linen is one of the clearest symbols in Scripture. Fine linen is always a symbol of righteousness. It speaks first of the righteousness of Christ as the pattern Son, and second, it points to the righteousness of the saints who are IN CHRIST. This is not SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Isaiah pictures self-righteousness as filthy rags. Clean, white, fine linen speaks to us of FAITH-RIGHTEOUSNESS. Fine linen is the clothing and garment of the PRIESTS. As we come in faith to the Lord we are ordained to be KINGS AND PRIESTS before God and will wear the same garments. This is not something we put on on the basis of our own merit!

**Rev. 19:7-8 - Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. [8] And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

**Isaiah 64:6 - But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness is as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.**

**Exodus 28:39-43 - And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle of needlework. [40] And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty. [41] And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office. [42] And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: [43] And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him.**

Rev. 3:5 - He that overcomes, **the same shall be clothed in white raiment;** and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Isaiah 61:3 - To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. 10 - I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; **for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

Rev. 7:14 - And I said unto him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and **made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

### **And Blue, Purple, And Scarlet**

As stated many times in previous lessons, BLUE is the color of HEAVEN. It speaks to us of the Lord Jesus Christ as the SECOND ADAM, the LORD FROM HEAVEN:

1 Cor. 15:47 - The first man is of the earth, earthy: **the second man is the Lord from heaven.**

John 1:1-3 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] **The same was in the beginning with God.** [3] All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:14-18 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. [15] John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. [16] And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. [17] For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. [18] No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

It is interesting that the Children of Israel were to have a RIBBON OF BLUE upon the border of their garment as a constant reminder of the Heavenly

Commandments and the fact that their citizenship was not an earthly one. (Numbers 15:32-41).

PURPLE is the color of royalty and kingship. Jesus Christ is not only the Second Adam; He is the KING of KINGS and Lord of LORDS. Blending blue and scarlet produce purple. In Christ there is a blending of the Human and Divine natures in ONE PERSON. He is both Son of God and Son of Man (Luke 1:30-33 and Revelation 19:1-6). This qualifies Him to be our MEDIATOR before God. NONE OTHER is qualified to do that!

SCARLET is the color of Blood and speaks to us of sacrifice and humanity. **All through the Old Testament the Israelites were to find atonement on the basis of the sacrifice of animal blood.** All of their offerings pointed to the coming of the LAMB OF GOD. This is the one and only sacrifice for sin. Animal blood only pointed to HIS BLOOD. Only HIS BLOOD has the power of ATONEMENT!

These four colors that we see prescribed for the ten curtains are no accidental choice. In fact the very order of these colors is not even arbitrary. This same order for these same colors is repeated about 24 times in the BOOK OF EXODUS. These four colors are typical of the four Gospels that present Jesus Christ as the TRUE TABERNACLE. In relation to the gospels we see:

- **WHITE** - Gospel of Luke - Son of Adam (The Sinless Man)
- **BLUE** - Gospel of John - Son of God (The Heavenly Man)
- **PURPLE** - Gospel of Matthew - Son of David (The Royal Man, the KING)
- **SCARLET** - Gospel of Mark - Son of Man (The Servant Man)

### **With Cherubim Of Cunning Work...**

These Cherubim were to be inwrought into the linen of "cunning" work. Cherubim do not represent angels, nor do they speak of any human. The inwrought Cherubim speak to us of the intricate workings of the HOLY GHOST in the life of CHRIST as well as the life of the believer. The fine linen speaks of the righteousness of Christ. The Cherubim speaks of His majesty, glory and POWER.

This linen with the inwrought Cherubim would then comprise the ceiling for the Sanctuary. From the description of the Mercy Seat, these Cherubim had wings. They would stretch forth their wings above the Sanctuary under which the Priest ministered. The Priest would in effect be walking, ministering, and enjoying fellowship under the shadow of the wings of the Cherubim. It was a beautiful type and picture of us as New Covenant believer priests ministering "under the shadow of the Almighty."

**Psalm 91:1-4 - He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. [2] I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. [3] Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. [4] He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.**

**Ruth 2:12 - The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.**

**Isaiah 40:30-31 - Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: [31] But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.**

**Matthew 23:37 - O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you kill the prophets, and stone them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!**

**Rev. 12:6 - And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. 14 - And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.**

**The Length Of One Curtain Will Be 28 Cubits; The Breadth Four Cubits; And All Curtains Shall Have One Measure**

**Exodus 26:2-6 - The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure. [3] The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another. [4] And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the second. [5] Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another. [6] And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.**

There were TEN CURTAINS, which were arranged in two groups of FIVE. These two sets of FIVE CURTAINS were joined together by 50 clasps (taches) of gold and 50 loops of BLUE. When all was joined together it formed and covered ONE TABERNACLE.

Each of these 10 curtains was 28 cubits in length and 4 cubits in breadth. When these were all joined together as we have just described, they formed a COVERING of 28 cubits wide and 40 (4 x 10) cubits long. This was placed over the Framework discussed in Lesson 14. The Board Structure was 10 x 10 x 30 (LxWxH). When the Curtains were placed over the framework with the gold taches directly over the veil, the curtains would cover the entire framework. Since the North side (10 cubits) and South side (10 cubits) and the ceiling (10 cubits across) totaled 30 cubits, we see that the Curtains were suspended one cubit above the ground on either side of the Framework.

With the curtains so arranged, they would cover the full length of the Framework with an overhang on the West end of 10 cubits. The full length of the joined Curtains was 40 cubits while the length of the Tabernacle was 30 cubits. Since there was a door for the EAST end of the Tabernacle, the curtains covered the 10 cubits of the west wall as well.

In the very couplings used in these ten curtains there are three important symbols:

1. The loops were to be of BLUE. Blue speaks of the Lord Jesus FROM HEAVEN. It always attests to Deity.
2. The taches were made of GOLD. Gold is typical of the DIVINE NATURE or Jesus as the DIVINE MAN.
3. There were to be 50 loops and 50 taches. This spoke in type of the 50th Year or Jubilee Year of Israel and the Feast of Pentecost, which was celebrated FIFTY days after Calvary/Passover. The number 50 is therefore significant of FREEDOM, LIBERTY, PENTECOST and JUBILEE. There are FIFTY names and titles (taches) of JESUS CHRIST in scripture.

### **Make A Covering Of Goats Hair To Be Upon The Tabernacle**

**Exodus 26:7-13 - And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make. [8] The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains shall be all of one measure. [9] And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle. [10] And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain, which couples the second. [11] And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. [12] And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle. [13] And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the**

tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it.

Over the 10 curtains of fine linen were placed ELEVEN Curtains of Goats' Hair. These Curtains are referred to many times in Scripture as "the tent" as well as the covering:

**Exodus 35:11** - The tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets,

**Exodus 36:14** - And he made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them.

**Exodus 40:19** - And he spread abroad the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the Lord commanded Moses.

**Numbers 3:25** - And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,

There were to be ELEVEN curtains making up this Goats' Hair Covering. Eleven is the number of LAWLESSNESS and DISORDER and is associated throughout Scripture with sin and rebellion. ELEVEN is one more than TEN that speaks of LAW and ORDER and one less than TWELVE, which speaks of APOSTOLIC GOVERNMENT. There were 12 apostles of the Lamb. There were TEN commandments. There were ELEVEN disciples after JUDAS sinned and fell.

This symbol is brought together in the Tabernacle with the Goats' hair. The Goat was one of the animals used in Israel for sacrifice. It was used primarily in connection with the SIN OFFERING on the Day of Atonement and the cleansing of the Sanctuary:

**Leviticus 5:6** - And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the Lord for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

**Leviticus 9:3** - And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, both of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt offering;

**Leviticus 16:5-11** - And he shall take of the congregation of the children of

Israel **two kids of the goats for a sin offering**, and one ram for a burnt offering. [6] And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house. [7] **And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.** [8] And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the scapegoat. [9] And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the Lord's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. [10] **But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.** [11] And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself:

The Goat was used in connection with three FEASTS OF ISRAEL. It was used in the Feast of Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles. On the Day of Atonement, two Goats were to be taken. One was to be killed for a sin offering, the other was to be preserved alive to be used as the SCAPEGOAT. In connection with the Feast of Passover, the Israelites were instructed to offer "one Goat for a Sin offering to make atonement for you." (Numbers 28:22). The goat is always used in connection with the SIN OFFERING (Lev. 4:23)

1. For the common people (Lev. 4:27-28)
2. For the Consecration of the Priesthood (Lev. 9:2-3)
3. For the dedication of the Altar - (Numbers 7)
4. For the sins of ignorance (Numbers 15:24,27)
5. For each new month (Numbers 28:11-15)

Jesus gives us a picture of unrepentant sinners in Matthew 25 and labeled them as "goats." So in this covering of goats' hairs, we see the thought of sin and rebellion. The curtains speak to us of the fact that JESUS BECAME SIN FOR US that we might be "covered" from the wrath of God upon all who sin and we might have the righteousness of Christ. He was offered to bear the sins of many!

**2 Cor. 5:19-21 - 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. [20] Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. [21] For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

**Romans 8:3 - For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**

**Hebrews 9:26-28 - For then must he often have suffered since the foundation**

of the world: but now once in the end of the world **hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself**. [27] And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: [28] **So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many**; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 10:11-14 - And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: [12] **But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God**; [13] **From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool**. [14] **For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified**.

Isaiah 53:10 - Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: **when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin**, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

The length of these curtains was to be 30 cubits. Thirty is the number of the consecration of the Priesthood. Each priest had to be 30 years of age before he could minister. Jesus was 30 years of age when He began His Priestly ministry, which consummated with His being offered as a SIN OFFERING for us at Calvary. Jesus was consecrated to the Father's Will, even to the death of the CROSS. He was both a PRIEST and an OFFERING!

**Numbers 4:3 - From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.**

**Luke 3:23 - And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,**

The width of the curtains was FOUR cubits. This speaks to us of the four corners of the earth where the gospel will be spread throughout the Church Age. For God so loved the WORLD, that He GAVE His only begotten Son.

**John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

The 11 curtains were to be in two sets, a set of five and a set of six and joined by **50 taches and loops**. Once again, this speaks to us of the number 50 in scripture, which is the number of LIBERTY, FREEDOM, PENTECOST and JUBILEE. These taches (clasps) were to be made of BRASS, which is a type of judgment against SIN. How fitting that BRASS taches be used in this BLACK COVERING. Brass is linked to the SIN OFFERING. Sin must always be judged for the wages of unrepented sin is DEATH! But intertwined in the sin offering are 50

taches that speak to us of the freedom from the penalty of death and sin we find in CHRIST! Praise the Lord!

**Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

### **Make A Covering Of Rams' Skins' Dyed Red**

**Exodus 26:14 - And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.**

The next covering was made of Rams' Skins and is spoken of expressly as a "Covering." The RAM was used as a TRESPASS OFFERING, Burnt Offerings and Peace Offerings:

**Leviticus 5:15 - If a soul commit a trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the Lord; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the Lord a ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering:**

**Leviticus 8:18 - And he brought the ram for the burnt offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram.**

**Leviticus 9:4 - Also a bullock and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the Lord; and a meat offering mingled with oil: for to day the Lord will appear unto you.**

The animal was also called "**The Ram of Consecration.**" It spoke of substitution for it was the Ram, which was used in the consecration of the Priests to minister (Lev. 8:22). The first place in the Bible we see the Ram in the Bible is of course in Genesis 22 when it was used as a SUBSTITUTE for ISAAC, the son of Abraham on Mt. Moriah (Genesis 22:8-13)

This is all prophetic of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who became the LAMB OF GOD to take away the sin of the world (John 1:28, 36). It reveals Christ as the:

1. The **SACRIFICIAL ONE** who was offered to God (Hebrews 9:26-28)
2. The **SUBSTITUTE ONE** who died in our stead (1 Corinthians 15:4; Galatians 1:4)
3. The **CONSECRATED ONE** who was committed to God's will. (Hebrews 7:25-28)

**Hebrews 9:26-28 - For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. [27] And as it is appointed unto men once**

to die, but after this the judgment: [28] So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Hebrews 7:25-28 - Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them. [26] For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; [27] Who needs not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself. [28] For the law makes men high priests who have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, makes the Son, who is consecrated for evermore.

1 Cor. 15:4 - And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Galatians 1:4 - Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

This Rams' covering is a type of the covering Christ has provided for the Church that we may partake of HIS NATURE and SPIRIT!. We are to give ourselves to receive HIM!

Romans 12:1-2 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 4:25 - Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification,.

### Rams' Skin Dyed Red

These Rams' skins were to be DYED RED. **RED is the color of sacrificial blood and is identified in the cleansing of sin.** The Rams' Skins dyed red were the central covering of the Tabernacle pointing to the central figure of the GODHEAD - JESUS CHRIST. They are typical of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus and His shed blood for our sin. He is our Redeemer and that Ram of Consecration who was sold out to the will of the Father and brought to us an EVERLASTING COVENANT OF SALVATION!

His blood has cleansed us from our sins!

**Isaiah 1:18 - Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.**

In our Lord's first advent, His garments were DYED RED in the blood of ATONEMENT. In His second advent, His garments are also DYED RED in the blood of HIS ENEMIES. Here the dyed Red Garments of the Lord speak not of Atonement, but of judgment on sinners. There is coming a day when the GRACE of the Lord Jesus will end and VENGEANCE will be poured out upon all the ungodly and unrepentant:

**Isaiah 63:1-3 - Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. [2] Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treads in the wine fat? [3] I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.**

**Rev. 19:11-14 - And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. [12] His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. [13] And he was clothed with vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. [14] And the armies, which were in heaven, followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.**

### **Make A Covering Of Badgers' Skin**

**Exodus 26:14 - And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.**

The outer and final covering, over all and above all, was the covering of Badgers' Skins. Even as the Rams' Skins had no recorded measurements, so also we are given no measurements for this covering. Some scholars believe these badgers' skins were seal or porpoise skins of a bluish-gray color. The Septuagint translates from "skins of a blue color." Whatever the case, these skins acted as the final PROTECTION from the storms, the weather and heat of the desert and wilderness life. Badgers' Skins were used as a covering for all of the vessels of the Tabernacle when they were in transit.

Badgers' skins were not a precious fur or skin. There was NO NATURAL beauty to the human eye in gazing upon the Tabernacle. Only the Priests who experienced the inside of the Tabernacle found out where the real beauty was.

This is the same that is true of Jesus Christ. Isaiah declares:

**Isaiah 53:1-3** - Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? [2] For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: **he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.** [3] He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**Isaiah 52:14** - **As many were astounded at thee;** his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

To the natural and unregenerate man - nothing about Him is beautiful or attractive. But to those who are IN CHRIST and belong to HIM - "He is altogether lovely," (So. of Solomon 5:16). He is seen in great glory and beauty. Natural man cannot receive the things of God. These badgers' skin testified to the coming Messiah who would be rejected by Israel because they did not discern who He was or what He had come to do:

**Hebrews 1:3** - **Who being the brightness of his glory,** and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

**Col. 1:19** - For it pleased the Father that in him **should all fullness dwell;**

**Song 5:16** - His mouth is most sweet: yea, **he is altogether lovely.** This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

#### **In Summary:**

These are the four curtains and coverings of the Tabernacle of Moses. The Ark of Noah had its covering as well. ALL COVERINGS in the Bible pertain to the COVERING FOR THE CHURCH that has been given to it through the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Christ is our:

- **Linen Curtain** - Righteousness
- **Goats' Hair Curtain** - Sin Offering And Rebellion Punisher
- **Rams' Skin Dyed Red** - Substitution And Avenger Of The Saints
- **Badgers' Skin** - Protection and Covering

**He Covers Us!** Praise God.

**Isaiah 61:10** - I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered

**me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

Part One: Fill In The Blank

1. Curtains and Fine Linen were placed directly over the Framework and comprised the actual \_\_\_\_\_ or ceiling of the Sanctuary.
2. The Curtains Of \_\_\_\_\_ hair referred to as the "tent" was placed over the Curtains of Fine Linen.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ ' Skin Dyed \_\_\_\_\_ was next in order after the curtains of fine linen.
4. The Covering of \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ was the final covering and was that which was seen to all who were outside the Tabernacle
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I man cannot receive the things of God
6. In our Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ advent, His garments were \_\_\_\_\_ red in the blood of ATONEMENT. In His second advent, His garments are also DYED RED in the blood of His \_\_\_\_\_.
7. As the \_\_\_\_\_ One, Jesus was offered to God
8. As our \_\_\_\_\_, it is Jesus who died in our stead
9. As the \_\_\_\_\_ One, Jesus was committed to God's will.
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ was used as a trespass, burnt and peace offering under the Levitical system.
11. Moses was told to make the Tabernacle with \_\_\_\_\_ curtains. The number of curtains speaks to us of the \_\_\_\_\_ commandments and represents the Law Covenant.
12. **The color \_\_\_\_\_ is typified in the life of Christ as portrayed through Luke as the Son of Adam (Son of Man).**
13. As a man on earth, Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ unlike the first Adam who was not sinless.
14. Blue represents Christ as seen through \_\_\_\_\_, who portrayed Jesus as the Son of God.
15. Matthew's gospel portrayed Christ as King, which is seen in the color \_\_\_\_\_ in the curtains of the tabernacle.
16. As Mark portrays Christ as a suffering servant, so does the \_\_\_\_\_ in the colors of the curtain speak to us of redemption and sacrifice.
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ was one of the animals used in Israel for sacrifice.
18. It was used primarily in connection with the \_\_\_\_\_ offering on the Day of Atonement and the cleansing of the \_\_\_\_\_.
19. The Sanctuary's ceiling was wrought with the symbols and images of the \_\_\_\_\_.
20. From the description of the Mercy Seat, these Cherubim had \_\_\_\_\_.

21. They would stretch forth their wings above the Sanctuary under which the \_\_\_\_\_ ministered.
22. The Priest would in effect be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and enjoying fellowship under the shadow of the wings of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Part Two: Matching

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| 1. Cherubim            | A. Covered Blue Cloth                            |
| 2. Purple              | B. Color Representing Luke's Portrayal Of Christ |
| 3. Son of God          | C. Messiah's Second Advent                       |
| 4. White               | D. Covered The Outside Of Entire Tabernacle      |
| 5. Messiah-King        | E. Wrought All Over Ceiling Of Tabernacle        |
| 6. The Second Adam     | F. Offered To God On Day Of Atonement            |
| 7. Badgers' Skin       | G. Jesus Christ                                  |
| 8. Rams' Skin Dyed Red | H. Matthew's Portrayal Of Christ As King         |
| 9. Blood Of Enemies    | I. Purple  |
| 10. Blood Of Atonement | J. Sinless Humanity Of Christ In Luke            |
| 11. Sin Offering       | K. John's Portrayal Of Christ                    |
| 12. Blue Cloth         | L. Messiah's First Advent                        |



The **TABERNACLE** Study Series  
Lesson Sixteen – The Brazen Altar

Exodus 27:1-8 - And thou shall make an **altar of shittim wood**, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits. [2] And thou shall make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: **his horns shall be of the same: and thou shall overlay it with brass.** [3] And thou shall make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basins, and his flesh hooks, and his fire pans: all the vessels thereof thou shall make of brass. [4] And thou shall make for it a grate of network of brass; and upon the net shall thou make four brazen rings in the four corners thereof. [5] And thou shall put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar. [6] And thou shall make staves for the altar, **staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with brass.** [7] And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it. [8] Hollow with boards shall thou make it: as it was showed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

The Tabernacle stood in all its glory with the 12 tribes camped around it. How inspiring it must have seemed to the Israelites as they gazed upon its colorful gates and beautifully sculptured furnishings of gold, silver, and brass glistening in the sunlight. From their tents they could see the visible presence of God's glory hovering over it in the form of a cloud by day and pillar of fire by

night, assuring them of His guiding presence. This lesson will detail the ministry of the altar that sat outside the inner court known as the **Brazen Altar**. Upon it was where all the sacrifices were placed and offered up to God. **It speaks to us of Calvary and the price Jesus paid for our redemption.**

Many ancient peoples used altars. Although they were sometimes used for expiation of sin, most frequently their use deviated from this original purpose. Thus, idolatry and immorality are often associated with heathen altar. For Israel, the sight of fire, smoke, blood and the smell of burning flesh at the Brazen Altar impressed on them their guilt before God. It was not a pretty sight. Judgment on sin never is. From the beginning of man's rebellion against God this concept was established. In time, this idea was lost except to those who were truly trying and seeking to please God. When God revealed the pattern of the Tabernacle, He used the ALTAR as a means of approach to Him. He gave specific instructions for its use. It was the only place national Israel could worship Him. He made it clear He did not want its service to degenerate to the level of the heathen nations about them.

The most important instruction was that there was to be only one altar. (Ex. 27:1-8; 38:1-7) and it was to be located only in the court of the tabernacle (Lev. 17:1-9 and Deut. 12:5-14). This eliminated the spirit of divided worship that so characterized the common heathen worship on high places, which tended to encourage the concept of many gods. ISRAEL HAD ONE GOD! Therefore, all high places in the nation of Israel were to be destroyed. Sacrificing to an idol under God's Covenant Law meant death to the offender. (I wonder what would happen to many of us today if all who sacrificed to idols were stoned????). One place of sacrifice guarded against the influence of heathen worship. But it spoke to Israel AND TO US today that there is only ONE SACRIFICE for sin - THE LAMB!

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**Exodus 38:1-7 - And he made the altar of burnt offering of shittim wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; it was**

foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof. [2] And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with brass. [3] And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, and the flesh hooks, and the fire pans: all the vessels thereof made he of brass. [4] And he made for the altar a brazen grate of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it. [5] And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, to be places for the staves. [6] And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with brass. [7] And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

Leviticus 17:1-9 - And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, [2] Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them; This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, saying, [3] What man there be of the house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth it out of the camp, [4] And brings it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the Lord before the tabernacle of the Lord; blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people: [5] To the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the Lord, **unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation**, unto the priest, and offer them for peace offerings unto the Lord. [6] And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for **a sweet savor** unto the Lord. [7] And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations. [8] And thou shall say unto them, **Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offered a burnt offering of sacrifice,** [9] And bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the Lord; even that man shall be cut off from **among his people.**

Deut. 12:5-14 - But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shall come: [6] And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: [7] And there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee. [8] Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes. [9] **For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord your God gives you.** [10] But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the Lord your God gives you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; [11] Then there shall be a place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt

offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the Lord: [12] And ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that is within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you. [13] **Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou see:** [14] **But in the place which the Lord shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shall offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shall do all that I command thee.**

As we are writing these lessons our country is 18 months removed from our worst ever-national tragedy. The spirit behind what happened on September 11th was driven by the demonic religion of Islam. Islam does not recognize Jesus as the sacrifice for man's sin. **But there is no way around the fact that the only way to God is through Yeshuah.** Some 3,500 years ago, God painted that picture for all of Israel (AND THE ENTIRE WORLD) to see through this altar and that picture has not changed!!!! The altar of the Lord was to have no engraving on it or steps to it as a precaution against the altar becoming an object of worship and the priests were to wear undergarments because God wanted NO FLESH exposed at His altar as was common at heathen altars where nakedness and immorality abounded.

On the day the Tabernacle was set up, the brazen altar was set in the outer court (Ex. 40:29), and all the tabernacle furnishings were anointed with holy anointing oil (Ex. 30:26-28; 40:9; Lev. 8:10; Neh. 7:1). A special anointing of the brazen altar continued for seven days, as did the priests' consecration (Ex. 29:35-37 and Lev. 8:11). The anointing was the ceremonial means of consecrating the altar and priests to their equally important work concerning atonement. **Everything surrounding this altar pointed us to Christ and the New Covenant believer to His work of redemption on Calvary.** He bore our judgment so that we might go free. Praise God!

### **The Structure Of The Altar And Its Significance**

As the Israelites approached the Tabernacle they would enter the court to offer and present their sacrifices. Upon entering the court, they stood in awe, gazing at the bloodstained, or **brazen altar** as the smoke from previous sacrifices curled into the sky. The altar was a very simple hollow box made of shittim wood (acacia wood), overlaid with BRASS, seven and a half feet square, stood four and half feet high, and had four horns pointing outward at each corner. A brass gate extended through its middle in which brass rings were fastened at each corner; wooden staves covered with brass were put through the rings for carrying the altar. The altar was not Moses' creation; God had given him the plan in the mount. It stood just inside the court gate (Ex. 40:6), facing the Tabernacle.

It was the largest piece of furniture used in worship and was always open to guilty Israelites so they could come and atone for their sin. Sacrifices made under the Old Covenant always had a deeper meaning for they all pointed to a COMING REDEEMER all of Israel was looking for. Sacrifices we make under the New Covenant are no longer sacrifices of animals, but the sacrifice of our entire lives to THE LAMB who has already been sacrificed. They looked forward under the Old; we look back under the New. Praise the name of the Lord forever for His sacrifice. Neighbor without this altar in reality through Jesus – we'd all be lost and on our way to hell at this moment. Thank God for his mercy.

### **The Shittim Wood Overlaid With Brass - Christ Bearing Our Judgment**

Shittim wood is a hard, incorruptible, indestructible wood that grows in the Sinai Desert. It speaks to us of the HUMANITY of CHRIST who came from a "root out of dry ground." (Isa. 53:2) and was sinless in His human nature (Heb. 4:15; 7:26). The indestructibility of the wood speaks of Christ in His humanity, which withstood the fire of crucifixion and death and the decaying effect of the grave, and HIS BODY, which was gloriously resurrected. (Matthew 28:5-6)

**Isaiah 53:2 - For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

**Hebrews 4:15 - For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**

**Hebrews 7:26 - For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;**

**Matthew 28:5-6 - And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. [6] He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.**

The brass covering the shittim wood typified divine righteousness and judgment of Christ, the righteous one (1 John 3:5), who took the divine judgment of God upon Himself and bore our judgment on the cross by becoming a sin offering for us. (2 Cor. 5:21). Some who teach that Jesus literally became a sinner on the cross and went to hell to suffer for us there so we would not have to go there has distorted this principle. That is a LIE! Had Jesus become a sinner on that cross, neighbor you and I would be lost! No, He became a SIN

OFFERING and assuaged the judgment of God that should have fallen on ALL humanity. But because of His great mercy and love for us – we can go free now from that judgment!

As the Israelites were saved from death when they looked at the brass serpent that Moses held up in the wilderness, so all who trust in Jesus Christ, who was lifted upon a tree as a sacrifice for sin, will be saved from damnation (John 3:14-15). Christ's appearance to John on the Isle of Patmos with "feet like fine bronze, as if they burned in a furnace" spoke of His judicial character in judging His enemies at the Second Coming.

**1 John 3:5 - And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.**

**2 Cor. 5:21 - For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

**John 3:14-15 - And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: [15] That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.**

The four horns on the corners of the altar spoke of power (1 Sam. 2:1-10; 2 Sam 22:3) and were used in binding the sacrifice to the altar. (Psalms 118:27). They were also sprinkled with the blood of the sacrifice (Ex. 29:12). The sacrifice tied to the horns pointed to Christ's unfaltering commitment to carry out the Father's will (Hebrews 10:5-7) when He allowed Himself to be nailed to the cross for our blood atonement (Matthew 26:39, 42). His shed blood on the cross expiates the sins of all those who are willing to put their faith in His sacrificial death (Romans 3:25-26). The blood-stained horns pointed upward and outward to the four corners of the world, reminding us of the saving power of Christ's blood that will be witnessed throughout the world (Acts 1:8)

**1 Samuel 2:1-10 - And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart rejoices in the Lord, mine horn is exalted in the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. [10] The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.**

**2 Samuel 22:3 - The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my Saviour; thou savest me from violence.**

**Psalm 118:27 - God is the Lord, which hath showed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.**

Exodus 29:12 - And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.

Hebrews 10:5-7 - Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: [6] In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. [7] Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

Matthew 26:39-42 - And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. [40] And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? [41] Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. [42] He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

Romans 3:25-26 - Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; [26] To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Acts 1:8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

### The Sacrifice At The Altar

The brazen altar was provided for sacrifice. Without sacrifice, there could and will be NO ATONEMENT for sin (Lev. 17:11 and Hebrews 9:22). Soberly, the Israelites brought the prescribed offerings without spot or blemish to the priests, who stood at the Tabernacle's gate to receive them. **The offerers laid their hands on the heads of the offerings, symbolic of their identification with their substitution death on their behalf - their sins were transferred to the sacrifices, and the life of the sacrifices was transferred to them. The offerers then killed the animals, while the priests caught the sacrificial blood in a basin to be offered as atonement.**

The priests, functioning as mediators, sprinkled the blood of the sacrifices on the altar and poured the remaining blood in the basin at the altar's base. Then the priests cut the sacrifices into pieces, washed the inner parts, and burned various pieces on the altar as a sweet savor to the Lord. Some 2,000

years ago, our sins were placed upon the head of Christ. He identified Himself with us so our SIN could be transferred to Him and HIS LIFE could be transferred to us. His blood was then sprinkled on both the altar in heaven satisfying God's justice and then poured into the base - the CHURCH. We are a blood-washed, blood-bought CHURCH - beautiful in the eyes of God because He sees us through the eyes of His glorious SON! Praise God.

**Leviticus 17:11 - For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul.**

**Hebrews 9:22 - And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**

At the altar, an innocent lamb bore the judgment of the guilty. Christ, the believers' lamb (John 1:29; Rev. 13:8) died on the altar of the cross to bear the judgment of God's wrath on sin on our behalf (Isaiah 53:3-6; Romans 4:25). The sacrifice being burnt on the altar as a sweet savor to God (Lev. 1:9) typified Christ, who was offered up as a "sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor." (Eph. 5:2) The word altar means high place. The sacrifice had to be lifted up on the elevated altar (Lev. 9:22). Christ's being lifted up on the cross as our sacrifice speaks of this procedure: "And, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up." (John 3:14). The fire that burned continually on the altar had a twofold meaning:

- **It proclaimed God's holiness and justice**
- **It was symbolic of His readiness to receive the sacrificial offerings of the people to cleanse them from sin.**

**John 1:29 - The next day John saw Jesus coming unto him, and said, Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world.**

**Rev. 13:8 - And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

**Romans 4:25 - Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification;**

**Isaiah 53:3-6 - He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. [4] Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. [5] But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned**

**every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.**

**Leviticus 9:22 - And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and peace offerings.**

**Leviticus 1:9 - But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar, to be a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the Lord.**

**Ephs. 5:22 - Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.**

### **The Serving Utensils At The Altar**

The utensils used to serve the altar were types of Christ. Pans and shovels were used to remove the precious ashes of the sacrifices and carry them outside the camp to be disposed of in a clean place. The ashes spoke of the finished work of Christ. (John 19:30), who was put into a clean place (a new sepulcher) at His burial (John 19:41). The blood from the sacrifices was drained into a basin and poured out at the base of the altar, typifying Christ, who poured out His blood on our behalf (Hebrews 9:12-15). The flesh hooks represented the cruel hands of the men who nailed Christ to the cross (Luke 23:33). The fire pans (censers), which carried the fire from the brazen altar to the altar of incense, represented Christ's intercessory ministry of prayer at the Father's throne (Hebrews 7:25) as our advocate (1 John 2:1).

**John 19:41 - Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein was never man yet laid.**

**Hebrews 9:12-15 - Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. [13] For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh: [14] How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? [15] And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**

**Luke 23:33 - And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.**

**Hebrews 7:25 - Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**

**1 John 2:1 - My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

### **Salvation Under The New Covenant And The Altar**

The brazen altar and the cross of Christ both speak of **justification**. Justification does not mean MADE righteous but DECLARED righteous - put into a right relationship with God (Romans 4:24-25). Thus, justification is a judicial act of God whereby He declares us righteous when we trust in the finished work of the Lord Jesus on the cross on our behalf. In the days of the Tabernacle, the Jewish people were restored to a right relationship with God by offering blood atonement on the altar. Today, appropriating the atoning blood of Christ to take away sins restores Jews AND Gentiles.

**Romans 4:24-25 - But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; [25] Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.**

Justification is not obtained by any work that we do but is bestowed freely through the grace of God (Romans 4:24), resulting in the removal of the guilt and punishment of sin, the righteousness of Christ being imputed to our lives, and our restoration and favor and fellowship with God. (Romans 4:25) The position of the altar spoke of access and fellowship with God. It stood inside the court facing the door of the Tabernacle. Before the priest could pass to the Tabernacle, he had to offer a blood sacrifice on the brazen altar. Today, access and fellowship with God can come only through the sacrificial death of Christ (1 Tim. 2:5; Hebrews 9:15)

**1 Tim. 2:5 - For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**

**Hebrews 9:15 - And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**

Approaching the Tabernacle of God without offering a proper sacrifice on the altar meant certain death. If we reject the meritorious sacrifice of Christ's work on the cross, we will be separated from God and face eternal death (John 3:36; 1 John 5:12).

**John 3:36 - He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abides on him.**

**1 John 5:12 - He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**

God requires another sacrifice from believers. They are to present themselves as a LIVING SACRIFICE to God (Romans 12:1). The words of Paul sum up our consecration in Galatians 2:20:

**Galatians 2:20 - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

The brazen altar spoke of the FIRST WORK of salvation - the blood of Jesus. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission. All priests who approached the inner court had to bring the sacrifice to the brazen altar FIRST then proceed into the inner court and eventually the Holy of Holies. It all started with the altar of sacrifice. And it all starts with CALVARY.

Part One: Fill In The Blank

1. Approaching the Tabernacle of God without offering a proper \_\_\_\_\_ on the altar meant certain death.
2. It stood inside the court facing the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Tabernacle. Before the priest could pass to the Tabernacle, he had to offer a \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice on the brazen altar.
3. Today, access and fellowship with God can come only through the sacrificial death of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The blood from the sacrifices was drained into a \_\_\_\_\_ and poured out at the base of the altar, typifying Christ, who poured out His \_\_\_\_\_ on our behalf (Hebrews 9:12-15).
5. The flesh \_\_\_\_\_ represented the cruel hands of the men who nailed Christ to the cross (Luke 23:33).
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7. The brazen altar and the cross of Christ both speak of \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Justification does not mean MADE righteous but \_\_\_\_\_ righteous - put into a right relationship with God (Romans 4:24-25).
9. Thus, justification is a judicial act of God whereby He declares us righteous when we trust in the \_\_\_\_\_ work of the Lord Jesus on the cross on our behalf. In the days of the Tabernacle, the Jewish people were restored to a right relationship with God by offering blood \_\_\_\_\_ on the altar.

10. Today, appropriating the atoning blood of Christ to take away sins restores \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ back to the Father.
11. The brazen altar spoke of the first work of \_\_\_\_\_ - the blood of Jesus.
12. Without the shedding of blood there is no \_\_\_\_\_.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ wood is a hard, incorruptible, indestructible wood that grows in the Sinai Desert.
14. Christ was \_\_\_\_\_ in His human nature.
15. The blood-stained \_\_\_\_\_ pointed upward and outward to the four corners of the world, reminding us of the saving power of Christ's blood that will be \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the world (Acts 1:8)
16. The altar of the Lord was to have no \_\_\_\_\_ on it or \_\_\_\_\_ to it as a precaution against the altar becoming an object of worship.
17. The command to wear undergarments was because God wanted no \_\_\_\_\_ exposed at this altar of sacrifice.
18. As the Israelites were saved from death when they looked at the \_\_\_\_\_ serpent Moses lifted in wilderness, so too are we saved from death who look upon the Lord Jesus.

Part Two: Matching

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| 1. Brazen Altar           | A. Judgment Upon Sin                   |
| 2. Door Of The Tabernacle | B. Declared Righteous                  |
| 3. Flesh Hooks            | C. Universality Of The Gospel          |
| 4. Fire Pans              | D. Moses Lifted It Up                  |
| 5. Blood                  | E. No Flesh To Glory In Presence       |
| 6. Foot Of The Altar      | F. Found In Desert, Incorruptible      |
| 7. Justification          | G. Place Of Sacrifice                  |
| 8. Sanctification         | H. Entrance To Altar– Type of Christ   |
| 9. Brazen Serpent         | I. Forbidden On Altar                  |
| 10. Shittim Wood          | J. Type Of Deity                       |
| 11. Undergarments         | K. Process Of Making Us Righteous      |
| 12. Steps And Engravings  | L. Held The Sacrifice Itself           |
| 13. Four Corners Of Altar | M. Without It, No Remission            |
| 14. Brass                 | N. Carried The Blood To Incense Altar  |
| 15. Gold                  | O. Place Where Blood Poured By Priests |



The **TABERNACLE** Study Series  
Lesson 17 – The Brazen Laver

**Exodus 30:17-21 - And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, [18] Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and his foot also of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. [19] For Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: [20] When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the Lord: [21] So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.**

After the priests' work at the Brazen Altar, he then proceeded quickly to the brazen LAVER for cleansing. Most times his hands were splattered with blood and his feet soiled from the dust of the Tabernacle court. Moses' words rang in their ears:

**Exodus 30:20 - When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the Lord:**

The laver was never used by the congregation but was provided exclusively for the priests' purification. During their consecration to the

priesthood, they had been washed thoroughly at the laver according to the command of Moses:

**Exodus 29:4 - And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water.**

Each year the high priest washed on the Day of Atonement, put on the holy linen garments, and made atonement for himself and the children of Israel (Lev. 16:24). But on every other day of the year, the priests only had to wash the defilement from their hands and feet before entering the Tabernacle to serve. Carefully dipping their right hands into the laver, they meticulously washed their right hands then their right feet; reversing the process, they washed their left hands and left feet.

### **The Strategic Position Of The Laver**

Where the laver sat spoke to the priests of many things. Their sins being atoned for at the brazen altar made it possible to approach the Tabernacle in worship, but NOT before they stopped at the brazen laver to wash the defilement of the dusty Tabernacle court from their bodies. They had to be both spiritually and physically clean before they could enter into the presence of a holy God in communion and fellowship. The Word of God was clear: **"ye shall be HOLY; for I AM HOLY." (Lev. 11:44)**

The brazen laver stood in the outer court between the brazen altar and the Tabernacle. It had two parts: the circular brass bowl made from the polished brass mirrors the women brought with them from Egypt and the brass foot or pedestal (Ex. 38:8). Although the size of the laver is not given, it had to be big enough to hold the large amount of water used exclusively by the priests for purification. Fresh spring water, probably from a smitten rock, was poured continually into the laver for daily purification. The laver had no measurements, symbolic of the limitless cleansing power of God.

### **The Sanctifying Provision Of The Laver**

Only the priests used the laver for purification. We who trust in Jesus are called believer-priests. We are also called "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a people of his own" (1 Peter 2:9); therefore, we can offer spiritual sacrifices of praise that are "acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5-9). As Aaron and his sons were born into the priesthood, so each of us enters the priesthood by means of the new birth through the washing (bath) of regeneration" (Titus 3:5) in the BLOOD of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. We who have been washed from our sins in the blood of Jesus have been made a "kingdom of priests" (Rev. 1:5-6).

**1 Peter 2:5-9 - Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. [6] Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. [7] Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, [8] And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. [9] But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:**

**Rev. 1:5-6 - And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, [6] And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

The ministry of the laver is of great spiritual significance in our Christian experience. In the brazen altar we see our justification. In the brazen laver we see our **SANCTIFICATION**. The water in the laver typified our cleansing through the Word of God. When Jesus left the upper room and headed toward the Garden of Gethsemane just before His betrayal, He stopped in the vineyard in the Kidron Valley and gave the parable of the vine and the branches. He said every branch that bears fruit must be purged so that it might bring forth MORE FRUIT. Then He told His disciples what He is telling us today: **"you are clean through the WORD which I have spoken."** The Holy Spirit sanctifies and cleanses us, preparing us for service in Christ. The WORD is both the logos word of God AND the Rhema word. Jesus is the RHEMA word of God. HE IS THE WORD and the WORD IS IN HIM and as a result of our union with Him, HIS word is in US.

Jesus said His words were "spirit" and "life." Many try to "preach" people into changing but the only power of earth that will change a dirty filthy heart is the living word of God from the LIVING CHRIST.

The word sanctified means to be set apart. First, we are set apart from sin, both spiritually and physically. Second, we are set apart for divine service through Christ our high priest (1 Cor. 1:2; 6:11)

**2 Chron. 29:5 - And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. And they gathered their brethren,**

and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the Lord, to cleanse the house of the Lord. [16] And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the Lord, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the house of the Lord. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron. [17] Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the Lord: so they sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. [18] Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the Lord, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof.

**1 Thes. 4:3 - For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:**

**1 Cor. 1:2 - Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:**

**1 Cor. 6:11 - And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.**

Sanctification is described in three ways. First, we are POSITIONALLY sanctified. We are eternally sanctified to God the moment we accept the atoning work of Yeshuah for our justification (Hebrews 10:10, 14:13:12). Instantaneously we are separated from sin unto salvation. It is called positional sanctification because it signifies a position or standing before God that does not depend on our daily walk for its maintenance, although this position should lead us to holy living.

**Hebrews 10:10, 14 - By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.; For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.**

**Hebrews 13:12 - Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.**

Secondly, we are PROGRESSIVELY being sanctified, a process whereby we are daily sanctified as we walk in obedience before God, separating ourselves from sin and allowing the Holy Spirit to cleanse us through the truth of the Word of God (John 17:17). Believers progress in sanctification as they appropriate and apply the Word of God to their lives (2 Tim. 2:19-21; 2 Peter 3:18)

**John 17:17 - Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**

**2 Tim. 2:19-21 - Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that names the name of Christ depart from iniquity. [20] But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor. [21] If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.**

**2 Peter 3:18 - But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.**

Thirdly, we will be PERFECTED in sanctification. Believers are promised an ultimate (complete) sanctification. We will be perfected when we receive our resurrected bodies at the Second Coming of the Lord (Eph. 5:27). At that time, we will be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:29), for we shall be like HIM (1 John 3:2)

**1 John 3:2 - Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

**Eph. 5:27 - That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

**Romans 8:29 - For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

Four agents are involved in our sanctification:

- The Father chastens us for sin (Hebrews 12:10)
- The Son provides the means for our sanctification through His shed blood (Heb. 13:12)
- The Holy Spirit applies the truth of God's Word to our lives (2 Th. 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2)
- We have a will and must voluntarily separate ourselves from sin (2. Cor. 7:1)

**Hebrews 12:10-12 - For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. [11] Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them that are exercised thereby. [12] Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;**

**Hebrews 13:12 - Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people**

with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

**2 Thes. 2:13 - But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:**

**1 Peter 1:2 - Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.**

**2 Cor. 7:1 - Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

### **The Servant's Purification By The Lord**

The need for purification in our walk was beautifully illustrated during the final hours of the Lord's ministry on earth (John 13:1-10). Rising from the Passover table, Jesus took a towel and a basin of water and began to wash the disciples' feet.

**John 13:1-10 - Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. [2] And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him; [3] Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; [4] He rises from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. [5] After that he poured water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. [6] Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter said unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? [7] Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do you do not know now; but thou shalt know hereafter. [8] Peter said unto him, Thou shall never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. [9] Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. [10] Jesus said to him, He that is washed needs not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.**

When Peter blurted out that Jesus would never wash his feet, Jesus' reply was not telling Peter he could not have a relationship with the Lord without him washing Peter's feet. What Jesus said was that Peter could not have intimacy and communion with the Lord unless he washed Peter's feet.

The words "washed" and "wash" in verse 10 have different meanings. The word "washed" (Gr. louo) means to "bathe one's body completely." It speaks of the complete ablution that takes place when we are declared justified at the

moment of salvation. The word wash (Gr. nipto) is used of those who wash their hands and feet, symbolizing sanctification. The picture is of people returning home from a public bathhouse. Their bodies being completely bathed, they need only wash the dust from their feet to be clean when they enter into houses. By washing the disciples' feet, the Lord taught that we who have been thoroughly cleansed through His blood must still be cleansed in our daily walk with Him. Daily sins must be confessed to God in order to maintain unbroken communion and fellowship with Him. John reiterated this in his first epistle:

**1 John 1:8-9 - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

When the priests washed in the laver, they saw their images reflected from the brass mirrors used in its construction. We have already seen that brass typified Christ in His ministry of judgment. The mirrors spoke of the Word of God, which reveals and reflects our sinful purposes and intentions. The writer of the book of Hebrews put it well when he wrote:

**Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

On the Day of Judgment, Christ will judge people on the basis of the Word of God.

**John 12:48 - He that rejects me, and receives not my words, hath one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.**

The brass also speaks of the believers' self-judgment, which we are expected to exercise when we sin. Paul said, "For if we would judge OURSELVES, we should not be judged." If we refuse to judge our own sins, the Lord will chasten us back to communion and fellowship so we "will not be condemned with the world." (1 Cor. 11:32) The chastening process is not enjoyable; in fact, it can very grievous, but it produces righteousness and holiness.

If Christians persist in their sins after being chastened by the Lord, He may bring further judgment on them in the form of weakness, sickness or even premature death (1 Cor. 11:30). The Word of God, appropriated and properly applied, prevents us from falling into sin, keeps us in our walk with the Lord, and makes our fellowship sweet in Him.

**1 Cor. 11:30-32 - For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. [31] For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. [32] But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.**

### **The Servant's Privilege Before The Lord**

As believer-priests who have been justified and sanctified, we are now ready to offer worship and service to the Lord. The greatest privilege of all is to have direct access into the presence of God. (Heb. 10:19-22) - something the Old Covenant believers did not have. The priests, being cleansed for service, were prepared to enter the holy place for communion with a holy God. We who are cleansed in our walk before God are prepared to do the same thing.

**Hebrews 10:19-22 - Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, [20] By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; [21] And having an high priest over the house of God; [22] Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**

David summed up the believers' standing before the Lord very clearly when he wrote, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He who hath clean hands, and a pure heart." (Psalms 24:3-4). We who have been cleansed by the washing of the water by the Word of God will receive, as the psalmist said, "blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation (Psalms 24:5).

**Psalm 24:3-5 - Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? [4] He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. [5] He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**

We must respond to the Lord's admonishment: "Be ye holy, as I am holy." The brazen laver sat before the entrance into the Holy Place. Before the Priest could enter even into the HOLY PLACE and do service they had to be cleansed. If they pierced the veil inside the Holy Place dirty and dusty God would strike them dead on the spot.

We must be WASHED today in the name of the Lord Jesus!

Part One:

1. After the priests' work at the Brazen Altar, he then proceeded quickly to the brazen LAVER for cleansing
2. The Father chastens us for sin (Hebrews 12:10)
3. The Son provides the means for our sanctification through His shed blood (Heb. 13:12)
4. The Holy Spirit applies the truth of God's Word to our lives (2 Th. 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2)
5. We have a \_\_\_\_\_ and must voluntarily separate ourselves from sin (2 Cor. 7:1)
6. We are \_\_\_\_\_ sanctified at the moment we accept the atoning work of Yeshuah for our justification. (Hebrews 10:10, 14:13:12).
7. Instantaneously we are \_\_\_\_\_ from sin unto salvation. It is called positional sanctification because it signifies a \_\_\_\_\_ or standing before God that does not depend on our daily walk for its maintenance, although this position should lead us to holy living.
8. We are also \_\_\_\_\_ sanctified, which speaks to us of a process whereby we are daily sanctified as we walk in obedience before God.
9. We must chose to separating ourselves from sin and allow the \_\_\_\_\_ to cleanse us through the truth of the Word of God (John 17:17).
10. Believers progress in sanctification as they appropriate and apply the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to their lives (2 Tim. 2:19-21; 2 Peter 3:18)
11. The brass also speaks of the believers' self \_\_\_\_\_, which we are expected to exercise when we sin. Paul said, "For if we would judge OURSELVES, we should not be judged."
12. If we refuse to judge our own sins, the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ us back to communion and fellowship so we "will not be condemned with the world." (1 Cor. 11:32)
13. The chastening process is not enjoyable; in fact, it can very \_\_\_\_\_, but it produces righteousness and holiness.
14. If Christians persist in their sins after being chastened by the Lord, He may bring further judgment on them in the form of weakness, sickness or even premature \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor. 11:30).
15. The Word of God, appropriated and properly applied, prevents us from falling into sin, keeps us in our walk with the Lord, and makes our \_\_\_\_\_ sweet in Him.
16. The brazen laver stood in the outer court between the brazen \_\_\_\_\_ and the Tabernacle.
17. It had two parts: the circular brass \_\_\_\_\_ made from the polished brass mirrors the women brought with them from \_\_\_\_\_ and the brass foot or pedestal (Ex. 38:8).

18. Although the size of the laver is not given, it had to be big enough to hold the large amount of \_\_\_\_\_ used exclusively by the priests for purification.
19. Fresh spring water, probably from a smitten \_\_\_\_\_, was poured continually into the laver for daily purification.
20. The laver had no \_\_\_\_\_, symbolic of the limitless cleansing power of God.

### Part Two: Matching

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| 1. Brazen Laver | A. The Lord's Love For Us               |
| 2. Brazen Altar | B. The Holy Spirit's Work               |
| 3. Brass Bowl   | C. Cleanses Us Like Water               |
| 4. Smitten Rock | D. Place Of Priests' Purification       |
| 5. Word Of God  | E. Source Of Water For Laver            |
| 6. Holy Spirit  | F. Held Water, Symbol, Cleansing Of Sin |
| 7. Conviction   | G. Place Of Sacrifice                   |
| 8. Judgment     | H. God's Last Resort For Rebellious     |
| 9. Chastisement | I. Mandatory In Christian Walk          |
| 10. Cleansing   | J. Reproves, Convicts, Convince         |



### The **TABERNACLE** Study Series Lesson Eighteen - The Veil

**Exodus 26:31-33 - And thou shall make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubim shall it be made: [32] And thou shall hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver. [33] And thou shall hang up the veil under the taches, that you may bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.**

The multicolored veil embroidered with images of cherubim hung elegantly between the holy place and the holy of holies, separating the priest from God's glorious presence. The images of cherubim gazing on the movements of the ministering priest made him aware of the holiness of the office.

The priests I'm sure remembered how quickly judgment fell from God upon Nadab and Abihu when they were disobedient in their ministry. So entering this veil brought with it some fear on the part of priests. If they took one misstep it could be their last on this earth. They would die. For this reason that's why a rope was tied to the priests ankle so if he did die the other priests could pull his dead body out from behind the veil.

## Placement Of The Curtains

Three curtains were placed strategically in the Tabernacle, each one made of fine-twined linen into which twisted threads of blue, purple, and scarlet were interwoven (Ex. 38:18)

**Exodus 38:18 - And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, answerable to the hangings of the court.**

Although beautiful to the eye, the veiled entrances to the Tabernacle were not to be objects of admiration, rather, they performed two basic functions. The word *veil* (Heb. *paroketh*) means to separate and describes its ministry. **The veil acted as a barrier between God and man, shutting God in and man out,** and the curtains permitted access to worship only after the priests had met the required conditions set forth in the Mosaic law.

**Leviticus 16:2 - And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.**

**The first curtain**, "the gate of the court" (Ex. 27:16) was seven and a half feet high and 30 feet wide and was supported by four pillars set in bronze sockets. This curtain separated the people from the Tabernacle court. They brought their sacrifice to the gate as an offering to God. Five pillars with gold hooks supported the **second curtain**, the "hanging for the door of the tent". The five pillars were made of acacia wood overlaid with gold and were fastened to the pillars with the gold hooks that were attached to the five bronze sockets. This curtain separated the priests in the Tabernacle court from the holy place. Only after cleansing at the **brazen altar** and the **brazen laver** could the priests enter the holy place to worship and fellowship with God.

**The third veil**, the one being focused on in this chapter, divided the inside of the Tabernacle into two rooms, the holy place and the holy of holies. It hung from gold hooks supported by four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold anchored into four sockets of silver (Ex. 36:31-33). The veil separated the priests from the holy of holies, where the presence of God dwelt. Only the high priest could enter the holy of holies once a year, on the Day of Atonement, to offer blood on the mercy seat for his sins and those of the people.

The veil between the holy place and the holy of holies is described as a "skillful work" (Ex. 26:31). The workers were given special divine wisdom in the making of this beautiful veil, which has never been duplicated. The awesome figures of the cherubim woven into the veil were images of angelic beings of the highest order. Their character, beauty, and power surpass human description. Symbols of cherubim were used by other Semitic people, appearing in the likeness of winged lions and bulls, the guard their temples and palaces. Ezekiel gave the impression that cherubim have both the characteristics of men and animals (Ezek. 10). **Cherubim** are symbolic of God's protective presence over the holy of holies. It was as if God had placed a continuous guard before its entrance saying, "This far, no further!" The same creatures were placed at the entrance of the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve were driven out to protect the tree of life (Gen. 3:24).

The veil that hung in Herod's temple during the Lord's Day was beautiful to behold, according to Jewish tradition. There were actually two veils in front of the holy of holies. The Talmud states that it was not known whether the veil in Solomon's Temple hung inside or outside the entrance to the holy of holies (Yoma 51). According to Maimonides, there was no wall between the holy place and holy of holies, but a space of about 1 cubit (18 inches) was assigned to it where the veil was hung. Since the priests in Herod's time did not know on which side of the cubit the veil was hung, they hung two veils, one nearer the holy place and the other nearer the holy of holies.

According to the Talmud, the veils were 60 feet long and 30 feet wide, about the thickness of a man's palm (four inches), and made of 72 squares that were sewn together. **The veils were so heavy that it took 300 priests to hang them, according to Jewish tradition.** During the time of Herod's temple, the high priest entered three times on the Day of Atonement. First, he entered with a censer of hot coals in one hand and incense on the other. The light of the hot coals faintly illuminated the empty room of the holy of holies, casting a shadowy red glow throughout the room.

The Shekinah cloud of God's glory filled the holy of holies in Solomon's Temple, but that glory had departed (Ezek. 10:18; 11:23). The Ark of the Covenant had been removed at the time the Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians. Sprinkling incense on the hot coals, the high priest watched as it was consumed, filling the room with its cloudy fragrance. Next, the high priest took the blood of a freshly slain bullock and entered the holy of holies to sprinkle it upward one time, where the ark of the covenant once stood, and downward seven times, counting as he did so in order not to make a mistake. Finally, the high priest took a he-goat, killed it, and entered a third time, offering its blood in the holy of holies just as he had done with the bullock's blood.

## **Provision Through Christ**

The veil is a graphic picture of the Lord's life and ministry. As the veil in the Tabernacle hid the glory of God, so the divine glory of God was hidden during His earthly ministry. Paul took this revelation further by saying the Lord Jesus emptied Himself of all His divine characteristics so He could take on the form of a servant and redeem man:

**John 1:1 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

**John 1:14 - And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**

**John 1:18 - No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.**

**Philip. 2:6-7 - Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: [7] But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:**

Christ, who is of the same nature and essence of God, emptied Himself, or took on the limitations of humanity without surrendering any attributes as deity. He voluntarily allowed the limitation of some of His divine rights during His earthly ministry. Jesus illustrated this in reference to His Second Coming when He said even He didn't know when His Second coming would be - but only the FATHER. (Matthew 24:36)

The colorful materials used to make the veil are typical of Christ's ministry. The fine-twined linen was an **Egyptian white byssus yarn** woven tightly together (Twice as good as the quality of fine linen produced by modern technology). **The white speaks of purity and righteousness.** The fineness denotes the faultlessness of the material. These materials provide another picture of Christ, who, in His flesh, was without blemish and spot (1 Peter 1:19). The fine white linen is also a type of the saints of God who will be arrayed in fine white linen garments at the marriage of the Lamb, symbolizing their righteousness before Him (Rev. 19:7-8)

**Rev. 19:7-8 - Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. [8] And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

**1 Peter 1:19 - But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**

**The three colors woven into the veil are symbolic of Christ's incarnation, ministry and Second Advent. The blue**, probably indigo, was produced from a species of shellfish and **speaks of Christ's coming down to Earth from Heaven as the Son of God to do the Father's will** (John 3:13, 31; 8:23; Acts 1:11). **Scarlet** was a bright red dye produced from worms or grubs and provides a vivid picture of Christ's ministry in shedding His blood to purchase our salvation (Romans 3:25; 5:9). **The purple** was produced from a secretion of the purple snail (murex). Purple is the color of royalty and speaks of Christ's kingship. Jesus came from the kingly line of David, born a King (Matthew 2:20, mocked as a king (Matthew 27:29), declared to be King at His crucifixion (Matthew 27:37), and is coming back as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords (Rev. 19:16) to rule as King forever! (Luke 1:33)

Before the rending of the veil, mankind had no direct access to God's presence. But in a simplistic yet profound act, God tore away the barrier that had separated Him from sinful humanity for more than 1,500 years. Simultaneously with the death of Jesus Christ, the veil was rent.

**Matthew 27:51 -And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;**

**Even though critics try to deny it - the VEIL was SUPERNATURALLY RENT IN TWO BY GOD THE FATHER** when Jesus died. It was God's signal to man that the door to open fellowship with Him was now made open! What a thought. Oh glory to God. It took place at the ninth hour (3:00 PM) (Matthew 27:45). At that time, the priests were busy in the Temple preparing the evening sacrifice. Hundreds of people were in the Temple area, and every eye witnessed this miraculous event. Awe and amazement must have struck the priests as they heard and viewed the divine stroke of God tearing the huge veil in half. The empty room of the holy of holies stood wide open before the priests, as if bidding them to come in - a privilege no priest, except the high priest, had enjoyed since the inception of the Tabernacle.

It was at this point that God proclaimed to the Jewish people and the world that the ministrations of the Jewish priesthood had ended. No longer was a high priest needed to annually atone for sin. Jesus, Yeshuah, the TRUE HIGH PRIEST, had opened the way for mankind to come into the presence of God through His atoning blood (**Heb. 6:19; 9:3-15; 10:19**). The torn veil is a picture of the torn body of Christ, who made it possible for us to worship at the throne of God!

The same hand that tore the veil in the Temple tore the Body of Jesus on our behalf. The writer to Hebrews states it plainly and boldly:

**Hebrews 10:19-20 - Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, [20] By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**

Through His death, Jesus inaugurated (opened for the first time) a way for man to have direct access to God. The word *new*, meaning *newly slain*, describes Jesus' sacrifice. Although His sacrifice for our sins was once and for all performed almost 2,000 years ago, it never grows old but always seems fresh and recent for all who accept it. His shed blood is a continual fountain, cleansing all who appropriate it for their sin. Not only is it new, but it is a living way or a life-giving way. Christ, who is the only way and life (John 14:6), has made it possible for us to enter into God's presence through the veil of His flesh. He changed the veil from a barrier to a gateway.

### **Privilege For Christians**

**For Christians and believers in Jesus, the rent veil means that we have a mediating high priest** (1 Tim. 2:5) who has opened the way for us to have access to the throne of God. It means that we can come at any time into the presence of God with the confidence that we will obtain mercy and find grace to help us in any need we wish to express.

Since we have the high and holy privilege of entering into God's presence, we are exhorted to exercise a fourfold commitment to the Lord, as expressed in Hebrews 10:22-25. First, we are to be **CLEANSED** for worship:

**Hebrews 10:22 - Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**

We are not to stand far off from God, as the Israelites had to do under the Mosaic Covenant (Numbers 18:22), but we are rather to **DRAW NEAR**. Four conditions must be met to draw near to God. We are to come:

- **A True Heart** - we are to come in purity of motives - not seeking His hand of provision, but HIS HEART
- **With Full Assurance** - we are to come with anticipation of appropriating all that God has promised to those who come before Him in right relationship.

- ***Having Our Hearts Sprinkled Clean From An Evil Conscience*** - we must be washed in the BLOOD (from the Brazen Altar of Calvary)
- ***Bodies Washed In Body*** - we must be washed daily in the word of God - the "LAVEN" for our souls.

Then, and only then, can we enter the holy of holies with a pure conscience before God. We must experience the cleansing of Jesus through His blood, His Spirit and His word.

***Second***, we are exhorted to have a confession before the world (10:23). We are not to waver (lit. bend) in our faith under the fire of persecution. We should not rely on our own strength but God's who said, "***I will never leave you nor forsake thee.***" God has promised that He will never abandon us under any circumstances; thus, we can take great comfort and encouragement in God's precious promises, which give us strength to stand with a consistent life before a world that opposes our faith.

***Third***, we are to exhort others to a life of commitment in the work (10:24). We are to continuously care for the spiritual welfare of fellow Christians, to provide (lit. stimulate) them to lives of love and good works in their walk before the world and fellow believers. In love we are to stir up one another to exercise the spiritual gifts that have been given to us by the Holy Spirit.

***Fourth***, we are exhorted not to forsake corporate worship (10:25). We are not to abandon local church fellowships. Believers have the glorious privilege of approaching God directly. But perhaps you, like many in the church, have erected the veil of cooling commitment, faulty faith, lost love for the Lord, slackness of service for the Savior, or forsaken fellowship with the family of God.

Judson W. VandeVenter had erected a veil. But while singing in a choir during a revival campaign in Sharon, Pennsylvania, he responded to the invitation and committed to the Lord's service. He forsook all and became an evangelist, ministering in America, England, and Scotland. Later he wrote about his commitment:

*All to Jesus I surrender,  
All To Him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust Him,  
In His presence daily live*

*All To Jesus I surrender  
Lord, I give myself to Thee  
Fill me with Thy love and power  
Let Thy blessing fall on me*

Friend that is God's call to us all from the Tabernacle of Moses. As we close this final lesson on this study, I ask you today - have we surrendered all? Is there a veil between you and Him today? All it takes is a simple act of confession from our hearts that we have sinned and He will come to us and tear that veil down just as He did 2,000 years ago at Calvary's tree. He wants unbroken fellowship with us. He doesn't want sin and doubt and unbelief separating us. He wants us to have TOTAL ACCESS and USE THAT ACCESS for His glory! He wants us to DRAW NEAR TO HIM, not draw or pull away from HIM. In these last days which are going to be filled with more trouble than any of us have seen in our lifetimes believe me - the only sure "anchor of the soul," will be the throne of God.

### Part One: Fill In The Blanks

1. For Christians and believers in Jesus, the rent \_\_\_\_\_ means that we have a mediating high priest.
2. The veil's colors were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The Lord wants unbroken \_\_\_\_\_ with us, His children.
4. We have total \_\_\_\_\_ to God as a result of the rent veil.
5. We are not to stand far off from God, as the Israelites had to do under the \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant (Numbers 18:22), but we are rather to draw near
6. We are to come before the Lord with a pure heart, not seeking His \_\_\_\_\_ of provision as much as seeking His heart.
7. We must come in \_\_\_\_\_ believing He rewards those who diligently seek Him with all their heart.
8. We must be \_\_\_\_\_ in the blood of the Brazen Altar and cleansed by the sprinkling and watering of the Word from the Brazen Laver.
9. The Word of God acts as the brazen \_\_\_\_\_ for our souls, cleansing us before the Lord's sight.
10. The rent veil is an invitation from God to us for communion and \_\_\_\_\_ in these last days.
11. The veil was rent supernaturally by \_\_\_\_\_ when Jesus died.
12. At the time the veil was rent Yeshuah became our great \_\_\_\_\_.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ curtains were placed strategically in the Tabernacle.
14. Although beautiful to the eye, the veiled entrances to the Tabernacle were not to be objects of \_\_\_\_\_.
15. The first curtain was called the \_\_\_\_\_ of the court.
16. Four pillars set in \_\_\_\_\_ sockets supported the first curtain.
17. Five pillars with gold \_\_\_\_\_ supported the \_\_\_\_\_ curtain.
18. The second curtain was called the hanging for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tent.

19. The five pillars were made of acacia wood overlaid with \_\_\_\_\_, a pattern throughout the tabernacle of deity overlaying \_\_\_\_\_ - a picture of our Lord Jesus.
20. Only after cleansing at the brazen \_\_\_\_\_ could the priests enter into the holy place to fellowship with God.
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ veil divided the Tabernacle into two rooms.
22. The veil between the holy place and the holy of holies is described as a \_\_\_\_\_ work.
23. \_\_\_\_\_ are symbolic of God's protective presence over the holy of holies.
24. The same creatures were placed at the entrance of the Garden of \_\_\_\_\_.



The **TABERNACLE** Study Series  
**Lesson Nineteen – Types And Shadows Of The Tabernacle Part One**

**Hebrews 8:5 - Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.**

More than 45 chapters are devoted to the tabernacle and the activities that took place there. There is no other study in scripture that provides us so many types of Christ as this structure God commanded Moses to build in the wilderness. Every type is confirmed in scripture as a type. This is the first principle in understanding types, that blue is held to typify heaven; purple, royalty; silver, redemption; brass, judgment; twelve, administration (government); the four pillars of the tabernacle, the four Gospels, and so on.

The Tabernacle is key to understanding both the Old and New Covenants of salvation through which we as believers are saved. This lesson is a general study of the types and shadows of the tabernacle.

**Types Defined**

A type is a preordained person, event or object of the Old Covenant that prefigures a corresponding person, event, or object in the New Covenant in such

a way that their common characteristics establish them as an identifiable class. There are several Greek words that express this definition:

1. *Tupos* - translated a "figure," "pattern," "ensample," and "example," in passages Rom. 5:14, Heb. 8:5, 1 Cor. 10:11 and 1 Cor. 10:6 respectively.
2. *Anti-tupon* – translated as "like figure," in passages 1 Peter 3:21, and as "figure," in Heb. 9:24.
3. *Hupodeigma* – translated as "pattern," in Heb. 9:23, "ensample," in 2 Peter 2:6 and "example," in Heb. 4:11.
4. *Parabole* – translated as "figure," in Heb. 9:9 and 11:19.
5. *Skia* - translated as "shadow," in Col. 2:17, Heb. 8:5, 10:1
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The two essential elements of a type can be illustrated by a shadow and an object which casts the shadow. The reality is always in the object and not in the shadow. If you see only the shadow, your understanding of the reality, or the object, will be limited. This is why the Old Covenant saints had only a limited degree of understanding of certain New Covenant truths and events.

**Matthew 13:17 - For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.**

The New Covenant is in the old concealed and the old is in the new revealed. This is best illustrated in the types and shadows of scripture. No where else is this more graphically illustrated than in the tabernacle of Moses.

In typology these two elements, the shadow and the object, are called the type and antitype, respectively. The type (shadow) is always found in the Old Covenant is preordained shadow of the antitype (object). The antitype is found in the New Covenant and is the reality, or fulfillment, of what the type prefigured.

There are three main rules of thumb for the proper interpretation of the types:

1. Each type will have one central truth to which the whole type will agree. This truth will always harmonize with the rest of Scripture, and only this intended truth should be emphasized.
2. The only authority for any type is the Bible. Types cannot be created because of some similarity between two things in scripture. There must always be scripture to confirm every type because both the type and the antitype are preordained of God.
3. Types should be understood and interpreted only in light of their antitype.

### **The Types Of The Tabernacle**

The following section is a short summary of some of the basic types and shadows of the tabernacle.

**Type: Old Testament Tabernacle (Ex. 25-31; 35-40)**

**Antitype: The True Tabernacle In Heaven; The Saint of God;**

**Hebrews 8:1 -2**

**Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; [2] A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.**

**Hebrews 9:1**

**Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.**

**Hebrews 9:24**

**For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:**

From these passages we see that the tabernacle and the things associated with it – the priesthood, sacrifices, furnishings, and ordinances, were typical of a true tabernacle. The true tabernacle in New Covenant terms is the New Covenant believer, in whom the Spirit of God lives and inhabits.

The greater and more perfect (complete) tabernacle of Hebrews 9:11 refers to the Lord Jesus Himself, having died for our sins, completing the work of redemption and making us fit vessels to be tabernacles of the Holy Ghost.

**Hebrews 9:8**

**The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:**

**Hebrews 9:9**

**Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;**

**Hebrews 9:11**

**But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;**

The Old Covenant saints had the gospel preached to them through the type of the tabernacle:

**Hebrews 4:2 - For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**

**Type: High Priest - Exodus 28:1**

**Antitype: Christ – Heb. 4:14-15; 5:1-5; 7:24-28; 8:1-6; 9:11; 9:24-25**

There are many scriptures of the New Covenant that confirm the high priest of the tabernacle as a type of our Great High Priest, Christ.

One of the functions of the High Priest was to offer sacrifices, which typified Christ offering of himself to God for our sins. The high priest, not able to be both priest and the offering, offered the animal to typify Christ, who is both our HIGH PRIEST and our OFFERING.

**Hebrews 8:3-4**

**For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. [4] For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law:**

**Hebrews 10:5**

**Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:**

Very often priests, Aaron's sons, are considered to be a type of the Christian. Peter made reference to Christians as priests in 1 Peter 2:5 and John in Revelation 5:10. Old Testament priests were only assistants to the HIGH PRIEST because he was not able to do all the work himself. He was subject to death and would need someone to take his place when he died. NOT WITH CHRIST. Our priesthood as Christians is not after the Aaronic order but the Levitical order. We are a type of the Levites – workers of the tabernacle.

**Hebrews 7:3**

**Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.**

**Type: Furniture Of The Tabernacle – Exodus 25:10-40; 27:1-8; 30:1-10, 17-21**

**Antitype: Ministries Of Christ – Heb. 8:2; 9:1-5**

Usually the various furnishings are considered types of Christ in themselves, but they should be understood as representing various ministries of Christ. These represent different aspects of his ministry as they also did for the high priest.

**Hebrews 8:2**

**A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.**

**Hebrews 10:11**

**And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:**

**Type: Holy Place And Holy Of Holies**

**Antitype: Heaven/The Throne Of God – Hebrews 9:23-24**

The word “places” refers to the two compartments of the sanctuary, the holy place and the holy of holies, as representatives of heaven.

**Type: Ark And Mercyseat**

**Antitype: God – Heb. 9:24**

**Type: Animal Sacrifices – Lev. 1-7**

**Antitype: Christ’s Sacrificial Life And Death – John 1:29, Eph. 5:2; Heb. 9:28; Heb. 10:1-2; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Rev. 5:9; Rev. 13:8**

The five principal offerings of the Old Covenant were typical of the one perfect offering of Christ. Each of the five sacrifices emphasizes a different aspect of the life and death of Christ for us.

**Type: Physical Perfection Of Priests And Animals**

**Antitype: Christ’s Sinlessness – Heb. 9:14; 1 Peter 1:19**

Both the priests and the animals used as sacrifices were typical of Christ. However, remember that the priests and the animals could not represent Christ’s sinlessness because the priests as men had already sinned and animals are not capable of sin. Therefore, the men were types of Christ, the animals a type of His sinless perfection.

**Type: Blood – Gen. 9:4; Lev. 17:11**

**Antitype: Efficacy of Christ’s Life And Death – Matthew 26:28; Heb. 9:12, 22-23; 1 John 1:7**

The shed blood of the animal sacrifices spoke of the efficacy of Christ’s sinless life and death.

**Type: Sin Offering – Lev. 4:3-12, 13-21; 6:30**

**Antitype: Christ’s death outside the gates of Jerusalem – Heb. 13:11-12**

The sin offerings for the high priest and congregation were burnt outside the camp, instead of at the brazen altar, which typified Christ as our sin offering, who was taken outside the gates of Jerusalem to Golgotha to suffer.

**Type: Day Of Atonement**

**Antitype: Efficacy of Christ As One Sacrifice For The Sins Of The World, Heb. 9:7-8, 12, 25-26, 28, Heb. 10:10, 12, 14**

The high priest could go into the holy of holies only once a year, on the Day of Atonement, with the blood to make atonement for the sins of the people. Likewise once, in the end of the world (Heb. 9:26), Christ died and shed his blood for the sins of the world, obtaining our eternal redemption. It should be noted that in Hebrews 9 through 10:20 the writer is speaking of the Day of Atonement.

**Type: Veil – Ex. 26:33, Lev. 16:12**

**Antitype: Christ's Flesh – Heb. 10:19-22**

The veil is closely associated with the Day of Atonement, which represents the efficacy of Christ's ONE sacrifice. The veil typified that this perfect sacrifice would not take place until Christ had come in the flesh to die.

As you can see, there are a variety of types associated with the tabernacle, but all relate to the fact that the tabernacle, and everything associated with it, typifies both Christ, the New Covenant believer, the ministry of Jesus in heaven and the work of the Holy Spirit on behalf of the church.

Study Questions:

Part One: Fill In The Blank

1. The high priest could go into the holy of holies only once a year, on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, with the blood to make atonement for the sins of the people.
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3. Very often priests, Aaron's sons, are considered to be a type of the \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ made reference to Christians as priests
4. Our priesthood as Christians is not after the Aaronic order but more in line with us being a type of the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. One of the functions of the High Priest was to offer \_\_\_\_\_, which typified Christ offering of himself to God for our sins
6. More than \_\_\_\_\_ chapters are devoted to the tabernacle and the activities that took place there.
7. There is no other study in scripture that provides us so many types of Christ as this structure God commanded \_\_\_\_\_ to build in the wilderness

8. The word "\_\_\_\_\_ " refers to the two compartments of the sanctuary, the holy place and the holy of holies, as representatives of heaven
9. Christ died and shed his blood for the sins of the world, obtaining our eternal \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The greater and more perfect (complete) \_\_\_\_\_ - of Hebrews 9:11 refers to the Lord Jesus Himself, having died for our sins, completing the work of redemption and making us fit vessels to be tabernacles of the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

Part Two: Matching

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| 1. Holy Ghost   | A. Christ's Flesh                 |
| 2. Type         | B. Reveals The Old                |
| 3. Antitype     | C. Fulfillment Of Shadow          |
| 4. Old Covenant | D. The Shadow                     |
| 5. New Covenant | E. Hidden In The New              |
| 6. Veil         | F. Inhabits New Covenant Believer |

The  Study Series  
**Lesson Twenty – The Tabernacle: Our Consecration And Call To God**

The tabernacle is the story in shadow and type of one of the greatest events in all of mankind. On a Jerusalem hillside, a huge crowd gathered to witness this event some 2,000 years ago that would forever alter man's spiritual condition – at least to those who placed their faith and trust in the One at the center of this drama. Darkness had filled the whole earth at noon, and it was drawing near 3 p.m. The Temple was filled with priests preparing for the evening sacrifice. A voice cried to heaven from the hillside: "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46). At that moment, the Temple priests were awestruck as they heard and viewed the divine stroke of God tear in half the huge veil that hung in front of the holy of holies.

The empty room stood naked, open to all, bidding the priests to enter – a privilege no priest, except the high priest, had enjoyed since the inception of the Tabernacle. No longer was a high priest needed to annually atone for sin. Jesus, the true high priest, had opened the way for mankind to come before a holy God through His atoning blood.

Although the sacrificial system of the Old Covenant ceased long ago, believers to today are still required to offer one more sacrifice. They are to present their bodies a living sacrifice to the Lord.

## **Complete Consecration**

### **Rom 12:1-2**

**1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

**2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

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Paul admonished Christians to “present your bodies a living sacrifice.” The word for *present* is the same word translated YIELD in Romans 6:13 and is a voluntary, once-and-for-all act whereby believers yield their attitudes, actions and possessions of body, soul, and spirit for God’s use.

The word *present* is a technical term used in Old Covenant times for offering a Levitical offering and/or sacrifice. But the sacrifice for Christians is quite different from those of the Israelites, who offered substitutionary lambs, whereas Christians offer themselves in a depraved condition and become cleansed through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Israelites offered dead sacrifices on the altar; Christians offer themselves as a living sacrifice for service. Israelites brought mandatory sacrifices; Christians voluntarily offer themselves.

### **Rom 12:1-2**

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Rather than command, Paul **beseached** believers to offer themselves because of the **mercies of God** bestowed on them. Christianity has never been demanded. Eternal life is a choice we all make. Heaven or hell are not destinations where man can blame anyone but himself on where he chooses to go when he dies and passes on to the afterlife. Paul explained each of these mercies in Romans 1-11 and indicated they included all the blessings Christians receive through **redemption, justification, and sanctification** through Christ's shed blood.

When believers accept Christ, they are baptized into His body (1 Cor. 12:13). Romans 6:3-5 illustrates this transaction. First, we are baptized into Christ's death meaning that through our identification with His crucifixion, believers died when Christ died. Second, we are identified with Christ in his burial. As natural burial removes people from the sphere of this world, so too are believers spiritually removed from the sphere of Satan's control and sin's power. Third, believers are identified with Christ and His resurrection: "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection."

#### **Rom 6:1-5**

- 1      **What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?**
- 2      **God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?**
- 3      **Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?**
- 4      **Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

**5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:**

**(KJV)**

**1 Cor 12:13**

**13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.**

Christians are resurrected to a newness of life in Christ, being separated from the old life of sin. Since believers are raised with Christ, they are commanded to live in this newness of life by seeking those things that are above where Christ is seated on the right hand of God. This resurrection power, provided by Christ through the Holy Spirit, energizes Christians to live a new life for the Lord.

Four words sum up the victorious relationship of believers with Christ. First, they are to KNOW, with absolute certainty, that they have been crucified, buried and resurrected in Christ to newness of life.

**Romans 6:3**

**Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?**

**Romans 6:6**

**Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.**

**Romans 6:9**

**Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.**

Second, we are to RECKON (count as a reliable fact) that sin has no more dominion over them (Rom. 6:11).

**Romans 6:11**

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Third, we are to YIELD (body, soul, and spirit) to the control of the Holy Spirit for righteousness.

**Romans 6:3**

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

**Romans 6:13**

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

**Romans 6:19**

I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

Fourth, we are to OBEY the doctrine (teaching) that was given to us regarding this in the Word of God. The doctrine Paul speaks of in Romans 6:17 is the doctrine of Romans 6:3-5.

**Romans 6:3-5**

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? [4] Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. [5] For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

**Romans 6:17**

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine, which was delivered you.

Because we as believers have been bought with an incalculable price, we can do no less than give ourselves to God as living sacrifices (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

**1 Cor 6:19-20**

**19 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?**

**20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

**Galatians 2:20**

**I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.**

When Christians offer themselves to God, it is considered "holy," "acceptable to God," and our "reasonable service." We have been called unto God for RIGHTEOUS purposes, not purposes that feed on the very selfish nature the newborn experience delivers us from. The whole burnt offerings of the Tabernacle economy typified Christ offering Himself – TOTALLY - unto the Lord. We as believers are called to do the same exact thing through the power of the Holy Spirit who has been given to us to assist us in that eternal transaction.

This is not simply external, ceremonial performance of duties, like that of the Levitical priesthood, but service FLOWING from an inner commitment to the Lord. This does not mean we will be perfect in this life, but our desires, our passions, our hearts and our motives are now to do the work of THE KINGDOM OF GOD instead of merely seeking to do works without a real attitude of repentance and self-denial before the Lord.

There are three forces that control us – even after we accept Christ as our sacrifice and enter into this walk as believers.

One, we can be SELF-CENTERED, living only to satisfy selfish desires; two, we can be SATANICALLY controlled and energized to live in sin; and three, we can be HOLY SPIRIT controlled, ordering our lives according to the will of God. We become servants of whatever we yield our allegiance to – either sin or righteousness. As Christians, we have been freed from sin's control to live under the Spirit's control!!! That is the message the Tabernacle Moses preached again and again. Many never realized the message back in those days when to many – even the priests – all they could see were the blood sacrifices of animals. ALL THOSE sacrifices and duties were pointing to a coming Redeemer, a MESSIAH – who has already COME! His name is Jesus Christ!

## **Rom 6:16**

**16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**

### **Counterfeit Consecration**

When we as Christians present our bodies as a living sacrifice, a transformation takes place. Paul commands us to “be not conformed to this world.” The word *conform* means to *fashion* or *shape one thing like another*. We are not to be stamped or molded or fashioned after the image and style of the world. One translator puts it very well when he said, “Don’t let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold.”

“The world,” (Gr. *Aion*) refers to the spiritual and moral characteristics of the age in which the believers live. Since the fall of man, all ages have been in spiritual darkness, greatly affected by Satan who is “the prince of the power of the air,” but believers have been freed from this present evil system. We have been “created in Jesus Christ unto good works,” and do NOT have to yield to the spirit of the world.

## **Romans 2:2**

**But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.**

## **Ephes. 2:1-3**

**And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; [2] Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: [3] Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.**

## **Ephes. 2:10**

**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**

Worldliness is more than just indulging in worldly things such as cars, houses, television or clothes. Things in themselves are not worldly. It is possible to use those things just listed for either worldliness OR godliness.

Worldliness can be an action, but it is still possible to be worldly in a given area and not commit the act. For example, people might covet their neighbor's wife, car, house or position – although never taking it – and still be worldly by desiring to possess something that does not belong to them. Thus, worldliness begins as an attitude before the act is committed. Worldliness begins as an attitude before the act is committed. It's an issue of the HEART. It is any attitude or action patterned after the world's system.

The beloved Apostle John explained it more fully in his first epistle:

**1 John 2:15**

**Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**

If people habitually love the things of this world, they cannot love GOD at the same time. This is what Paul referred to in scripture as being "worldly," or "fleshly-minded," instead of "spiritually minded."

Love for the world is manifested in three specific areas. One area is pleasure, the "lust of the flesh." This leads to desires to satisfy the sin nature.

**1 John 2:16**

**For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.**

**Galatians 5:17-21**

**For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. [18] But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. [19] Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, [20] Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, [21] Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Another area is possessions, which is known as the "lust of the eyes." This is a desire for THINGS, which is covetousness, which is IDOLATRY!

**Eph 5:3-5**

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becomes saints;

**4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.**

**5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**

(KJV)

**Col 3:5-6 - Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:**

The final area is pride, "the pride of life" (1 John 2:16), which manifests itself in areas such as pride of possessions, position, power, prestige, or popularity. The pride of life is the motivating factor for the lust of the flesh and eyes. Pride is the reason for the fall of Satan and it's been man's problem from the beginning. Man's arrogance was first seen in Adam's fig leaves and has taken on different forms throughout the centuries. The root of pride is rebellion and it is one thing God HATES.

**Prov 6:16-19 - These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:**

**17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,**

**18 An heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,**

**19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.**

John said, "The world passes away." (1 John 2:17) The world, with its satanic system, is only temporary and is marked out for destruction. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). The one who "doeth the will of God abides forever." (1 John 2:17) In order to do the will of God, believers must hold to the Word of God.

**I Jn 2:17-18**

**17 And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abides for ever.**

**18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.**

“Be not conformed” is not a suggestion but a command! Paul has warned us a Christians to stop assuming an outward expression and fashion that are patterned after the world. Believers are pilgrims and are not to fashion their conduct after a passing world system (1 Cor. 7:31).

**1 Cor. 7:31**

**And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world asset away.**

Someone has rightly stated that the spirit wedded to the world’s system will be a widow tomorrow. The church has not been called to sink to the world’s level to win the world to Jesus Christ. The world’s methods will never work!!!! Only the anointing of the Holy Ghost and the unction of the power of Almighty God will overcome this world system.

The key to spiritual success is “doing the will of God.” In being filled with the knowledge of God’s will (Col. 1:9), which comes through His Word (Ps. 119:105), believers are able to escape the world’s system and abide in spiritual fellowship with God.

**Conformity To Christ**

We as believers are to have TRANSFORMED lives. We are PARTAKERS of the DIVINE nature of God, not imitators of it. There is a huge difference between the two. A parrot can mimic what he hears and sees, but no matter what the parrot says – he’s still a parrot. A person without God may talk and say things to make people think he has been changed and is a saint, but in the end the true test of the pudding will be found in whether that individual has partaken of the divine nature of God and is not just imitating it. You cannot imitate the NEW MAN in CHRIST!! Only the Holy Ghost can produce that.

The word transformed in Romans 12:2 comes from the same word in Matthew 17:2 where Jesus was “transfigured” before His disciples. It comes from the Greek word “*metamorphosis*,” and means “any COMPLETE change in appearance and character.”

We must undergo a “metamorphosis” at conversion to be truly born again. We must become “NEW CREATIONS IN CHRIST.” The key to that phrase is “IN CHRIST.” When we identify ourselves with His finished work on the cross and keep our faith in that work – we then become NEW CREATIONS, not because of works or actions of the old nature which may appear to be refined, but a genuine change of heart and character that only God can do through the Holy Spirit.

We as believers are being changed from “glory to glory,” or from one successive degree of holiness to another. The commitment of believers is to be maintained by the “renewing of our minds” which comes when we saturate ourselves with the Word of God and prayer, so that the Holy Ghost can conform us to Christ. We are to be like HIM in all that we ARE, not just even in what we do. The change must be INSIDE and for it to be INSIDE we must have our faith in the source of that change – the finished work at the cross of Christ – CALVARY. Calvary covers it ALL! Jesus paid it ALL! ALL, ALL, ALL to HIM I owe! Sin had left a CRIMSON stain – HE washed it white as snow.

Paul said “let this MIND be in you, which was also in CHRIST-JESUS.” Christ’s mindset was one of self-denial, emptying Himself of His divine rights, subordinating Himself to the role of a bond servant, and submitting Himself to the death of the cross.

**Philip. 2:5-9**

**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: [6] Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: [7] But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: [8] And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. [9] Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:**

While He was on earth, Christ’s MIND was in complete surrender to the Father’s will. This is the key to all spiritual maturity and victory. Our faith and thoughts must always be upon HIM and His work He completed on the cross. The thought life is directive to what a person is, does, or becomes. Paul said, “be

renewed in the spirit of your mind," that is, allow the HOLY GHOST to control our mind so that every area of our lives is being continually renewed and conformed to the will of God. The way this process takes place is when we are trusting in the FINISHED WORK OF CALVARY as the source of our victory.

This is spiritual warfare! Spiritual warfare is NOT cowboys and Indians. It is a fight for eternity waged in the hearts and souls of every human being on earth. The battle has already been won at the cross. There is NO other source of victory or success other than that.

### **2 Cor. 10:5**

**Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

We prove the will of God in three ways:

#### **1. We find the will of God to be good, morally honorable, and free from all evil.**

God would not ask Christians to think, say, or act in ways that do not have their best interest in mind. Joseph's trials were a picture of how God works behind the scenes many times in our lives. "All things work together for the GOOD" of them that LOVE God and are CALLED according to HIS PURPOSE. His purpose for our lives is HIS will.

#### **2. We find the will of God to be acceptable or well-pleasing.**

It may not seem well pleasing at the outset, but believers must find it to be so as they learn God is working in their lives. Abraham may not have understood why God asked him to offer up Isaac after years of waiting for the promise of God. The will of God was for Abraham to obey. He passed the test and proved the will of God is acceptable. At times, all of us find it difficult to understand it. It at times may even seem unreasonable in its demand.

#### **3. We find the will of God to be perfect (brought to completeness).**

The will of God is always complete for believers; nothing must be added to it. Believers who surrender their bodies as a living sacrifice and are daily renewed by the indwelling Holy Spirit will know that the will of God is good, well pleasing, and complete.

Even though we have yielded their lives once for all as a living sacrifice, struggles will come to test their commitment. There will be times when they will want to crawl off the altar, take charge of their own lives and control their own destiny. We must always remember that in the end of all things – we are merely the branches, HE IS THE VINE, and without HIM we can do nothing.

### **In Closing Of This Study**

For almost 500 years, the Tabernacle served as a place for God to dwell among His people and a place where His people would commune with Him. (Ex. 25:8; 40:34-37). Throughout Israel's history, there was a propensity toward idolatry; thus, the Tabernacle stood as a visual reminder to Israel that they served the true and living God. The Tabernacle showed the people how to approach a Holy God in worship and service. It was God' redemptive program to Israel prior to the coming of the Messiah – the Lord Jesus Christ.

The people could only approach God through blood atonement and a mediating priesthood. ALL of this is typified in just one word – JESUS! He who left His throne in heaven tabernacled among us and in HIM we have a great High Priest, a perfect blood sacrifice, and access to God for all who put their trust in Him. I pray neighbor that all who have made this study part of their walk with God have made that calling and election SURE. It's getting late and the time is short. Praise God.

### **Part One: Matching**

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| <b>1. Blood Sacrifice</b>   | <b>A. Declared Not Guilty</b>     |
| <b>2. Justification</b>     | <b>B. Love of prestige, power</b> |
| <b>3. Sanctification</b>    | <b>C. New Testament Believer</b>  |
| <b>4. Lust of the Eyes</b>  | <b>D. God's Will</b>              |
| <b>5. Lust of the Flesh</b> | <b>E. Yeshua</b>                  |
| <b>6. Pride Of Life</b>     | <b>F. Carnal Desires</b>          |
| <b>7. Living Sacrifice</b>  | <b>G. Covetousness</b>            |
| <b>8. Acceptable</b>        | <b>H. Perfect, Just</b>           |
| <b>9. God's Will</b>        | <b>I. Day Of Atonement</b>        |
| <b>10. Messiah</b>          | <b>J. Process To Holiness</b>     |

