

The Tabernacle

God of the Old Testament is the same as the God of the New Testament

Exodus 25 – God only wants willing sacrifice. Opportunity to Invest.

- 1 ¼ tons of Gold involved
- 4 ½ tons of Silver involved
- 4 tons of Brass involved
- Estimated about 20 million in raw materials of these items alone.

How often was Moses commanded to make the tabernacle after the pattern given to him on the Mt.? 7 times.

5 times in the OT

2 in the NT – Acts & Heb.

We are going to look at a traveling sanctuary – a Temporary dwelling place..

*** In the New Testament WE become the Sanctuary of Holy Spirit.

STORY:

There was an elder that was getting really upset at some children. He huffed up to the pastor and said, “We have got to do something about this”...

The pastor said, “Do something about what”...

The elder said, “Those kids are chewing gum in the sanctuary”..

The pastor said, “You have it backwards – **The sanctuaries are chewing gum**”...

- More space given to this structure than any other structure in the Bible.
- Incredible detail to construction.
 - Exactly how to construct it
 - Exactly how to tear it down.
 - Exactly how to move it.
- God gives descriptions on how to build it from the Holy of Holies and works OUTWARD.
- It is later given in Exodus 34 - 45 as it is being build from the outside IN..
- 2 Chapters on the whole creation.
- Over 10 in Exodus alone.

Tabernacle has at least 3 Levels of Meaning:

- God inhabiting His dwelling Place
- Jesus as a dwelling Place
- Jesus as He dwells IN His Church

Heb. 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. 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:

Jesus as model of Fullness of God.

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

Jesus spoke of Himself as a Temple

Heb. 10:5 - Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldst not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

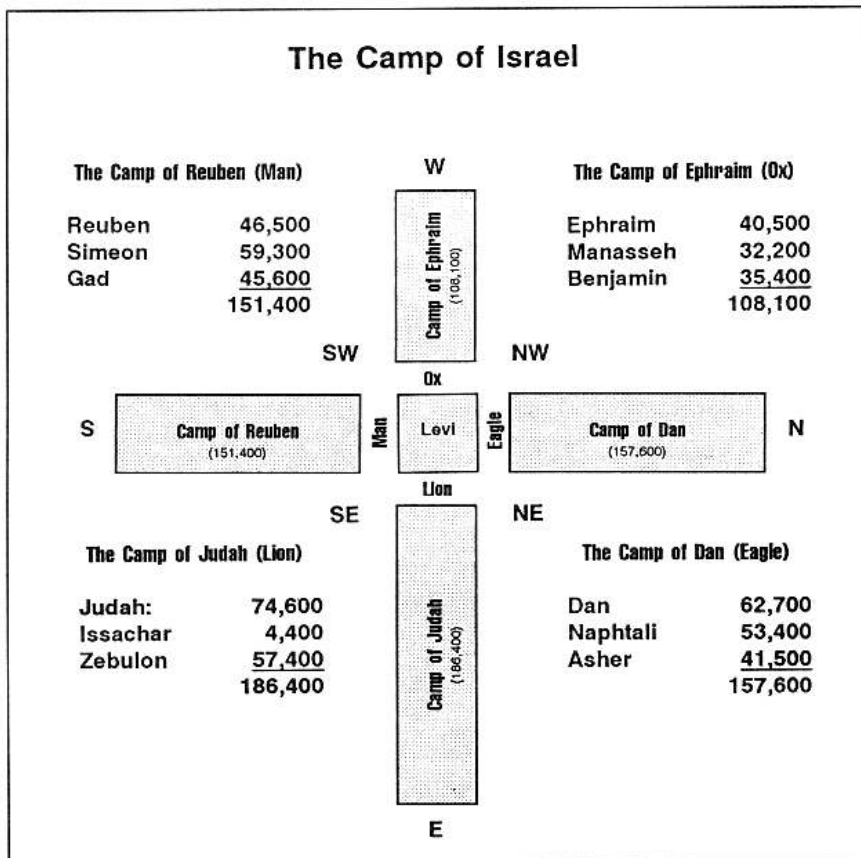
Pre-Existence of God (Tabernacled among us)

John 1:1-3, 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.

Tabernacle of God is with Men

Rev. 21:3 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.

- Israel camped around the Tabernacle.
- Levites first then the other tribes all having to camp due North, South, East, or West.
- The skins the tents were made of turned black in the sun.
 - Judah – Purple – Lion - King
 - Mark – Scarlet - OX - Servant – Scarlet
 - Luke – White – Man - Humanity / Diety – White Jesus Righteousness
 - Eagle – Blue - Eagle- Heavenlyies



Physical Description:

Consisted of 75' x 150' enclosed area.

- Fence that area in with a linen canvass slightly higher than eye level (7 ½ ft tall)
- 60 pillars each pillar made with Acacia wood set in Brass sockets. (20 x 20 x 10 x 10)
 - Acacia wood – hard – resistant to pestilence – but covered with thorns. (thorn tree of the desert)
 - Thorns talk of sin – Moses saw sin being judged but not consumed – He saw Mercy – He saw God.
 - The pillars were a symbol of **sin setting in judgment**. In between the sin was white linen being upheld by the silver caps (**Redemption of Christ - Blood**) that covered the sin that was set in judgment.
- One door on the east end. Not white but was woven with Blue, Purple, and Scarlet thread.
 - In Rev. the order of the colors are backwards that what God gave Moses to build.
 - Moses was looking toward Jesus – Revelation is looking back from Heaven (DETAIL)
 - Door was never closed or guarded.
 - Jesus came to us through the Tribe of Judah.
 - Jesus is the door
 - Nowhere in the scripture is there ever mentioned an exit.
 - It is always spoken of as a place of entering –
 - Never is mentioned it as a gate of exit.

Courtyard:

- As we enter we come to the place of sacrifice
- Brazen Altar to offer the sacrifice. (Contain heat. Hold fire. Withstand heat – Judgment or sin Judged)
- Laver- Brazen bowl. Filled with water to wash in. Made of women's mirrors. (polished flat brass)
 - Mirrors represent Pride – They were sacrificing their pride.
 - Clean by the washing of the water.
 - We are cleaned by the washing of the Word.
 - In Rev. 4, we see that glassy sea.
 - On the earth we wash in the Word –
 - *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, Eph 5:26*
 - In heaven, we are **STANDING** on the Word. We will cast our crowns on the glassy sea.
 - *4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white [fn2] robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, [fn3] thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the [fn4] seven Spirits of God. 6 Before the throne there [fn5] was a sea of glass, like crystal. Rev. 4:4-6*
 - The laver is the only dimension is the size of the laver.
 - The Word is boundless and immeasurable.
 - This piece of furnisher is without dimension or without end.
 - Can't go into the holy place without being a priest.

Tabernacle Proper

Inner Layer “covering”– Fine Linen – Righteousness – Cherubim were embroidered all on the inside.
(Scarlet – Purple – White – Blue) clasps of gold.

*1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the **shadow of the Almighty.** Psalm 91:1*

4 He shall cover you with His feathers. And under His wings you shall take refuge; vs. 4

9 Because you have made the LORD, who is my refuge. Even the Most High, your dwelling place, 10 No evil shall befall you, vs. 9 & 10

11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. Vs 11

Layer 1 “Tent” – (sin bearers) Goats Hair – Sin Offering - why 11 curtains? – [5- grace 6- man] –clasps of brass.
There were 11 sin offerings in Levitical system that used Goats.

Layer 2 “Covering” – Rams skin died RED – Substitution – Abraham's offering.

Final Covering – Badger / Porpoise Skin – Protection – Shoes made 40 years protecting feet (walk)

- Viewed by the World – Jesus looked just like any other Israelite male.
 - *Isa 53:2 "For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him."*

Holy Place

- Assembled with boards made of wood covered with gold 2 ft wide. (wood – humanity // gold – deity)
- Set in (100 lb a piece) sockets of silver - 96 blocks. Foundation weighs over 5 tons.
- As we approach the Holy Place, we cannot see the true glory unless we enter through the one door.
- Gold planks are only visible from the inside.
- 3 cubes 15' wide 15' high 15' deep.



Right Side

- 12 loaves of Bread (Showbread)
- The ridge was a hand breath wide.
 - It was their as a crown of protection
 - John 10: No man shall pluck them out of the Fathers hand
 - No man shall pluck them out of Jesus' hand.
- One loaf for each of the tribes of Israel.
- John 6:32-33 – Talks about the true bread from Heaven.
 - Jesus is the Bread of life – Never hunger and never thirst.
 - Vs 52: I am the living bread from heaven, if any man eat of this bread He will live forever. We may have close friends, but those that are in Christ, we are close friends forever.
 - Lev. 24- Take fine flour and set 2 rows of 6.
 - The showbread implies that the bread was perforated. – Pierced.
 - Psalms 22: “They pierced my hands and feet”
 - Crucifixion was not the way of capital punishment for the Hebrew at the time this Psalm was written (Stoning), but was later perfected by the Romans.
 - The only item that speaks of intimate fellowship.
 - Bibles speaks of the Lords table.
 - The host clothed the guests at his table.
 - Marriage supper of the Lamb.

Left Side

- Menorah – 7 Branched Lamp-stand (oil) – That which anoints.
 - The only source of light is the 7 branch candlestick
 - Only piece of furnisher that as a solid piece of gold. (120 lbs of Gold)
 - Stem and 6 branches
 - I am the vine you are the branches
 - We are His light bearers
 - Source of light is the Holy Spirit
 - Rev. 1 – John sees the seven churches and the seven lamp stands
 - Rev 1:4 –Seven Spirits – Seven fold spirit.
 - *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; Isa. 11:2*
 - The spirit of the Lord is mentioned first.
 - 3 pairs coming off side.
 - The lamp stand bears the light. It is not the source of the light.
 - We are the light of the world.
 - The OIL was the SOURCE of the light.
 - The lamp stand bore the light.
 - Almonds – bud – flower – ripened fruit
 - First tree to bloom in the spring in Israel.
 - Hebrew word is equivalent to VIGELANT
 - Rod of Aaron that budded. It is in the Ark.
 - Budded with Almonds. Num 17.
 - Suggestive of the resurrection.
 - Occurred in the Spring
 - In establishing the priesthood had the rod that was dead spring forth with life (Fruit)
 - Jesus was our first fruits.

Far End of the Holy Place

- Golden Altar in front of the veiled doorway
- (Burned incense- No fire only incense- coals brought in from brazen altar)
 - Prayers of the saints.
 - The incense would be crushed then laid on the hot ambers from the brazen altar.
 - The prayer comes from brokenness of our will.
 - The prayer is laid on the coals of the sacrifice.
 - It is the broken, tried prayer that is a sweet smell to the Lord.

End is a veiled doorway.

- The Veil was a large piece of work 18 inches thick.

Holy of Holies

- 15' x 15'
- The source of light in the holy of holies is the Shekinah glory.
- Presence of God Himself.
- 2 pieces of furnisher seen as one.
 - Ark of the Covenant
 - Coffin size with 2 poles on either side
 - 2 Tables of Stone – God's law – Israel's rejection of law
 - Pot of Manna - God's provision – Israel's rejection of provision
 - Arron's rod that budded – God's protection – Israel's rejection of protection.
 - Mercy Seat (solid gold with 2 Cherubim) Dwelling between the Cherubim (Gen. 3)
 - So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life. Gen 3:24
 - "And he dwelt between the cherubim at the East of the Garden of Eden and a fierce fire, or Shekinah, unfolding itself to preserve the way of the tree of life." This was the mode of worship now established to show God's anger at sin and teach the mediation of a promised Saviour as the way of life, as well as of access to God. They were the same figures as were afterwards in the tabernacle and temple; and now, as then, God said, "I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims" Jamison Fausett Brown
 - Sprinkle the blood on the Mercy Seat one time a year.

Basic structure amplified by the Temple.

Tabernacle as a type of JESUS CHRIST

- Tabernacle is a temporary abode. Jesus was here physically for only a short time.
- Tabernacle used in the wilderness.
- Tabernacle was used less than 35 years. PROBABLY 33 YEARS.
- It had no beauty that we should desire it.
- It was God's dwelling place between the Cherubim.
- It was where God met with man.
- It was the center of the camp.
- The Tabernacle was where the Law was preserved or KEPT. Psalm 48:7
 - *7 Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. 8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart." Psalm 40:7&8*
 - Jesus is speaking.
- The place where the sacrifice was made.
- The tabernacle was a place where the priestly family was fed.
- The tabernacle was the place of worship. It is the only place you CAN worship.
- There is only one door. (Tabernacle would not pass the building codes of today)
- Judah was too the east and the tabernacle door opened to the door.
 - Rev. 5 access is by the lion of the tribe of Judah.

Contrast the Tabernacle with the Temple

TABERNACLE

Temporary dwelling place.
Used in the Wilderness
Speaks of His first coming
Erected by a Prophet – (Moses)
Predominant # is 5 (grace)
No form or beauty – Humility
From 25 – 45 except for 32 & 33 (rebellion)

- Ordained plan redemption before world began
- Rebellion or fall of man
- Erection of Jesus

TEMPLE

Permanent in a conceptual sense
Used in Jerusalem (come down from the New Jerusalem)
Speaks of His Second Coming.
Erected by a KING
Predominant # is 12 – (Government)
Speaks of Glory – Openly manifest