

THE DEVINE PURPOSE OF THE TABERNACLE

Exodus 25:8 and 29 46:47

"Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them".

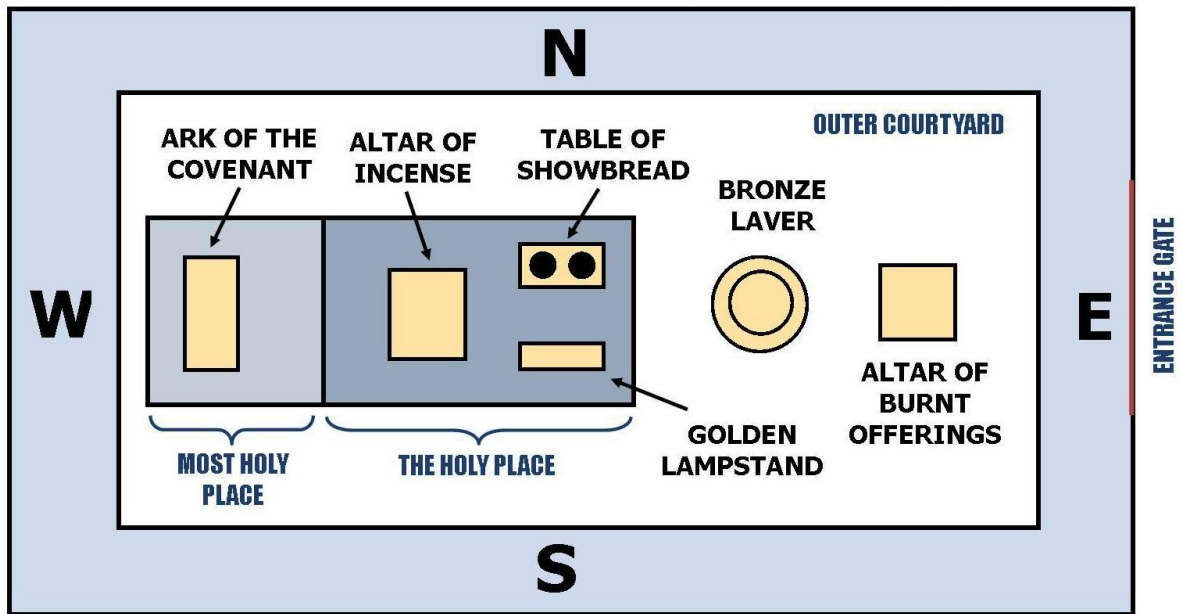
God's desire is to dwell in the midst of His Redeemed people.

- God dwelth with man before the entrance of sin in Eden's dwelling or tabernacle;
- God walked and talked with Noah;
- God appeared to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Genesis 17:1; 26:24);
- God dwelt with man in the tabernacle of Moses (Exodus 25: 8-22)
- God dwelth with redeemed Israel;
- God dwelth under King David in the tabernacle of David (Chronicles 17: 1-6); Acts 15: 15-18);
- God gave still further revelation in the Temple of Solomon;
- God's fullest and most perfect revelation was the person of the Lord Jesus Christ (Colossians 1; 19; 2, 9)
- God now dwells in the tabernacle or dwelling place of the Church;
- He dwells individually in each believers' heart (2 Corinthian 3: 16-17)

Finally, in man, fellowship between God and man is necessary to fulfil God's purpose and plan in redemption.



THE TABERNACLE OF MOSES (EXODUS 35-40)



The Furniture

The Ark of the Covenant was positioned in the most holy place

The **CHERUBINS** were on the ends (Exodus 25:18)

The **Mercy Seat** faced the east (Leviticus 16, 14)

The golden altar of incense:

- (a) It was placed before the veil (Exodus 28:18)
- (b) It was also before the Ark (Exodus 40:5)
- (c) It is spoken of as being before the Mercy Seat (Exodus 30:6)

The Shew-bread table was placed on the north side of the tabernacle (Exodus 40:24)

Coming out of the outer court, we find brazen altar which was placed before the door:

1. The Ark and Mercy Seat
2. The table of shew-bread
3. The Golden candlestick
4. The curtain and coverings
5. The boards bars and sockets
6. The veil
7. The tabernacle door
8. The brazen altar
9. The court pillars, socket pins and covers
10. The oil for the candlestick
11. The priests' garments
12. The consecration of the priest
13. The golden altar



ARK OF THE COVENANT



ALTAR OF INCENSE



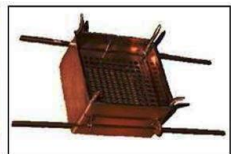
TABLE OF SHOWBREAD



GOLDEN LAMPSTAND



BRONZE LAVER



ALTAR OF BURNT OFFERINGS

The materials used for the construction of the tabernacle:

GOLD speaks to us about Deity - Divine Nature the Kingly Nature.

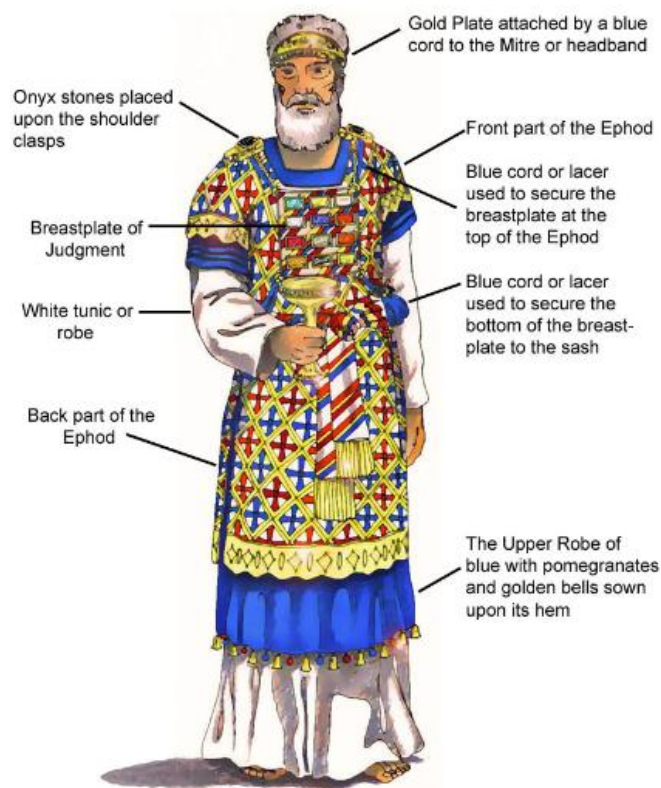
The Glory of God

Job 23:10 1 Peter 17 Revelations 21: 21-22

SILVER this precious metal speaks to us of redemption. The atonement, ransom money, God the Son; Christ is our Ransom.

BRASS this metal speaks and symbolises Strength; judgement against sin.

Precious stones – various gifts of the Holy Spirit - It is in connection of the priestly garments.



The materials of the tabernacle relating to the plant kingdom

Fine linen – is the righteousness of the saints (Revelation 19; 7-8).

Shittim Wood – durable wood, non-decaying. The human nature of Christ is incorruptible.

Oil of Light – symbolic of the Holy Spirit.

Spices of Anointing oil – anointing for ministry

Spices of sweet incense – prayer (Psalm 141)

Names and titles given to the tabernacle

- The tabernacle – exodus 25:9
- Tabernacle means tent or dwelling place of the most high
- The sanctuary (exodus 25:8) sanctuary mean holy place or set apart
- The tent of testimony or witness – Numbers 9:15, 17:7, 18:2, Exodus 25:22
- The house of God – Exodus 34:26, Deuteronomy 23:18, Joshua 9:25, Judges 18:30
- The tent of congregation (Exodus 40:35-35), a place where the congregation gathers together at the door for festival days or worship

The requirements for building the sanctuary

1. By free will offerings - Exodus 25:2
2. By the people stirred up – Exodus 35:21-26
3. By people willing – Exodus 35:5
4. By free hearted people
5. By wisdom of God – Exodus 36:1-18, 35 10:25
6. By the Spirit of God (he had filled him with the spirit of God in wisdom in understanding and in knowledge and in all manner of workmanship)
7. According to divine pattern – Hebrews 8:5, Exodus 25:40, 26:30, Numbers 8:4, Acts 7:44

Who are the Builders of the Tabernacle?

There were two people involved in the construction of the tabernacle

1. Bezaleel – Exodus 31:1-5, 35:30-35. He was filled with wisdom, understanding and knowledge. He was a skilled workman. He was filled with the Spirit of God, with a vision of Gods plan in his heart. Bezaleel means in the shadow of God or God is my protection.
2. Another person used for the construction of the tabernacle was Aholiab. Exodus 31:6, and 35:35, he was a skilled man who was filled with wisdom. Aholiab means tabernacle or tent.

Arrangement of the 12 tribes around the tabernacle

The people were divided into four groups in regard to their positioning around the tabernacle

1. On the east side – Standard/banner for the tribe of Judah was the Lion (see Genesis 49:8-12)
 - a. Issachar
 - b. Zebulon
 - c. Judah

Numbers 2:3-9, all the men assigned to the camp of Judah was 186,400

2. On the west side – standard/banner was the ox
 - a. Ephraim
 - b. Manasseh
 - c. Benjamin

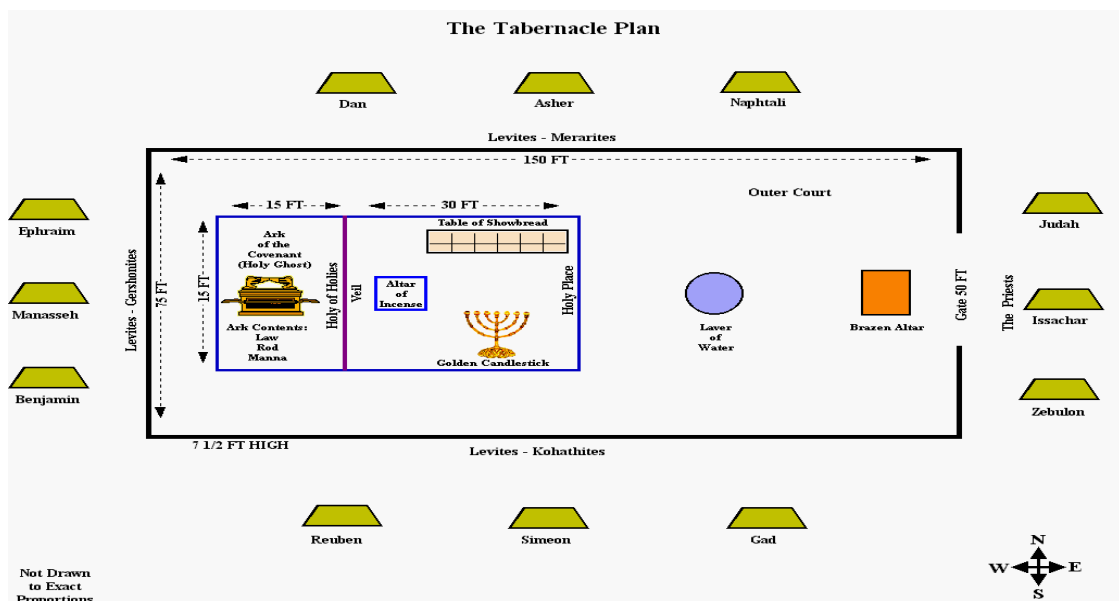
Number 2:18-24. All the men assigned to this camp numbered 108,100

3. On the north side – standard/banner was of an eagle
 - a. Asher
 - b. Dan
 - c. Naphtali

Number 2:25-31. All the men assigned to this camp numbered 157,600

4. On the south – opposite to above camp
 - a. Reuben
 - b. Simeon
 - c. Gad

Number 2:10-16. All the men assigned to this camp numbered 151,450





The Ark of the Covenant

The first ark was the ark of Noah – Genesis 6:13. It was made of gopher wood, pitched within and without. It speaks of preservation.

The Hebrew word used for the Ark of the Covenant is aron. It means chest or ark. It is also mentioned as:

- The ark of testimony – Exodus 25:22 the Ark of Covenant of the Lord – Numbers 10:33.
- The ark of the Lord God - Kings 2:26
- The ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth - Joshua 3:13
- The ark of God - Samuel 3:3
- The ark of shatter wood – Exodus 25:10

The Ark of the Covenant was made of shittim wood overlaid with gold within and without. Shittim wood comes from Acacia tree which are still common in Mount Sinai, its incorruptible, non-decaying wood, sinless. Jesus represents that

The ark-chest measured 2½ cubits in length. A cubit and a half the height thereof – Exodus 25:10

Mercy seat fitted as a perfect lid on the top of the box-like ark.

It carries thought of preservation – Exodus 25:10

The Ark of the Covenant represents:

- The throne of God in earth
- The presence of God in Christ by the spirit. In the midst of his redeemed people
- The Glory of God revealed in divine order and worship
- Fullness of Godhead bodily revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ

Measurements and significance of numbers:

- 3 - Represents number of godhead
- 5 - Represents number of atonement
- 6 - Represents number of man
- 8 - Represents number of resurrection
- 10 - Represents number of law and order – judgement
- 12 - Represents number of perfect government order of Israel

These numbers 3, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 combined the significance of truth as fulfilled in the Lord Jesus.

About the rings that hold the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:12)

The number 4 signifies creation or world. It speaks to us of the four corners of the earth. Four rings of gold in the ark to keep it balanced. Also signifies spreading the gospel to the four corners of the world Act 1:8

1. Jerusalem
2. Judea
3. Samaria
4. Outermost part of the world

We also have 4 gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Matthew	-	Christ the king
Mark	-	Christ the servant
Luke	-	Christ the perfect man
John	-	Christ the son of God

Colours of the threads used for the ark

Blue

The Hebrew word for Blue is Shellfish. Blue the colour of heaven. Christ the Lord from heaven - John 3:31

Purple

The Hebrews would get this colour mixing blue and scarlet together. This deep red purple colour was a colour of Royalty/Kingly

Scarlet

This was derived from an Eastern insect or worm - the colour of blood, which speaks of sacrifice and typifies Christ in His sufferings. The redemption of Jesus - Leviticus 17:11

Materials used:

Goat Hair

Goat hair speaks to us of offering of goat for our sin, Leviticus 4:22-29

Rams Skin

Rams skin dyed red – was sacrificial animal. Abraham offered a ram instead of Isaac. Ram skin speaks to us of consecration, dedication and substitute. Genesis 22:13-14.

Badgers Skin

Badgers skin is not considered to be precious fur. They were used on the side of the tabernacle to protect it. It speaks to us of the humanity of Christ.

The Attributes of God

- John 4:24 - God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth.
- God is light - 1 john 1:5
- God is spirit – john 4:24
- God is love – 1 john 4:16
- God is consuming fire – Hebrews 12:29

The 4 moral attributes of God relative to his creatures:

- Perfect holiness
- Perfect righteousness
- Perfect love
- Perfect faithfulness