

The Tabernacle and Furnishings
Lesson #18
Exodus 25:1-26:19, 31:1-11 and 36:8-15

The Mosaic Covenant had been sealed with blood after the people agreed to obey the LORD, their God alone. It was now time for the LORD God to make His home among His people.

Preparation - 25:1-8

1. Building materials were needed to construct the Tabernacle. How were these items to be acquired? (Exodus 25:2)

2. Using Exodus 25:3-7, make a list of the items needed for construction.

3. Where do you think the Israelites got these items? (Exodus 12:35, 36)

4. What were the people to do with these items? (Exodus 25:8, 9)

FURNISHINGS FOR THE TABERNACLE

The Ark of the Covenant - 25:10 - 22

5. The most holy item in the sanctuary was the Ark of the Covenant. What was this ark or chest to be made of? (Exodus 25:10, 11)

6. How was this Ark to be carried? (Exodus 25:12-14)

7. The lid or cover of the Ark was called the “atonement cover” or “mercy seat” and was made of pure gold. What was to be on this cover? (Exodus 25:18-20)

8. Why was this Ark so holy? (Exodus 25:22)

The Table and Lampstand - 25:23-40

9. Inside the Tabernacle was a table made of acacia wood and overlaid with pure gold. How was the table to be carried? (Exodus 25:28)

10. What items were to be used on this table? (Exodus 25:29)

11. What food item was to be placed on the table? (Exodus 25:30)
 - When did the LORD say it was to be on the table?

12. The details for the incense used and the arrangement of items on the table are given in Leviticus 24:5-9. How often was the bread to be replaced? (Leviticus 24:8)

13. What was to be done with the older bread? (Leviticus 24:9)

14. The next item in the sanctuary was the lampstand called the “menorah”. Using Exodus 25:31-33:
 - What material was the lampstand to be made of?

 - How many branches were to be on the lampstand?

 - What were the cups to look like?

15. Counting the center as the first branch, how many total lamps were to be on the lampstand? (Exodus 25:37)

16. What was used to light the lampstand? (Ex. 27:20, 21)
 - Who was to keep the lampstand lit?

The Tabernacle – Exodus 25, 26 and 36

17. The LORD gave very specific details regarding the building of the Tabernacle. It was to be 45 feet long, 15 feet high and 15 feet wide. What four names are used throughout the Scriptures when referring to this structure?
 - Exodus 25:8

 - Exodus 25:9

 - Exodus 35:21

 - Exodus 38:21

18. What was the purpose for this Tabernacle?
 - Exodus 25:8

 - Exodus 25:22

19. The rest of Exodus gives the details for building the Tabernacle. Summarize the materials to be used for:
 - The foundation (Exodus 26:18-25)

 - The framework (Exodus 26:15 – 17)

- The curtains (Exodus 36:8 – 15)

- The covering (Exodus 36:19)

- The roof (Exodus 36:19)

The Craftsmen - Exodus 31: 1-11

20. Whom did the LORD tell Moses that He had chosen to do all this skilled work?
(Exodus 31:1)

- Who was to be his assistant? (Exodus 31: 6)

Think about it!

- Looking over the list of materials to be used for the LORD's tent, what do you think God was impressing on the people?

- Why do you think He emphasized they were to make everything exactly as He instructed?