

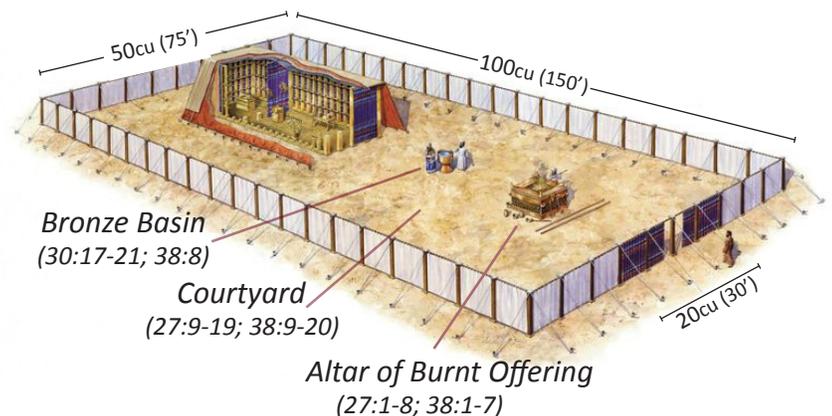
# MOSES & MT. SINAI

## The Tabernacle Tent and Outer Courtyard

*“Make Me a tabernacle, that I may dwell among them, according to the pattern I will show you.”* –Exodus 25:8-9

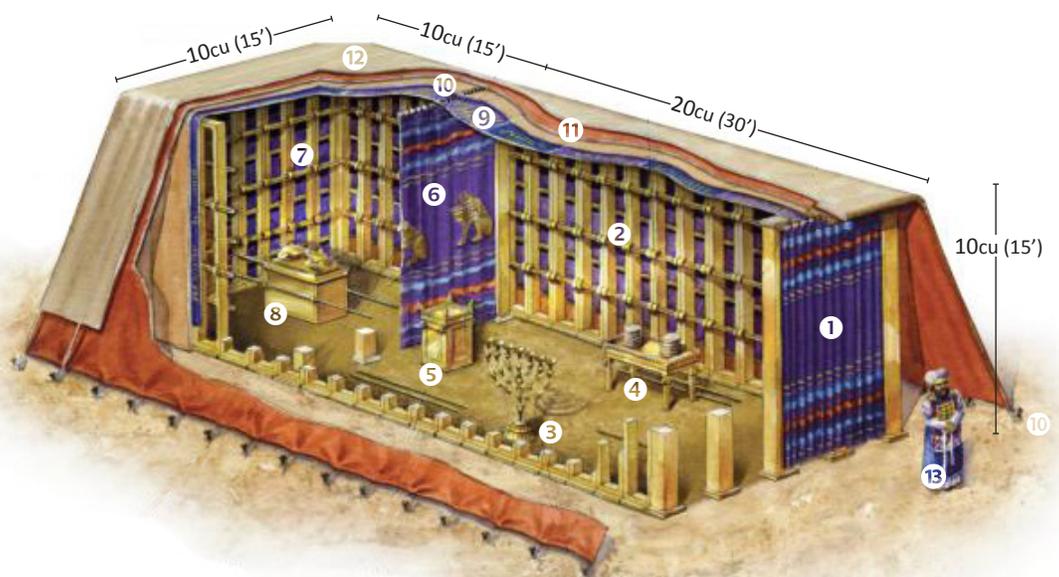
The Bible devotes a great amount of space to the description of the tabernacle and its accessories. Apparently, God views the lessons that the tabernacle teaches as being extremely important. Which makes sense since God’s desire has always been to dwell in the midst of His people (from Genesis 3 to Revelation 21). And perhaps no Old Testament event so dramatically illustrates God’s persistent desire to relate to His children as the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness. The tabernacle provided a place where God might dwell among and meet with His people.

The term *tabernacle* sometimes refers to the tent. But in other places it refers to the entire complex, including the fenced courtyard. The tabernacle was a portable place of worship God commanded the Israelites to build after He rescued them from slavery in Egypt. It was used for about 400 years until King Solomon built the first temple in Jerusalem.



### The Tabernacle Tent

- 1 Outer Veil (26:36-37)
- 2 Holy Place (28:29)
- 3 Lampstand (25:31-40; 37:17-24)
- 4 Table of Shewbread (25:23-30; 37:10-16)
- 5 Altar of Incense (30:1-11; 37:25-29)
- 6 Veil (26:31-33)
- 7 Holy of Holies (25:22; 26:31-34)
- 8 Ark of the Covenant (25:10-22; 37:1-9)
- 9 Curtain of fine linen (26:1-6)
- 10 Curtain of goat’s hair (26:7-13)
- 11 Covering of ram’s skin dyed red (26:14)
- 12 Outer covering of badger skins (26:14)
- 13 Priest (chs. 28-29; 39)



15-18	19-24	25-27	28-31	32-34	35-40
<b>TO SINAI</b>	<b>COVENANT</b>	<b>TABERNACLE</b>	<b>PRIESTS</b>	<b>GOLDEN CALF</b>	<b>TABERNACLE</b>
Celebration	Boundaries	Courtyard and Tabernacle	Garments	Tabernacle delayed	Courtyard and Tabernacle completed
Water, manna and quail	The Ten	designed	Consecration	Covenant broken	Instructions for the Priests
The Lord's protection	Israel's Bill of Rights	Furniture	Offerings	Levites step up	
Jethro & elders	Covenant Confirmed	Structure	Craftsmanship	Covenant renewed	Glory of the Lord
			Sabbath		

### Week 7: Moses and Mount Sinai (Exodus 15-40)

This week we will be forging into the second of Exodus. In the first part, God brought the descendants of Jacob out of slavery from Egypt ending in great celebration (15). With God's abundant provision of manna, quail (16) water (17), and protection from attackers (17) and sound governmental structures (18), they successfully sojourn through the wilderness to arrive at the foot of Mount Sinai in chapter 19.

The people of Israel stay at the bottom of the mountain for a long time...for the rest of Exodus, through all of Leviticus and even through the beginning of the next book where they leave Mount Sinai in Numbers 10. Time wise, they stay at Mt. Sinai for a year.

God reminds the people of how He redeemed them out of slavery so they could be a kingdom set aside for Him. God is choosing them to be representatives to the nations around them (19). God enters into a covenant with the Israelites giving specific terms of the relationship (20-24). This is how God wants Israel to be a nation of justice in the ancient near east. The Israelites are in agreement with God's terms and sign the dotted line. They want to be in relationship with this God.

Because the people have covenanted, or promised, to be God's special people, He wants to dwell among them. God gives a plan of how the tabernacle, or tent for meeting God, was to be constructed (26). God saved them. He made a covenant with them to be their God. So He wanted to dwell in close relationship with them. The details of the furnishings (25, 27) the dedication of priests (29), their garments (28) and oil (30) is all about God coming to dwell among His people (31).

But then the story takes a twist. While the people are at the foot of Mt. Sinai and Moses is delayed on the mountain, the people begin to look at their watches and ask "Where's Moses? Where's the God who brought us up out of Egypt?" No one knew, not even Aaron. So they made a golden calf—an idol—and break the first command of the covenant agreement that God had just made with them (32-33). God just rescued them and made a covenant with them and they totally broke it.

God responds with cleansing (32) and forgiveness. And He renews the covenant commitment to the people of Israel (34). God continues to work His plan to bless humanity even though His people mess up. In that renewed covenantal relationship, work on the tabernacle is completed (35-39). Even though the people are sinful, God still wants to dwell among them.

The tabernacle is finished. God comes to dwell among His people in the tent in great glory (40). But nobody can go in. The book of Exodus actually ends with a big problem: "How can a holy God come to dwell among rebellious humanity?" That is what the next book, Leviticus, is all about. How the sacrifice of the lamb will stand in as a substitute of human sin.

#### Week Seven Reading Plan

15:22-17:7	Provisions on the Way to Sinai
Psalms 90	A Prayer for Moses
19:1-20:21	Top Ten List
31:18-33:6	Golden Calf
33:7-34:35	God Renews Covenant
35:30-36:7	Giving More than Enough
39:32-40:38	Tabernacle and the Glory of the Lord

# CHRIST in the TABERNACLE

## Tabernacle Types Pointing to Jesus

Shadow (Type)	Old Testament	New Testament	Bible References	
<b>The Tabernacle</b>	The place where God dwelt among His people	Jesus is God in the flesh dwelling among His people	Ex. 25; Is. 9:6; Mt. 1:22-23; Jn. 1:14; Heb. 10:1	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. –Ex. 25:8-9 The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. –Jn. 1:14
<b>The High Priest</b>	The High Priest offers gifts and sacrifices for sins in the Most Holy Place	Jesus is our High Priest in the tabernacle in heaven that was made by God, not by man	Ex. 28:1; 29:9; Lev. 16:30; Heb. 4:14-15; 8:1-13; 9:11	Because on this day atonement will be made for you, to cleanse you. Then, before the Lord, you will be clean from all your sins. –Lev. 16:30 When Christ came as the High Priest of the good things that are already here, He went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not manmade. –Heb. 9:11
<b>The Sacrifice</b>	Each year, the High Priest offered a blood sacrifice for the sin of the people	Jesus was the perfect and final sacrifice for all time	Ex. 30:10; Rom. 3:21-26; 5:8-10	Once a year Aaron shall make atonement. –Ex. 30:10a We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all...But when this priest [Jesus] had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God. –Heb. 10:10, 12
<b>The Ark</b>	Place of God's Presence	Jesus is God in human form	Ex. 25:22; John 1:14	There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you. –Ex. 25:22 The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. –Jn. 1:13
	Constructed of acacia wood	Represents Jesus' human nature	Ex. 25:10 Rom. 1:3; Ph. 2:6-7; 1 Tim. 2:5	Have them make a chest of acacia wood. –Ex. 25:10a Who, being in very nature God...made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. –Phil. 2:6-7
	Covered with gold inside and out	Represents Jesus' divine nature	Ex. 25:11; Jn. 1:1, 14; 10:30, 33; 14:6-9	Overlay it with pure gold, both inside and out. –Ex. 25:10a In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. –Jn. 1:1, 14a
<b>THE CONTENTS OF THE ARK The 10 Commandments</b>	The Law given by God	Jesus said that He came to "fulfill the Law"	Ex. 20:1-17; Mt. 5:17-18; 22:36-40; Lk. 16:16-17	And God spoke these words...you shall not have any gods before Me. –Ex. 20:1-17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. –Mt. 5:17
<b>Aaron's Rod</b>	Represented God's choice for priesthood, and that God brings life from death	Jesus is the chosen High Priest and is the resurrection and the life	Num. 17:5, 8, 10; Mt. 3:17; Jn. 11:25; Heb. 3:1, 2; 9:4	The staff belonging to the man I choose will sprout. –Num. 17:5a And a voice from heaven said, "This is My Son, Whom I love; with Him I am well pleased." –Mt. 3:17
<b>Manna</b>	Given by God as food to the people in the wilderness	Jesus called Himself the "Bread of Life"	Ex. 16; Jn. 6:35, 48-51	Then said the Lord unto Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you." –Ex. 16:14a "I am the living bread which came down from heaven." –Jn. 6:51a