

EXODUS 25

Instructions for the Tabernacle

“According to all that I am going to show you, as the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct it” (Exodus 25:9).

Contribution for the Sanctuary (25:1-9)

- The Lord tells Moses to raise a free-will contribution from the people (25:1-2)
- Materials to be collected (25:3-7)
- The tabernacle and furniture are to be constructed according to the pattern (25:8-9)

Ark of the Covenant (25:10-22)

- Dimensions of the ark (25:10)
- It is to be overlaid with gold (25:11)
- Instructions regarding the poles for the ark (25:12-16)
- Instructions about constructing the mercy seat (25:17-21)
- Purpose of the mercy seat (25:22)

Table of Showbread (25:23-30)

- Dimensions of the table of showbread (25:23)
- It is to be overlaid with gold (25:24)
- Instructions regarding the border, rings, and poles (25:25-28)
- Instructions about the dishes, pans, jars, and bowls (25:29)
- The “*bread of the Presence*” is to be placed on the table (25:30)

Golden Lampstand (25:31-40)

- Instructions regarding the design of the golden lampstand and its utensils (25:31-39)
- Reminder to make everything after the pattern revealed on the mountain (25:40)

Questions on Exodus 25:

How much were the people to contribute to the construction of the tabernacle?

Where did the pattern for the construction come from?

When the ark of the covenant was not being transported, where were the poles to be stored?

On the ark, what was the purpose of the mercy seat?

How much gold was to be used in making the lampstand?

EXODUS 26

Curtains, Boards, and Veil

“Then you shall erect the tabernacle according to its plan which you have been shown in the mountain” (Exodus 26:30).

Curtains for the Tabernacle (26:1-14)

- Instructions regarding the curtains of linen (26:1-5)
- Instructions about golden clasps to join the curtains (26:6)
- Instructions regarding the curtains of goats' hair (26:7-10)
- Instructions about bronze clasps to join the curtains (26:11)
- Instructions regarding the overlapping material (26:12-13)
- Instructions regarding the covering for the tent (26:14)

Boards and Sockets (26:15-30)

- Instructions regarding the boards (26:15-18)
- Instructions regarding the sockets (26:19-25)
- Instructions regarding the wood bars overlaid with gold (26:26-29)
- Reminder to make the tabernacle after the pattern (26:30)

Veil and Screen (26:31-37)

- Instructions regarding the veil (26:31-33)
- Placement of the mercy seat on the ark in the holy of holies (26:34)
- Placement of the table and the lampstand (26:35)
- Instructions regarding the screen (26:36-37)

Questions on Exodus 26:

What color was the material used for the linen curtains?

What type of wood was used for the frame of the tabernacle?

What was to be placed in the “holy of holies”?

EXODUS 27

The Altar and the Court

“You shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually. In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the Lord; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout their generations for the sons of Israel” (Exodus 27:20-21).

Bronze Altar (27:1-8)

- Instructions regarding the construction of the bronze altar (27:1-7)
- Reminder to make the altar according to the pattern (27:8)

The Tabernacle Court (27:9-19)

- Hangings for the court and pillars on each side (27:9-13)
- Hangings and pillars for the sides of the gate (27:14-15)
- Screen for the gate (27:16)
- Furnishings for the pillars around the court (27:17-18)
- All the utensils for service and pegs of the court to be made of bronze (27:19)

A Continuously Burning Lamp (27:20-21)

- Instructions regarding the continually burning lamp (27:20)
- The burning lamp was to be a perpetual statute for the sons of Israel (27:21)

Questions on Exodus 27:

What size was the altar to be?

What were the dimensions of the court?

During what time of day was the lamp to be burning?

EXODUS 28

Garments for the Priests

“For Aaron’s sons you shall make tunics; you shall also make sashes for them, and you shall make caps for them, for glory and for beauty. You shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him; and you shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests” (Exodus 28:40-41).

The Priests’ Garments (28:1-43)

- Aaron and his sons are to minister as priests (28:1)
- Purpose of the garments to be made for the priests (28:2)

- Instructions for the priests' garments to be given to the skillful persons selected by God for this work (28:3-5)
- Instructions regarding the ephod (28:6-14)
- Instructions regarding the breastpiece of judgment (28:15-30)
- Instructions regarding the robe (28:31-35)
- Instructions regarding the gold plate to be worn on Aaron's forehead (28:36-38)
- Instructions regarding the tunic, turban, and sash (28:39-40)
- Aaron and his sons to be consecrated in order to serve as priests (28:41)
- Instructions regarding the priests' undergarments (28:42-43)

Questions on Exodus 28:

What was the purpose for the priests' garments? (v. 2)

What was to be engraved on the stones on the ephod?

What was the purpose of the bells on the robe?

After putting the garments on Aaron and his sons, what was to be done before they could serve as priests?

EXODUS 29

Consecration and Sacrifices of the Priests

“I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God. They shall know that I am the Lord their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the Lord their God” (Exodus 29:45-46).

Consecration of the Priests (29:1-9)

- One young bull, two rams without blemish to be taken (29:1)
- Unleavened bread, cakes, and wafers to be presented (29:2-3)
- Aaron and his sons to be brought to the doorway and washed with water (29:4)
- Aaron to be clothed and anointed with oil (29:5-7)
- Aaron’s sons to be clothed (29:8-9)

Sacrifices by the Priests (29:10-30)

- The bull is to be sacrificed as a sin offering (29:10-14)
- One ram is to be sacrificed as a burnt offering (29:15-18)
- The second ram is to be sacrificed; its fat and right thigh, along with food from the basket of unleavened bread to be offered as a wave offering (29:19-25)
- The breast and thigh of second ram to be a heave offering – the portion for Aaron and his sons (29:26-28)
- Holy garments to be worn when entering the tent of meeting (29:29-30)

Food for the Priests (29:31-34)

- The flesh of the “*ram of ordination*” was to be boiled (29:31)
- Aaron and his sons to eat the ram and the bread, but no layman was to eat of them (29:32-33)
- Any food that remained until morning is to be burned (29:34)

Instructions About Offerings (29:35-46)

- For seven days – offer a bull for a sin offering each day and consecrate the altar (29:35-37)
- Continuously – offer two lambs each day, one each morning and evening, along with grain and drink offerings (29:38-43)
- God promises to consecrate the tent of meeting and Aaron and his sons (29:44)
- God promises to dwell among the sons of Israel (29:45)
- God reminds that He brought them out of Egypt (29:46)

Questions on Exodus 29:

What animals were offered in connection with the consecration of Aaron and his sons?

How was the offering of the second ram different than the first?

What animals were to be sacrificed each day for seven days?

What animals were to be sacrificed each day continuously?

EXODUS 30

Various Instructions

“When you take a census of the sons of Israel to number them, then each one of them shall give a ransom for himself to the Lord, when you number them, so that there will be no plague among them when you number them” (Exodus 30:12).

Altar of Incense (30:1-10)

- Instructions about the construction and placement of the altar (30:1-6)
- Aaron to burn incense on it every morning and evening – a perpetual practice (30:7-8)
- Prohibition against offering strange incense or other types of offerings on the altar (30:9)
- Aaron to make atonement once a year (30:10)

Ransom for the People (30:11-16)

- Instructions regarding the census and the ransom for the people (30:11-12)
- Each one from twenty years old and over is to give a half shekel as a contribution to the Lord (30:13-14)
- No one is to give more or less, even the rich or poor (30:15)
- Atonement money to be given for the service of the tent of meeting (30:16)

Bronze Laver (30:17-21)

- Instructions regarding the construction and placement of the bronze laver (30:17-18)
- Aaron and his sons are to wash when they come to the altar to minister (30:19-21)
- This is to be a perpetual statute (30:21)

Anointing Oil (30:22-33)

- Instructions about how to make the anointing oil (30:22-25)
- Uses for the anointing oil (30:26-30)
- Warnings to the people regarding unauthorized use of the anointing oil and making counterfeit oil (30:31-33)

Incense (30:34-38)

- Instructions about how to make the incense (30:34-35)
- Use of the incense (30:36)
- Warning against making counterfeit incense (30:37-38)

Questions on Exodus 30:

What was Aaron to do when he trimmed the lamps?

How much was each person to pay as a ransom for himself?

Why were the rich not to pay more, or the poor not to pay less?

Why were the people not to make oil or incense in the same proportions as the oil and incense mentioned in this chapter?

EXODUS 31

God Gives Moses the Two Tablets

“But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you’” (Exodus 31:13).

Skilled Craftsmen (31:1-11)

- Bezelel appointed by God as a craftsman (31:1-5)
- Oholiab also appointed by God (31:6)
- The skilled craftsmen are to make the tent of meeting, furniture, garments, oil, and incense (31:7-11)

The Sabbath as a Sign (31:12-17)

- The Sabbath is to be a sign between God and the sons of Israel throughout their generations (31:12-13)
- Reminder of the Sabbath law and the punishment for one who violates the law (31:14-15)
- Restatement that the Sabbath law is a perpetual covenant between God and the sons of Israel (31:16-17)
- Reminder of the basis of the Sabbath law – God’s work in creation (31:17)

God Finishes Speaking with Moses (31:18)

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- God gives Moses the two tablets of the testimony (31:18)

Questions on Exodus 31:

How were the craftsmen chosen to work on the tabernacle?

Are Christians to observe the Sabbath today? Explain.

What was the penalty for violating the Sabbath law?

How were the “*tablets of the testimony*” written?