

Out of Bondage onto Promise

Exodus 26:1-37

- Moses is in the clouds talking with God as He describes to Him how He wants the Tabernacle to look and what materials to use, each section has a specific purpose and points to God's magnificent glory and to His relationship towards man. As we will see the colors God tells Moses to use and the number of times he is to use them all have spiritual meaning and purpose.

V1-37

- **V1-6** there are four sets of curtains for the tent itself and the colors and materials that are used all represent Jesus and the gospels. For instance, **fine linen** or **white** represents "**Righteousness**" **Rev 19:8**, **Blue**- Heaven, **Purple**- Royalty, **Scarlet**- Sacrifice for sin > **Is 1:18**.
- How do the colors match the gospels > **A. White**- points to Luke which focuses on Jesus righteousness and humanity, **B. Blue**- is John that emphasizes Jesus Deity, **C. Purple**- Mathew shows Jesus as King of Kings, **D. Scarlet**- Mark the suffering servant for our sin.
- Another thing the "**scarlet thread**" mentioned in **V1** comes from a Hebrew word "**Tolaath**" worm or scarlet, in those days there were no fabric stores so they would grab these grub worms and grind them up then dip the fabric into it and it would produce a scarlet color. These same worms in order to reproduce would fasten themselves on a limb of a tree, and as it was dying giving birth would leave a red spot that after three days turned white and flaked off like snow.
- The picture is perfect, Jesus also fastened Himself to a tree so that we may be born again into His family, for He sacrificed His life that we might live, three days later He rose again and our sin which was as scarlet, is washed white as snow. Is it any wonder that scarlet was one of the colors used for the Tabernacle and in the vestures of the Priest? This matches **Is 1:18**, **Ps 22:6** perfectly.
- The number ten mentioned for the curtains is also significant, we know scripture uses numbers, like the number **6** is the number for man created on the sixth day, and the number used by the Anti-Christ in the last days, **7** is the number of completion God finished creation, and it's the end of the week, **8** the number of New beginnings boys circumcised on the **8th** day, after **7** weeks of spring harvest the next day the **50th** day, is Pentecost seen as "day eight" of the seventh week, the NT was written by eight men Mathew, Mark, Luke, John, James, Peter, Jude, and Paul.
- **Ten** is the number of **human responsibility**, as seen in the Ten Commandments, and the Ten plagues, given to Egypt because of Pharaoh and their failure to respond to God's command "**to let His people go**". Remember there was no walls in the temple so these curtains were to serve as the walls, the barriers from which each person allowed inside would carry out their duties. We see **50** which is the number of salvation as in the year of Jubilee after every **50** yrs everyone's debt or servitude would be forgiven, rings the emblem of love, and Gold Deity.

- **V7-13** the second covering was larger than the first and made of goat's hair, it would be coarse like felt and was used to cover the fine linen under it. Notice everything God is saying has purpose and meaning, nothing is random, it all means something which is why we always need to listen. **V14** there was a third covering which was heavier and sturdier than the first two for it was made of ram's skin and badger skin and it was to be dyed red, this would be the outer covering and it protected everything from the sand, wind, rain, and harsh weather.
- Notice you see bronze, black, and then red covering it all, bronze and black speaks of bondage and judgment in scripture, and the red covering it shows how God deals with our enslavement to sin, He sets us free. On the outside the Tabernacle is grim and black, but on the inside its full of color and richness, people look at Christianity like this, they see the Christian life and stop on the outside seeing only the do's and don't, saying know thank you, they never come inside where the true beauty is, and they can truly enjoy the freedom we have in Jesus Christ.
- **V15-30** the Ark of the Testimony paint for us a detailed picture of Christ and our relationship with Him, The Ark has the Ten Commandments, and its where the presence of God will meet with the people. Jesus is also called "**The Word of God**" **Jn 1:1**, and **Jn 1:14** says He became flesh and dwelt among us just like the Tabernacle will serve o do for Israel in the wilderness.
- What's unique about this is the attention God pays to how He wants the **boards**, notice they have a width that causes them to be unbalanced meaning it was impossible for any **1** board to stand on its own and support itself, it had to be tied to another board in order to reman stable. These boards are made up of the same acacia wood used for the Ark and are the framework from which the Tabernacle stands, and this folks points directly to how the Church is made up.
- Just as the boards are used to build the Tabernacle God's dwelling place, so also is the church > **1Cor 6:19** says we are the dwelling place of God on earth and are interconnected to God through Christ. Even though the boards are coarse, rough, and uneven, being unable to stand on its own unless their tied to another board, just like us, we will fall unless we stand together in Christ, we also are overlayed with Gold **V29**, being covered by the Righteousness of Christ > **1Cor 1:30-31**.
- **V26-30** says there are five bars to keep the boards stable and straight, remember we are the boards the church, and what five things do scripture tell us that God uses to regulate and keep us straight > **Eph 4:11-12- 1st Apostles-** to govern, **2nd Prophets-** to guide, **3rd Evangelist-** to gather, **4th Pastor-** to guard, **5th Teachers-** to ground.
- **V31-33** here we see the veil this separated the Priests from the holy of Holies, so the tent was two compartments, the first was the Holy place, which was a large room containing the shewbread, the lampstand, the altar of incense. The second compartment was the Mos Holy place a smaller room with just the Ark of the Covenant, so the veil was used as a barrier between the two, where the priests could enter but only the high priest could come into the holy of holies and he did that just once a year to atone for the sins of the people.

- When Jesus died on the cross in **Math 27:51**, He ripped the veil in two signifying that we no longer have a barrier between God and us, now we are able to come to God face to face > **Heb 10:19-20**. There are still so many who never get past the dividing wall, they know the brazen altar, the laver for daily washing, the altar of incense to pray, but they don't experience the intimacy of communion as their too busy trying to be good enough to receive His mercy.
- We will never be good enough which is why Jesus simply tells us to repent and come to Him, no works just grace, he has already finished the work. **V34-37** you have the furniture and the screen door, you have a mercy seat for the holy of holies, and a table and lampstand for the shewbread and light to see. This furniture spoke of three great privileges of walking with God > **1st prayer-** altar of incense, **2nd fellowship-** table of shewbread, **3rd Illumination-** the lampstand.