

Exodus 26

That it might go well...

I. The Tabernacle



- **Tabernacle:** Tent of Meeting; i.e. The Tent of Meeting with God

1. Plans revealed to Moses by God and from the inside out

Moving from the inside out first speaks of the person of Christ [Gold] and moving out to the work of Christ; i.e. cleansing, judgment, sacrifice, etc. represented by Silver/Brass, etc.

2. Tent with a frame
3. 4 Types of Coverings covered the Tabernacle

1 "Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine woven linen and blue, purple, and scarlet thread; with artistic designs of cherubim you shall weave them. 2 The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits. And every one of the curtains shall have the same measurements. 3 Five curtains shall be coupled to one another, and the other five curtains shall be coupled to one another.

- **Moreover:** After describing items in Tent now the Tent itself beginning with covers
- **First type of Covering: Linen**

1. Artistic work of Spirit Filled craftsman
2. Fine woven linen of finest quality
3. **Three colors:** Blue/Purple/Scarlet with artistic designs
4. **Made from 10 separate Pieces:** 2 sets of 5 Curtains sown together
5. Covered the entire Tabernacle approx. **42' X 60'**

4 And you shall make loops of blue yarn on the edge of the curtain on the selvedge of one set, and likewise you shall do on the outer edge of the other curtain of the second set. 5 Fifty loops you shall make in the one curtain, and fifty loops you shall make on the edge of the curtain that is on the end of the second set, that the loops may be clasped to one another. 6 And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains together with the clasps, so that it may be one tabernacle.

- **More on the First Covering of fine Linen**

1. Linen Loops and Gold Clasps
2. Couple the curtains together to make create the tent
3. Tabernacle also picture of believers?

The spiritual principle illustrated with this method of joining the curtains is **unity in diversity**. It is the same idea of Romans 12:5: **we, being many, are one body in Christ**, and individually members of one another. [Guzic]

- **Next covering on top of the fine linen...**Goats Hair

7 "You shall also make curtains of goats' hair, to be a tent over the tabernacle. You shall make eleven curtains. 8 The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; and the eleven curtains shall all have the same measurements. 9 And you shall couple five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain at the forefront of the tent. 10 You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in one set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain of the second set.

- **Second type of Covering:** Goats Hair

1. Dark, thick and coarse like felt
2. 11 Curtains of Goat's Hair sown together
3. Couple five together
4. Couple six together

11 And you shall make fifty bronze clasps, put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. 12 The remnant that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle. 13 And a cubit on one side and a cubit on the other side, of what remains of the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and on that side, to cover it.

- More on 2nd Curtain of Goats Hair...
 1. **Bronze Clasps** used to connect two coverings made of the 5 and 6 pieces
 2. Longer end of 6 curtains hangs over the back of the Tabernacle
- Linen Covering w/ Goats Hair on top meaning?

Heaven remained hidden to all except those who enter in through the door of the tabernacle. [Guzic]

- Jesus said I Am the Door: **One only way**

14 "You shall also make a covering of ram skins dyed red for the tent, and a covering of badger skins above that.

- Rams skin dyed red. Lit. Red Leather

- **Top layer is Badger skin:** Lit. Seal skins

This Tabernacle was probably the first one that ever wore a sealskin suit. JV McGee

- **Symbolic Meaning of Each Covering**

1. **Linen:**

- God's beauty seen only from inside Tabernacle; i.e. only by believers
- Also...Jesus beauty during earthly ministry was not external.

Psalm 27:4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To **behold the beauty of the Lord**, And to inquire in His temple.

- **Did not** touch the ground speaking of Holiness of Jesus
- Beauty of Linen/Tapestry could only be seen from the inside

2. **Goats Hair:**

- **Did** touch the ground
- Speaks of Christ's worth and symbolic of His 1st coming and death
- Sacrifice that took our sin

3. **Rams Skin dyed red**

- Speaks of strength and vigor of Christ and His offering on the cross. The curtain shows the outward aspect of His offering as our substitute.

4. **Badger Skin:** Seal Skin

- If the 1st covering of Linen revealed His inner beauty...
- Outer and last covering reveals no external beauty in His humanity[JV McGee]

Isaiah 53:2 ...He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. [Judas had to point Him out]

- Seal Skin: Christ's earthly ministry as a man

- **Result of 4 Coverings:** Quiet, Dry, Dark Tent lit only by Lampstand fed by the Oil

15 "And for the tabernacle you shall make the boards of acacia wood, standing upright. 16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the width of each board. 17 Two tenons shall be in each board for binding one to another. Thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle. 18 And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side.

- **Tabernacle Framing/Skeleton:**

1. **Acacia wood:** Virtually indestructible
2. Covered with Gold [see later]
3. 20 boards for each side and 10 boards for the rear of the Tabernacle

4. Each board was 15' high and 2-3" wide
5. Rings and Bars used to **hold the Tabernacle together**

Everything in the Tabernacle Speaks of Jesus
Rings and Bars speak Jesus and our relationship to each other

Ephesians 4:3 ...endeavor... to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Colossians 2:1 [Paul desired that believer's] hearts ...be encouraged [and] knit together in love

Colossians 3:14 ... put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

- Rings and bars speak our love for Christ and each other...

1 Peter 4:8 ...above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

Each board was joined together by a system of tenons (tabs) with rings, through which ran bars. Each board had four rings through which the bars ran, and the corner boards had eight rings, four on two sides to accommodate the corners. [Guzic]

- **Rings and Bars** used to hold body of the tent together: **Love**

19 You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons. 20 And for the second side of the tabernacle, the north side, there shall be twenty boards 21 and their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under each of the boards. 22 For the far side of the tabernacle, westward, you shall make six boards. 23 And you shall also make two boards for the two back corners of the tabernacle. 24 They shall be coupled together at the bottom and they shall be coupled together at the top by one ring. Thus it shall be for both of them. They shall be for the two corners. 25 So there shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver—sixteen sockets—two sockets under each of the boards. 26 "And you shall make bars of acacia wood: five for the boards on one side of the tabernacle, 27 five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the far side westward. 28 The middle bar shall pass through the midst of the boards from end to end.

- **Middle bar passing through the midst:** Unity of God's people in Christ

29 You shall overlay the boards with gold, make their rings of gold as holders for the bars, and overlay the bars with gold. 30 **And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain.**

- **Sockets of Silver?** Silver speaks of Redemption

1. Payment for a dead slave/servant

2. Payment for Jesus

▪ **Tabernacle Lessons:**

1. **Temporary:** Place where God would tabernacle with man
2. **Eternal:** Earthly Picture/Representation of the **Heavenly Sanctuary**

Hebrews 8:1b [Read] ... *We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the **true tabernacle** which the **Lord erected**, and not man.*

- **Eternal High Priest Jesus:** After His death/resurrection/ascension
- Seated at the right hand of the Father in True Sanctuary/Tabernacle in heaven
- **The Lord erected:** Built by God and not man!

3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer.

Hebrews 9:12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

4 For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; 5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." 6 But now [Jesus] has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

- **Jesus our Mediator:** Stands between God the Father and sinful man

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself a ransom for all

▪ **Better Covenant?**

1. **OT:** Keeping the Law and offering sacrifices that could only cover sin
2. **NT:** Grace and Jesus sacrifice "taking away our sin"; i.e. better covenant

- The Tabernacle and its furnishings All speak of Jesus.

**Tabernacle was a Precursor to Solomon's Temple
And the Coming Millennial Temple...all designed with significant purpose**

Ezekiel 43:6 [Read] Then I heard Him speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood beside me.

- God takes Prophet Ezekiel on a tour of the future Temple when Jesus reigns on earth

7 And He said to me, "Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever. No more shall the house of Israel **defile My holy name**, they nor their kings, by their harlotry or with the carcasses of their kings on their high places. **8** When they set their threshold by **My threshold, and their doorpost by My doorpost**, with a wall between them and Me, they

defiled My holy name by the abominations which they committed; therefore I have consumed them in My anger. 9 Now let them put their harlotry and the carcasses of their kings far away from Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever.

▪ **4 Temples have been/will be constructed after the wilderness Tabernacle**

1. **Solomon's Temple:** Destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon 586 BC
2. **Nehemiah/Herod's Temple:** Rebuilt by Nehemiah and expanded by Herod
3. **Tribulation Temple** projected to be built soon

Next Jewish Temple will be adjacent to Islam's Dome of the Rock

Ezekiel 43:7 *No more shall the house of Israel defile My holy name, they nor their kings, by their harlotry or with the carcasses of their kings on their high places. 8 When they **set their threshold by My threshold**, and their doorpost by My doorpost, with a wall between them and Me*

Israel can be Jewish or Democratic but it cannot be both. John Kerry 12/28/2016

World will force Israel to share the Temple Mount with Islam

- Materials now being gathered?
 - Priest being commissioned?
 - Destroyed by AC Mid-Tribulation: Luke 21
 - **Abomination of Desolation:** AC defiles Temple
 - God Himself Rebuilds the Temple for 1000 Year reign of Jesus
4. **Fourth Temple: Millennial Temple** spoken of here in Ezekiel
- Place of God's throne
 - The place He [Jesus] will walk
 - Place where God will dwell with the Children of Israel forever
 - Built by God

Acts 15:14 *[Stay in Ezekiel] Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. 15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: 16 'After this **I will return And will rebuild** the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; **I will rebuild its ruins**, And **I will set it up**; 17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the Lord who does all these things.'*

- **4 Temples after wilderness Tabernacle:** Solomon, Nehemiah, Tribulation, Millennial built by God Himself

Pattern of Tabernacle and Temples are designed by God with Purpose and Meaning

[Continue] **Ezekiel 43:10** "Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.

- Describing the temple and pattern of the Temple will make Israel ashamed
- Why? The Temple and the Pattern reveal Jesus as Savior which they missed

11 And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its

ordinances, all its forms and all its laws. Write it down in their sight, so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances, and perform them.

- If they are ashamed when you describe the Temple go into more detail...
 1. Design
 2. Arrangements
 3. Exits/Entrances
 4. Whole design/ordinances of procedure/ Forms and Laws
- Write it all down so they can reference the design and perform all functions

12 This is the law of the temple: The whole area surrounding the mountaintop is most holy. Behold, this is the law of the temple.

- **Law of the Temple:** The entire area surrounding the Temple is Most Holy

Psalm 65:4 Blessed is the man You choose, And cause to approach You, That he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the **goodness of Your house**, Of Your holy temple.

- **New Jerusalem:** Our Eternal Swelling
- Millennial Temple moves into an Everlasting living tabernacle

Revelation 21:22 [Read] But I saw no temple in it [New Jerusalem Jesus prepared for us], for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. **The Lamb is its light.**

- Organic Temple in an Organic City
- City as a Bride?

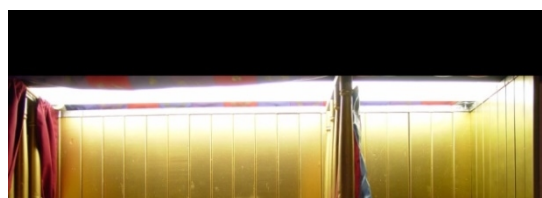
Revelation 21:9 [Read] Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, 11 having the glory of God.

Great mysteries yet to be discovered

- **Tabernacle/Temple design** speaks mysteries regarding:
 1. **Jesus:** Person and His work
 2. **Believers:** Temple of the Holy Spirit
 3. **Worship:** Moving worshipers into the Holy of Holies
- **Back to the Wilderness Tabernacle...**

II. The Veil

31 "You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim. 32 You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be gold, upon four sockets of silver. 33 And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there,



behind the veil.

Veil to Separate the Holy Place and Most Holy Place

- **Holy Place**
 1. Golden Lampstand
 2. Altar of Incense
 3. Table of Showbread
- **Most Holy Place**
 1. Ark of the Covenant and Mercy Seat
 - Stone tablets with Ten Commandments
 - Jar of Manna
 - Aarons dead stick with live bud
- **Veil: Separating the Holy Place and Most Holy Place**
 1. Blue, purple, and scarlet
 2. Artistic design
 3. Hung from 4 Pillars



Exodus 33b...The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and

the Most Holy.

- **Veil:**

1. Reminder of humanities separation from God
2. As Jesus died the veil in Herod's temple was torn from top to bottom

Matthew 27:50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was **torn in two from top to bottom**; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, 52 and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; 53 and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

Mark 15:37 And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last. 38 Then the veil of the temple was **torn in two from top to bottom**. 39 So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, "Truly this Man was the Son of God!"

Luke 23:44 Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. 45 Then the sun was darkened, and the **veil of the temple was torn** in two. 46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.

- **Torn from top to bottom:** God making a way for man; It is finished!



- Veil speaks of Jesus back ripped for our sins...sacrifice giving us access to God



Hebrews 10:19 [Read] Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest** by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is, His flesh**, 21 and having a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

- Veil between the Holy Place and the holy of Holies
- Only the High Priest could enter on man's behalf with bells on until Jesus
- Jesus made a way for us to meet directly with God

34 You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy.

- **Mercy Seat:** Cover of Ark of the Covenant inside the veil of Most Holy Place
- **Mercy Seat:** Picture of Throne of God

James 2:13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

- KJV: Mercy ***rejoiceth against*** judgment
- God would rather show mercy than judge...that is who He is and who we should be...

Hosea 6:6 For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

- **Mercy:** Not giving people what they deserve because God shows mercy to us

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

- Mercy is an attribute of God and His those who are truly His people

35 You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand across from the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

- Lampstand and Table of Showbread outside the veil in the Holy Place

36 "You shall make a screen for the door of the tabernacle, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver.



37 And you shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold; their hooks shall be gold, and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

- 4 Coverings
- Veil

Hebrews 9:23 Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us

