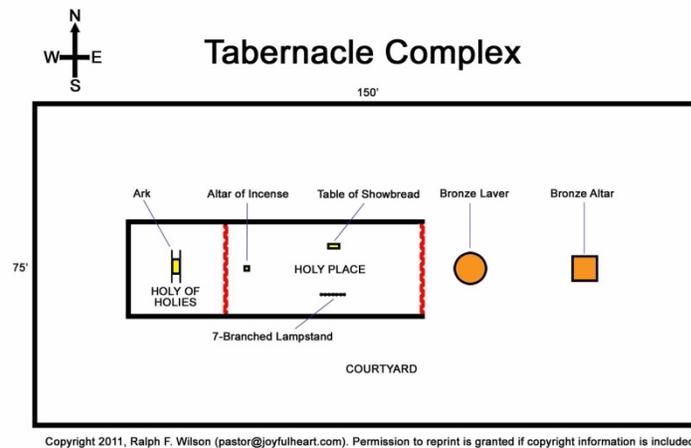


# Exodus 38 Construction Continues...

Holiness to the Lord



## I. Making the Altar of Burnt Offering

### 1 He made...

- **Bezalel:** Artistically Skilled and Spiritually Filled general contractor
- Under him apprentice **Aholiab** and rest of the crew
- Blueprints began Ch. 25
- Tabernacle Proper: 45' x 15" x 15'
  1. Acacia wood covered with gold on all sides
  2. Joined together by rings with boards set down in sockets
  3. Pillar of Cloud would stop at the place they were to build
  4. Ark leading the multitude and the Tabernacle build around the Ark
  5. 4 Coverings for roof: Linen, Goat, Ram and Seal
  6. Inside Tabernacle: Speaks of Worship
  7. Outside Tabernacle: Alter of Burnt offering/Brazen Altar: Sin question dealt
    - Priest lays hand on animal, kills it, offers on Altar
    - Altar of Burnt Offering as far as the sinner went toward Tabernacle
    - Priest takes sinners place but not before washing in laver
    - Priest then allowed into Holy Place
      - Table of Showbread
      - Golden Lampstand
      - Altar of Incense all speaking of worship
      - Beyond the Holy Place the Holy of Holies for High Priest alone

**Altar of Burnt Offering:** Cf. Exodus 27:1-8

[He made] the **altar of burnt offering** of acacia wood; five cubits was its length and five cubits its width—it was square—and its height was three cubits. 2 He made its **horns on its four corners**; the horns were of one piece with it. And he overlaid it with bronze. 3 He made all the utensils



for the altar: the pans, the shovels, the basins, the forks, and the firepans;

all its utensils he made of bronze. 4 And he made a grate of bronze network for the altar, under its rim, midway from the bottom. 5 He cast four rings for the four corners of the bronze grating, as holders for the poles. 6 And he made the poles of **acacia wood, and overlaid them with bronze.** 7 Then he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the altar, with which to bear it. He made the altar hollow with boards.

### Wood overlaid with Bronze

- **Wood:**
  1. Jesus 1<sup>st</sup> coming as **Savior**
  2. Coming as a man and **giving His life** for us
  
- **Bronze:**
  1. Jesus 2<sup>nd</sup> coming as **Judge**
  2. Coming as king **taking lives** of sinful man

**Bronze Altar speaks of Judgment:** Sin must be Judged

**Revelation 6:12** [Read] I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. 14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. 15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "**Fall on us and hide us** from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the **wrath of the Lamb!** 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

- **A just God must Judge sin:**
    1. **Jesus wrath on sinful man:** Jesus covered in blood 3x
      - Blood of a sinner [Mary] at Jesus first coming [birth]
      - Jesus own blood as He took our sin
      - Covered by blood of sinful man in the Tribulation [Wrath of the Lamb]
- “OR”**
2. **God’s wrath due us on Jesus** paying for sin completely [Burnt Offering]
- **Horns of the Brass Altar reaching out**
    1. **Horn:** heb. to *shine out rays*
    2. Beckoning sinners to repent as do Jesus outstretched arms
  
  - **Altar of Burnt Offering:** God’s justice demands a sacrifice for sin

**Next, Bronze Laver:** Cf. Exodus 30:17-21

## II. Making the Bronze Laver

8 He made the **laver of bronze** and its base of bronze, from the bronze mirrors of the serving women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

- **Bronze Laver:** Where the priests would wash before sacrificing... **or die**  
**No one comes to the Father without being cleansed by Jesus first**
- **Washed by Jesus at Salvation**

**1 Corinthians 6:11** [You were dirty rotten sinners...] But you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

- Washed of sin at Salvation
- Continue to be washed by His Word...

**Ephesians 5:26:** [We are] cleansed by the washing of the Word

- Daily Cleansing to "keep a clean slate" with God

**1 John 1:8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

- **Bronze Laver:** Be cleansed or be judged. No one comes to the Father without being cleansed by Jesus first

**Court of the tabernacle:** Cf. Exodus 27:9-19

## III. Making the Court of the Tabernacle

9 Then he made the court on the south side; the hangings of the court were of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long. 10 There were twenty pillars for them, with twenty bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver. 11 On the north side the hangings were one hundred cubits long, with twenty pillars and their twenty bronze sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver. 12 And on the west side there were hangings of fifty cubits, with ten pillars and their ten sockets. The hooks of the pillars and their bands were silver. 13 For the east side the hangings were fifty cubits. 14 The hangings of one side of the gate were fifteen cubits long, with their three pillars and their three sockets, 15 and the same for the other side of the court gate; on this side and that were hangings of fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets. 16 All the hangings of the court all around were of fine woven linen. 17 The sockets for the pillars were **bronze**, the hooks of the



pillars and their **bands were silver**, and the overlay of their capitals was silver; and all the pillars of the court had bands of silver. 18 The screen for the gate of the court was woven of **blue, purple, and scarlet thread**, and of fine woven linen. The length was twenty cubits, and the height along its width was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the court. 19 And there were four pillars with their four sockets of bronze; their hooks were silver, and the overlay of their capitals and their bands was silver. 20 All the pegs of the tabernacle, and of the court all around, were bronze.

- **Linen Fence** surrounding Court of the Tabernacle
  1. Blue, Purple and Scarlet
  2. 150' x 75' x 7.5' high to shut out the things of man
  3. Bronze sockets, utensils, and pegs and bands of silver
  
- **Silver and Bronze?**

**Silver** was the foundation for the tent of meeting. It was also the top - the most visible part of the pillars surrounding the courtyard [Redemption]. But the courtyard fence hung on a foundation of **refined bronze** - [speaking of] the judgment Jesus took in our place. [Guzic]

#### **Court of the Tabernacle: Where the common people praised God**

- **Psalms speak of...**
  1. Dwelling in the court of God
  2. Fainting to enter the courts of God
  3. Better to be in the court than being anywhere else
  4. Flourishing in the courts of God
  5. Giving glory, praise, thanksgiving in the courts of God

## **IV. Materials of the Tabernacle**

21 This is the inventory of the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the Testimony, which was counted according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son of Aaron the priest.

- **Ithamar:**

1. Job Description	Inventory Manager of the Tabernacle
2. Heredity	Priest and son of Aaron the High Priest
3. Later Life	Leader given authority over others by God [Num. 4]

**Luke 16:10** He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much

22 **Bezalel** the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord had commanded Moses. 23 And with him was Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and designer, a weaver of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine linen.

- **Holy Dynamic Duo:** Sanctified General Contractors

- Bezalel and **Aholiab**
  1. Engraver and Designer
  2. Weaver of Blue, Purple, Scarlet
  
- **Next, Ithamar's final tally...**

24 All the gold that was used in all the work of the holy place, that is, the gold of the offering, was twenty-nine talents and seven hundred and thirty shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. 25 And the silver from those who were numbered of the congregation was one hundred talents and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary: 26 a bekah for each man (that is, half a shekel, according to the shekel of the sanctuary), for everyone included in the numbering from twenty years old and above, for six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty men.

- **Gold:** 29 Talents 730 Shekels
  1. **1 talent = 70 lbs.**
  2. Total 2030 lbs. of Gold
  
- **Silver:** 100 Talents 1775 Shekels
  1. **Over 7000 lbs.!** Plus 1 Bekah [1/2 Shekel] per man
  2. Acquired from the Census
  
- **Value of Materials today:** 13 Million Dollars
- **Source of the Materials:** Egyptians

**Exodus 12:36** And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

**Proverbs 13:32** A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous.

27 And from the hundred talents of silver were cast **the sockets of the sanctuary and the bases of the veil:** one hundred sockets from the hundred talents, one talent for each socket. 28 Then from the one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, overlaid their capitals, and made bands for them.

- **Silver:** Redemption. By back from sin.

29 The **offering of bronze** was **seventy talents** and two thousand four hundred shekels. 30 And with it he made the sockets for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, the **bronze altar**, the **bronze** grating for it, and all the utensils for the altar, 31 the sockets for the court all around, the bases for the court gate, all the pegs for the tabernacle, and all the pegs for the court all around.

- **Bronze:** Judgment. Reminder of the need for sacrifice

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