

# Exodus 25-27 - 11 June 2020

## “Seeing Jesus In The Tabernacle”

### Introduction

Exodus is the story of Redemption & God’s salvation as seen thru the creation of the nation Israel.

Moses has come up to top of Mt Sinai for 40 days.

God will give him & Israel 2 things:

1. The Law – We’ve seen this in chapter 19-24
2. The Tabernacle – in chapter 25-27

The Law was given so they would know how to represent God to the world

Law begins w/ “Don’t make graven images”

The Tabernacle was given so God could represent Himself to Israel

This is an earthly representation of what God wants up to know about Himself!!

**Today - 3 things Tabernacle teaches us about Jesus**

# **#1 – Tabernacle teaches us to come willingly to Jesus (Chap 25:1-9)**

Read Chap 25:1-9

1. All of these luxury items came from the Egyptians that they “spoiled” when leaving Egypt
2. Vs 2 – God gave it to them freely & is now asking for it to willingly come back.
  - a. THAT’S what a relationship with God is!
    - i. A willful choice to turn to God
    - ii. Everything we have came from Him anyway
  - b. Read II Cor 9:6-8 – “...cheerful giver...”
3. Investing in our relationship with God, allows us to see parts of God we’ve never seen before
4. Vs 8 – God dwelling w/ us, that’s how a relationship is grown
5. Vs 9 – Several reminders throughout to do it just right.
  - a. They’re to duplicate what’s already in heaven

## **2 – Tabernacle teaches us to magnify many attributes of Jesus (Chap 25:10-26:30)**

Read Chap 25:10-16 – *The Ark of the Covenant*

1. All items made to be portable
2. Ark will contain...
  - a. 2 Tablets - 10 Commandments
  - b. Aaron's rod (that will bud almonds later)
  - c. Golden pot of manna

Read Chap 25:17-22 – *The Mercy Seat*

1. This is the most central place where God will meet with Israel.
  - a. It will go in, not the sanctuary or Holy Place
  - b. It will go in, the Holy of Holies
2. This represents the very throne room of God
3. When the Temple is seen being opened in heaven in Rev 11, it's the ark that is seen.
4. The meeting place of God has no image of God
  - a. We are to meet with Him in Spirit & truth!
  - b. Jesus is our worship of the Invisible God

## Read Chap 25:23-30 – *The Table of Showbread*

1. The bread of the presence
2. 12 flat cakes arranged in 2 piles of 6
3. Every Sabbath the priests would set new bread
4. This was for the priest's food
5. Shows God's provision & sustainment for Israel.
  - a. Equal to all 12 tribes.
  - b. In John 6 Jesus says He's true Bread from Heaven
6. Jesus is our sustainment for life
7. Read Matt 12:1-4
  - a. The shewbread is to symbolize God's help to man, not as a rule to hold back man

## Read Chap 25:31-40 – *Golden Candlestick*

1. Table of Shewbread & this candelabra are in the Holy place (Also Altar of Incense in chap 30)
2. John 7:2 Jesus went to Feast of Tabernacles
  - a. Ceremony of "Illumination of the Temple"
  - b. Jesus stood & said (Read John 8:12)
  - c. Jesus is our way to eternal life

## Read Chap 26:1-6 – Interior *Sanctuary Wall Curtains*

1. Plan was revealed to Moses from inside to out
2. These wall curtains are about 42' tall
3. Cherubim on walls, but only seen on inside
  - a. As it will be in heaven, angels all around

## Read Chap 26:7-14 – Ext. *Sanctuary Wall Curtains*

1. Outer coverings to make it waterproof
2. All measurements design for fit perfectly

## Read Chap 26:15-29 - *Board Walls of Sanctuary*

1. These boards are for walls of the tabernacle
  - a. Between the curtains
2. Shows the tabernacle building (or sanctuary) to be a rectangle
3. As the ark pictures the throne of God, so the sanctuary with its walls pictures the throne room.

## Read Chap 26:30 – *Use the Pattern*

1. Reminds to be exact b/c patterned after heaven

### **#3 – Tabernacle teaches us it has earthly limits, that are removed in Jesus (Chap 26:31-27:21)**

Read Chap 26:31-33 – *The veil to the Holy of Holies*

1. Separated the two rooms of the sanctuary.
2. High Priest only went into Holy of Holies once per year on Day of Atonement.
3. When Jesus died it ripped veil top to bottom
  - a. Giving access to all to come in
  - b. Turn to Heb 10:18-21
    - i. That veil represented Jesus earthly body
    - ii. The earthly tabernacle needed to cover up the way into presence of God
    - iii. Jesus removed the barrier between us/God!

Read Chap 26:34-37 – *Placement & Curtain Door*

1. So the placement of the ark, table of showbread and candelabra with a curtain door
2. Rev 4:1 – Door to heaven *from earth*
3. Mal 3:10 – Windows of heaven *down to earth*

## Read Chap 27:1-8 – *The Brazen Altar*

1. The Bronze Altar, Altar of Burnt Offering
2. The place of sacrifice; judgement of sin
3. This is where all sacrifices were performed
  - a. Once a year on Day of Atonement, blood was brought into the Mercy Seat
4. So many individual sacrifices performed here
  - a. Then once a year the wholistic sin of the everyone was taken into the presence of God at the Mercy Seat (Read more in Heb 13:10-16)
5. Read Heb 9:11:15 – Jesus into Holy of Holies to offer for the whole world
6. As we read about all the different offerings on this Brazen Altar, we need to picture all the different types of personal sin He is forgiving.
  - a. But the Day of Atonement and Mercy Seat is once for all.

## Read Chap 27:9-17 – *Court Wall Hangings & Pillars*

1. Though sanctuary was 40' tall, these were 7.5'
2. These walls made the court for Israel to have offerings on the Brazen Altar of Burnt Offering
  - a. Gentiles would have to be outside of that
  - b. Solomon's Temple would even have a Court of the Gentiles beyond this court.
3. In Christ Jesus there is no more division
  - a. Read Eph 2:13-14
  - b. Jesus removes the differences between us!!

## Read Chap 27:18-21

1. The oil for the candlestick should continually burn bright
2. Represents the Holy Spirit empowering the life of the true believer.
  - a. Read II Cor 4:6
  - b. Jesus, the Light of the World, has illuminated us, we must illuminate the world!

## Conclusion

So 3 Things the Tabernacle Teaches us about Jesus

**1. Jesus wants us in a willing relationship**

- a. He gives us life, breathe & all resources and then ASKS for us to willingly spend in on Him
- b. When we're willing to invest in God, He'll take us deeper into His presence then before

**2. To Magnify many attributes of Jesus**

- a. God has separated the Jesus' work of redemption into many pieces so we can understand better & magnify God in each!
  - i. What's it mean that He's the Light of the World?
  - ii. What's it mean that He's the Bread of Life

**3. There are earthly limits to approaching God that are removed by Christ Jesus**

- a. Animal sacrifice only pictured what Christ was always intended to do.
- b. Veils, walls and barriers are all done away with in Christ, so we can all come to Him!!