


**A Contribution
to the Lord**

Exodus 35


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- After God saved Israel from bondage, they made a covenant.
- The Lord would be their God, they would be His people.

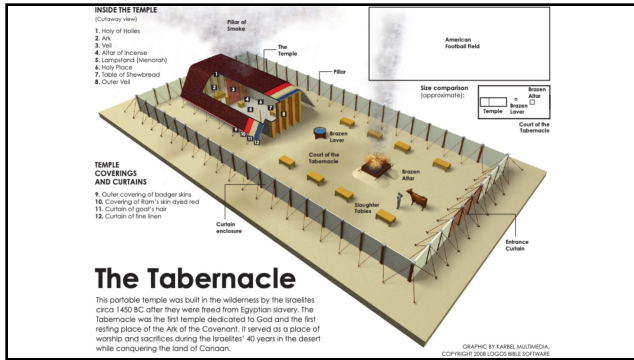
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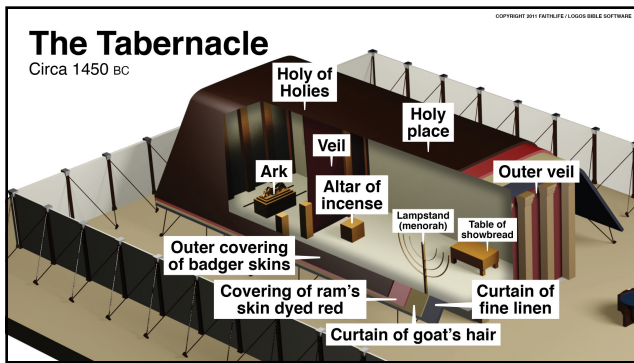
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- Freewill offerings were gathered to build the Tabernacle.
- The Tabernacle was God's dwelling place and center for sacrifices.

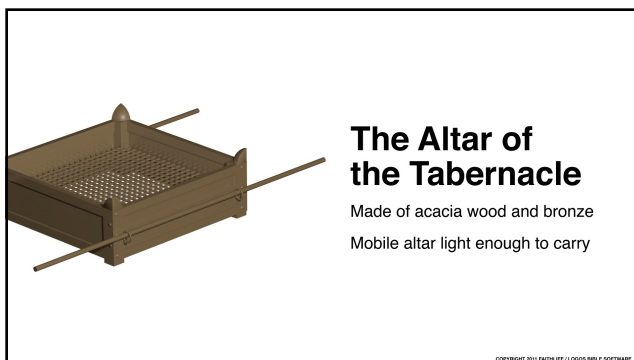
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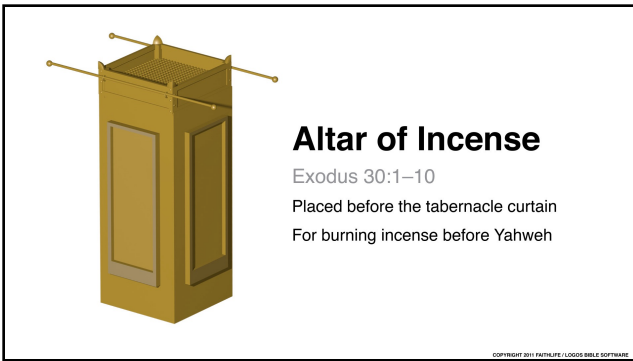
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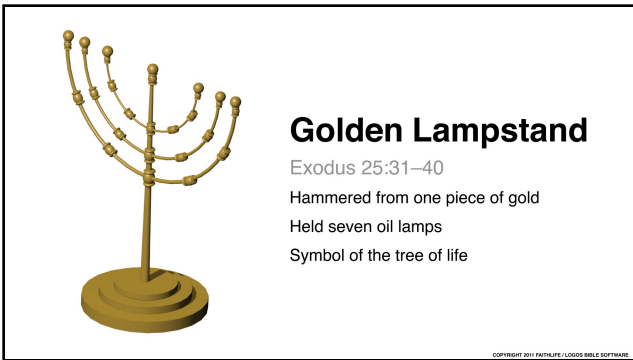
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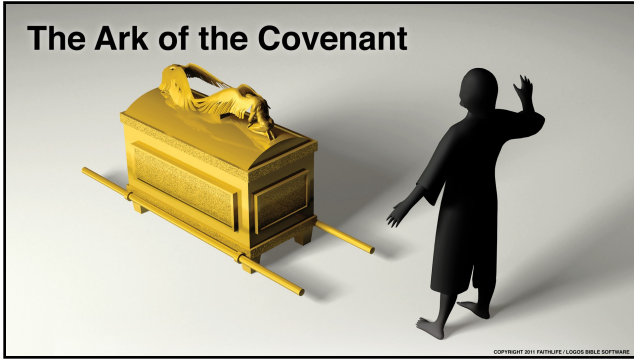
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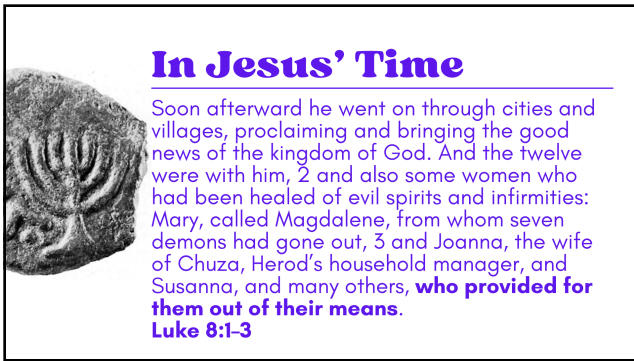


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The Ark of the Covenant

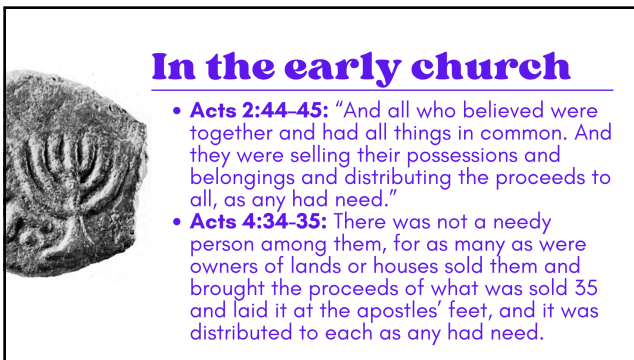
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In Jesus' Time

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, **who provided for them out of their means.**
Luke 8:1-3


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In the early church

- **Acts 2:44-45:** "And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need."
- **Acts 4:34-35:** There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.


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In the early church

- **Acts 11:27-30:** Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). So the disciples determined, **every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.** And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.


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In the early church

- **3 John 5-8:** Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. **Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth.**

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Have you ever asked?

- How did they pay for their travel? Did they pay for lodging? Travel by ship?
- How did they afford to write the books of the Bible? Especially as a fledgling religious group like the Christians?
- How were Jesus and the apostles able to eat and provide shelter while they were traveling? Miracles?
- How did Paul rent a teacher's hall in Ephesus? Good will? Trade?


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A KINGDOM TRUTH

- We are not in the business of making money simply to have money.
- The contributions are for the work and mission of the church.

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