

Exodus 25

1. The first time Moses went up the mountain, God gave him the law. What does God say to Moses in verse 2?

What does it mean to you to take up an offering?

What is the difference between an offering and a tithe?

Honestly, what is your reaction when we take up an offering in church?

God gives us an interesting fact about offerings. What condition does He put on the offerings in verse 2?

What does 2 Cor. 9:7 say?

Can you give an example when your heart prompted you to give?

2. What offerings is Moses to receive from the people?

Where did they get gold, silver, and bronze?

What does verse 4 say about the offering?

What can you learn about the importance of blue cloth? Purple cloth? Scarlet cloth?

What does this tell you about the Israelites?

What can you learn about the importance of fine linen?

Why do you think God asks for goat's hair?

3. Why were ram's skins valuable?

Why do you think God wanted them dyed red?

The NIV version of the next verse says the Israelites were to bring the "hides of sea cows." Another name for this type of animal is a dugong. What is a dugong or sea cow?

Where would the Israelites, who are wandering in the wilderness, get the hides of sea cows?

Other versions do not read sea cows. Can you find out what other versions of this verse read?

How do you account for the difference in the type of animal listed in this verse?

What is acacia wood?

What other items are they to bring for the Tabernacle? (See verses 6 & 7.)

4. According to verse 8, what are the people to build?

What is a sanctuary?

What does God mean that He will dwell among them?

This is God's main purpose in having them build the tabernacle. Would you be excited if God said this to use today?

Can you think of any reason or reasons why some might not like God living among us?

Read verse 9. What do you think is the most important word in this verse? Please explain.

What does it mean to you that the tabernacle is to be made according to a pattern?

5. Beginning with verse 10, the LORD begins giving specific instructions. What is the first item they are to make?

How long is a cubit?

Therefore, what are the dimensions of the chest?

What are they to do after the chest or ark is done?

What does it mean to overlay it?

Where would the Israelites get pure gold?

According to verse 12, what else are they to make for the ark?

Where are the rings to be attached? If you were making this ark, where would you attach the rings?

How were they to carry the ark?

What were they to do with the poles when the ark was at rest?

Find some pictures of the ark. Do these images agree with your interpretations of the ark?

Do you find any differences in the pictures? If so, why?

6. According to verse 16, what were they to put into the ark?

What items do you think are in the ark, if it is still intact today?

After the ark is completed, what are they to make?

What other name is given to the atonement cover?

What does "atonement" mean?

Why does God call the cover the Atonement Cover or the Mercy Seat?

Describe the cover?

What are cherubs?

What are the cherubim doing?

7. Verse 22 is the key verse pertaining to the ark. What does God say in verse 22?

What does it mean to you that God will meet them between the two cherubim?

What is God going to do when He meets the Israelites?

Why do you think God did not choose to meet the Israelites in a bigger, more imposing place?

What does this tell us about God?

What is significant about the fact that the ark can be carried from place to place?

Why do you think God wanted men to carry the ark instead of having it placed in a special wagon or cart?

8. What are the Israelites to make next?

How big is the table?

What features does it have in common with the ark?

The table is to have a rim a "handbreadth" wide. What is a handbreadth?

According to verse 29, what else are they to make for the table?

What is to be placed on this table?

What is the bread of the Presence?

Why is the word "presence" capitalized?

9. Following the making of the table, what are the Israelites to make?

According to verse 31, what is the lampstand to resemble?

What is the significance of the buds and blossoms?

What is the significance of the lampstand being made of one piece?

How many branches was the lampstand to have? How were they to be divided?

Can you locate a picture of almond flowers?

How many cups in all are to be on the lampstand?

According to verse 37, how many lamps was the lampstand to have?

What is significant about the number 7?

Where will the lamps cast their light?

Why does God specifically say the lamps are to light the space in front of the lampstand?

How much gold is to be used to make the lampstand itself?

How much is a talent?

How much would the lampstand weigh?

10. What instructions does God give Moses and the people in verse 40?

Why is it important that they make the tabernacle according to the pattern God has given them?

What does it mean to you that the tabernacle is a pattern? A pattern for what?

Are we to follow a pattern today? Please explain.

If so, how important is it that we follow this pattern exactly?