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Exodus 25

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(A brief overview of the main topics).

Topics.

- Israel is to build a sanctuary so the LORD may dwell in their midst.
- Israel takes a contribution for the building of the Tabernacle.
- The Sanctuary/Tabernacle is to be built exactly to the LORD'S pattern.
- An ark of acacia wood overlayed with gold is to be made.
- The testimony (commandments) of the LORD is to be put into the ark.
- A mercy seat of gold is to be made for the lid of the ark.
- Two cherubim of gold for the two ends of the mercy seat, is to be made.
- A table of acacia wood overlay with gold is to be made.
- Plates, dishes, flagons and bowls of gold were to be made.
- A table, tongs and trays of gold is to be made.
- A lampstand of gold with seven lamps to give light is to be made.
- All was to be made exactly to pattern the LORD gave on Mount Sinai.

INTRODUCTION: in the book of Exodus, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham by multiplying Abraham's descendants into a great nation delivering them from slavery in Egypt to journey to the Promised Land, and then binding them to Himself with a covenant at Mount Sinai. Moses, under the direct command of God and as leader of Israel, received the Ten Commandments from God, along with other laws governing Israel's life and worship. He also led the nation in building the Tabernacle, a place where God's presence can dwell among his people and where they can make sacrifices for sin. Most Jews and Christians recognise Moses as the author, writing sometime after the Exodus from Egypt (about 1445 B.C.). Note: the promise God made to Abraham will be perfectly fulfilled when Christ returns in glory and all those (Jews and Gentiles) who belong to God's Kingdom are gathered to him. (See also the introduction to chapter one).

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NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

The LORD tells Israel to take up a contribution for the Sanctuary of the LORD (also called the Tabernacle) Moses was to take a contribution for the LORD, from every man whose heart moves him. The contribution was so that Israel could build a sanctuary for the LORD so He could dwell in the midst of Israel. The Tabernacle and its furniture were to be built exactly to the pattern that the LORD had given Moses.

THE FURNITURE FOR THE TABERNACLE

- An ark overlaid with pure gold (called the Ark of the Testimony) was to be made and put it in the Tabernacle.
- A mercy seat of pure gold was to be made and was to be put on the top of the Ark in the Tabernacle.
- Two Cherubim of pure gold were to be made and placed on the ends of the Mercy Seat, their wings (of pure gold) were to spread out above the Mercy Seat and overshadow it. The faces of the Cherubim were to face each other and the LORD would meet and speak with Israel from above the Mercy Seat and from between the two Cherubim.

How beautiful is this God speaks to His people from the Mercy Seat. The Testimony (the LORD'S covenant, rules and statutes) that the LORD gave to Israel on Mount Sinai was to be put into the Ark.

- A table overlaid with pure gold it was to have rings to hold the poles overlaid with pure gold to carry the table.
- Plates and dishes for incense, flagons and bowls to pour drink offerings were to be made all of pure gold.
- The Bread of the Presence was to be set on the table before the LORD regularly.
- A Lampstand with six branches was to be made of one piece of pure gold it was to have three branches going out from each side six in all. There was to be four cups made like almond blossoms, each with calyx (a wreath) and flower on the Lampstand's. Calyx: (knop in KJV) means to encircle and can refer to a wreath of beads or flowers worn on the head, the capital of a column, a wreath-like button or a circular disk on a candleholder or lamp.

What a beautiful symbol of Christ and the church, Jesus the stem of the lampstand and the church represented by the six branches, the number of man. It was to have four cups and four wreaths of pure gold on each branch and on the Lampstand itself, seven lamps to give light on the space in front of it and tongs and trays of pure gold. All the furniture was to be made exactly after the pattern that the LORD showed Moses on Mount Sinai.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.