

## *A note from Kathy*

*Please do not take lightly the details that are given in Exodus 25-27. God was very specific concerning the construction of the tabernacle. God did not give busy work; every detail was there for a reason. Every piece had meaning in their worship. Keep that in mind as you study the various pieces of the tabernacle.*

## *Observation*

1. Tabernacle means “tent,” “place of dwelling,” or “sanctuary.” It was a sacred place where God chose to meet His people, the Israelites, during the 40 years they wandered in the desert under Moses’ leadership. What was the purpose for building the tabernacle? Exodus 25:8
2. The tabernacle was made to be mobile. Why do you believe this was important?
3. How would the tabernacle and the objects in the tabernacle serve as a visual aid for the Israelites each day? Who would they be thinking of every time they looked at the tabernacle?
4. Notice, who was enlisted to work on the curtains and coverings? Exodus 26:1
5. The beauty of these curtains would only be visible from the inside of the tabernacle. When the people came, all they could see was the outer covering. What were those coverings to be made of: \_\_\_\_\_ verse 7, \_\_\_\_\_ verse 14, \_\_\_\_\_ verse 14. (If you compare translations of this verse, you will see differing skins are translated from the word “Tachash”. Just use the one from your Bible.)
6. Were there several ways to enter, or just one?
7. Which side of the tabernacle courtyard was the entrance on? Exodus 27:9-18



8. Identify this object, and add details and measurements from Exodus 27.
9. List the utensils used and any details you know about them.
10. The first thing one would do when they entered the tabernacle was to offer their sacrifice. What type of sacrifice is God interested in from us?  
*Ps. 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*
11. What facts did you see concerning the four sides of the tabernacle?
  - South side
  - North side
  - West end
  - East end
12. What was the purpose of the curtain hung in the middle of the frames?  
Exodus 26:31-33
13. Where were the objects to be placed when the tabernacle was assembled?
  - The Ark of the Covenant
  - The table of bread
  - The lampstand
14. The tabernacle was to be a pattern for things to come. Hebrews 8 also speaks to the new covenant that would come as a fulfillment of the old. The tabernacle pointed them to what was to come. In the margin write the article of the tabernacle that goes along with each verse below.

**John 14:6** *Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

**John 8:12** *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*

**John 6:35** *Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.*

**Hebrews 10:1-10** *The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming--not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. **2** If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. **3** But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, **4** because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. **5** Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; **6** with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. **7** Then I said, 'Here I am--it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, O God.' " **8** First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made). **9** Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. **10** And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

## *Application*

1. **John 1:14** *The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**Hebrews 8:5** *They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."*

The phrase "made his dwelling" means "to tabernacle." How do these verses help to clarify God's purpose for the tabernacle in the wilderness?

2. It is obvious that God was interested in the details of their worship. Do you believe God is interested in the details of our worship?

3. Is it our church buildings that God is interested in, or our bodies? Where does he tabernacle (dwell) today?
4. One day when Jesus had finished praying, the disciples asked him to teach them to pray. They realized that everything that Jesus did was the direct result of His prayer life. Do you desire a more effective prayer life? Do you want increased intimacy with the Lord and greater power in your service to Him?
5. Picture yourself an Israelite coming to the tabernacle.  
What is your reason for coming?  
What is the first thing you would see as you approached? Look up John 10:9.  
You would offer your animal to be sacrificed and he would be killed, spilling his blood for your sins. Matthew 26:28  
After you walk through the gate and enter the courtyard, what would you see next? What does God expect of us as his children? Rom. 12:1
6. As the Israelites would come to offer their animal to the priest, their hearts would be focused on the sin that had gotten them here again. What kind of prayer might they have prayed? Psalms 51:10, Psalms 19:14
7. It is imperative for each of us to seek the Lord and give him time to speak to our hearts. Do not rush when you come into his presence. There are often things we are not aware of that God wants to speak to us about. A humble and wise heart will take the time to repent completely and receive the forgiveness that is there for us. There is nothing like a clean heart before God.  
*Psalms 51:7 Remove my sin, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.* (Good News Translation)
8. For an Israelite, the outer courtyard was as far as he could go. There was no admittance into the holy place. They could not come into the presence of God. Is there any area of worship that is off limits to us (God's people) today? Hebrews 4:15-16

