

**Plans for the Tabernacle – Part 1 (c. early June – mid July 1446 BC)**

Exodus 25–27

**Contributions for the Tabernacle**

25:1 And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

2 “Speak to the Israelites, and let them bring to me a contribution. You will receive my contribution from every man whose heart prompts him.

3 And this is the contribution that you will receive from them—gold and silver and bronze,

4 blue, purple, and crimson *yarns*, and fine linen and goat hair,

5 and red-dyed ram skins, and fine leather, and acacia wood,

6 oil for the lamp, balsam oils for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense,

7 onyx stones and stones for mountings on the ephod and the breast piece.

8 And make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell in the midst of them,

9 according to all that I show you—the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its equipment—and so you will do.

**The Ark of the Testimony**

10 “And they will make an ark of acacia wood, two and a half cubits its length and a cubit and a half its width and a cubit and a half its height.

11 And you will overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside you will overlay it, and you will make on it a gold molding all around.

12 And you will cast for it four gold rings, and you will put *them* on its four feet, with two rings on its one side and two rings on its second side.

13 And you will make poles of acacia wood, and you will overlay them *with* gold.

14 And you will put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark with them.

15 In the rings of the ark will be the poles; they will not be removed from it.

16 And you will put into the ark the testimony that I will give to you.

17 “And you will make an atonement cover of pure gold, two and a half cubits its length and a cubit and a half its width.

18 And you will make two cherubim of gold; you will make them of hammered work at the two ends of the atonement cover.

19 And make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end of the atonement cover; you will make the cherubim on its two ends.

20 And the cherubim will be *with* outspread wings above, covering with their wings over the atonement cover and facing each other; the faces of the cherubim will be toward the atonement cover.

21 And you will put the atonement cover above onto the ark, and into the ark you will put the testimony that I will give you.

22 And I will meet you there, and I will speak with you from over the atonement cover, from between the two cherubim that *are to be* on the ark of the testimony—all that I will command you to the Israelites.

**The Table of the Bread of the Presence**

23 “And you will make a table of acacia wood, two cubits its length and a cubit its width and a cubit and a half its height.

24 And you will overlay it *with* pure gold, and you will make for it a gold molding all around.

25 And you will make for it a handbreadth rim all around, and you will make a gold molding for its rim all around.

26 And you will make four gold rings for it, and you will put the rings on the four corners where its four legs *are*.

27 The rings will be near the rim as holders for poles to carry the table.

28 And you will make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them *with* gold, and the table will be carried with them.

29 And you will make its plates and its ladles and its pitchers and its bowls with which *libations* will be poured; of pure gold you will make them.

30 And you will put on the table *the* bread of presence *to be* before me continually.

**The Golden Lampstand**

31 “And you will make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand will be made of hammered work—its base and its branch, its cups, its buds, and its blossoms will be from it.

32 And six branches *will be* going out from its sides, three branches of the lampstand from its one side and three branches of the lampstand from its second side.

33 Three almond-flower cups *will be* on the one branch *with* a bud and a blossom, and three almond-flower cups *will be* on the one branch *with* a bud and a blossom—likewise for the six branches going out from the lampstand.

34 And on the lampstand *will be* four almond-flower cups, *with* its buds and its blossoms.

35 And a bud *will be* under the two branches *that come* from it, and a bud under the two branches from it, and a bud under the two branches from it, *likewise* for the six branches coming out from the lampstand.

36 Their buds and their branches will be from it, all of it one *piece* of pure gold hammered work.

37 And you will make its seven lamps, and its lamps will be set up, and it will give light in the space in front of it.

38 And its snuffers and its fire pans *will be* pure gold.

39 It will be made *from* a talent of pure gold, with all these *pieces of* equipment.

40 And see and make *all* according to their pattern, which you were shown in the mountain. [[Heb 8:4–6](#)]

### The Tabernacle Curtains

26:1 “And the tabernacle you will make *with* ten curtains; you will make them of finely twisted linen and blue and purple and crimson *yarns*, *with* cherubim, the work of a skilled craftsman.

2 The length of the one curtain *will be* twenty-eight cubits, and the width *will be* four cubits *for* the one curtain; one measure *will be* for all the curtains.

3 Five curtains will be joined to one another, and five curtains joined to one another.

4 And you will make loops of blue on the edge of the one curtain, at the end in the set; and you will do so on the edge of the end curtain in the second set.

5 You will make fifty loops on the one curtain, and you will make fifty loops on the end of the curtain that *is* in the second set; the loops are to be opposite to one another.

6 And you will make fifty gold clasps and join the curtains to one another with the clasps, so that the tabernacle will be one.

7 “And you will make curtains of goat hair for a tent over the tabernacle; you will make them eleven curtains.

8 The length of the one curtain *will be* thirty cubits, and the width *will be* four cubits *for* the one curtain; one measure *will be* for the eleven curtains.

9 And you will join five curtains together and six curtains together, and you will fold double the sixth curtain at the front of the tent.

10 And you will make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain at the end of the *first* set and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain *in* the second set.

11 And you will make fifty bronze clasps, and you will put the clasps in the loops and join the tent, so that it will be one.

12 “And the surplus in the curtains of the tent *will be* an overhang; the surplus half curtain will hang over the back of the tabernacle.

13 And a cubit from one side and a cubit from the other side in the surplus in the length of the curtains of the tent will be hung over the sides of the tabernacle equally to cover it.

14 “And you will make a covering for the tent of red-dyed ram skins and a covering of fine leather *to go* above.

### The Tabernacle Framework

15 “And you will make the frames for the tabernacle of acacia wood *as* uprights.

16 The length of the frame *will be* ten cubits, and the width of the one frame *will be* one and a half cubits.

17 You will make two pegs for the one frame *for* joining each to another *and* likewise for all the frames of the tabernacle.

18 And you will make the frames for the tabernacle *with* twenty frames for the south side.

19 And you will make forty silver bases under the twenty frames, *with* two bases under the one frame for its two pegs and two bases under the next frame for its two pegs.

20 And for the second side of the tabernacle, the north side, *there will be* twenty frames

21 and their forty silver bases, *with* two bases under the one frame and two bases under the next frame.

22 “And for the rear of the tabernacle on the west you will make six frames.

23 And you will make two frames for the tabernacle corners at the rear.

24 They will be double at the bottom, and they will be completely together on its top to the one ring; it will be likewise for the two of them; they will be for the two corners.

25 And there will be eight frames and their silver bases, sixteen bases, with two bases under the one frame and two bases under the next frame.

26 “You will make five bars of acacia wood for the frames on the one side of the tabernacle,

27 and five bars for the frames on the second side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the frames on the side of the tabernacle at the rear on the west.

28 And the bar in the middle, in the midst of the frames *will* run from end to end.

29 And you will overlay the frames with gold, and you will make their rings of gold *as* holders for the bars, and you will overlay the bars with gold.

30 And you will erect the tabernacle according to its plan, which you have been shown on the mountain.

### The Tabernacle Veil

31 “And you will make a curtain of blue and purple and crimson *yarns* and finely twisted linen, *the* work of a skilled craftsman; he will make it *with* cherubim.

32 And you will put it on four acacia pillars overlaid with gold *with* their gold hooks on four silver bases.

33 And you will put the curtain under the clasps, and you will bring the ark of the testimony there inside the curtain, and the curtain will separate for you between the holy and the most holy place.

34 And you will put the atonement cover on the ark of the testimony in the most holy place.

35 And you will place the table outside the curtain and the lampstand opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle, and you will put the table on the north side.

**The Tabernacle Screen**

36 “And you will make for the entrance of the tent a screen of blue and purple and crimson *yarns* and finely twisted linen, *the* work of an embroiderer.

37 And you will make for the screen five acacia pillars, and you will overlay them with gold *with* their gold hooks, and you will cast for them five bronze bases.

**The Altar of Burnt Offering**

27:1 “And you will make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide; the altar will be square, and its height *will be* three cubits.

2 And you will make its horns on its four corners; its horns will be of one piece with it, and you will overlay it *with* bronze.

3 And you will make its pots for removing its fat-soaked ashes and its shovels and its sprinkling bowls and its forks and its fire pans; you will make all its equipment *with* bronze.

4 And you will make for it a grating, a work of bronze network, and you will make on the network four bronze rings on its four ends.

5 And you will put it under the ledge of the altar, below, and the network will be up to the middle of the altar.

6 And you will make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and you will overlay them *with* bronze.

7 And the poles will be put into the rings, and the poles will be on the two sides of the altar when carrying it.

8 You will make it hollow with boards. As it was shown you on the mountain, so they will do.

**The Tabernacle Courtyard**

9 “You will make the courtyard of the tabernacle; for the south side *will be* hangings for the courtyard of finely twisted linen, one hundred cubits long for the one side.

10 And its twenty pillars and their twenty bases *will be* bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *will be* silver.

11 And likewise for the north side along the length *will be* hangings one hundred cubits long; and its twenty pillars and their bases *will be* bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *will be* silver.

12 And the width of the courtyard for the west side *will be* hangings of fifty cubits, their ten pillars and their ten bases.

13 And the width of the courtyard for the east side, toward sunrise, *will be* fifty cubits.

14 And hangings for the shoulder *will be* fifteen cubits *with* their three pillars and their three bases.

15 And fifteen cubits of hangings *will be* for the second shoulder *with* their three pillars and their three bases.

16 And for the gate of the courtyard *there will be* a screen of twenty cubits of blue and purple and crimson *yarns* and finely twisted linen, the work of an embroiderer; *with* their four pillars and their four bases.

17 “All the pillars of the courtyard all around will be banded *with* silver, *and* their hooks *will be* silver, and their bases *will be* bronze.

18 The length of the courtyard will be one hundred cubits and the width fifty *cubits* and the height five cubits, of finely twisted linen, *with* their bronze bases.

19 Bronze *will be* for all the equipment of the tabernacle in all its service and all its pegs and all the pegs of the courtyard.

**Pure Olive Oil for Light for the Tabernacle**

20 “And you will command the Israelites, and they will bring to you pure, beaten olive oil for the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually.

21 In the tent of assembly outside the curtain that *is* before the testimony, Aaron and his sons will arrange it, from evening until morning, before Yahweh *as* a lasting statute throughout their generations from the Israelites.

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