

Tabernacle Treasures - Introduction & The Brasen Altar - Propitiation - Exo. 25:1-9 & 29:38-42

The Tabernacle of Moses is one of the greatest studies in the entire Word of God, and will help us understand God's redemption plan for all mankind. Rom. 15:4; 2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 10:1a. **50 chapters are given to the Tabernacle and its related ministries.** The Tabernacle is a 50 cubit by 100 cubit structure (75 feet by 150 feet), that was built at God's commandment given to Moses on Mt. Sinai.

A. The Purpose of the Tabernacle - Exo. 25:8

The purpose of the tabernacle expressed the eternal desire and compassion of God for men. It has always been God's plan to dwell among His people! Psa. 90:1. For nearly 500 years this Tabernacle was the place.

B. The Pattern of the Tabernacle - Exo. 25:9

The pattern was given so that certain things would be made in a certain way that would show us how sinful man can approach a holy God. The priest going through the tabernacle is a picture of the believer in Christ! 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6.

C. The Pictures in the Tabernacle - CHRIST - Gal. 6:14

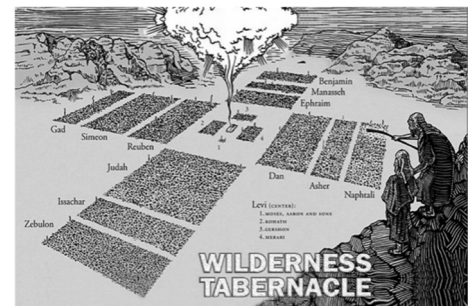
The Tabernacle was the center of the camp of Israel. Numbers 1-2.

EAST - Judah, Issachar, & Zebulun - 186,400

SOUTH - Reuben, Simeon, & Gad - 151,400

WEST - Ephraim, Manasseh, & Benjamin - 108,100

NORTH - Dan, Asher, & Naphtali - 157,600



The Tabernacle had 3 basic divisions: The Outer Court (94%), the Inner Court (The Holy Place, 4%), and the Holiest Place (The Holy of Holies, 2%). There was only one gate on the east side, just as Jesus is the one and only door to get to Heaven! Once you enter the gate, the first thing you come to is the **Brasen Altar**, which represents **Propitiation**. It is a reminder of man's sinfulness and his need for a blood sacrifice! Gen. 3:21; Heb. 9:22. Until a person stops at the Brasen Altar and accepts the sacrifice, there is no further progress made. The altar was made of brass. Brass speaks of God's judgment! Num. 21:9; John 3:14; 2 Cor. 5:21.

1. Type of Sacrifice - Exo. 29:38 - "two lambs of the first year"

They brought their best; they didn't bring leftovers! Mal. 1:8. But hundreds of years later, after much rebellion and disobedience, they were bringing sacrifices which were blind, lame, and sick to offer unto the Lord. These were unacceptable sacrifices. Rom. 12:1. **We should present our bodies willingly before God, and never preach, teach, lead singing, play piano, run sound, clean the church, work the Flea Market, go to nursing home, go on visitation, pass out tracts, etc., with a wrong spirit or a bad attitude!** 2 Cor. 9:6-8.

2. Time of Sacrifice - Exo. 29:39 - "in the morning" and "at even"

This taught them service to God consistently. Our work is never finished. Heb. 4:9-11; Gal. 6:9.

3. Transformation the Sacrifice will bring - Exo. 29:42 - "throughout your generations"

This was a continual work, passed down from generation to generation. The younger generation is missing out on the full blessings of God because there has been a generation who has stopped giving their best for God and began giving Him leftovers. For us to experience true revival and possibly see a Great Awakening in America today, it is going to take some sacrifice on our part in giving God our best! It is going to take turning off the TV every now and then and getting on our knees more; a greater burden for the lost; missing the ball games on Wednesday nights and on Sundays; more door to door soul-winning efforts and to seek more opportunities to evangelize our communities. Rom. 13:11; Jgs. 2:10.

THE TABERNACLE

