

The Tabernacle September 7th, 2014

*Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you. **Exodus 25:8-9***

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

The Tabernacle has at least 3 meanings:

- God has His Dwelling- Hebrews 9:21-24
- Type of Jesus Christ- 2 Corinthians 5:19, Colossians 2:9, and John 2:19
- Christ and the Church- John 1:1-14 and Revelation 21:3

Upon returning from the mountain, Moses had the 10 Commandments and specific specifications for the Tabernacle (Ex. 25-27).

Focus of the Tabernacle- God might dwell among his people!

- 1) **The Courtyard**- linen fence supported by bronze sockets
 - **Jesus connection:** *He (Peter) bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. **John 20:5***
 - White signified the righteousness/ holiness of God
 - *Was only one door- I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.^[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. **John 10:9***
 - Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life!
- 2) **Bronze Altar**- for sacrifices
 - 1st item once entered courtyard
 - Fire= judgment
 - Sacrifices for the sins of the people
 - **Jesus Connection:** *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 Otherwise, 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 It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **Hebrews 10:1-4, 10***
- 3) **Brazen Laver (bowl)** - Washed and clean
 - The laver was located in a convenient place for washing and stood as a reminder that people need cleansing before approaching God. The priests atoned for their sins through a sacrifice at the brazen altar, but they cleansed themselves at the laver before serving in the Holy Place, so that they would be pure and not die before a holy God. **Tabernacleplace.com**
 - **Jesus Connection:** *Washing of the word- *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing^[b] her by the washing with **water through the word**,²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. **Ephesians 5:25-27****
 - *On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” **John 7:37-38***
- 4) **The Building**

- Assembled with vertical wooden planks, covered with gold
- Covered with linen tapestry, goats hair (Lev.16:19-22, Exodus 26:7, ram's skin (Genesis 3:21 and 22:13) and porpoise/ badger skins (Ex. 18:10, Deut 8:4)!
- **Jesus connection-** *He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.* **Isaiah 53:2**

5) **Holy Place**

- a. **Lamp stand** (seven branched lamp stand)- only light
 - i. The light (lamp stand) was never to go out.
 - ii. **Jesus connection-** *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 8:12**
- b. **Table of Showbread-** representing each tribe of Israel
 - i. **Jesus connection-** *Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.* **John 6:35**
- c. **Golden Altar/ Altar of Incense**
 - i. *May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.* **Psalms 141:2**
 - ii. *Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all God's people, on the golden altar in front of the throne. ⁴The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand.* **Rev 8:3-4**
 - iii. **Jesus Connection:** *Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.* **Romans 8:34**

6) **Holy of Holies**

- a. **Ark of the Covenant-** (10 Commandments, manna, Aaron budding rod) God sees the broken laws.
- b. **The Atonement cover/ Mercy Seat**
- c. *He and all his men went to Beulah^[a] in Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name,^[b] the name of the LORD Almighty, who is enthroned between the cherubim on the ark.* **2 Samuel 6:2**
- d. The cover was the lid for the ark. On top of it stood two cherubim (angels) at the two ends, facing each other. The cherubim, symbols of God's divine presence and power, were facing downward toward the ark with outstretched wings that covered the atonement cover. The whole structure was beaten out of one piece of pure gold. The atonement cover was God's dwelling place in the tabernacle. It was His throne, flanked by angels. **Tabernacle place.com**
- e. The Holy of Holies was the very presence of God
- f. We now have the presence of God through Jesus...the veil has been torn.
- g. Jesus death on the cross
- h. *At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split⁵² and the tombs broke open.* **Matthew 27:51-52a**

Hebrews 9 and 10:1-18

Jesus is all over the Old Testament and this is just another obvious way that we see Jesus! Do you know Him? Are you walking with Him?

