

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

Studies in the Old Testament Tabernacle - #01

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE TABERNACLE

INTRODUCTION Throughout the Old Testament God has placed various launching points for the New Testament believer to discover and find pictures of His matchless beauty, power and purpose in coming down to earth to dwell among men. One in particular every Christian should come to study, is the Old Testament Tabernacle in the wilderness. Let's take time to examine this from a scriptural point of view, and glean its blessings that will come to every saint who diligently applies them to his or her own heart. So with introduction we see...

I. The Setting of the Tabernacle

- A) The Period — *“Following Israel’s Deliverance from Egypt”*
- B) The Place — *“In the wilderness beginning at Mount Sinai ”*
- C) The Procedure — *“All were to participate in building it”*

II. The Symbolism of the Tabernacle

- A) The Plan — *“Every material used had spiritual significance”*
- B) The Pattern — *“The structure was to be a replica”*

III. The Significance of the Tabernacle

- A) The Purpose — *“God’s people would see the cost of sin”*
- B) The Point — *“There is a way sinners can commune with God”*

CONCLUSION: Indeed, although the Tabernacle has long since disappeared, and there is no archeological proof it ever existed — beyond a doubt it did because God says so, and God tells us such in His holy infallible and inerrant Word. Thus, it has great meaning, not only to the ones who used it to commune with God, but to us today who are essentially the New Testament “Tabernacle,” for God dwells within us! May our studies bring you to a new appreciation of God’s Word and most of all a new understanding of who you are and “Who” it is who dwells within every true believer in Christ.

TEXT FOR MESSAGE

The New International Version

Exo 25:1-9 (NIV) "The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from each man whose heart prompts him to give. 3 These are the offerings you are to receive from them: gold, silver and bronze; 4 blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair; 5 ram skins dyed red and hides of sea cows ; acacia wood; 6 olive oil for the light; spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense; 7 and onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. 8 "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. 9 Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you."

Heb 8:1-5 (NIV) "The point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, 2 and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man. 3 Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer. 4 If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already men who offer the gifts prescribed by the law. 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.'"