

# The Book of Exodus

## The Divine Plan for the Tabernacle

### Part 1: According to the Pattern

Text: Exodus 25:8-9, 40

#### Introduction:

1. The first section of the book of Exodus detailed the enslavement of the Israelites in Egypt and their freedom from that bondage under the leadership of Moses (Chs. 1 – 18).
2. The second section showed the revelation and ratification of the covenant between Israel and God – the Law of Moses, including the Ten Commandments (Chs. 19 – 24).
3. This third section of the book deals with the detailed plan given by God for the construction of the Tabernacle (Chs. 25 – 31).
4. Outline of God's plan for the Tabernacle:
  - a. 25:1-7 - Offerings for the Tabernacle
  - b. 25:8-9 - Emphasis upon following the pattern
  - c. 25:10-40 - The furniture for the Tabernacle
  - d. 26:1-37 - The pattern for the Tabernacle
  - e. 27:1-8 - The pattern for the altar
  - f. 27:9-18 - The pattern for the court
  - g. 27:19-21 - The pattern for the vessels
  - h. 28:1-43 - The pattern for the priestly garments
  - i. 29:1-37 - The pattern for the consecration of priests
  - j. 29:38-46 - The pattern for the daily sacrifice
  - k. 30:1-10 - The pattern for the altar of incense
  - l. 30:11-16 - The pattern for the ransom of souls (census)
  - m. 30:17-21 - The pattern for the laver of water
  - n. 30:22-33 - The pattern for the holy oil
  - o. 31:1-11 - The choosing of those who would construct the Tabernacle
  - p. 31:12-17 - The sign of the Sabbath
  - q. 31:18 - The two tables of stone

#### I. God Always Has a Pattern (Exodus 25:8-9, 40)

- A. The Hebrew word for 'pattern' means, "Plan, form, model, figure, construction."
- B. The Greek word for 'pattern' means, "A type, stamp, or die; the mark of a stroke or blow, print; form, example."
- C. God does not leave things to the whims and wisdom of men.
  1. The Tabernacle was to be the place where He met with His people; thus, it was to be built according to His pattern.
  2. The Tabernacle was to be the place where sacrifice and worship was offered; thus, it was to be built according to His pattern (cf. Num. 8:4; Josh. 22:28).
  3. The Tabernacle was a type or shadow of things to come; thus, it was to be built according to His pattern (cf. Acts 7:44; Heb. 8:5).
- D. For man to be pleasing to God, he must show submission to His will by following His pattern...
  1. For salvation
  2. For the church

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3. For worship
4. For work

## II. The Pattern of the Tabernacle

(Exodus 25)

- A. God gave very detailed instructions for the construction and arrangement of the Tabernacle and its furniture.
- B. This pattern was to be followed exactly:
  1. To obey God
  2. To establish the type/antitype relationship with the New Testament
- C. In every age, man must follow the pattern and instructions given by God.
- D. The Coverings of the Tabernacle (Exo. 26:1-14)
  1. The innermost covering was of goat hair – beautiful and fine.
  2. Above this was a covering of rams' skins dyed red.
    - a. This symbolized the blood of sacrifice.
    - b. It typified the sacrifice Jesus and covering of the church by His blood.
  3. Finally, there was an outer covering of badger skins.
    - a. Thus, from the outside, the Tabernacle appeared coarse and rough.
    - b. But within, both beauty and glory could be found.
    - c. Likewise, the church does not appeal to many due to its outward appearance, but all spiritual blessings are found within (Eph. 1:3).
- E. The Outer Court of the Tabernacle (Exo. 27:9-18)
  1. To enter the outer court, one would pass through a gate of hanging curtains (Of blue, purple, and scarlet) upon four pillars of brass.
  2. The outer court was surrounded by a fence of linen supported by posts.
  3. The people would come into the outer court to offer sacrifices to God.
  4. The outer court represents the world – for, none can approach the house of God without a sacrifice for sin.
- F. The Tabernacle itself was comprised of two parts:
  1. The Holy Place – representing the church
  2. The Most Holy Place – representing Heaven
- G. The wisdom of God is seen in His plan for the Tabernacle.