EXODUS 25 - 31

Ark, Table and Lamp 25:1-40

Contributions for the Sanctuary 25:1-9

"And let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell in their midst."

Ark 25:10-22

- Essentially a footstool for Yahweh's throne
- ANE context – treaty docs placed in footstools of throne for deities
- Other texts – Yahweh sitting/dwelling between the cherubim – 1Sa 4:4, 2 Kings 19:15, Ps 80:1

Table for show bread 25:23-30

- Outside the Most Holy Place
- Lv 24:5-9 - direction to replace the bread every Sabbath (Priests get to eat old bread)
- Possibly indicates that the Holy Place is a reception room for those coming to meet

Golden Lampstand (Menorah) 25:31-40

Talent of gold ~60-70lbs

Tabernacle 26:1-37

Coverings – 1-14

- To be placed over the wooden frames
- Innermost covering made from linen; probably most suitable because it is plant based
    - Assembled using loops and golden clasps
- Next covering made from woven goat hair; slightly larger than linen covering
    - Clasps are made of bronze instead of gold
- Next is animal (ram and goat) skin coverings

- No dimensions are given

Wooden frames – 15-25

Crossbars – 26-30

Veil/Curtain – 31-35

- Divides the tent into two compartments
  - Most Holy Place contains the ark of the testimony (Priests cannot enter)
  - Holy Place contains table and lampstand (Priests can enter)
  - Cherubim woven into fabric – Reminder than humanity cannot enter, perhaps

Screen – 36-37

- Covers the entrance to the tent
  - Manufactured same way as Veil/Curtain
  - No cherubim

Comments

- This tent is for a royal person!
- It is intended to be a dwelling place
- From inside to outside – linen(plant based) to animal hair to animal skin
  - Possible theory – holiness not compatible with death (animal skins)

Items Outside the Tent 27:1-21

Bronze Altar 27:1-8

- Placed near the entrance to the Tabernacle
  - Reminder of the necessity of sacrifice (atonement) before entering the Presence

Tabernacle Court 27:9-19

- Rectangular area – 150′ x 75′ (short sides face east and west)
- Courtyard's screen is made like the screen at the entrance to the Tabernacle

- A buffer zone to prevent the Israelites from approaching Yahweh unintentionally
    - Similar to the buffer zone around Mt Sinai

Oil for Lamp 27:20-21

- (Transition from *dwelling place* to *meeting place*)

Priestly Garments 28:1-43

- General Comments – 1-5
- Ephod 6-14
    - Aaron will be the representative of the 12 tribes
- Breast pouch 15-30
- Robe 31-35
- Rosette 36-38
- Tunic, turban, sash 39
    - Holy to Yahweh on turban
- Tunics for Aaron's sons 40
- Clothing 41
- Undergarments 42-43

Consecration of Priests 29:1-46 (Priesthood linked to the Sanctuary)

Lv 8-9 presupposes this chapter

- Anointing with oil – uniqueness of role of high priest
- Process
    - Washing
    - Clothing
    - Anointing oil
    - Bull at the entrance to the tent of meeting (sin offering)
    - Ram at the entrance … (food offering, whole burnt offering, atonement)

- Ram #2 at the entrance … blood on right ears of priests (fellowship)
- Sprinkle blood and oil on Aaron/sons and garments
- Wave offering

45 I will dwell among the people of Israel and will be their God. 46 And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt that **I might dwell among them**. I am the Lord their God.

Altar of Incense 30:1-10

Census Tax 30:11-16

- Half-shekel for each
- Given for the service of the tent of meeting

Bronze Basin 30:17-21

- For washing hands and feet (Aaron and his sons)
- Priests must wash before approaching the altar to serve
  - (notice the repetition of that they may not die!)

Anointing Oil and Incense 30:22-38

- Specific recipe for the oil (nothing like it shall be made for other purposes)
- Specific recipe for the incense (nothing like it shall be made for other purposes)

Oholiab and Bezalel 31:1-11

- Yahweh calls the people who have the skill to execute His design
  - Tent of Meeting
  - Ark of the testimony
  - Mercy seat
  - Furnishings of the tent

- Table and utensils
- Basin and its stand
- Garments
- Anointing oil and incense

Sabbath 31:12-18

- Sabbath is holy v13

  It is a sign that you may know that I, Yahweh, sanctify you v13

  Everyone who ***profanes*** it shall be put to death

  Whoever does work on it shall be cut off from his people

  It is a sign between Yahweh and His people forever

24:12 to 31:18

Word study on ***Profane*** in the Pentateuch in ESV (occurs 61 times in OT, 17 times in Pentateuch, 4 times in NT)

Ex 20:25

Ex 31:14

Lv 18:21

Lv 19:12, 29

Lv 20:3

Lv 21:4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 23

Lv 22:2, 9, 15, 32

Nu 18:32