

INSIDE THE TABERNACLE

TEXT: EXODUS: 25:1-9

LESSON ONE - THE CONSTRUCTION

INTRODUCTION: The Tabernacle was an ingenious, prefabricated structure that could be moved at will. Its construction was a cooperative effort between God and the people of Israel. The Lord provided the pattern of the Tabernacle; the people of Israel provided the materials.

THE COST OF THE TABERNACLE

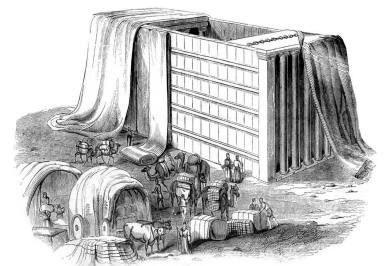
1. God told Moses to tell the children of Israel to **give** an offering to construct the Tabernacle.
 - ✓ The offerings would be, gold, silver, brass, jewels, fine linens, and dye from Egypt; goat hair and rams skins from their flocks; and seal skins from the Red Sea; and shittim **wood** from the Sinai.

How much precious metals were used to construct the Tabernacle of Moses?

- ✓ **2000** Pounds of Gold
- ✓ **7500** Pounds of Silver
- ✓ **5000** Pounds of Brass

2. The children of Israel were the **only** ones that could give the offering.
 - ✓ The Bible tells us that there was a **mixed** multitude that left Egypt with the Israelites; but **ONLY** the Israelites were to bring these offerings. - Exodus 12:38; Numbers 11:4
 - ✓ God's plan and purposes have always been accomplished through **redeemed** people.
3. The children of Israel were to give the offering **willingly**.
 - ✓ God created the heaven and earth without anything, and God did not need the Israelites **stuff** to build the Tabernacle.
 - ✓ For the Israelites to have the glory of God, it was going to **cost** them.
 - ✓ God was not going to allow the Israelites to worship in a Tabernacle they had no **investment** in.

NOTES:



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- ✓ If the Israelites didn't give anything **nothing** would be built.
4. God made the giving **possible**. - Exodus 12:36
- ✓ Israel received the wealth of Egypt on the night of the **Passover**.
 - ✓ Whatever we have as Christians **comes** to us from the Lord.
5. The Israelites **freely** gave there little hearts out! – Exodus 36:4
- ✓ We must give Israel the credit that is due - they were rebellious at times, murmured and complained, but they **gave!**
 - ✓ The Israelites were committing their wealth to the work of the Lord.
 - ✓ When the Tabernacle was finished there were no mortgages, no notes and no **payments**.
 - ✓ The Israelites were **homeless**, without incomes, and didn't know what their future needs would be, and they still gave.

THE CREATOR OF THE TABERNACLE

1. The Tabernacle was to be built according to the **pattern** given by God.
- ✓ The children of Israel were to provide the **sacrifice**, God would provide the pattern.
 - ✓ The Tabernacle was planned, not by the mind of man, but by **wisdom** and foreknowledge of God.
 - ✓ Nothing was overlooked; everything was included in the planning.
2. The Tabernacle was to be built as a pattern of the person and work of Jesus Christ.
- ✓ God was drawing a picture of **Christ** in the wilderness.
 - ✓ If the Tabernacle was going to look like Jesus Christ, then the Israelites needed to do **exactly** what God told them to do.
 - ✓ If any church is not according to the pattern God gave us – **is it a true church?**