

INSIDE THE TABERNACLE

TEXT: EXODUS: 25:1-9

INTRODUCTION

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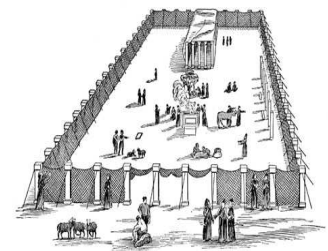
WHAT IS THE TABERNACLE?

1. The Tabernacle was a portable tent with a wooden framework to give it stability. The entire sanctuary consisted of **three** parts:
 - ✓ An outer court **enclosed by curtains supported on pillars**. It was rectangular in shape and the entrance was on the **east** side.
 - ✓ The inner court **or first chamber** which was called the **Holy Place**.
 - ✓ The second chamber which was called the **Holy of Holies**.
 - The two chambers were **divided** by a heavy, thick veil or hanging curtain.
 - The inner court / Holy of Holies section of the Tabernacle itself was located at the **western** part of the court.

WHY TEACH ABOUT THE TABERNACLE?

1. Because so many **chapters** in the Bible are written about the construction, the ritual, the priesthood, and the work within the Tabernacle.
 - ✓ 13 chapters in Exodus, 18 chapters in Leviticus, 13 chapters in Numbers and **4** chapters in Hebrews.
 - ✓ Only two chapters of the Bible are devoted to the creation of the world and mankind, but **50** chapters are devoted to description of the Tabernacle and its related ministries. - Levey
2. Because it is a beautiful illustration and picture of the person and work of **Jesus Christ**.

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3. Because the Tabernacle was designed by the **Holy Spirit**.
4. Because there is much of the New Testament that we could not **understand** without first understanding the Tabernacle.
5. Because the study of the Tabernacle is the perfect antidote for the poison of unsound **teaching** that is prevalent today.
6. Because the Tabernacle gives us a better understanding of **God**.
 - ✓ A better understanding of God's **plan** of redemption.
 - ✓ A better understanding of God's **holiness**.
 - ✓ A better understanding of God's **grace** and mercy.
 - ✓ A better understanding of God's **view** of sin.
 - ✓ A better understanding of God's **requirement** of a blood sacrifice.

WHY IS THE TABERNACLE SO IMPORTANT?

1. The Tabernacle is important because of what kind of **place** it was.
 - ✓ The Tabernacle is a place where God **reveals** himself to the sinner.
 - ✓ The Tabernacle is a place where God **meets** the sinner.
 - ✓ The Tabernacle is a place where God **dwells** with the sinner.
 - ✓ The Tabernacle is a place where God **speaks** to the sinner.
 - ✓ The Tabernacle is a place where God **forgives** the sinner.
 - ✓ The Tabernacle is a place where God **accepts** the sinner.
 - ✓ The Tabernacle is a place where God **receives** from the sinner.
2. We must remember that the relationship between God and man will always be **positional**.