

**“The Pentateuch”**  
**Exodus 35-40**  
**Wednesday Sept 9, 2009**

**Exodus 35-39 Construction of the Tabernacle:**

**Exodus 40 God’s Glory Enters the Tabernacle:**

**Exodus 35-40 Are almost a verbal repetition of Exodus 25-31**

Ex 39:42

Rev 21:1-3

Exodus 35:1-3 Keep The Sabbath:

When God gave the instructions on the Tabernacle in Exodus 25-31, God closed with instruction on the Sabbath (Exodus 31:12-17). Now God starts with the Sabbath (Exodus 35:1-3)

Exodus 35:4-9 The Materials God Can Use:

Exodus 35:10-19 Builders of The Tabernacle:

Exodus 35:11-19 The Furnishings of the Tabernacle:

Exodus 36:1-7 The Workers And The Materials:

Exodus 36:8-38 The Workers Begin The Work:

Exodus 37:1-9 The Ark and The Mercy Seat: Exodus 37:1

The Ark represented the power and authority of God in the camp of Israel, and this is why it’s named first.

Acacia wood - the wood speaks of His Humanity. The gold – speaks of His Deity. What we have is a picture of Jesus Christ who was fully man and fully God. It speaks of the gold being on the inside and the outside.

1. Tables of the Law - (Ex. 25:16); That the Law of God was in Christ’s heart and He perfectly obeyed and fulfilled it (Ps. 40:6-8; Heb. 10:5-9)
2. A pot of Manna - (Ex. 16:32-34); He is the Bread of Life who gives eternal life to all who receive Him (John 6:32)
3. Aaron’s Rod that Budded - (Num. 16-17). He lives by the power of an endless life so we can be fruitful for God (Heb. 7:16).

John 14:5-6

1. Tables of the Law – (The Way) I Am The Way – John 14:6
2. A pot of Manna – (The Truth) I Am The Truth– John 14:6
3. Aaron’s Rod that Budded – (The Life) I Am The Life- John 14:6

Mercy Seat – This symbolizes “The Throne of God” Psa. 99:1

Mercy – means “propitiation, a place of atonement, or covering over of sins”

Exodus 37:10-16 Table of Show Bread:

“presence bread,” literally “bread of faces”

Jesus is the Bread of Life - who took upon Himself a human body that He might come to this earth and die for our sins (John 6:26). Jesus gives strength and power to our lives; He gives life to us; Fellowship, communion.

Exodus 37:17-24 The Lampstand: Lampstand – Hebrew word translated candlestick is translated “Menorah” which means “light holder”

Exodus 37:25-28 Alter of Incense: Incense – the incense is a picture of the well-pleasing fragrance of Jesus’ life that was lived before the Father.

Incense – speaks of our prayers and worship to God; the communion of praise unto God.

The entire design of the tabernacle is that of worship and consecration to the Lord.

Exodus 37:29 Anointing Oil:

Oil – symbolizes the Holy Spirit. That we must be born of the Spirit; we must be commissioned by the Spirit of God.

2 Cor 1:21-22

1 John 2:20

1 John 2:27

Ex 30:32-33

### Exodus 38:1-7 The Brazen Alter:

Brazen Alter – Jesus was the sacrifice; the one and only sufficient sacrifice for all time. On the cross Jesus said, “It is finished.”

acacia wood, speaks of the humanity of Jesus Christ, but since it was overlaid in bronze, it speaks of the incorruptible humanity of Jesus Christ.

### Exodus 38:8 The Laver:

Brazen Laver – Jesus Christ the cleanser, our sanctification, our separation. The Word of God that washes; The Spirit of God that indwells.

In Scripture, Water for washing is a picture of the Word of God.

Isa 4:4

Eph 5:24-26

In Scripture, Water for drinking is a picture of the Spirit of God.  
John 7:37-39

### Exodus 38:9-20 The Court and The Gates:

Court – A barrier, a wall of separation from those outside. To those inside, it was a barrier from those outside. The court to those of faith was that you are welcomed; you may enter into a relationship with God.

Ex 38:18

Gate – Jesus Christ, the only way

1. The Gate was the only entrance to the Court: John 14:6 I Am The Way!
2. The Gate was wide: 1 Tim 2:4
3. The Gate was Beautiful: The colors.
4. The Gate was Distinctive: The colors compared to the surrounding wall. There was no way to miss this Gate.

### Exodus 38:21-31 The Cost of The Tabernacle:

Exodus 39:1-43 Priestly Garments: (Ex 28:1-43)

Ex 39:1-3

Priestly Garment – “The beauty of Jesus our High Priest”;  
Everything about Him is beautiful.

Blue – “Heavenly Origin, the Lord of Heaven”

Purple - “His Royalty, His Kingship, the new Creation, the God-man”

Scarlet material - “His Sacrificial ministry and the glory of the cross”

Fine linen – “His Righteousness”

Gold – “His Deity”

Ex 39:32

Ex 39:42-43

Exodus 40:30-38 The Glory Of The Lord:

Exodus 40:31-33

Exodus 40:34-38 The Glory of the Lord:

Exodus 39-40 We are told 17X that everything had been made,  
“according as the Lord commanded Moses”

### **Application:**

Note the balance in the spiritual experience of the Jewish people:

- God delivered them from bondage (Exodus 1–18)
- Freedom should lead to obedience (Exodus 19–24)
- Obedience results in worship to the glory of God (Exodus 25–40)
- Apart from worship, freedom becomes lawlessness and obedience becomes oppression