

21-A The Tabernacle In the Wilderness

- 168 ÖOHEL** { o'-hel} from 166; (n) m; AV - tabernacle(s) 198, tent(s) 141, dwelling 2, place(s) 2, covering 1, home 1; 345; (1) tent (1a) nomad's tent, and thus symbolic of wilderness life, transience (1b) dwelling, home, habitation (1c) the sacred tent of Jehovah (the tabernacle)
- 4908 MISHKAN** { mish-kawn'} from 7931; (n) m; AV - **tabernacle** 119, dwelling 9, habitation 5, dwellingplaces 3, place 1, dwelleth 1, tents 1; 139; (1) dwelling place, tabernacle (1a) dwelling-place (1b) dwellings
- 7931 SHAKAN** { shaw-kan'} a primitive root [apparently akin (by transmission) to 7901 through the idea of lodging]; TWOT - 2387; (v); AV - dwell 92, abide 8, place 7, remain 5, inhabit 4, rest 3, set 2, continue 1, dwellers 1, dwelling 1, misc 5; 129; (1) to settle down, abide, dwell, tabernacle, reside (1a) to settle down to abide, dwell, reside (1b) to make settle down, establish, to make or cause to dwell (1c) to lay, place, set, establish, settle, fix, to cause to dwell or abide
- 8403 TABNIYTH** { tab-neeth'} from 1129; n (f); AV - **pattern** 9, **likeness** 5, form 3, **similitude** 2, figure 1; 20; (1) pattern, plan, form, construction, figure (1a) construction, structure (1a1) meaning dubious (1b) pattern (1c) figure, image (of idols)

Words translated 'TABERNACLE' in the Bible:

Hebrew:

- 168 ÖOHEL** { o'-hel} (187), tent
4908 MISHKAN { mish-kawn'} (114), residence
5520 SOK { soke} (1), hut of entwined boughs
5521 SUKKAH { sook-kaw'} (3), tabernacle; shelter
5522 SIKKUWTH { sik-kooth'} (1), idolatrous booth
7900 SOK { soke} (1), booth

Greek:

- 4633 SKENE** { skay-nay'} (15), tent
4636 SKENOS { skay'-nos} (2), tent
4638 SKENOMA { skay'-no-mah} (3), dwelling: the Temple

Typologies

- EXO 25:9** "According to all that I show you, that is, the **PATTERN** (*tabniyth*) of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.
- ROM 15:4** For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.
- GAL 4:24** which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—
- HEB 9:8** the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing. 9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience—
- HEB 8:5** who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."
- Written for our admonition on whom the end of the ages is come
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Offerings for the Tabernacle

- EXO 25:1** Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering. 3 "And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze; 4 "blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; 5 "ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; 6 "oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; 7 "onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate. 8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. 9 "According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.
- EXO 35:4** And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the Lord commanded, saying: 5 'Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord: gold, silver, and bronze; 6 'blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; 7 'ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; 8 'oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; 9 'onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.
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The Ark of the Covenant

- EXO 25:10** "And **they shall make an ARK of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.** 11 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around. 12 "You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in its four corners; two rings shall be on one side, and two rings on the other side. 13 "And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 "You shall put the poles

into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. 15 “The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. 16 “And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you. 17 “You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its length and a cubit and a half its width. 18 “And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 “Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it of one piece with the mercy seat. 20 “And the cherubim shall stretch out their wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim shall be toward the mercy seat. 21 “You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. 22 “And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

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The Table of Showbread

15. **EXO 25:23** “You shall also make a table of acacia wood; two cubits shall be its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height. 24 “And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make a molding of gold all around. 25 “You shall make for it a frame of a handbreadth all around, and you shall make a gold molding for the frame all around. 26 “And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that are at its four legs. 27 “The rings shall be close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table. 28 “And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them. 29 “You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold. 30 “And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always.

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The Golden Lampstand

17. **EXO 25:31** “You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece. 32 “And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side. 33 “Three bowls shall be made like almond blossoms on one branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond blossoms on the other branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower—and so for the six branches that come out of the lampstand. 34 “On the lampstand itself four bowls shall be made like almond blossoms, each with its ornamental knob and flower. 35 “And there shall be a knob under the first two branches of the same, a knob under the second two branches of the same, and a knob under the third two branches of the same, according to the six branches that extend from the lampstand. 36 “Their knobs and their branches shall be of one piece; all of it shall be one hammered piece of pure gold. 37 “You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it. 38 “And its wick-trimmers and their trays shall be of pure gold. 39 “It shall be made of a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils. 40 “And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.

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The Curtains of Linen

20. **EXO 26:1** “Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine woven linen and blue, purple, and scarlet thread; with artistic designs of cherubim you shall weave them. 2 “The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits. And every one of the curtains shall have the same measurements. 3 “Five curtains shall be coupled to one another, and the other five curtains shall be coupled to one another. 4 “And you shall make loops of blue yarn on the edge of the curtain on the selvedge of one set, and likewise you shall do on the outer edge of the other curtain of the second set. 5 “Fifty loops you shall make in the one curtain, and fifty loops you shall make on the edge of the curtain that is on the end of the second set, that the loops may be clasped to one another. 6 “And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains together with the clasps, so that it may be one tabernacle.

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The Goat Hair Coverings

23. **EXO 26:7** “You shall also make curtains of goats’ hair, to be a tent over the tabernacle. You shall make eleven curtains. 8 “The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; and the eleven curtains shall all have the same measurements. 9 “And you shall couple five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain at the forefront of the tent. 10 “You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in one set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain of the second set. 11 “And you shall make fifty bronze clasps, put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent

together, that it may be one.¹² “The remnant that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle.¹³ “And a cubit on one side and a cubit on the other side, of what remains of the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and on that side, to cover it.

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The Ram Skin Coverings

26. **EXO 26:14** “You shall also make a covering of ram skins dyed red for the tent, and a covering of badger skins above that.

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The Posts and Bases

28. **EXO 26:15** “And **for the tabernacle you shall make the BOARDS OF ACACIA WOOD**, standing upright. **16 “Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the width of each board.** 17 “Two tenons shall be in each board for binding one to another. Thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle. 18 “And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side. 19 “You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons. 20 “And for the second side of the tabernacle, the north side, there shall be twenty boards²¹ “and their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under each of the boards. 22 “For the far side of the tabernacle, westward, you shall make six boards. 23 “And you shall also make two boards for the two back corners of the tabernacle. 24 “They shall be coupled together at the bottom and they shall be coupled together at the top by one ring. Thus it shall be for both of them. They shall be for the two corners. 25 “So there shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver—sixteen sockets—two sockets under each board. 26 “And you shall make bars of acacia wood: five for the boards on one side of the tabernacle, 27 “five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the far side westward. 28 “The middle bar shall pass through the midst of the boards from end to end. 29 “You shall overlay the boards with gold, make their rings of gold as holders for the bars, and overlay the bars with gold. 30 “And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain.

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The Inner Curtain

30. **EXO 26:31** “You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim.³² “You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be gold, upon four sockets of silver.³³ “And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy place and the Most Holy.³⁴ “You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy. 35 “You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand across from the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.

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The Outer Curtain

33. **EXO 26:36** “You shall make a screen for the door of the tabernacle, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver. 37 “And you shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold; their hooks shall be of gold, and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

34.

The Brazen Altar

35. **EXO 27:1** “You shall make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide—the altar shall be square—and its height shall be three cubits. 2 “You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it. And you shall overlay it with bronze. 3 “Also you shall make its pans to receive its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze. 4 “You shall make a grate for it, a network of bronze; and on the network you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners. 5 “You shall put it under the rim of the altar beneath, that the network may be midway up the altar. 6 “And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. 7 “The poles shall be put in the rings, and the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar to bear it. 8 “You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it.

36.

The Courtyard

37. **EXO 27:9** “You shall also make **the court of the tabernacle**. For the south side there shall be **hangings for the court made of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long for one side.** 10 “And **its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets shall be bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be silver.** 11 “Likewise

along the length of the north side there shall be hangings one hundred cubits long, with its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of bronze, and the hooks of the pillars and their bands of silver. 12 “And along the width of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits, with their ten pillars and their ten sockets. 13 “The width of the court on the east side shall be fifty cubits. 14 “The hangings on one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and their three sockets. 16 “For the gate of the court there shall be a screen twenty cubits long, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver. It shall have four pillars and four sockets. 17 “All the pillars around the court shall have bands of silver; their hooks shall be of silver and their sockets of bronze. 18 “The length of the court shall be one hundred cubits, the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits, made of fine woven linen, and its sockets of bronze. 19 “All the utensils of the tabernacle for all its service, all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, shall be of bronze.

The Oil for the Lampstand

38. **EXO 27:20** “And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually. 21 “In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the veil which is before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening until morning before the Lord. It shall be a statute forever to their generations on behalf of the children of Israel.
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THE PRIESTS AND THEIR GARMENTS:

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41. **EXO 28:1** “Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron’s sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 2 “And you shall make HOLY GARMENTS for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. 3 “So you shall speak to all who are GIFTED ARTISANS, whom I have filled with THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM, that they may make Aaron’s garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest. 4 “And these are the garments which they shall make: a BRESTPLATE, an EPHOD, a ROBE, a skillfully woven TUNIC, a TURBAN, and a SASH. So they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister to Me as priest.
- 5 “They shall take the gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, 6 “and they shall make the EPHOD of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, artistically worked. 7 “It shall have two shoulder straps joined at its two edges, and so it shall be joined together. 8 “And the intricately woven band of the ephod, which is on it, shall be of the same workmanship, made of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen. 9 “Then you shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel:
- 10 “six of their names on one stone, and six names on the other stone, in order of their birth. 11 “With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave the two stones with the names of the sons of Israel. You shall set them in settings of gold. 12 “And you shall put the two stones on the shoulders of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel. So Aaron shall bear their names before the Lord on his two shoulders as a memorial. 13 “You shall also make settings of gold, 14 “and you shall make two chains of pure gold like braided cords, and fasten the braided chains to the settings.
- 15 “You shall make the BRESTPLATE OF JUDGMENT. Artistically woven according to the workmanship of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, you shall make it. 16 “It shall be doubled into a square: a span shall be its length, and a span shall be its width. 17 “And you shall put settings of stones in it, four rows of stones: The first row shall be a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald; this shall be the first row; 18 “the second row shall be a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond; 19 “the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;
- 20 “and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They shall be set in gold settings. 21 “And the stones shall have the names of the sons of Israel, twelve according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, each one with its own name; they shall be according to the twelve tribes. 22 “You shall make chains for the breastplate at the end, like braided cords of pure gold. 23 “And you shall make two rings of gold for the breastplate, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 24 “Then you shall put the two braided chains of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breastplate;
- 25 “and the other two ends of the two braided chains you shall fasten to the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod in the front. 26 “You shall make two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it, which is on the inner side of the ephod. 27 “And two other rings of gold you shall make, and put them on the two shoulder straps, underneath the ephod toward its front, right at the seam above the intricately woven band of the ephod. 28 “They shall bind the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the ephod, using a blue cord, so that it is above the intricately woven band of the ephod, and so that the breastplate does not come loose from the ephod. 29 “So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel on the breastplate of judgment over his heart, when he goes into the holy place, as a memorial before the Lord continually.

30 “And you shall put in the breastplate of judgment the URIM and the THUMMIM, and they shall be over Aaron’s heart when he goes in before the Lord. So Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel over his heart before the Lord continually. 31 “You shall make THE ROBE OF THE EPHOD all of blue. 32 “There shall be an opening for his head in the middle of it; it shall have a woven binding all around its opening, like the opening in a coat of mail, so that it does not tear. 33 “And upon its hem you shall make pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet, all around its hem, and bells of gold between them all around: 34 “a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe all around.

35 “And it shall be upon Aaron when he ministers, and its sound will be heard when he goes into the holy place before the Lord and when he comes out, that he may not die. 36 “You shall also make A PLATE OF PURE GOLD and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet: HOLINESS TO THE LORD. 37 “And you shall put it on a blue cord, that it may be on the turban; it shall be on the front of the turban. 38 “So it shall be on Aaron’s forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the children of Israel hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord. 39 “You shall skillfully weave THE TUNIC of fine linen thread, you shall make THE TURBAN of fine linen, and you shall make the sash of woven work.

40 “For Aaron’s sons you shall make tunics, and you shall make SASHES for them. And you shall make hats for them, for glory and beauty. 41 “So you shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him. You shall ANOINT THEM, CONSECRATE THEM, and SANCTIFY THEM, that they may minister to Me as priests. 42 “And you shall make for them linen trousers to cover their nakedness; they shall reach from the waist to the thighs. 43 “They shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they come into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister in the holy place, that they do not incur iniquity and die. It shall be a statute forever to him and his descendants after him.

Sanctification of the Priests for Service

42. **EXO 29:1** “And **this is what you shall do to them to HALLOW them for ministering to Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams without blemish, 2 “and unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil** (you shall make them of wheat flour). 3 “You shall put them in one basket and bring them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams. 4 “And **Aaron and his sons you shall bring to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall WASH THEM WITH WATER.**

5 “Then you shall take the garments, put the TUNIC on Aaron, and the ROBE OF THE EPHOD, the EPHOD, and the BREASTPLATE, and gird him with the intricately woven BAND OF THE EPHOD. 6 “You shall put the TURBAN on his head, and put the HOLY CROWN on the turban. 7 “And you shall take the ANOINTING OIL, pour it on his head, and ANOINT HIM. 8 “Then you shall bring his sons and put tunics on them. 9 “And you shall gird them with SASHES, Aaron and his sons, and put the HATS on them. The priesthood shall be theirs for a perpetual statute. So you shall CONSECRATE Aaron and his sons.

10 “You shall also have the bull brought before the tabernacle of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the bull. 11 “Then you shall kill the bull before the Lord, by the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 12 “You shall take some of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour all the blood beside the base of the altar. 13 “And you shall take all the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and burn them on the altar. 14 “But the flesh of the bull, with its skin and its offal, you shall burn with fire outside the camp. It is a sin offering.

15 “You shall also take one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the ram; 16 “and you shall kill the ram, and you shall take its blood and sprinkle it all around on the altar. 17 “Then you shall cut the ram in pieces, wash its entrails and its legs, and put them with its pieces and with its head. 18 “And you shall burn the whole ram on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the Lord; it is a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the Lord. 19 “You shall also take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands on the head of the ram.

20 “Then you shall kill the ram, and take some of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar. 21 “And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and he and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons’ garments with him. 22 “Also you shall take the fat of the ram, the fat tail, the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, the two kidneys and the fat on them, the right thigh (for it is a ram of consecration), 23 “one loaf of bread, one cake made with oil, and one wafer from the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the Lord; 24 “and you shall put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and you shall wave them as a wave offering before the Lord.

25 “You shall receive them back from their hands and burn them on the altar as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma before the Lord. It is an offering made by fire to the Lord. 26 “Then you shall take the breast of the ram of Aaron’s consecration and wave it as a wave offering before the Lord; and it shall be your portion. 27 “And from the ram of the consecration you shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering which is waved, and the

thigh of the heave offering which is raised, of that which is for Aaron and of that which is for his sons. 28 “It shall be from the children of Israel for Aaron and his sons by a statute forever. For it is a heave offering; it shall be a heave offering from the children of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, that is, their heave offering to the Lord. 29 “And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his sons’ after him, to be anointed in them and to be consecrated in them.

30 “That son who becomes priest in his place shall put them on for seven days, when he enters the tabernacle of meeting to minister in the holy place. 31 “And you shall take the ram of the consecration and boil its flesh in the holy place. 32 “Then Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 33 “They shall eat those things with which the atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them; but an outsider shall not eat them, because they are holy. 34 “And if any of the flesh of the consecration offerings, or of the bread, remains until the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire. It shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

43.

The Altar of Incense

44. **EXO 30:1** “You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood.² “A cubit shall be its length and a cubit its width—it shall be square—and two cubits shall be its height. Its horns shall be of one piece with it.³ “And you shall overlay its top, its sides all around, and its horns with pure gold; and you shall make for it a molding of gold all around.⁴ “Two gold rings you shall make for it, under the molding on both its sides. You shall place them on its two sides, and they will be holders for the poles with which to bear it.⁵ “You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold.⁶ “And you shall put it before the veil that is before the ark of the Testimony, before the mercy seat that is over the Testimony, where I will meet with you.⁷ “Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it.⁸ “And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the Lord throughout your generations.⁹ “You shall not offer strange incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering; nor shall you pour a drink offering on it.¹⁰ “And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is most holy to the Lord.”

45.

The Temple Half-Shekel Temple Ransom

46. **EXO 30:11** Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:¹² “When you take the census of the children of Israel for their number, then every man shall give a ransom for himself to the Lord, when you number them, that there may be no plague among them when you number them.¹³ “This is what everyone among those who are numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (a shekel is twenty gerahs). The half-shekel shall be an offering to the Lord.¹⁴ “Everyone included among those who are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering to the Lord.¹⁵ “The rich shall not give more and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when you give an offering to the Lord, to make atonement for yourselves.¹⁶ “And you shall take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of meeting, that it may be a memorial for the children of Israel before the Lord, to make atonement for yourselves.”

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The Brazen Laver

49. **EXO 30:17** Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:¹⁸ “You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put water in it,¹⁹ “for Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in water from it.²⁰ “When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the Lord, they shall wash with water, lest they die.²¹ “So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a statute forever to them—to him and his descendants throughout their generations.”

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51.

The Anointing Oil

52. **EXO 30:22** Moreover the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:²³ “Also take for yourself quality spices—five hundred shekels of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty shekels), two hundred and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cane,²⁴ “five hundred shekels of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil.²⁵ “And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil.²⁶ “With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony;²⁷ “the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense;²⁸ “the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base.²⁹ “You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy.³⁰ “And you

shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister to Me as priests.³¹ “And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations.³² ‘It shall not be poured on man’s flesh; nor shall you make any other like it, according to its composition. It is holy, and it shall be holy to you.³³ ‘Whoever compounds any like it, or whoever puts any of it on an outsider, shall be cut off from his people.’ ”

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The Incense

54. **EXO 30:34** And the Lord said to Moses: “Take sweet spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, and pure frankincense with these sweet spices; there shall be equal amounts of each.³⁵ “You shall make of these an incense, a compound according to the art of the perfumer, salted, pure, and holy.³⁶ “And you shall beat some of it very fine, and put some of it before the Testimony in the tabernacle of meeting where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you.³⁷ “But as for the incense which you shall make, you shall not make any for yourselves, according to its composition. It shall be to you holy for the Lord.³⁸ “Whoever makes any like it, to smell it, he shall be cut off from his people.”

55.

The Artesians Gifted to Construct the Tabernacle

56. **EXO 31:1** Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 2 “See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 “And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 “to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 5 “in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship. 6 “And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all who are gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you: 7 “the tabernacle of meeting, the ark of the Testimony and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle— 8 “the table and its utensils, the pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense, 9 “the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base— 10 “the garments of ministry, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests, 11 “and the anointing oil and sweet incense for the holy place. According to all that I have commanded you they shall do.”

57. **EXO 35:10** ‘All who are gifted artisans among you shall come and make all that the Lord has commanded: 11 ‘the tabernacle, its tent, its covering, its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; 12 ‘the ark and its poles, with the mercy seat, and the veil of the covering; 13 ‘the table and its poles, all its utensils, and the showbread; 14 ‘also the lampstand for the light, its utensils, its lamps, and the oil for the light; 15 ‘the incense altar, its poles, the anointing oil, the sweet incense, and the screen for the door at the entrance of the tabernacle; 16 ‘the altar of burnt offering with its bronze grating, its poles, all its utensils, and the laver and its base; 17 ‘the hangings of the court, its pillars, their sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court; 18 ‘the pegs of the tabernacle, the pegs of the court, and their cords; 19 ‘the garments of ministry, for ministering in the holy place—the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests.’ ”

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59. **EXO 35:30** And Moses said to the children of Israel, “See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 “and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, 32 “to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, 33 “in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship. 34 “And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. 35 “He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works.

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The Sabbath and the Second Giving of the Law

62. **EXO 31:12** And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 13 “Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: ‘Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you. 14 ‘You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people. 15 ‘Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 ‘Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant. 17 ‘It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.’ ” 18 And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

63. **EXO 34:1** And the Lord said to Moses, “Cut two tablets of stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke. 2 “So be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself to Me there on the top of the mountain. 3 “And no man shall come up with you, and let no man be seen throughout all the mountain; let neither flocks nor herds feed before that mountain.” 4 So he cut two tablets of stone like the first ones. Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone. 5 Now the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. 6 And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 “keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.”

64. **EXO 34:27** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel.” 28 So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. 29 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses’ hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

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The Tabernacle of Meeting

67. **EXO 33:7** Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the Lord went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp. 8 So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. 9 And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. 10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. 11 So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

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