

The Tabernacle for God

*Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.
(Exodus 25: 8)*

What is the Tabernacle?

- It was a sanctuary for the Lord and he dwelled in it among his people (Exodus 25:8).
- God showed Moses the specific pattern he was to follow (Exodus 25:9).
- It was portable and temporary during Israel's time in the wilderness and up until the completion of the Temple.
- Main Designers were Bezalel son of Uri from the tribe of Judah, and Oholiab son of Ahisamach from the tribe of Dan. (Exodus 31:1-11)
- Approx. size 75ft. wide & 150ft. long (Exodus 27: 9-19)

What was inside the Tabernacle?

- The Bronze Altar: for burnt offerings (Exodus 27: 1-8; Exodus 38:1-7)
- The Bronze Basin: for washing (Exodus 38:8)
- The Holy Place:
 - The Lampstand (Exodus 25: 31-40; Exodus 37: 17-24)
 - The Table of Bread (Exodus 25: 23-30; Exodus 37: 10-16)
 - The Altar of Incense (Exodus 30: 1-10; Exodus 37: 25-29)
 - Fine Linens of Blue, Purple, and Scarlet enclosed the Holy Place on all four sides (Exodus 26: 1-37)
 - Ram Skins dyed Red were used for the top of the tent and over the ram skins hides of sea cows covered them. (Exodus 26: 1-37)
 - The Holy Place is where the Priests would go and minister on behalf of the people of Israel.
- The Holy of Holies:
 - Fine Linens of Blue, Purple, and Scarlet also separated the Holy of Holies from the Holy Place
 - This is where the Ark was placed and the glory of God dwelled. (Exodus 25: 10-22; Exodus 37: 1-9)
 - The Mercy Seat was placed on top of the ark (Exodus 25:10-22)
 - This is where God would meet with his people and speak to them.
 - Only the High Priest could enter this tent once a year on the Day of Atonement and present the blood from the sacrifice for him and the sins of Israel. (Hebrews 9: 7)

How was the Tabernacle set up? (Exodus 40: 1-38)

- The tabernacle was set up on the 1st day of the first month. (Exodus 40: 1-2)
- The tent of meeting was set up first (Exodus 40: 1-2)
 - Second, the ark was then placed in the Holy of Holies (Exodus 40: 3)
 - Next the table for the bread of the presence and all that belongs on it. (Exodus 40: 4)
 - Fourth, the gold altar of incense (Exodus 40: 5)
 - Fifth, the altar of burnt offering (bronze altar) was to be placed in front of the entrance to the tabernacle. (Exodus 40: 6)
 - Sixth, the bronze basin was placed between the bronze altar and the tabernacle. (Exodus 40: 7)
 - Last, the courtyard would then be set up around everything, thus completing the work. (Exodus 40: 8)
- Then a cloud would cover the Holy Place & the Holy of Holies and the glory of the Lord would fill the tabernacle. (Exodus 40: 34-35)
- In all the travels of Israel, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out – until the day it lifted. (Exodus 40: 36-37)