

# **THE OLD TESTAMENT**

# **TABERNACLE**

**a series of seven Bible Studies  
to encourage you to discover  
some of the spiritual lessons  
that God reveals to His people so that  
they can journey with Him  
and reach His glorious promised land.**

# **BIBLE STUDY ON THE TABERNACLE      STUDY 1.**

Ex 25:1-8. 27:9-19. 40:33.

[✿ indicates where visuals could be shown.]

✿ Introduction to **The Tabernacle** (Exodus 25:1 to 31:18. & 35:4 to 40:38.) [13 chapters!]  
Let us start by answering some questions about the Tabernacle in today's study.

1. WHERE were God's Law and God's plans revealed to His people? – Gal 4:21-26.

2. WHY had Moses brought the people to Mount Sinai? Exodus 3:9-12.

3. WHAT was revealed to Moses by God on Mount Sinai? Exodus 20:1-17. 25:8-9.

✿ [God's instructions on Mount Sinai.]

4. WHOSE idea was the Tabernacle? And WHAT was the main purpose of the Tabernacle to be?

5. Out in the desert WHERE would they get the materials required to build the Tabernacle? And WHO was to build it? And HOW would they build it? Ex 25:1-9.

✿ [Building materials and the builders.]

6. WHAT separated the Tabernacle from the people and WHY do you think God wanted the meeting place to be so isolated from their camp? Ex 27:9-19.

7. WHAT lessons do you think the fence and single entrance teach us about access to God?

✿ [The courtyard]

## **BIBLE STUDY ON THE TABERNACLE      STUDY 2.**

Exodus 38:1-7. 40:29-33. Leviticus 1:1-17. 5:5-10.

### The Altar of the Burnt Offering.

[☼ indicates where visuals could be shown.]

#### ☼ [Altar]

1. Where was the Altar of burnt offering to be placed? Ex 40:29-33.

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☼ [Plan of courtyard] (Note - Indicate the approximate size by comparing it to some local familiar place.

2. What did a guilty sinner have to do to be atoned before God? Lev 5:5-10. 4:32-35.

#### ` ☼ [Goat to the Altar.]

3. Link each of the following Bible passages with the phrase you think best sums it up:  
Leviticus 1:3,10. / Lev 1:4. / Lev 1:5, 11. / Lev 1:9, 13. / Lev 5:15-17. / Lev 5:18-19. /  
Hebrews 10:1. / Heb 10:2-3.

- Perfectly innocent .....
- Death (blood) .....
- Substitute .....
- Guilty sinner .....
- for my sins .....
- destroyed .....
- to be repeated .....
- insufficient .....

☼ [See goat described at the altar.]

4. How much can you see in this “shadow” of the reality that is spoken of in 1 Cor 15:3-4.  
and Rom 6:9-10.

☼ [See the type or shadow explained.]

5. Can you give a few scriptures that speak of Jesus death as our substitute?

☼ [substitute.]

## **BIBLE STUDY ON THE TABERNACLE      **STUDY 3.****

**The Laver & priests.**   Exodus 28. & 30:17-21.   [✿ indicates where visuals could be shown.]

✿ [Restricted area – priests and Levites only.]

1. Which were the only families that God said were to be set apart for serving in the Tabernacle? See Numbers 3:1-10. Hebrews 5:1-4.
2. Was there anything about the appearance of the priests to mark them out as people to be respected and approved? Exodus 28:1-29
3. What were the URIM and the THUMMIM, and where were they to be kept? Ex 28:29-30. Numbers 27:21. 1 Sam 28:6.

✿ [The high Priest garments]

4. What were the two main areas of duty for the priests? Exodus 40:32. 30:20-21.
5. What did they have to do each time before going about their duties? Exodus 30:17-19. 40:30-31.
6. What is the special family that the priests spoken of in 1 Pet 2:5, 9-12. have to belong to? And who all are in that family?

✿ [Priests duties and cleanliness. Laver made from the women's "mirrors". Ex 38:8. / See Job 13:23. To Show me my sin. / Reminds us of "the Law" – "the Word of God" - Jas 1:22-25. Rom 3:20b. [BEWARE - those who ignore the LAVER and choose to live in rebellion rejecting the principles of God's Word reflected there, and refusing to be cleansed from their wilful ways, will often try to influence you to do so as well. Cf Eve!]

7. God's standards for the priesthood are very high! In the light of Heb 7:24 - 8:1 in how many ways can you find the OT priests would have surely fallen short of God's standard?

✿ [God's priesthood checklist. See [www.godswordsays.com/TestYourPriest.pdf](http://www.godswordsays.com/TestYourPriest.pdf) ]

8. From the O.T. priests what can we learn about what is expected from God's servants today?

✿ [Conclusion]

## **BIBLE STUDY ON THE TABERNACLE      **STUDY 4.****

**Tent frame construction.** Exodus 26:15-30. [✿ indicates where visuals could be shown.]

✿ [The Tent uncovered.]

1. What problems could you anticipate if you wanted to have a fairly large portable and reliable structure to withstand desert conditions?
2. How did these people who had been used to building with handmade clay bricks get the know-how to design and construct a reliable tent structure? Exodus 26:30. 39:42-43.
3. What was the framework of the Tabernacle to be made from? And why was the basic material used to make them not obvious? Ex 26:15-30.

✿ [Acacia tree frames]

4. How would these gold covered frames stand up in the unstable desert sands and through desert storms? Exodus 36:20-34.

✿ [Acacia tree frames fitted into silver bases and combined together.]

5. Why was this construction being put up in the midst of the camp of the Israelites? Ezekiel 37:27-28. Note Acts 7:48-50!

✿ [The framework structure and its purpose.] (Note – The Holy Place approximately as long as the width of CBC.)

6. What lessons can we learn from the frames uses in the construction of the Tabernacle that are very important to us as members of Christ's Body, the Church?

✿ [The completed framework consisting of two rooms. Is there a Parable to be found in this Protective and Preserving tent?]

## **BIBLE STUDY ON THE TABERNACLE      STUDY 5.**

The Tent covers. Exodus 26:1-14. 36:8-19, 35-38. [✿ indicates where visuals could be shown.]

✿ [The completed framework.]

1. How did God assure His people that He wanted to be with them and to help them through all their difficult journeying to the Promised Land? Exodus 25:8. Ezekiel 37:27-28. Isaiah 63:9.
2. What were the names of the two rooms within the gold plated structure, and what protection was provided to shelter them? Exodus 26:1-37.
3. What were the entrance of the Tabernacle and the dividing curtain inside made of and what symbols and colours of embroidery yarn were used in it? Exodus 36:35-38

✿ [Identify the Entrance and the Veil.]

4. What was the first cover that went over the framework made from? Where else did we find a similar curtain? Exodus 36:8-13, 35-38. & 27:16

✿ [The framework and first cover.]

5. What would protect this skilfully woven fabric cover on Tabernacle from the desert sands and storms? Exodus 36:14-18. (See Leviticus 16:7-10, 20-22.)

✿ [The framework and SECOND cover.]

6. Even further security and protection was provided by additional coverings. – What were they? Exodus 36:19. & 40:34.

✿ [The framework and the complete coverings. / EMMANUEL. / God's Temple. God with us. / Preview of next study.]

## **BIBLE STUDY ON THE TABERNACLE      **STUDY 6.****

**The Holy Place.**    Exodus 30:1-10. 37:10-29.    Lev 24:1-9. [✿ indicates where visuals could be shown.]

✿ [Identifying the Holy Place.]

1. As there were no windows in the Tabernacle what was an essential article in the Holy Place? Leviticus 24:1-3.
2. Do you see a picture of Jesus in this? What other pictures could this suggest to us?

✿ [The golden lampstand and what it is a picture of.] (Made of Pure Gold - about 40kgs.)

3. What other article of furniture is mentioned in Leviticus 24:5-9? What was it made from? How big was it? And what was it for? (A cubit is approx. 18ins {45cms})
4. What could the 12 loaves of bread in the Holy Place signify for the Israelites? And what could they signify for us today?

✿ [The Table.]

5. What was the other object found in the Holy Place? What was it made from? How big was it? And what was it used for? Exodus 30:1-10.
6. What could this be a picture of? And what significance could there be in the very strict rules to be observed at this altar? Psalm 141:2. Exodus 30:9, & 34-38.

✿ [The Altar of Incense.]

7. Do you think there is any significance in the fact that there was no provision made for the priest to sit down – no chair? How did that compare to Jesus role as our Priest?

✿ [Next time – The mysterious and awesome Most Holy Place.]

## **-BIBLE STUDY ON THE TABERNACLE      **STUDY 7.****

The Most Holy Place.    Ex. 26:30-34. 25:10-22. Lev. 16:2-23 Heb. 9:3-5. Luke 23:45..

[✿ indicates where visuals could be shown.]

✿ [The exterior view of the Tabernacle frames and covers.]

1. What separated the Most Holy Place from the rest of the Tabernacle? Ex 26:31-33.

2. What was so very special about this room? Ex 16:2. 25:22.

3. When could the Most Holy Place be entered? Lev 16:2, 15-17, 23. Heb 9:7-10.

✿ [The forbidding Veil. An impassable barrier!]

4. What furniture was in the Most Holy Place? Briefly describe it. Exodus 25:10-22.

5. What was inside Ark? Hebrews 9:4.

✿ [The Ark of the Covenant – its contents....!]

6. How do the contents of the Ark focus our attention on the Messiah – the Lord Jesus Christ?

7. On what basis or condition was God prepared to meet with sinful mankind's representative?  
See Hebrews 9:7-14.

8. Something happen that resulted in the destruction of the Veil. What was it and why was the Veil destroyed? Mk 15:37-39. John 19:28-30.

✿ [The High Priest comes to the Ark of the Covenant. –  
Access no longer denied! Our Great Salvation.]



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