

Search for Truth Bible Study – Lesson #28 – 10/7/26 – Tabernacle Introduction Handout

It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter. Psalm 25:2

The Purpose of the Tabernacle – Exodus 25:8

The Tabernacle is a pattern, a figure, a shadow, and an example – Exodus 25:9

Revelations 1:12-20; 2:1; 4:5; 6:9; 8:3-5; 9:13; 11:19; 15:5; 21:3,22

Names for the Tabernacle of Wilderness in the Bible

The Tabernacle (*Mishkan*) – Hebrew for residence, or dwelling place

Most commonly used; Emphasizes God's choice to live among His people

Examples: Exodus 25:8; Leviticus 26:11; Ezekiel 37:27

The Tabernacle of the Testimony (*Mishkan ha-edut*) or The Tent of the Witness (*Ohel ha-edut*)

Highlights the Holiest of Holies housing the Ark of Covenant

(*Ohel* = tent in Hebrew) *Ha-edut* meaning testimony or witness in Hebrew

Examples: Numbers 1:50, 53; Numbers 10:11

The Tent of Meeting or The Tent of the Congregation (*Ohel Mo'ed*)

Temporary place outside the camp where God could meet & communicate with Moses & His people while the Tabernacle was being constructed after the sin of the golden calf

Example: Exodus 33:7-11

The Sanctuary (*Mikdash*) – Hebrew for a sacred place. a holy place, or a set-apart place

*In the NT, Stephen refers to the “church in the wilderness” and the

“Tabernacle of witness in the wilderness” – Acts 7:38,44

The Freewill Offering

Genesis 15 :13-14 ; Exodus 3:19-22; Exodus 11:2-3; Exodus 12:33-36; Deuteronomy 15 :12-15

Exodus 25:1-7; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Exodus 35:21-29

The Giving of Talents

Exodus 31:1-11; Exodus 35:30-35; Exodus 35:25-26; Exodus 36:5-7

New Testament - Matthew 25:1-40; Roman 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Peter 4:10

The Tabernacle – 3 Divisions – The Outer Court, the Holy Place, the Holiest of Holies

The Building – Exodus 26 – Oriented east to west

One entrance – John 10:7,9; John 14:6

The Ceiling – 4 layers: linen, goats' hair, rams' skins, badgers' skins Exodus 26:1-14;36:8-19

The 2 Rooms – the Holy Place & the Most Holy Place – Exodus 26:33

Veil separating the 2 rooms – Exodus 26:31-35; 36;35-38; 40:21-28

The Courtyard – Exodus 27:9-19

The “Furniture” – Each piece will be covered in detail in upcoming lessons

The Tabernacle Encampment

The Tabernacle – “God-centered”

Moses, Aaron, Priests, sons of Levi - Gershonites, Merarites, Kohathites

Then the 4 sides beyond were surrounded by the tribes

On E - Led by tribe of Judah – Judah/ Issachar/ Zebulun

On S - Led by tribe of Reuben – Reuben/ Simeon/ Gad

On W - Led by tribe of Ephraim – Ephraim/ Manasseh/ Benjamin

On N - Led by tribe of Dan – Dan/ Asher/ Naphtali

A God-Centered Life for us today – Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:17