

The Hebrew Tabernacle

If it is true for a Christian that *“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein.”* (Josh 1:8a) if indeed *“his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night;”* (Psalm 1:2) then the study of the Hebrew Tabernacle on which we now embark can bring the result *“then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success;”* (Josh 1:8b) and could secure for us *“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”* (Psalm 1:3)

The Bible states in Exod 25: *“1 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. 3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, 4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats’ hair, 5 And rams’ skins dyed red, and badgers’ skins, and shittim wood, 6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for 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.”* (Exod 25:1-8)

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For a Christian, the study of the Hebrew Tabernacle should immediately bring to mind two astounding revelations of the New Testament (or new covenant as the case would have it.) First Paul's present tense declaration in 1Cor 6 that *“19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”* And second God's astounding future plan and desire expressed in the Revelation of Jesus Christ that *“1 ¶ And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new*

*Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, **Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.***”

Noted Evangelist Lauren Dawson said “**In the Old Testament God made a tabernacle for His people; in the New Testament God makes a people for His tabernacle.**”

This study of the Hebrew Tabernacle is well worthwhile because it is a foreshadow of what you and I are to be as Christians. But the image of what you and I are to be as Christians is manifest already. For the Scripture says in John 1:

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. 15 ¶ John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

More exactly then,

The Hebrew Tabernacle is

The Foreshadow of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Every aspect of the Old Testament Hebrew Temple foreshadowed the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every construction detail, every furnishing and every function points to the Redeemer and Saviour of mankind. From the outside it and " *He hath*

no form nor comeliness; and... there is no beauty that we should desire Him." (Isa. 53) The gold plating and furnishings found in side this holy place where God dwelt were reserved for eyes of only the priests. As it is in Christianity, only born again believers have eyes that can see the deified beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ. Unbelievers see a marvelous curiosity which is functional but drab and dull. They do not have eyes to see the fine twined linen of blue and purple and scarlet. They cannot cast their eyes on the shittim wood plated in pure gold, which typifies the flesh of the Lord Jesus Christ robed in the full deity of God the Father. No they see a curiosity; they see goat's hair and badger skin; some may get a glimpse of rams skin dyed red but they never fasten their eyes on holy place much less the holy of holies for the Bible says:

Deut 29:3 The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles: 4 Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

Isa 44:18 They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

2Pe 1:9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

How are your eyes? Are they able to see? Do you have the eyes of a believer or the eyes of the religious? Of the healed blind man the Bible says in John 9:

25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?

28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are

Moses' disciples.

29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.

To be only a disciple of Moses in this study would be disastrous. *14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.*

The Ark of the Covenant

What The Bible Says

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It is curious that when approaching the Hebrew Tabernacle the Ark of the Covenant would be the very last of the furnishings seen; found buried deep under curtains and shrouded behind a veil. Yet when God instructs the construction of this tabernacle the very first thing in His priority is this ark of the testimony. Think of these words, ... the 'chest' where the testimony of a covenant between God and man is carried. God had said *“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.”* (Exod 25:8) At the tabernacle's first mention, the central point and priority of God's description begins with this 'chest' called the 'ark of the testimony', the ark of the covenant', the 'ark of the LORD', and the 'ark of God'. The word 'covenant' is for an alliance or pledge, treaty or league, agreement or marriage; while the word 'testament' is more for a witness, a testimony, or evidence of the agreement. In the whole of Exodus it is referred to as the evidence of the agreement, 'Ark of the Testimony.' Shittim wood used in the ark represents the feeble, frail, fallen, flesh of humanity. The word became vulgar in colloquial use for what is separated and discarded from the flesh, but in this ark of testimony the base wood is not discarded, it is gold plated. The awesome representation brings together the depraved humanity of man, shittim wood, with the full deity of God, pure gold, and combines them into one ark of testimony. It is a portrait of the Lord Jesus Christ, flesh and deity in one. If your a Christian, your old wood is to be gold plated and be beaming forth the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. Learn more of this Hebrew Tabernacle at GSBaptistChurch.com/temple

It is curious that when one would physically approach the Hebrew Tabernacle the Ark of the Covenant would be the very last of the seven furnishings found buried deep under the covers and curtains and shrouded behind the Veil. Yet when God instructs the construction of

this tabernacle the very first thing in His priority is this Ark of the Covenant. It had God's highest priority. Notice the descriptions given were to be followed meticulously. *Exod 25:9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.* And notice again that the first piece of furniture described is this 'chest' or ark.

10 ¶ And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about.

12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

13 And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.

14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them.

15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

Think of these words “**The Ark of The Covenant.**” The 'chest' where the testimony of covenant between God and man is carried. Remember God had said “*And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.*” (Exod 25:8) Here in Exodus 25, at the tabernacles first mention, the central point and priority of God's description begins with this 'chest.'¹ This chest is called the 'ark of the testimony', the ark of the covenant', the 'ark of the LORD', and the 'ark of God'. The word 'covenant' (Hbrw *baryyth*) is for an alliance or

¹ The English word 'Ark' has been used two times previous to this. It was used to describe the vessel that carried eight souls, Noah and his family, safely through God's wrath, the world flood. It was used to describe the vessel that carried Moses safely through the wrath of Pharaoh in the Nile river. That word in Hebrew was *tebah* for vessel. This ark of the covenant, is a different use altogether being the Hebrew word *arown* for a chest for gathering or containing.

pledge, treaty or league, agreement or marriage; while the word 'testament' (Hbrw 'eduwth) is more for a witness, a testimony, or evidence of the agreement. In the Bible all during it's construction in the Book of Exodus it is referred to as the evidence of the agreement, 'Ark of the Testimony' used 10 times.² Throughout the rest of the Bible it is referred to as the 'Ark of the Covenant', used 41 times, and the 'Ark of the LORD' or 'Ark of God' used 68 times. Consider again what is being said in 'The Ark of the Testimony', 'The Ark of the Covenant.', 'The Ark of the Lord', or 'The Ark of God.' In the initiation and description of the Hebrew Tabernacle, this ark is given first priority.

Examining the construction of this ark is equally informative.^{10 ¶} *And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.* Shittim wood is wood from the shittah tree. Shittim wood is called acacia wood by the less informed but more squeamish speakers. It is possible that the shittah tree was a species of the acacia family. There is such a shittah tree native to the north east in America that is likely the same, it is a deciduous tree having very hard wood and black, fleshy fruit. If the same, the black fleshy fruit, is a striking picture of humanities fruit.

Shittim is also a place in Palestine and the name for this wood may have come from the place where it grew, or the place may have derived its name from the presence of the tree. Either way the picture is still bleak and representative of the weakness and frailty of flesh. Nu 25:1 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab.³

This wood used in the temple furniture represents the feeble frail fallen flesh of humanity. Its depraved separated condition connected to this wood called shittim likely resulted in the vulgarity of the word in colloquial use for what is separated and discarded from that same flesh. But here in symbolism and in reality the separated depraved base wood is not discarded, it is gold plated. The awesome representation brings

2 Three other times, Josh 4:16, and 'ark of testimony' in Num 4:5,7:89

3 See Also Jos 2:1, 3:1, Joel 3:18, and Mic 6:5 “O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.”

together the depraved humanity of man, shittim wood, with the full deity of God, pure gold, and combines them into one ark of testimony. It is testimony of the coming messiah where God “*became flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*” (John 1)

The cubit is a universal measure for man because you need not go to market to buy a ruler and it is neither SI nor English; it is Bible. A cubit is the distance from the elbow to the fingers and we have reason to believe that Moses' cubit was longer than ours because of 4,000 years of devil-loution in mankind. This ark measured 2 ½ by 1 ½ by 1 ½. To picture that touch your fingertips together with your wrists straight and note how far apart your elbows are; it was a handsread longer. Touch your full handsread to your fingertips and from there to your elbow is the width and height of this chest that was to hold the testimony of the covenant of God.

The contents of the ark are given distinctly in the New Testament book of Hebrews 9: 3 *And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;* 4 *Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was **the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;***

As we unfold backward this list of contents we discover why each has important bearing on the covenant that they give testimony of.

The Ark Contained the Tables of Stone

First note that the ark of the covenant had the tables of stone: *De 10:5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.* The testimony of the covenant begins with the commandments of God. As it was for Israel in the old covenant, so it is for the born again in the new covenant. Recall that God has given commandment that all men everywhere repent. (Acts 17:30) It is only by the keeping of that command that you can enter the kingdom of God in the new covenant. God said of His commandments.

Det 30:11 ¶ For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is

not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off.

12 It *is* not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

13 Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

14 But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 ¶ See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

16 In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

17 But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, ...

The problems we see in our nation today result when the commandments of God are torn from our schools government offices and now even our court houses. America despises the commandments of God and exposes the worm and moth of God's wrath⁴. Coming to bear on our nation are the curses found in Deuteronomy and belonging to a people who reject God's commandments. They are a testimony of a covenant.

Num 28:15 ¶ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* in the field.

17 Cursed *shall be* thy basket and thy store.

18 Cursed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

19 Cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou comest in, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out.

4 Isa 51:8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

- 20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

The problems coming to bear on our homes; the divorces the molestations, the unwed mothers the fatherless juveniles are the direct result of homes that refuse the commandments of an almighty God. The covenant between God and man has as it's testimony the commands that wives submit yourself unto your own husband, and that husbands love your wives as Christ loved his church.

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- 30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof.
- 31 Thine ox *shall be* slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass *shall be* violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep *shall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue *them*.
- 32 Thy sons and thy daughters *shall be* given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with longing* for them all the day long: and *there shall be* no might in thine hand.
- 33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed always:
- 34 So that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.
- 35 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head.
- 36 The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known;

and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee.

The problems and pestilence in our individual lives, the personal rebellion and disobedience of people, yea even of those who call themselves Christians, the casting away of God's commands and our taking up Roman-Unitarian-Modernists translations of God's Word that do not recognize the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, that do not recognize salvation by faith through grace, that do not recognize sin and sodomy as an abomination to a Holy God as His Word clearly states it. We forsake and dismiss the commands of God but there is a price to be paid. His covenant with man has as it's basis, first that we follow His commandments. Doing so brings us into covenant promise. To not hearken takes us out of covenant, into destruction. Here is how God put it for the nation of Israel..

Num 28:15 ¶ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: ...

21 The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it.

22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

23 And thy heaven that *is* over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee *shall be* iron.

24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

25 The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

26 And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray *them* away.

27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the

emeralds, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed.

28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:

29 And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save *thee*.

The first thing found in the ark of the covenant, the testimony that there is a covenant between God and man are the commandments of God. Keeping his commandments is essential even in the New Covenant we are only allowed in through the blood of Jesus Christ. *Mt 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. ... Lu 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you*⁵ When you break His commandments you step outside his promises, you step outside of his covenant. Recall again that God has given commandment that all men everywhere repent. (Acts 17:30) It is only by the keeping of that command that you can find the next content of the ark. Aaron's rod that budded.

The Ark Contained Aaron's Rod That Budded

The ark of the testimony contained Aaron's rod that budded. *Num 17:7 And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness. 8 ¶ And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.* The symbolism found in Aaron's rod that budded is striking and enlightening; it is indeed a revelation from God; a manifestation of the dead coming to life. In context it was used to determine who would be the Aaronic priesthood; i.e. which family line would be allowed into the holy place and given access to the most holy

5 *Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. ... Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,*

place. In the previous chapter, Numbers 16, Korah rose up against Moses and Aaron, and insisted that others in the congregation of Israel were holy and had equal right to enter the presence of God. Their error proved fatal and God was now, in chapter 17, showing only Arronic priests would be allowed in the holy place or the most holy place. The portrait is clear, only his only begotten Son, who died for the sins of man and rose from the dead as the first fruits of eternal life could stand in His presence as our mediator. A born again Christian, who was once dead in trespasses and sin is now quickened like that dead budding almond stick came to life. We are given new life, as was Christ, thus we are called 'Christians,' i.e. little Christlike living ones.

Notice that the almond stick not only budded but it blossomed and brought forth fruit. In this symbolism we see that the Christ, the only begotten Son of God, would likewise come alive from the dead, He, God in the flesh, would blossom and bring forth eternal fruit. Explained in fff

The Ark Contained A Golden Bowl of Manna

Lastly, the ark of the testimony contained the golden bowl of manna *Exod16:33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations.³⁴ As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.*

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The Mercy Seat

- 17 And thou shalt make a mercy seat *of* pure gold: two cubits and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof.
- 18 And thou shalt make two cherubims *of* gold, *of* beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat.
- 19 And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: *even* of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.
- 20 And the cherubims shall stretch forth *their* wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces *shall look* one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.
- 21 And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee.
- 22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which *are* upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

Travel with the Ark of the Covenant.

The whole of the Hebrew Tabernacle had an air of mobility in its design. The description of how the sons of Kohath were to move the tabernacle is given in Numbers 17. Notice first that only the Aaronic Priesthood was to touch the holy vessels. The Bible says:

- 5 *And when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they shall take down the covering vail, and cover the ark of testimony with it:*
- 6 *And shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the staves thereof. ...*
- 15 *And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but*

they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

The moving of the ark of the covenant is, again the first of the furnishings that has God's attention.

The Table of Shewbread

Like the ark of the covenant the table of shewbread was made with shittim wood and plated in gold: this wood still representing the feeble, frail, fallen, flesh of humanity; the gold representing the pure righteousness of God here unioned with man. The description

- 23 ¶ Thou shalt also make a table *of* shittim wood: two cubits *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.
- 24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.
- 25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about.
- 26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that *are* on the four feet thereof.
- 27 Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.
- 28 And thou shalt make the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them.
- 29 And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal: *of* pure gold shalt thou make them.
- 30 And thou shalt set upon the table shewbread before me always..

Showbread, type of Christ, the Bread of God, nourisher of the Christian's life as a believer-priest #1Pe 2:9 Re 1:6.[1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Re 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.] In #Joh 6:33-58

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Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

- Joh 6:34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.
- Joh 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.
- Joh 6:36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.
- Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.
- Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
- Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.
- Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.
- Joh 6:41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.
- Joh 6:42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?
- Joh 6:43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.
- Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
- Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.
- Joh 6:46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.
- Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
- Joh 6:48 I am that bread of life.
- Joh 6:49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.
- Joh 6:50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Joh 6:52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat?

Joh 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

Joh 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Joh 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

Joh 6:58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.]

our Lord has more in mind than manna, that food which "came down"; but all typical meanings of "bread" are there gathered into His words.

The manna is the life-giving Christ; the showbread, the life-sustaining Christ. The showbread typifies Christ as the "corn of wheat" #Joh

12:24 [Joh 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth

much fruit] ground in the mill of suffering #Joh 12:27 [Joh 12:27 ¶ Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour:

but for this cause came I unto this hour.] and brought into the fire of judgment #Joh 12:31-33. [Joh 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world:

now shall the prince of this world be cast out. 32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all *men* unto me. 33 This he said, signifying

what death he should die.] We, as priests, by faith feed upon Him as having undergone that in our stead and for our sakes. It is meditation

upon Christ, as in #Heb 12:2,3.[Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him

endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right

hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.]

Moving the Table of Shewbread

The moving of the table of shewbread is described in Numbers

17:

- 7 And upon the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the continual bread shall be thereon:
- 8 And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put in the staves thereof.

The Golden Candlestick

Moving the Golden Candlestick

The moving of the golden candlestick is described in Numbers 17:

- 9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it:
- 10 And they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *it* upon a bar.

The Altar of Incense

altar of incense (6 times, once in NT)

Ex 30:27 And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the [altar of incense](#),

Ex 31:8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the [altar of incense](#),

1Ch 6:49 But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the [altar of incense](#), and were appointed for all the work of the *place* most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

1Ch 28:18 And for the [altar of incense](#) refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the LORD.

2Ch 26:16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to *his* destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the [altar of incense](#).

Lu 1:11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the [altar of incense](#).

golden altar (6 times, twice in NT)

Ex 39:38 And the [golden altar](#), and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,

Ex 40:26 And he put the [golden altar](#) in the tent of the congregation before the vail:

Nu 4:11 And upon the [golden altar](#) they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof:

2Ch 4:19 And Solomon made all the vessels that *were for* the house of God, the [golden altar](#) also, and the tables whereon the shewbread *was set*;

Re 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the [golden altar](#) which

was before the throne.

Re 9:13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

other mentions of the golden altar of incense (11 times)

Ex 30:1 And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: *of shittim wood shalt thou make it.*

Ex 35:15 And the incense altar, and his staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entering in of the tabernacle,

Ex 37:25 And he made the incense altar *of shittim wood: the length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; it was foursquare; and two cubits was the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same.*

Ex 40:5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle.

Le 4:7 And the priest shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which *is at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

Le 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the veil:

Nu 16:46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun.

De 33:10 They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and Israel thy law: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

1Sa 2:28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel?

1Ki 9:25 And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and

peace offerings upon the [altar](#) which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt [incense](#) upon the [altar](#) that *was* before the LORD. So he finished the house.

1Ki 12:33 So he offered upon the [altar](#) which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he offered upon the [altar](#), and burnt [incense](#).

1Ki 13:1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the [altar](#) to burn [incense](#).

1Ki 13:2 And he cried against the [altar](#) in the word of the LORD, and said, O [altar](#), [altar](#), thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn [incense](#) upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

2Ch 26:19 Then Uzziah was wroth, and *had* a censer in his hand to burn [incense](#): and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the [incense altar](#).

2Ch 32:12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one [altar](#), and burn [incense](#) upon it?

The moving of the golden altar is described in Numbers 17 as follows:

11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof:

