

Exodus 25

King James Version (KJV)

(Building the first Sanctuary <the Tabernacle>, so that the people would be in God's presence, through the priesthood)

25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²Speak 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. (Only willing offerings are accepted by God)

³And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,

⁴And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

⁵And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

⁶Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, (Olive oil)

⁷Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate. (12 stones – one for each tribe of Israel)

⁸And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. (This is a great honor for the people of Israel)

(This is the Shekinah Glory. Shekinah = God dwells there <Hebrew>)

⁹According 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. (Everything has a purpose and an organization, with God. Everything is done in an orderly fashion)

¹⁰And 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. (The Ark of the Covenant)

¹¹And 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. (There is only one true King. That is God)

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. (These rings would be used to carry the Ark when the people migrated to their next encampment)

¹³ And thou shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. (The staves would be put through the rings and carried by 2 men)

¹⁴ And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. (To make the Ark portable. They were still traveling through the wilderness. They would lift and carry the Ark by these staves. Touching the Ark, itself, would have killed the one who touched it)

¹⁵ The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. (Because they are sacred, as is the Ark)

¹⁶ And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. (The tablets of the Ten Commandments)

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. (The Law is inside the Ark. The mercy seat is over the law, on top of the law. When we break the law, we can be forgiven through the mercy of God, when we repent)

¹⁸ And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. (The cherubims <KRB – in the Hebrew> are like an Honor Guard to God)

NOTES: (In the First Age, Satan was a Cherub. The other is believed to be Michael. They were the honor guard to God's throne, until Satan's ego led him to rebel against God. He fell from grace and was condemned to death for his treason)

(God replaced the honor guard with these creatures <KRB>. They are discussed in Revelation. Satan's rebellion is called the Catabole. God ended the First Age and began this Second Age, of flesh man. We are here to be tested as to whether we will follow the ways of the world, or follow God's Word. Those who choose correctly will see the eternity in the Third Age. Those who don't will die <death of the soul>) see Ezekiel-28, see Revelation

(THAT is the meaning of life that people strive to understand. It's all written for us in the Bible, but people don't bother to learn it)

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. (These represent God's honor guard in heaven)

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. (cherubims = KRB <Hebrew> - to grasp, to guard)

(Their job is to protect the mercy seat of God – the seat of the Savior - Jesus Christ – God in the flesh) (There is one God; He has many offices)

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. (The covenant between God and Israel)

(The mercy seat is above the ark; above the law. That means that when we fall short and break some of the commandments, God has the power to forgive us if we repent. That is what the mercy seat is for. It was a prelude to the coming of Jesus as our Lord and Savior)

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. (God will be there, in the tabernacle)

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. (Gold is symbolic for purity)

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. (God is our King. The crown is symbolic for royalty)

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. (To carry the table when they migrate)

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 alway.
(shewbread = the bread of the face <in Hebrew> – the Face of God in this case – symbolic for the bread of life – Jesus Christ)

(It was a prelude to our taking communion with God today)

³¹ And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same. (Candles were bowls filled with olive oil with a wick in them; not wax like candles today. This candlestick was a menorah – with 7 bowls)

(The candlestick was symbolic for the light of God; the light of knowledge of God's Word. Jesus said – I am the light of the world)

³² And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:

³³ Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

³⁴ And in the candlesticks shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers.

³⁵ And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick. (All 6 branches were the same)

(Six branches with 6 bowls and one bowl on top of the main stem; 7 bowls total)

³⁶ Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold.

³⁷ And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it.

(These 7 lamps of light are symbolic for the end times when the 7,000 Elect will testify before antichrist. Antichrist will put the world into the darkness of confusion and perversion. Only the light of God will be able to break that darkness)

(The Holy Spirit of God <symbolized by the oil> will speak through the 7000 Elect and spread knowledge <light> of God onto all peoples of the world. This will cause antichrist's one world system to fall) See Revelation, Mark-13, Matthew-24

³⁸ And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold.

³⁹ Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels. (The purity of God's presence)

⁴⁰ And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount. (God designed everything for the Tabernacle)

(Pastor M. jumps to Chapter 32 from here. The next chapters <26-31> just describes the tabernacle and its measurements pictured here)

