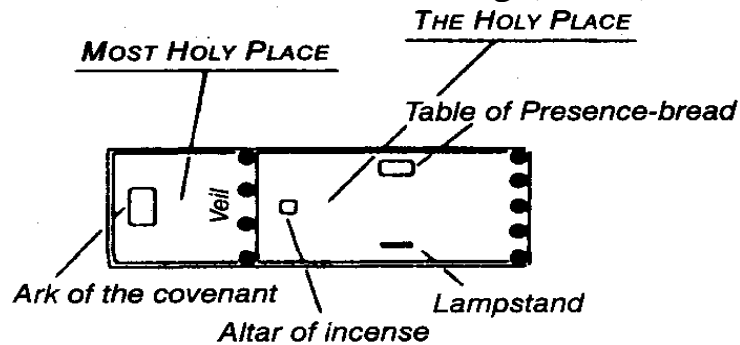


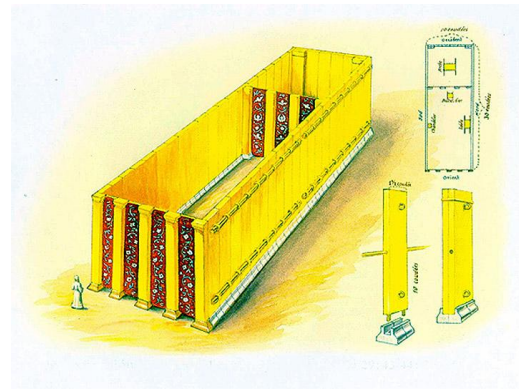
The Tent of the Meeting (Ex 26)



Tent of Meeting: Exodus 26:1-37

Boards and Sockets (Ex 26:15-30)

- There were forty-eight 15' X 30" acacia wood boards that were cut for the framing of the walls. The boards were mounted on bases in the upright position and rods on the sides.
- There were twenty each on the north and south side, six on the west end and two doubled up in the corners of the west side.
- All the boards were overlaid with gold before being mounted into the bases.
- There were also nine 15' high wooden, gold overlaid pillars, five at the entrance and four for the opening of the veil.

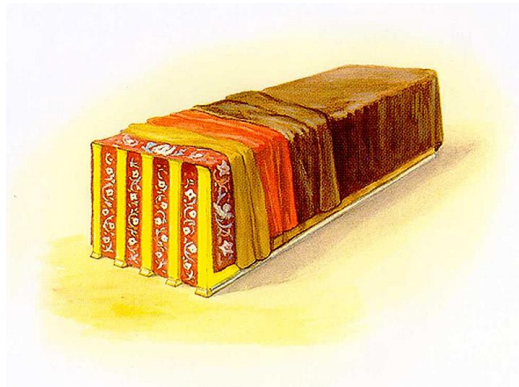


Curtains of Linen (Ex 26:1-6)

- There were ten of these beautiful blue, purple and scarlet linen curtains. Each of them was 42' long and 6' wide.
- They were all fastened together on the long sides by golden loops, making it a 42' X 60' curtain.
- It was then pulled over the outside of the golden framework, making a tent ceiling for the structure.

Curtains of Goats' Hair, Dyed Ram and Durable Leather (Ex 26:7-14)

- There were eleven goatskin, eleven red-dyed and eleven durable leather curtains each 45' long and 6' wide.
- These also were fastened together like the linen with the following exceptions:
 - Bronze loops instead of gold.
 - Two curtains per material selection instead one (45' X 30' and 45' X 36').
- Both goatskin curtains were placed over the linens, with the larger of the two doubled up at the doorway of the tent of meeting. The remaining curtain overlapped the back.
- The function of this outer curtain was to offer protection



from the elements and stability to the ceiling of the Tent of Meeting.

The Veil and the Screen (Ex 26:31-37)

- There was a blue/purple /scarlet twisted linen veil with a cherubim design.
- The veil was 15' high and 15' wide, being able to span the entrance into the Holy of Holies that housed the Ark of the Covenant. It was hung with gold hooks.
- There was an identical in size and material linen used for the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, minus the cherubim design.
- They referred to the far eastern entrance as the *screen* and the one closest to the Holy of Holies as the *veil*.

In summary: If you were to enter the Tent of Meeting, you would open the gold hooks between one of the five brilliant gold pillars and pass through a blue/purple/scarlet curtain. Once in, you would see golden walls and a linen ceiling. On the left would be the *Lampstand* and on the right a *table of showbread*. To your front, four more beautiful golden 15' pillars with a splendid twisted linen veil displaying cherubim emblems. In front of the veil was the altar of incense reflecting the shimmering light. I was a portable shrine to the Living God, easily the most magnificent location of the desert.

The Holy Place is the copy and shadow of the Church.

The Copy and Shadow: Passage to the throne room of God was through the Holy Place.

- Heb 9:6 Now when these things have been thus prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle, performing the divine worship,

The Reality: All must go through Christ's church to get to heaven.

- Eph 4:4-6 {There is} one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

The Copy and Shadow: There was a commanded pattern to be followed in the structure.

- Exodus 25:9 "According to all that I am going to show you, *as* the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furniture, just so you shall construct *it*."

The Reality: There is a clear pattern of teaching in the church.

- 1 Corinthians 4:17 For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, and he will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church.

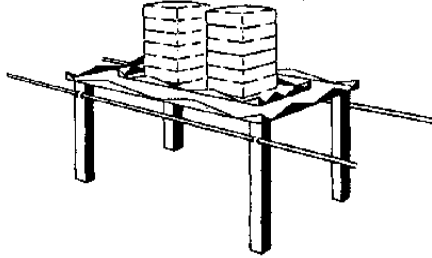
The Copy and Shadow: Poor performance was not to be tolerated by God.

- Exodus 28:43 "They shall be on Aaron and on his sons when they enter the tent of meeting, or when they approach the altar to minister in the holy place, so that they do not incur guilt and die. It *shall be* a statute forever to him and to his descendants after him."

The Reality: Poor performance is not tolerated in the Church.

- 1 Timothy 3:15 but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.
- 1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

C) The Table of Showbread (Ex 25:23-30)



Exodus 25:23-30 “You shall make a table of acacia wood, two cubits long and one cubit wide and one and a half cubits high. ²⁴ “You shall overlay it with pure gold and make a gold border around it. ²⁵ “You shall make for it a rim of a handbreadth around *it*; and you shall make a gold border for the rim around it. ²⁶ “You shall make four gold rings for it and put rings on the four corners which are on its four feet. ²⁷ “The rings shall be close to the rim as holders for the poles to carry the table. ²⁸ “You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold, so that with them the table may be carried. ²⁹ “You shall make its dishes and its pans and its jars and its bowls with which to pour drink offerings; you shall make them of pure gold. ³⁰ “You shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before Me at all times.

The Table of Showbread

- The frame work was made of acacia wood and it was completely covered with gold.
- It was 3 feet long, 1 ½ feet wide and 2 feet high.
- It had a molded gold rim around the top, like a dish.
- It was fastened with four gold rings toward the top, two on each side with two poles going through for transport during moving.
- With it came golden bowls, golden jars and golden pans for functional service
- It was to hold the 12 loaves of showbread which was also called the Bread of the Presence.
- It was placed opposite of the candlestick in the Holy Place of the Tabernacle.



The Table of Showbread was a Copy and Shadow of the People of God.

The Copy and Shadow: The twelve loaves placed on the table identified with the Jewish tribes.

- Lev 24:5-6 “Then you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it; two-tenths {of an ephah} shall be {in} each cake. 6 "And you shall set them {in} two rows, six {to} a row, on the pure {gold} table before the LORD.”

The Reality: All People of God Christians are marked by God.

- Rev 7:2-3 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads." These twelve tribes, which are without number when added up, are the Christians.
- Ephesians 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

The Copy and Shadow: The loaves were to be continually before God.

- Exod 25:30 “And you shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before Me at all times.”
- Numbers 4:7 refers to the Bread of the Presence” the “continual bread”.
- It was clear, the “bread of the Presence” is to be present before the Father at all times.

The Reality: All Christians are to have continual fellowship with God.

- 1 Jn 1:7 “but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”
- Fellowship with God is intrinsic in the life of the Christian; it cannot be separated.
- Acts 2:42 And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

The Copy and Shadow: Frankincense was applied to the bread as a memorial unto Jehovah.

- Lev 24:7 “And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be a memorial portion for the bread, {even} an offering by fire to the LORD.” The frankincense made the bread a memorial to God.

The Reality: Christians are a memorial for Christ in taking the Lord’s Supper.

- 1 Cor 11:26 “For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.”
- When we partake in the Lord’s Supper, we are a living memorial for Christ. The best sermon preached on Sunday morning is the silent sermon called communion.

The Copy and Shadow: The showbread was to be eaten weekly.

- Lev 24:8-9 "Every sabbath day he shall set it in order before the LORD continually; it is an everlasting covenant for the sons of Israel. 9 "And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the LORD'S offerings by fire, {his} portion forever." It was not to be eaten whenever they wanted to eat it, but once a week.

The Reality: Christians are to assembly weekly.

- Heb 10:25 "...not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging {one another} and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."
- Acts 20:7 "And on the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread..."

The Copy and Shadow: The loaves were to be placed opposite of the candlestick in the Holy Place.

- Heb 9:2 "For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which {were} the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place." The light of the candlestick shone on the bread at all times.

The Reality: Christians are to walk in the light of Christ.

- John 3:19-21 "And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ "For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ "But he who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."
- Jesus calls the Christians the "light of the world" in Matt 5:14.
- Paul says of the Christians in Phil 2:15 "...that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,"

The Family of God #732

You will notice we say brother and sister 'round here,
It's because we're a family and these folks are so near.
When one has a heart-ache we all share the tears,
And rejoice in each victory in this family so dear.

From the door of an orphanage to the house of a king,
No longer and outcast, a new song I sing;
From rags unto riches, from the weak to the strong,
I'm not worthy to be here but praise God I belong.