

# Week 2: Instructions for the Tabernacle

## Instructions for the Tabernacle: Exodus 24-27

### Objective:

- Moses in the midst of the cloud

### Resources:

- Fr Tadros Y Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary
- Fr Dawoud Lamie Bible study (Arabic)

### Reading:

- Exodus 24:1-18
- Exodus 25:1-22
- Exodus 26: NO READING

### Key verse(s):

- "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them." Exodus 24:12

### Comments:

- God called Moses to go up on the mountain. Nadab and Abihu are Aaron's sons. They did not please the Lord by offering profane fire before the Lord (Leviticus 10)
- Moses will meet God alone by himself. But the people that went up with him represented the congregation so they don't feel the lack of communion with God:
  - Moses receiver of the Law.
  - Aaron represents the priesthood.
  - Nadab and Abihu represent the priests and the Levites.
  - The seventy of the elders of Israel: Leaders of the congregation.
- Joshua

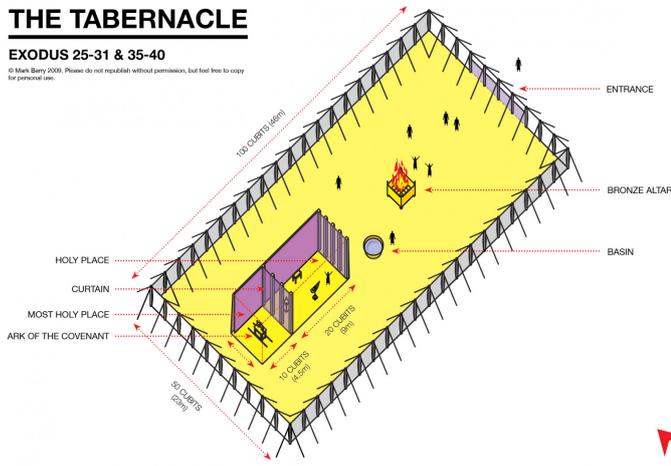
going up with Moses shows the life of discipleship.

- The Cloud represented the presence of God.
- Chapter 25 includes the offerings for the Sanctuary and the details of the Ark of the Covenant.
  - The Ark of the Covenant represented the meeting with God (Verse 22.)
- Chapter 26 takes about the Tabernacle details.

## THE TABERNACLE

EXODUS 25-31 & 35-40

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## THE ARK OF THE COVENANT EXODUS 25:10-22

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### TABLETS OF COVENANT LAW (16, 21-22)

The two stone tablets with the ten commandments were placed inside the ark. These tablets were inscribed on both sides, front and back by 'the finger of God' (see also 20:12; 31:18; 32:15-16; 34:1, 4, 28).



### MEETING WITH GOD (22)

Above the atonement cover and between the cherubim, God would meet with Moses and give him commands for Israel.

### ATONEMENT COVER (17, 22)

Length = 2.5 cubits (3 3/4 ft / 1.1 m)  
Width = 1.5 cubits (2 1/4 ft / 0.68 m)  
The cover was made of pure gold.

### CHERUBIM (19-20, 21)

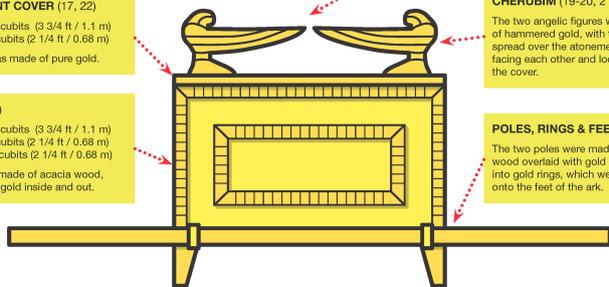
The two angelic figures were made of hammered gold, with their wings spread over the atonement cover, facing each other and looking toward the cover.

### ARK (10-11)

Length = 2.5 cubits (3 3/4 ft / 1.1 m)  
Width = 1.5 cubits (2 1/4 ft / 0.68 m)  
Height = 1.5 cubits (2 1/4 ft / 0.68 m)  
The ark was made of acacia wood, overlaid with gold inside and out.

### POLES, RINGS & FEET (12-15)

The two poles were made of acacia wood overlaid with gold and inserted into gold rings, which were fastened onto the feet of the ark.



## Review/recap questions:

\*\*Servant may add more questions

1. Who were Nadab and Abih and why were they allowed to go up Mt. Sinai with Moses and Aaron?
2. What is the Book of the Covenant?
3. The Lord told Moses to come up the mountain and He will give him the "Tablets of Stone." What are the Tablets of Stone referring to?
4. Moses went up to the top of Mount Sinai as instructed by God and what occurred?

## Homework:

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1. How many elders could worship God at a distance upon the mountain?  
A) seven B) fifty C) seventy D) two
  2. What did the twelve stone pillars Moses set up at the foot of Mount Sinai represent?  
A) the elders B) tribes of Israel C) high priests D) first born
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