

## Exodus 25:1 – 31:11

<sup>25:1</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> ‘Tell the sons of Israel to raise a contribution for Me; from every man whose heart moves him you shall raise My contribution. <sup>3</sup> This is the contribution which you are to raise from them: gold, silver and bronze, <sup>4</sup> blue, purple and scarlet material, fine linen, goat hair, <sup>5</sup> rams’ skins dyed red, porpoise skins, acacia wood, <sup>6</sup> oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, <sup>7</sup> onyx stones and setting stones for the ephod and for the breastpiece. <sup>8</sup> Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them. <sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>25:10</sup> They shall construct an **ark of acacia wood** two and a half cubits long, and one and a half cubits wide, and one and a half cubits high. <sup>11</sup> You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and you shall make a gold molding around it. <sup>12</sup> You shall cast four gold rings for it and fasten them on its four feet, and two rings shall be on one side of it and two rings on the other side of it. <sup>13</sup> You shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. <sup>14</sup> You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark with them. <sup>15</sup> The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be removed from it. <sup>16</sup> You shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you. <sup>17</sup> You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide. <sup>18</sup> You shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat. <sup>19</sup> Make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends. <sup>20</sup> The cherubim shall have their wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be turned toward the mercy seat. <sup>21</sup> You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I will give to you. <sup>22</sup> There I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.

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

<sup>25:31</sup> Then you shall make a **lampstand of pure gold**. The lampstand and its base and its shaft are to be made of hammered work; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers shall be of one piece with it. <sup>32</sup> Six branches shall go out from its sides; three branches of the lampstand from its one side and three branches of the lampstand from its other side. <sup>33</sup> Three cups shall be shaped like almond blossoms in the one branch, a bulb and a flower, and three cups shaped like almond blossoms in the other branch, a bulb and a flower--so for six branches going out from the lampstand; <sup>34</sup> and in the lampstand four cups shaped like almond blossoms, its bulbs and its flowers. <sup>35</sup> A bulb shall be under the first pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the second pair of branches coming out of it, and a bulb under the third pair of branches coming out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand. <sup>36</sup> Their bulbs and their branches shall be of one piece with it; all of it shall be one piece of hammered work of pure gold. <sup>37</sup> Then you shall make its lamps seven in number; and they shall mount its lamps so as to shed light on the space in front of it. <sup>38</sup> Its snuffers and their trays shall be of pure gold. <sup>39</sup> It shall be made from a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils. <sup>40</sup> See that you make them after the pattern for them, which was shown to you on the mountain.

<sup>26:1</sup> Moreover you shall make **the tabernacle** with ten curtains of fine twisted linen and blue and purple and scarlet material; you shall make them with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman. <sup>2</sup> The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; all the curtains shall have the same measurements. <sup>3</sup> Five curtains shall be joined to one another, and the other five curtains shall be joined to one another. <sup>4</sup> You shall make loops of blue on the edge of the outermost curtain in the first set, and likewise you shall make them on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the second set. <sup>5</sup> You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is in the second set; the loops shall be opposite each other. <sup>6</sup> You shall make fifty clasps of gold, and join the curtains to one another with the clasps so that the tabernacle will be a unit. <sup>7</sup> Then you shall make curtains of goat’s hair for a tent over the tabernacle; you shall make eleven curtains in

all. <sup>8</sup> The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains shall have the same measurements. <sup>9</sup> You shall join five curtains by themselves and the other six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain at the front of the tent. <sup>10</sup> You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the first set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the second set. <sup>11</sup> You shall make fifty clasps of bronze, and you shall put the clasps into the loops and join the tent together so that it will be a unit. <sup>12</sup> The overlapping part that is left over in the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that is left over, shall lap over the back of the tabernacle. <sup>13</sup> The cubit on one side and the cubit on the other, of what is left over in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall lap over the sides of the tabernacle on one side and on the other, to cover it. <sup>14</sup> You shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red and a covering of porpoise skins above. <sup>15</sup> Then you shall make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing upright. <sup>16</sup> Ten cubits shall be the length of each board and one and a half cubits the width of each board. <sup>17</sup> There shall be two tenons for each board, fitted to one another; thus you shall do for all the boards of the tabernacle. <sup>18</sup> You shall make the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side. <sup>19</sup> You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under one board for its two tenons and two sockets under another board for its two tenons; <sup>20</sup> and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards, <sup>21</sup> and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board. <sup>22</sup> For the rear of the tabernacle, to the west, you shall make six boards. <sup>23</sup> You shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle at the rear. <sup>24</sup> They shall be double beneath, and together they shall be complete to its top to the first ring; thus it shall be with both of them: they shall form the two corners. <sup>25</sup> There shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board. <sup>26</sup> Then you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle, <sup>27</sup> and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle for the rear side to the west. <sup>28</sup> The middle bar in the center of the boards shall pass through from end to end. <sup>29</sup> You shall overlay the boards with gold and make their rings of gold as holders for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold. <sup>30</sup> Then you shall erect the tabernacle according to its plan which you have been shown in the mountain.

<sup>26:31</sup> You shall make a **veil** of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen; it shall be made with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman. <sup>32</sup> You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, their hooks also being of gold, on four sockets of silver. <sup>33</sup> You shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in the ark of the testimony there within the veil; and the veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies. <sup>34</sup> You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the holy of holies. <sup>35</sup> You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand opposite the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side. <sup>36</sup> You shall make a screen for the doorway of the tent of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver. <sup>37</sup> You shall make five pillars of acacia for the screen and overlay them with gold, their hooks also being of gold; and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

<sup>27:1</sup> And you shall make the **altar of acacia wood**, five cubits long and five cubits wide; the altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits. <sup>2</sup> You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with bronze. <sup>3</sup> You shall make its pails for removing its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze. <sup>4</sup> You shall make for it a grating of network of bronze, and on the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners. <sup>5</sup> You shall put it beneath, under the ledge of the altar, so that the net will reach halfway up the altar. <sup>6</sup> You shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. <sup>7</sup> Its poles shall be inserted into the rings, so that the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when it is carried. <sup>8</sup> You shall make it hollow with planks; as it was shown to you in the mountain, so they shall make it.

<sup>27:9</sup> You shall make the **court of the tabernacle**. On the south side there shall be hangings for the court of fine twisted linen one hundred cubits long for one side; <sup>10</sup> and its pillars shall be twenty, with their twenty sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be of silver. <sup>11</sup> Likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings one hundred cubits long, and its twenty pillars with their twenty sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be of silver. <sup>12</sup> For the width of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits with their ten pillars and their ten sockets. <sup>13</sup> The width of the court on the east side shall be fifty cubits. <sup>14</sup> The hangings for the one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits with their three pillars and their three sockets. <sup>15</sup> And for the other side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits with their three pillars and their three sockets. <sup>16</sup> For the gate of the court there shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted

linen, the work of a weaver, with their four pillars and their four sockets. <sup>17</sup> All the pillars around the court shall be furnished with silver bands with their hooks of silver and their sockets of bronze. <sup>18</sup> The length of the court shall be one hundred cubits, and the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits of fine twisted linen, and their sockets of bronze. <sup>19</sup> All the utensils of the tabernacle used in all its service, and all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, shall be of bronze. <sup>20</sup> You shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually. <sup>21</sup> In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout their generations for the sons of Israel.

#### Historical and Cultural Background

- The garden of Eden (Gen.2:10 – 12) was described as being abundant in certain materials: gold, bdellium (a resin used in incense and perfume), and onyx (a multi-colored stone).
- ‘Porpoise’ (25:5; 26:14) is probably badger.

<sup>28:1</sup> Then bring near to yourself Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the sons of Israel, to minister as priest to Me--Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons. <sup>2</sup> You shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. <sup>3</sup> You shall speak to all the skillful persons whom I have endowed with the spirit of wisdom, that they make **Aaron's garments** to consecrate him, that he may minister as priest to Me. <sup>4</sup> These are the garments which they shall make: a breastpiece and an ephod and a robe and a tunic of checkered work, a turban and a sash, and they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons, that he may minister as priest to Me. <sup>5</sup> They shall take the gold and the blue and the purple and the scarlet material and the fine linen. <sup>6</sup> They shall also make the ephod of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen, the work of the skillful workman. <sup>7</sup> It shall have two shoulder pieces joined to its two ends, that it may be joined. <sup>8</sup> The skillfully woven band, which is on it, shall be like its workmanship, of the same material: of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen. <sup>9</sup> You shall take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Israel, <sup>10</sup> six of their names on the one stone and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, according to their birth. <sup>11</sup> As a jeweler engraves a signet, you shall engrave the two stones according to the names of the sons of Israel; you shall set them in filigree settings of gold. <sup>12</sup> You shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of memorial for the sons of Israel, and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders for a memorial. <sup>13</sup> You shall make filigree settings of gold, <sup>14</sup> and two chains of pure gold; you shall make them of twisted cordage work, and you shall put the corded chains on the filigree settings.

<sup>28:15</sup> You shall make a **breastpiece of judgment**, the work of a skillful workman; like the work of the ephod you shall make it: of gold, of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen you shall make it. <sup>16</sup> It shall be square and folded double, a span in length and a span in width. <sup>17</sup> You shall mount on it four rows of stones; the first row shall be a row of ruby, topaz and emerald; <sup>18</sup> and the second row a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond; <sup>19</sup> and the third row a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst; <sup>20</sup> and the fourth row a beryl and an onyx and a jasper; they shall be set in gold filigree. <sup>21</sup> The stones shall be according to the names of the sons of Israel: twelve, according to their names; they shall be like the engravings of a seal, each according to his name for the twelve tribes. <sup>22</sup> You shall make on the breastpiece chains of twisted cordage work in pure gold. <sup>23</sup> You shall make on the breastpiece two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece. <sup>24</sup> You shall put the two cords of gold on the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece. <sup>25</sup> You shall put the other two ends of the two cords on the two filigree settings, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, at the front of it. <sup>26</sup> You shall make two rings of gold and shall place them on the two ends of the breastpiece, on the edge of it, which is toward the inner side of the ephod. <sup>27</sup> You shall make two rings of gold and put them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it close to the place where it is joined, above the skillfully woven band of the ephod. <sup>28</sup> They shall bind the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it will be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece will not come loose from the ephod. <sup>29</sup> Aaron shall carry the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment over his heart when he enters the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually. <sup>30</sup> You shall put in the breastpiece of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be over Aaron's heart when he goes in before the LORD; and Aaron shall carry the judgment of the sons of Israel over his heart before the LORD continually.

<sup>28:31</sup> You shall make the **robe of the ephod** all of blue. <sup>32</sup> There shall be an opening at its top in the middle of it; around its opening there shall be a binding of woven work, like the opening of a coat of mail, so that it will not be

orn. <sup>33</sup> You shall make on its hem pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet material, all around on its hem, and bells of gold between them all around: <sup>34</sup> a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, all around on the hem of the robe. <sup>35</sup> It shall be on Aaron when he ministers; and its tinkling shall be heard when he enters and leaves the holy place before the LORD, so that he will not die.

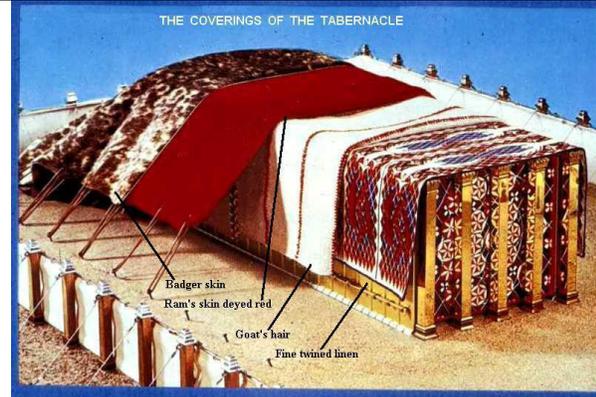
<sup>28:36</sup> You shall also make a **plate of pure gold** and shall engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, ‘Holy to the LORD.’ <sup>37</sup> You shall fasten it on a blue cord, and it shall be on the turban; it shall be at the front of the turban. <sup>38</sup> It shall be on Aaron’s forehead, and Aaron shall take away the iniquity of the holy things which the sons of Israel consecrate, with regard to all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD. <sup>39</sup> You shall weave the tunic of checkered work of fine linen, and shall make a turban of fine linen, and you shall make a sash, the work of a weaver. <sup>40</sup> For Aaron’s sons you shall make tunics; you shall also make sashes for them, and you shall make caps for them, for glory and for beauty. <sup>41</sup> You shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him; and you shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests. <sup>42</sup> You shall make for them linen breeches to cover their bare flesh; they shall reach from the loins even to the thighs. <sup>43</sup> 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.

#### Historical and Cultural Background

- There are striking similarities in appearance and ‘dress’ between God in the tabernacle (Ex.26:1 – 27:21) and the priests in their garments (Ex.28:1 – 43). Both appear like the original garden of Eden (Gen.2:10 – 12).

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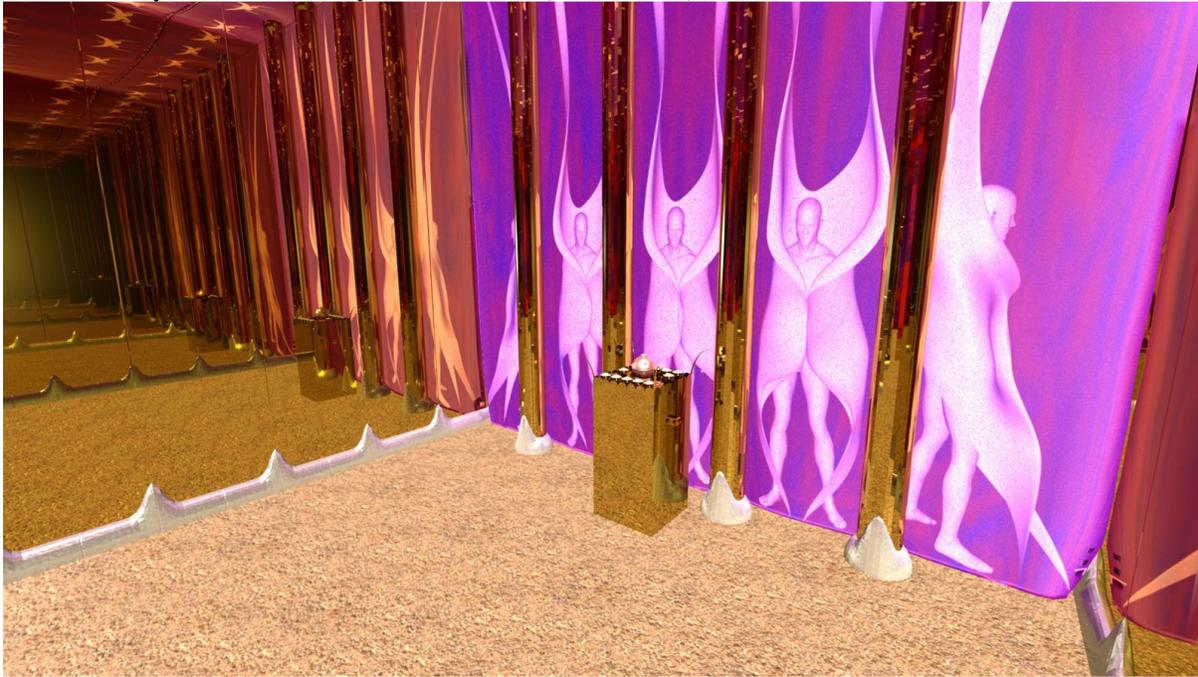
## God in the Tabernacle



## High Priest in the Priestly Garments



The inside of the Holy Place might have looked something like this, below. The gold covered walls made an 'infinity mirror' effect. The Tabernacle was built according to a pattern: the horizontal partitions within the Tabernacle reflected the vertical levels that Israel, Israel's elders, and Moses, respectively, approached God on Mount Sinai. The Holy Place reflects the following moment: 'Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself. Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; and they saw God, and they ate and drank.' (Ex.24:9 – 11)



<sup>29:1</sup> Now this is what you shall do to them to consecrate them to minister as priests to Me: take one young bull and two rams without blemish, <sup>2</sup> and unleavened bread and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil; you shall make them of fine wheat flour. <sup>3</sup> You shall put them in one basket, and present them in the basket along with the bull and the two rams. <sup>4</sup> Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water. <sup>5</sup> You shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the tunic and the robe of the ephod and the ephod and the breastpiece, and gird him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod; <sup>6</sup> and you shall set the turban on his head and put the holy crown on the turban. <sup>7</sup> Then you shall take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him. <sup>8</sup> You shall bring his sons and put tunics on them. <sup>9</sup> You shall gird them with sashes, Aaron and his sons, and bind caps on them, and they shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute. So you shall ordain Aaron and his sons. <sup>10</sup> Then you shall bring the bull before the tent of meeting, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull. <sup>11</sup> You shall slaughter the bull before the LORD at the doorway of the tent of meeting. <sup>12</sup> You shall take some of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger; and you shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar. <sup>13</sup> You shall take all the fat that covers the entrails and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, and offer them up in smoke on the altar. <sup>14</sup> But the flesh of the bull and its hide and its refuse, you shall burn with fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering. <sup>15</sup> You shall also take the one ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram; <sup>16</sup> and you shall slaughter the ram and shall take its blood and sprinkle it around on the altar. <sup>17</sup> Then you shall cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its entrails and its legs, and put them with its pieces and its head. <sup>18</sup> You shall offer up in smoke the whole ram on the altar; it is a burnt offering to the LORD: it is a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD. <sup>19</sup> Then you shall take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram. <sup>20</sup> You shall slaughter the ram, and take some of its blood and put it on the lobe of Aaron's right ear and on the lobes of his sons' right ears and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet, and sprinkle the rest of the blood around on the altar. <sup>21</sup> Then you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments and on his sons and on his sons' garments with him; so he and his garments shall be consecrated, as well as his sons and his sons' garments with him. <sup>22</sup> You shall also take the fat from the ram and the fat tail, and the fat that covers the entrails and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them and the right thigh (for it is a ram of ordination), <sup>23</sup> and one cake of bread and one cake of bread mixed with oil and one wafer from the basket of unleavened bread which is set before the LORD; <sup>24</sup> and you shall put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD. <sup>25</sup> You shall take them from their hands, and offer them up in smoke on the altar on the burnt offering for a soothing aroma before the LORD; it is an offering by fire to the LORD. <sup>26</sup> Then you shall take the breast of Aaron's ram of ordination, and wave it as a wave offering before the LORD; and it shall be your portion. <sup>27</sup> You shall consecrate the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the heave offering which was waved and which was offered from the ram of ordination, from the one which was for Aaron and from the one which was for his sons. <sup>28</sup> It shall be for Aaron and his sons as their portion forever from the sons of Israel, for it is a heave offering; and it shall be a heave offering from the sons of Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, even their heave offering to the LORD.

<sup>29:29</sup> The holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, that in them they may be anointed and ordained. <sup>30</sup> For seven days the one of his sons who is priest in his stead shall put them on when he enters the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place. <sup>31</sup> You shall take the ram of ordination and boil its flesh in a holy place. <sup>32</sup> Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread that is in the basket, at the doorway of the tent of meeting. <sup>33</sup> Thus they shall eat those things by which atonement was made at their ordination and consecration; but a layman shall not eat them, because they are holy. <sup>34</sup> If any of the flesh of ordination or any of the bread remains until morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it is holy. <sup>35</sup> Thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you; you shall ordain them through seven days. <sup>36</sup> Each day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement, and you shall purify the altar when you make atonement for it, and you shall anoint it to consecrate it. <sup>37</sup> For seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and consecrate it; then the altar shall be most holy, and whatever touches the altar shall be holy. <sup>38</sup> Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two one year old lambs each day, continuously. <sup>39</sup> The one lamb you shall offer in the morning and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight; <sup>40</sup> and there shall be one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering with one lamb. <sup>41</sup> The other lamb you shall offer at twilight, and shall offer with it the same grain offering and the same drink offering as in the morning, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD. <sup>42</sup> It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you

there. <sup>43</sup> I will meet there with the sons of Israel, and it shall be consecrated by My glory. <sup>44</sup> I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar; I will also consecrate Aaron and his sons to minister as priests to Me. <sup>45</sup> I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God. <sup>46</sup> They shall know that I am the LORD their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them; I am the LORD their God.

<sup>30:1</sup> Moreover, you shall make **an altar as a place for burning incense**; you shall make it of acacia wood. <sup>2</sup> Its length shall be a cubit, and its width a cubit, it shall be square, and its height shall be two cubits; its horns shall be of one piece with it. <sup>3</sup> You shall overlay it with pure gold, its top and its sides all around, and its horns; and you shall make a gold molding all around for it. <sup>4</sup> You shall make two gold rings for it under its molding; you shall make them on its two side walls--on opposite sides--and they shall be holders for poles with which to carry it. <sup>5</sup> You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. <sup>6</sup> You shall put this altar in front of the veil that is near the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy seat that is over the ark of the testimony, where I will meet with you. <sup>7</sup> Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it; he shall burn it every morning when he trims the lamps. <sup>8</sup> When Aaron trims the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense. There shall be perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. <sup>9</sup> You shall not offer any strange incense on this altar, or burnt offering or meal offering; and you shall not pour out a drink offering on it. <sup>10</sup> Aaron shall make atonement on its horns once a year; he shall make atonement on it with the blood of the sin offering of atonement once a year throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD.'

<sup>30:11</sup> The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>12</sup> 'When you take a census of the sons of Israel to number them, then each one of them shall give a ransom for himself to the LORD, when you number them, so that there will be no plague among them when you number them. <sup>13</sup> This is what everyone who is numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (the shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel as a contribution to the LORD. <sup>14</sup> Everyone who is numbered, from twenty years old and over, shall give the contribution to the LORD. <sup>15</sup> The rich shall not pay more and the poor shall not pay less than the half shekel, when you give the contribution to the LORD to make atonement for yourselves. <sup>16</sup> You shall take the atonement money from the sons of Israel and shall give it for the service of the tent of meeting, that it may be a memorial for the sons of Israel before the LORD, to make atonement for yourselves.'

<sup>30:17</sup> The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>18</sup> 'You shall also make a **laver of bronze**, with its base of bronze, for washing; and you shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it. <sup>19</sup> Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet from it; <sup>20</sup> when they enter the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, so that they will not die; or when they approach the altar to minister, by offering up in smoke a fire sacrifice to the LORD. <sup>21</sup> So they shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they will not die; and it shall be a perpetual statute for them, for Aaron and his descendants throughout their generations.'

<sup>30:22</sup> Moreover, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup> 'Take also for yourself the finest of spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred shekels, and of fragrant cinnamon half as much, two hundred and fifty, and of fragrant cane two hundred and fifty, <sup>24</sup> and of cassia five hundred, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin. <sup>25</sup> You shall make of these a **holy anointing oil**, a perfume mixture, the work of a perfumer; it shall be a holy anointing oil. <sup>26</sup> With it you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the testimony, <sup>27</sup> and the table and all its utensils, and the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense, <sup>28</sup> and the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the laver and its stand. <sup>29</sup> You shall also consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them shall be holy. <sup>30</sup> You shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister as priests to Me. <sup>31</sup> You shall speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations. <sup>32</sup> It shall not be poured on anyone's body, nor shall you make any like it in the same proportions; it is holy, and it shall be holy to you. <sup>33</sup> Whoever shall mix any like it or whoever puts any of it on a layman shall be cut off from his people.'

<sup>30:34</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Take for yourself spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, spices with pure frankincense; there shall be an equal part of each. <sup>35</sup> With it you shall make **incense**, a perfume, the work of a perfumer, salted, pure, and holy. <sup>36</sup> You shall beat some of it very fine, and put part of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting where I will meet with you; it shall be most holy to you. <sup>37</sup> The incense which you shall make, you shall not make in the same proportions for yourselves; it shall be holy to you for the LORD. <sup>38</sup> Whoever shall make any like it, to use as perfume, shall be cut off from his people.'

<sup>31:1</sup> Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> ‘See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. <sup>3</sup> I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, <sup>4</sup> to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, <sup>5</sup> and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship. <sup>6</sup> And behold, I Myself have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who are skillful I have put skill, that they may make all that I have commanded you: <sup>7</sup> the tent of meeting, and the ark of testimony, and the mercy seat upon it, and all the furniture of the tent, <sup>8</sup> the table also and its utensils, and the pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, <sup>9</sup> the altar of burnt offering also with all its utensils, and the laver and its stand, <sup>10</sup> the woven garments as well, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, with which to carry on their priesthood; <sup>11</sup> the anointing oil also, and the fragrant incense for the holy place, they are to make them according to all that I have commanded you.’

#### Historical and Cultural Background

- *Atonement and the High Priest:* Israel’s high priest represented Moses, the mediator of the covenant. In particular, when the high priest went into the holy of holies, this represented Moses ascending to the top of Mount Sinai to meet with God and receive the covenant.

## Questions

1. What kind of impression do you get of God as an interior designer?
2. According to what pattern? What did Moses see from the top of Mount Sinai?
  - a. Outer Court: Israel at the base of Mount Sinai
  - b. Holy Place: The elders part way up Mount Sinai, where they saw God
  - c. Holy of Holies: The top of the mountain, where Moses met with God for forty days
3. How would the high priest go through the entire sanctuary?
  - a. Outer Court: Israel at the base of Mount Sinai
    - i. Bronze altar: offer a lamb for a burnt offering sacrifice, become holy (29:37)
    - ii. Bronze laver: wash with water (cleansing)
  - b. Holy Place: The elders part way up Mount Sinai, where they saw God
    - i. Lampstand (God's fire and light on the mountain)
    - ii. Table with bread (God provided food for Moses and elders)
    - iii. Altar of incense (prayers)
  - c. Holy of Holies: The top of the mountain, where Moses met with God for forty days
    - i. Ark of the covenant (contains tablets of the broken covenant)
    - ii. Mercy seat (place of atonement)
4. How would Aaron and future high priests send the sin of Israel away?
5. What does God's dealing with Israel's sin now give us a physical picture of how he will deal with human sin when Jesus comes?
6. If God clothed himself in the same kinds of garments as the high priest, was God saying that He will act like a priest?