

# The Tabernacle: Heaven on Earth – part 3

## Exodus Chapter 27

### Exd 27:1 **1) The Bronze Alter** v. 1 - 8

"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.

- The Bronze alter was a box. 5 cubits x 5 cubits x 3 cubits = 7' 6" x 7' 6" x 4' 6" high (much bigger than the Ark of the Covenant)

### Exd 27:2 "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.

- The Bronze Alter is made of wood and covered with bronze.
- David Guzik "For years, the sides of this altar were smooth and shiny bronze. But **Numbers 16 describes the rebellion of Korah**, who challenged the leadership of Moses: *You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy . . . Why then do you exalt yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?* (Numbers 16:3).

In confirming the leadership of Moses, God judged Korah and his followers, and caused the ground to split and swallow up all the rebels of Korah. **The LORD then commanded the priests to take the bronze incense-censers held by Korah and his followers, to hammer them flat, and to cover the altar of burnt offering with them, to be a memorial to the children of Israel (Numbers 16:40).**

From then on, every time someone came to the altar of burnt offering, they noticed the rough, hammered finish of the bronze - and were reminded of Korah's rebellion and God's judgment against him and those who followed him."

### Exd 27:3 "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.

- The utensils used at this altar is brass.

### Exd 27:4 "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.

- The alter will have a grating so the ashes would fall through.
- This too is bronze, which is good in that it can withstand a higher heat.

### Exd 27:5 "You shall put it beneath, under the ledge of the altar, so that the net will reach halfway up the altar.

### Exd 27:6 "You shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze.

### Exd 27:7 "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.

### Exd 27:8 "You shall make it hollow with planks; as it was shown to you in the mountain, so they shall make {it.}

- This alter is placed outside the tabernacle. There is no entrance to God's presence without sacrifice.
- There are some today that do not preach or want to hear this truth. For a true believer this truth is our hope, our anchor. With Moses' tabernacle there was sacrifice. For the Christian there was a sacrifice.

### Exd 27:9 **2) The Outer Court** v. 9 - 19

"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;

- The long sides of the hangings for the outer court is 100 cubits (1800 inches or 150 Feet)
- Verse 18 gives us the height of 5 cubits. (90 inches or 7 ½ feet)
- This outer court is created by a boarder that is hangings or curtains of fine twisted linen and pillars.

- Exd 27:10 and its pillars {shall be} twenty, with their twenty sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands {shall be} of silver.
- The hangings are hooked on 20 pillars by silver bands.
- Exd 27:11 "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.
- The North side is the same as the south side.
- Exd 27:12 "{For} the width of the court on the west side {shall be} hangings of fifty cubits {with} their ten pillars and their ten sockets.
- The back boarder is fifty cubits. (900 inches or 75 feet.)
  - With 10 pillars holding the curtains.
- Exd 27:13 "The width of the court on the east side {shall be} fifty cubits.
- Exd 27:14 "The hangings for the {one} side {of the gate shall be} fifteen cubits {with} their three pillars and their three sockets.
- Exd 27:15 "And for the other side {shall be} hangings of fifteen cubits {with} their three pillars and their three sockets.
- Exd 27:16 "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.
- The east side, the gate is also 75 feet wide but is made differently.
  - Coming in from the north and south side are three pillars with hangings on each side. These will come in 22 \_ feet each leaving an opening 30 feet
  - The remaining 30 feet will have a screen made of the fine twisted linen of blue, purple and scarlet hanging on four pillars and their sockets
- Exd 27:17 "All the pillars around the court shall be furnished with silver bands {with} their hooks of silver and their sockets of bronze.
- Exd 27:18 "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.
- The outer court measures 75 feet wide x 15 feet long. (this would fit in \_ of a football field)
  - The height is 7 \_ feet. This is \_ the height of the tabernacle
- Exd 27:19 "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.
- The utensils and pegs holding down the tent curtains are made of brass.
  - The blessing of the outer court (tabernacle and the temple)
    - **Psalm 65:4** - "Blessed is the man You choose, and cause to approach You, that he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, of Your holy temple."
    - **Psalm 84:2** - "My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."
    - **Psalm 84:10** - "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness."
    - **Psalm 92:13** - "Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God."
    - **Psalm 96:8** - "Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts."
    - **Psalm 100:4** - "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."
    - **Psalm 116:17-19** - "I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!"
    - **Psalm 135:1-2** - "Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD; praise Him, O you servants of the LORD! You who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God."

Exd 27:20 **3) The Oil for the Lamps** v. 20 - 21

"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.

- All the sons of Israel were to provide oil for the lamp.
- The purest oil only is used for this lamp.
  - This will burn cleaner. Less smoke to ruin the inside of the tabernacle.
- The way to get this pure oil is to beat / hand press the olives in a mortar rather than crushed in an olive press. By doing this by hand, less contaminants get into the oil. The pits do not get crushed into the oil turning it dark.
- 2 Corinthians 4:8 "We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed;"
- WHY?? 2 Corinthians 4:11 "For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh."

Exd 27:21 "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.

- The light is to continually burn to give light to the table of Showbread (Jesus)
- For this to happen it must be perpetually attended and oil provided.
- We too, like the lampstand, shine light. Ephesians 5:8 "For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light"
- For us to shine the light we need to be continually attended by the oil of the Holy Spirit. Without this oil the light will go out.

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