

# EPISODE 31: MAKE IT MAKE SENSE

## FINDING CHRIST IN THE TABERNACLE OF GOD

### CONTEXT

In this episode, we will look at the one who all of Scripture is about—Christ. How do you find Christ in passages that do not directly reference Him? We want to help you make it make sense when it comes to finding Christ in the text. Let's talk a look at finding Christ in the tabernacle of God.

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- i. The Tabernacle of God (Exodus 25-30)
- ii. What is the Tabernacle?
  - a) Tabernacle vs. Temple
    - 1) Tabernacle-tent the Israelites constructed during their time in wilderness. Also referred to as tent of meeting. Predecessor of temple. Superintended by God. (Exodus 25-30)
    - 2) Temple-constructed by Solomon. God didn't give design input or superintend. But filled the temple when construction done. Destroyed in 586 BC by Nebechadnezzar (1 Kings 5-8)
    - 3) Second temple built after exile, destroyed by Romans in 70 AD.
- iii. Eight to nine month project was completed in second year after leaving Egypt (Exodus 40:17)
- iv. Moses and the Tent of Meeting-The Tent of Meeting (Exodus 33:7-11)-Before Tabernacle constructed God would meet with Moses "face to face, as a man speaks to his friend."
- v. Structure of the Tabernacle (East to West)
  - a) The Courtyard (Exodus 27:9-19)
    - 1) Space around the tabernacle itself, exclusive for the priests and Levites
    - 2) Always arranged to face the east (the opening/gate was on east side).
  - b) The Outer Court
    - 1) The Brazen Altar-Bronze a symbol of judgment. Christ as perfect sacrifice. (Exodus 27:1-8; John 1:29; Revelation 5:8-10)
    - 2) The Bronze Basin-priests washed here before entering holy place. Washed hands and feet. Christ as our Cleansing (Baptism) (Exodus 30:17-21; Romans 6:3-5)
  - c) The Holy Place
    - 1) The Golden Candlestick-Jesus as Light of the World (Exodus 25:31-40; John 8:12)

- 2) The Table of Shewbread-Jesus as Bread of Life ( Exodus 25:23-30; John 6:48)
  - 3) The Altar of Incense-fire for incense was taken from altar. And it was always burning. Christ as intercessor (Exodus 30:1-10; Revelation 5:8; Hebrews 7:23-25)
  - 4) The Veil-separated the holy place from the holy of holies. Had cherubim worked into the veil (Exodus 26:31-33; Mark 15:37-39; Hebrews 10:19-22)
- d) The Holy of Holies
- 1) The Ark of the Covenant-bowl of manna, Aaron's Rod, and Ten Commandments. Jesus as manna, great high priest, and fulfillment of law (Exodus 25:10-16; Hebrews 4:11-5:3; Matthew 5:17-18)
  - 2) The Mercy Seat-literally the lid of the ark. The place where God's wrath was turned away from the people. Jesus as lid. (Exodus 25:17-22; Romans 3:21-26)
- e) Finding Christ in the Tabernacle
- 1) Jesus is the final tabernacle (John 1:14)
  - 2) We are his temple (1 Cor. 3:16-17)