

## THE TABERNACLE

Exodus 36 :1- 40 :38

Bezaleel and Aholiab worked very hard. The Lord had given them wisdom and skill so that they were able to do all the design and work that was needed to make the tabernacle a beautiful place of worship to the Lord. They followed God's instructions exactly, so that every thing that they made would be pleasing to him. Every wise-hearted man, in whom the Lord had put wisdom and understanding to know how to do the work helped Bezaleel and Aholiab with the important work.

They made ten curtains of fine twined linen, blue, and purple, and scarlet. The curtains had loops on the edges of one side, and gold couplings on the other edge, so that all the curtains could be attached together to make the tabernacle. They made a covering for the tent out of the ram's skins dyed red, and they made a covering of the badger's skins to go over the outside of the first covering.

The men used the shittim wood to make a frame for the tent, and frames for the furniture that was to go inside of the tabernacle.

The men made a veil of blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, decorated with cherubim. This was to divide the Holy of Holies from the rest of the tabernacle.

Bezaleel made the ark of shittim wood and then overlaid it with pure gold. He made rings on each corner of the ark so that rods could be put through the rings and the ark could be carried without anyone touching it. On the top of the ark he put two cherubs, one on each side with his wings spread out to cover the mercy seat.

Bezaleel also made a table overlaid with pure gold, a lampstand of pure gold, an altar of incense overlaid with pure gold, the pure incense of sweet spices, the holy anointing oil, a brass altar, and a brass lavar.

He made curtains of fine twined linen to go in front of the tabernacle for a court.

Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, was in charge of all that was made for the tabernacle along with Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, who was a gifted engraver, a talented embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.

It is estimated that it took 2,800 pounds of gold to make the tabernacle, along with 9,600 pounds of silver, and 6,700 pounds of bronze. The cost was enormous and demonstrated the people's dedication to the Lord.

After the tabernacle was completed, garments were made for Aaron, the high priest, and his sons who served as priests along with their father. Aaron had a tunic of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. Gold was beaten into thin plates to make a breastplate which carried a precious stone for each of the twelve tribes of Israel. Aaron had a robe of blue which had pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet sewed around its hem. Between each pomegranate a bell of pure gold was attached. For his head they made Aaron a crown of pure gold with engraving that said, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD.

When all the work was finished the men brought the tabernacle to Moses. The tent, all its furniture, and parts, and coverings., along with the garments for the priests.

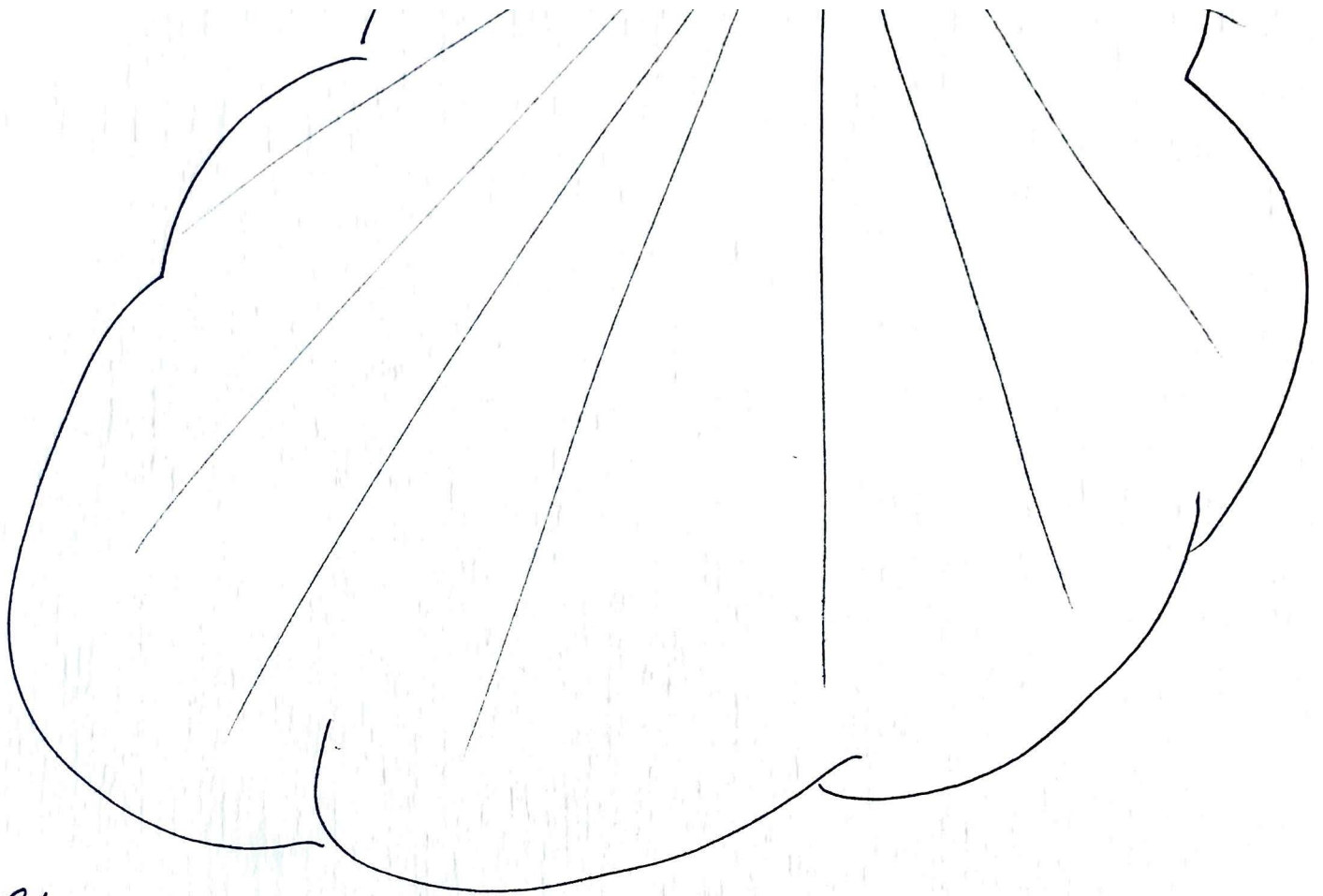
The Lord told Moses exactly how the tabernacle and all that pertained to it was to be erected. Moses did as the Lord commanded and set everything in order for the service of the Lord.

When all had been done EXACTLY as the Lord commanded, a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle because the cloud was there and the glory of the Lord filled it.

When the cloud was lifted up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went on their journeys, But if the cloud was not taken up, the people did not travel until the day that the cloud was taken up. For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

The Lord blessed the offerings and the work of all the craftsman who worked on the tabernacle, because they did all things exactly as the Lord had commanded. The Lord always blesses what we do, if we do as he commands, but, if we think that our way is better and choose to disobey the Lord, no matter how good a thing might be that we do, the Lord will never bless it! The greatest sign of our love to him is that we obey him completely.

**LEARN: What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.**  
**Deuteronomy 12:32**



1. Color the Tabernacle court -  
 Outside curtains white - posts bronze  
 Front lifted curtains - red blue, purple.
2. Color the Tabernacle -  
 pillars gold, front curtains scarlet, blue, purple -  
 top covering dark gray.
3. Color the altar for burnt offering - gold
4. Color the laver for washing - gold



5. Color people and sheet - Cut them and altar + laver out  
 and paste in appropriate spot.
6. Make cloud of glory - cut it out and tape to top of sheet  
 and bring down to tell story.



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