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THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SANCTUARY

Exodus 31:1 - 11; 35:30 - 36:1; 26; 27:9 - 19; 36:8 - 38; 38:9 - 23

After Moses had received from God minute details concerning the place and manner of Israel's worship, construction of their sanctuary began. Study now about the first step:

A. Workmen for the Sanctuary: Read Exodus 31:1-11, 35:30 - 36:1, 38:21-23

1. Who did God choose to be overseer of making the sanctuary?
Exodus 31:1, 2

2. What did God do for him, to fit him especially for this task? Exodus 31:3

3. With what materials was he especially fitted to work? Exodus 31:4, 5

4. Who was to be his chief helper? Exodus 31:6a

1. Who were to assist these two in making all that was commanded?
Exodus 31:6b

6. What were Bezaleel and Aholiab to do to all the others? Exodus 35:34

7. What additional arts were these men skilled in? Exodus 35:35

8. Did these men do the work assigned to them? Exodus 36:1, 38:21-23

B. The Construction of the Sanctuary: Read Exodus 26, 27:9-19

1. What was Israel's sanctuary to be called? Exodus 26:1a

 2. Of what was it to be made? Exodus 26:1b

- NOTE:** A *cherub* is a type of angel; *cherubim* is the plural of cherub.
3. With what two items were the curtains to be held together? Exodus 26:4, 6

 4. Of what three materials were three coverings for the tent to be made? Exodus 26:7, 14

 5. Notice that while there were only 10 curtains for the inner tent, there were 11 for the outer covering of goats' hair. What was to be done with the extra curtain? Exodus 26:9

 6. Over what kind of framework were these curtains to be stretched? Exodus 26:15

 7. How long was each of these boards to be? Exodus 26:16a

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8. Since each board was to be standing up, this would also be the height of the structure. Remember that a cubit equaled about 1 1/2 feet; therefore, how tall would the structure be?

9. How broad was each board to be? Exodus 26:16b

10. Figure the length and breadth of the structure in feet, from Exodus 26:18-20, and 22-25.

11. What was to hold these boards in place at the bottom? Exodus 26:17, 19

NOTE: Exodus 30:11-16, 38:24-31 may tell where they got all the silver needed.

12. What was to hold the boards together vertically? Exodus 26:26-28

13. What was to be done with all boards, bars and rings? Exodus 26:29

14. What was to divide the Tabernacle? Exodus 26:31-33a

15. What were the two parts to be called? Exodus 26:33b

16. What was to cover the door of the structure? Exodus 26:36-37

17. What was to surround the structure of the Tabernacle? Exodus 27:9a

18. What was to be made to enclose this area? Exodus 27:9b

19. Figure the length and breadth of this area in feet: Exodus 27:18

20. Figure the width of the opening on the east side for the gate: Exodus 27:16

21. Read about how these items were made in Exodus 36:8-38, 38:9-20.

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Why was Israel to make such a dwelling place, of such materials as those outlined above? Why did they not make a more permanent structure?

2. Has God given me special artistic gifts or monetary assets? For what purpose?
