

Timeline of Truth – Introduction to the Tabernacle (Exodus 25-28,30)

<p>25:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering. 3 "And this <i>is</i> the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze; 4 "blue, purple, and scarlet <i>thread</i>, fine linen, and goats' <i>hair</i>; 5 "ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; 6 "oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; 7 "onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.</p>	<p>1. God Gives Instructions for a Special <u>Offering</u></p>
<p>8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.</p>	<p>2. God Explains the <u>Reason</u> for the Offering</p>
<p>9 "According to all that I show you, <i>that is</i>, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make <i>it</i>.</p>	<p>3. God Promises He Will Give a <u>Pattern</u> to Follow</p>
<p>10 "And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits <i>shall be</i> its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height. 11 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and shall make on it a molding of gold all around. 12 "You shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put <i>them</i> in its four corners; two rings <i>shall be</i> on one side, and two rings on the other side. 13 "And you shall make poles <i>of</i> acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 "You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may be carried by them. 15 "The poles shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. 16 "And you shall put into the ark the Testimony which I will give you.</p>	<p>4. An <u>Ark</u> of Acacia Wood Overlaid with Gold</p>
<p>17 "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits <i>shall be</i> its length and a cubit and a half its width. 18 "And you shall make two cherubim of gold; of hammered work you shall make them at the two ends of the mercy seat. 19 "Make one cherub at one end, and the other cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim at the two ends of it <i>of one piece</i> with the mercy seat. 20 "And the cherubim shall stretch out <i>their</i> wings above, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and they shall face one another; the faces of the cherubim <i>shall be</i> toward the mercy seat. 21 "You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. 22 "And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which <i>are</i> on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.</p>	<p>5. A <u>Mercy Seat</u> of Pure Gold</p>
<p>23 "You shall also make a table of acacia wood; two cubits <i>shall be</i> its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height. 24 "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make a molding of gold all around. 25 "You shall make for it a frame of a handbreadth all around, and you shall make a gold molding for the frame all around. 26 "And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that <i>are</i> at its four legs. 27 "The rings shall be close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table. 28 "And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them. 29 "You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold. 30 "And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always.</p>	<p>6. A <u>Table</u> of Acacia Wood Overlaid with Gold</p>

<p>31 "You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its <i>ornamental</i> knobs, and flowers shall be <i>of one piece</i>.</p> <p>32 "And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.</p> <p>33 "Three bowls <i>shall be</i> made like almond <i>blossoms</i> on one branch, <i>with an ornamental</i> knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond <i>blossoms</i> on the other branch, <i>with an ornamental</i> knob and a flower-- and so for the six branches that come out of the lampstand.</p> <p>34 "On the lampstand itself four bowls <i>shall be</i> made like almond <i>blossoms</i>, <i>each with its ornamental</i> knob and flower.</p> <p>35 "And <i>there shall be</i> a knob under the <i>first</i> two branches of the same, a knob under the <i>second</i> two branches of the same, and a knob under the <i>third</i> two branches of the same, according to the six branches that extend from the lampstand.</p> <p>36 "Their knobs and their branches <i>shall be of one piece</i>; all of it <i>shall be</i> one hammered piece of pure gold.</p> <p>37 "You shall make seven lamps for it, and they shall arrange its lamps so that they give light in front of it.</p> <p>38 "And its wick-trimmers and their trays <i>shall be</i> of pure gold.</p> <p>39 "It shall be made of a talent of pure gold, with all these utensils.</p> <p>40 "And see to it that you make <i>them</i> according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.</p>	<p>7. A <u>Lampstand</u> of Pure Gold</p>
<p>26:1 "Moreover you shall make the tabernacle <i>with ten curtains of fine woven linen</i> and blue, purple, and scarlet <i>thread</i>; with artistic designs of cherubim you shall weave them.</p> <p>2 "The length of each curtain <i>shall be</i> twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits. And every one of the curtains shall have the same measurements.</p> <p>3 "Five curtains shall be coupled to one another, and <i>the other</i> five curtains <i>shall be</i> coupled to one another.</p> <p>4 "And you shall make loops of blue <i>yarn</i> on the edge of the curtain on the selvedge of <i>one</i> set, and likewise you shall do on the outer edge of <i>the other</i> curtain of the second set.</p> <p>5 "Fifty loops you shall make in the one curtain, and fifty loops you shall make on the edge of the curtain that <i>is</i> on the end of the second set, that the loops may be clasped to one another.</p> <p>6 "And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains together with the clasps, so that it may be one tabernacle.</p>	<p>8. 10 Curtains of Fine Woven <u>Linen</u> with Gold Clasps</p>
<p>7 "You shall also make curtains of goats' hair, to be a tent over the tabernacle. You shall make eleven curtains.</p> <p>8 "The length of each curtain <i>shall be</i> thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; and the eleven curtains shall all have the same measurements.</p> <p>9 "And you shall couple five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain at the forefront of the tent.</p> <p>10 "You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in <i>one</i> set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain of the second set.</p> <p>11 "And you shall make fifty bronze clasps, put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.</p> <p>12 "The remnant that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle.</p> <p>13 "And a cubit on one side and a cubit on the other side, of what remains of the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and on that side, to cover it.</p>	<p>9. 11 Curtains of <u>Goats Hair</u> with Bronze Clasps</p>
<p>14 "You shall also make a covering of ram skins dyed red for the tent, and a covering of badger skins above that.</p>	<p>10. A Covering of <u>Ram Skins</u> Dyed Red</p>

<p>15 "And for the tabernacle you shall make the boards of acacia wood, standing upright.</p> <p>16 "Ten cubits <i>shall be</i> the length of a board, and a cubit and a half <i>shall be</i> the width of each board.</p> <p>17 "Two tenons <i>shall be</i> in each board for binding one to another. Thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle.</p> <p>18 "And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, <u>twenty boards for the south side.</u></p> <p>19 "You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.</p> <p>20 "And for the second side of the tabernacle, <u>the north side, there shall be twenty boards</u></p> <p>21 "and their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under each of the boards.</p> <p>22 "For the far side of the tabernacle, westward, you shall make six boards.</p> <p>23 "And you shall also make two boards for the two back corners of the tabernacle.</p> <p>24 "They shall be coupled together at the bottom and they shall be coupled together at the top by one ring. Thus it shall be for both of them. They shall be for the two corners.</p> <p>25 "So there shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver-- sixteen sockets-- two sockets under each board.</p>	<p>11. Boards of Acacia Wood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOUTH: 20 boards, each with 20 silver sockets • NORTH: 20 boards, each with 20 silver sockets • WESTWARD: 6 boards • BACK CORNERS: 2 boards for each corner
<p>26 "And you shall make bars of acacia wood: five for the boards on <u>one side</u> of the tabernacle,</p> <p>27 "five bars for the boards on the <u>other side</u> of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the <u>side of the tabernacle,</u> for the far side westward.</p> <p>28 "The middle bar shall pass through the midst of the boards from end to end.</p> <p>29 "You shall overlay the boards with gold, make their rings of gold as holders for the bars, and overlay the bars with gold.</p> <p>30 "And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain.</p>	<p>12. Bars of Acacia Wood Overlaid with Gold</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Side: 5 bars • The Other Side: 5 bars • Far Side: 5 bars
<p>31 "You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet <i>thread,</i> and fine woven linen. It shall be woven with an artistic design of cherubim.</p> <p>32 "You shall hang it upon the four pillars of acacia <i>wood</i> overlaid with gold. Their hooks <i>shall be</i> gold, upon four sockets of silver.</p> <p>33 "And you shall hang the veil from the clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of the Testimony in there, behind the veil. The veil shall be a divider for you between the holy <i>place</i> and the Most Holy.</p>	<p>13. An Artistically Woven Veil</p>
<p>34 "You shall put the mercy seat upon the ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy.</p> <p>35 "You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand across from the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.</p>	<p>14. (Placement of Some Articles)</p>
<p>36 "You shall make a screen for the door of the tabernacle, woven of blue, purple, and scarlet <i>thread,</i> and fine woven linen, made by a weaver.</p> <p>37 "And you shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia <i>wood,</i> and overlay them with gold; their hooks <i>shall be</i> of gold, and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.</p>	<p>15. Woven Screen for the Door</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 pillars overlaid with gold • Golden hooks • 5 sockets of bronze
<p>27:1 "You shall make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide-- the altar shall be square-- and its height <i>shall be</i> three cubits.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3 "Also you shall make its pans to receive its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze.</p>	<p>16. Altar of Acacia Wood Overlaid with Bronze</p>

<p>4 "You shall make a grate for it, a network of bronze; and on the network you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners.</p> <p>5 "You shall put it under the rim of the altar beneath, that the network may be midway up the altar.</p> <p>6 "And you shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze.</p> <p>7 "The poles shall be put in the rings, and the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar to bear it.</p> <p>8 "You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it.</p>	
<p>9 "You shall also make the court of the tabernacle. For the south side <i>there shall be hangings</i> for the court <i>made of</i> fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long for one side.</p> <p>10 "And its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets <i>shall be</i> bronze. The hooks of the pillars and their bands <i>shall be</i> silver.</p> <p>11 "Likewise along the length of the north side <i>there shall be</i> hangings one hundred <i>cubits</i> long, with its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of bronze, and the hooks of the pillars and their bands of silver.</p> <p>12 "And along the width of the court on the west side <i>shall be</i> hangings of fifty cubits, with their ten pillars and their ten sockets.</p> <p>13 "The width of the court on the east side <i>shall be</i> fifty cubits.</p> <p>14 "The hangings on <i>one side of the gate shall be</i> fifteen cubits, <i>with</i> their three pillars and their three sockets.</p> <p>15 "And on the other side <i>shall be</i> hangings of fifteen <i>cubits</i>, <i>with</i> their three pillars and their three sockets.</p> <p>16 "For the gate of the court <i>there shall be</i> a screen twenty cubits long, <i>woven of</i> blue, purple, and scarlet <i>thread</i>, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver. It <i>shall have</i> four pillars and four sockets.</p> <p>17 "All the pillars around the court shall have bands of silver; their hooks <i>shall be</i> of silver and their sockets of bronze.</p> <p>18 "The length of the court <i>shall be</i> one hundred cubits, the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits, <i>made of</i> fine woven linen, and its sockets of bronze.</p>	<p>17. The <u>Court</u> (Area) of the Tabernacle</p>
<p>19 "All the utensils of the tabernacle for all its service, all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, <i>shall be</i> of bronze.</p>	<p>18. <u>Utensils</u> of the Tabernacle</p>
<p>20 "And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually.</p>	<p>19. God Requires an Ongoing Supply of <u>Olive Oil</u></p>
<p>21 "In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the veil which <i>is</i> before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening until morning before the LORD. <i>It shall be</i> a statute forever to their generations on behalf of the children of Israel.</p>	<p>20. <u>Aaron</u> and Sons Are Assigned to Tend the Tabernacle Every Day</p>
<p>30:1 "You shall make an altar to burn incense on; you shall make it of acacia wood.</p> <p>2 "A cubit <i>shall be</i> its length and a cubit its width-- it shall be square-- and two cubits <i>shall be</i> its height. Its horns <i>shall be</i> of one piece with it.</p> <p>3 "And you shall overlay its top, its sides all around, and its horns with pure gold; and you shall make for it a molding of gold all around.</p> <p>4 "Two gold rings you shall make for it, under the molding on both its sides. You shall place <i>them</i> on its two sides, and they will be holders for the poles with which to bear it.</p> <p>5 "You shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold.</p> <p>6 "And you shall put it before the veil that <i>is</i> before the ark of the Testimony, before the mercy seat that <i>is</i> over the Testimony, where I will meet with you.</p> <p>7 "Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it.</p> <p>8 "And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.</p> <p>9 "You shall not offer strange incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering; nor shall you pour a drink offering on it.</p>	<p>21. Altar of Acacia Wood to Burn <u>Incense</u> On Overlaid with Gold</p>

<p>¹⁰ "And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD."</p>	
<p>¹¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ¹² "When you take the census of the children of Israel for their number, then every man shall give a ransom for himself to the LORD, when you number them, that there may be no plague among them when you number them. ¹³ "This is what everyone among those who are numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary (a shekel is twenty gerahs). The half-shekel shall be an offering to the LORD. ¹⁴ "Everyone included among those who are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering to the LORD. ¹⁵ "The rich shall not give more and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when you give an offering to the LORD, to make atonement for yourselves. ¹⁶ "And you shall take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of meeting, that it may be a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD, to make atonement for yourselves."</p>	<p>22. God Requires a <u>Ransom</u> for Every Man</p>
<p>¹⁷ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ¹⁸ "You shall also make a laver of bronze, with its base also of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. And you shall put water in it, ¹⁹ "for Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet in water from it. ²⁰ "When they go into the tabernacle of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire to the LORD, they shall wash with water, lest they die. ²¹ "So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a statute forever to them-- to him and his descendants throughout their generations."</p>	<p>23. A Bronze <u>Laver</u> for Washing</p>
<p>²² Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ "Also take for yourself quality spices-- five hundred <i>shekels</i> of liquid myrrh, half as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two hundred and fifty <i>shekels</i>), two hundred and fifty <i>shekels</i> of sweet-smelling cane, ²⁴ "five hundred <i>shekels</i> of cassia, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and a hin of olive oil. ²⁵ "And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded according to the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil. ²⁶ "With it you shall anoint the tabernacle of meeting and the ark of the Testimony; ²⁷ "the table and all its utensils, the lampstand and its utensils, and the altar of incense; ²⁸ "the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base. ²⁹ "You shall consecrate them, that they may be most holy; whatever touches them must be holy. ³⁰ "And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister to Me as priests. ³¹ "And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: `This shall be a holy anointing oil to Me throughout your generations. ³² `It shall not be poured on man's flesh; nor shall you make <i>any other</i> like it, according to its composition. It is holy, and it shall be holy to you. ³³ `Whoever compounds <i>any</i> like it, or whoever puts <i>any</i> of it on an outsider, shall be cut off from his people."</p>	<p>24. Holy Anointing <u>Oil</u></p>

³⁴ And the LORD said to Moses: "Take sweet spices, stacte and onycha and galbanum, and pure frankincense with *these* sweet spices; there shall be equal amounts of each.

³⁵ "You shall make of these an **incense**, a compound according to the art of the perfumer, salted, pure, *and* holy.

³⁶ "And you shall beat *some* of it very fine, and put some of it before the Testimony in the tabernacle of meeting where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you.

³⁷ "But *as for* the incense which you shall make, you shall not make any for yourselves, according to its composition. It shall be to you holy for the LORD.

³⁸ "Whoever makes *any* like it, to smell it, he shall be cut off from his people."

25. Holy Incense

(Chapters 28-29 are instructions regarding Aaron and his sons.)