

**CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
BIBLE STUDY ASSIGNMENT – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025
EXODUS CHAPTERS 26-27 WITH ANSWERS**

On **March 12, 2025**, we will study **Exodus Chapters 26-27** Please read prayerfully and carefully the assigned chapters and answer these questions that we will this Wednesday:

1. Is the tabernacle the same thing as the tent of meeting in Chapter 26 Verse 1?

ANSWER: Not exactly. Tabernacle and tent of meeting are translations of two different Hebrew terms. There may have been several tents of meeting, which were temporary structures used until the tabernacle was built. Some think that tent of meeting was a general term, encompassing both the temporary tents and the tabernacle.

2. What was so important about the tabernacle?

ANSWER: The tabernacle was the Israelites' centralized place of worship while they were in the desert. It was the holy place where God made his presence known to his people.

3. How long would it take to set up or take down the tabernacle?

ANSWER: No one knows exactly. However, it apparently took only one day to set up its structure for the first time (40:1, 17), so it presumably could be dismantled in the daylight hours of a single day as well. The carriers numbered over 8,000 (Num. 4:48).

4. Why do you think there was so much attention to detail in verses 5-11?

ANSWER: This passage tells us more than how the tabernacle was made. It also teaches us why it was made: to bring glory to God. From the tabernacle we can learn about God's character— something far beyond the scope of mere blueprints. The Israelites who first heard these words also saw God's glory in the cloud above the tabernacle. What for us may seem like tedious details probably inspired awe in them. The attention to detail reminds us, and in some case teaches us that God is intentional about His work, whether we believe it or not!

5. What was acacia wood and what was so special about acacia wood?

ANSWER: Acacia wood was durable and readily available in the Sinai Desert and was well-suited for the tabernacle. Because it was harder than oak, wood-eating insects were more likely to avoid it. Acacia tree branches were protected by "touch-me-not" thorns, perhaps symbolizing God's intimidating majesty. The burning bush in Exodus 3:2 was one species of acacia.

6. Where did the Israelites get the materials to make all these things in verses 31-37?

ANSWER: The people donated the materials for the tabernacle from the supplies they brought with them out of Egypt. They gave gold, silver and bronze; blue, purple and scarlet yarn and fine linen; goat hair ... along with many other objects of value (35:6-9). With 603,550 men (38:26)—meaning about that many families, all living in tents—there would have been plenty of resources to build this tent for the Lord. In fact, the people gave so generously that Moses had to tell the people to stop bringing supplies (36:5-7).

7. Why do you think they used the colors blue, purple and scarlet in verse 31?

ANSWER: Dyes for the yarn were likely obtained from shellfish (blue), murex snails' secretions (purple) and certain scale insects (scarlet). These are the colors of royalty, partly because they are produced by very rare and costly dyes. Using them in God's tabernacle pays him the highest honor, praise and worth.

8. What was the altar, where was it and why was it so important in Exodus Chapter 27:1-8?

ANSWER: The first and largest piece of equipment that a worshiper would meet on entering the court of the tabernacle was the "altar" the altar of burnt offering in Lev 4:7, 10, 18). Its position just inside the gate made it easily accessible, unavoidable, and unmistakable. It was made of acacia wood (see comment on 25:5) and measured 7 1/2 feet square by 4 1/2 feet high. It was overlaid with bronze.

9. What were burnt offerings and why were they necessary?

ANSWER: In the Bible, a burnt offering was a sacrifice made to God by burning an animal completely on an altar. It was a way to worship, give thanks, and atone for sin. It's purpose was to express devotion to God, to atone for unintentional sin, give thanks, and express commitment to God.

10. How many altars were there and why?

ANSWER: There was but one altar just as there is but one way of salvation, and this Jesus fulfilled (see John 1:29).

11. What is finely twisted linen in Verse 16?

ANSWER: It is the highest quality of superfine cotton, so delicate that it is hard to distinguish from silk.

12. Why did God want lamps burning all night? (27:20–21)

ANSWER: The light from these oil lamps, situated in the Holy Place, signified God's very presence.