

TORAH, GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS  
THE TABERNACLE  
EXODUS 25 - ARK, TABLE, CANDLESTICK  
PART 1

- Say - Welcome to Sabbath School class. Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we continue our study of the book of Exodus. This lesson is on the instructions for God's Tabernacle. God showed Moses a pattern of the Tabernacle on Mt. Sinai and he was to make it "according to that pattern" Hebrews 8:5. Further details of how everything was made can be found in Exodus 37-38.
- Say - God always wanted to dwell with His People and guide and protect them. Now out of slavery of sin the Israelites needed a place to worship Him and God gave Moses the instructions for the Tabernacle on Mt. Sinai. The word "Tabernacle" means "Tent", Strong's Concordance, Hebrew-04908. The Tabernacle was portable and the wilderness symbolized temporariness so the Tabernacle moved with them as they traveled through the wilderness to the Promised Land.
- Say - God told Moses how the Tabernacle was to be built and Moses went about finding the "Skilled workmen with a willing and wise heart" to do the job, Exodus 35:10.
- Say - The tribe of Levi was responsible "To do the service or take care of the Tabernacle" Numbers 3:7-9, 17-37. There were three major families of Levites; the Gershon family took care of the Tabernacle, the tent, the covering and the hanging for the door of the Tabernacle. Also the hangings and screen for the door of the court, Numbers 3:25-26. The Levite family of Kohath were to care for the ark, the table, the candlestick, alters and the vessels of the sanctuary, Numbers 3:31. The Levite family of Merari were to care for the boards of the Tabernacle, the bars, the pillars, sockets, pins and cords, Numbers 3:36-37. Eleazar, the son of Aaron, was the chief overseer of the Levites, later he became the High Priest, Numbers 3:32.
- Say - The Levites, when the cloud showed them it was time to move forward in the wilderness, were responsible for dismantling the Tabernacle and carrying it on to the new destination and set it up again in the new location. Once they had arrived at the new destination, God had a specific place for each tribe to camp around the Tabernacle, Numbers 2:1-34.

- Say - On the East side was Judah, Issachar and Zebulun; they were in the lead behind the Levites when they traveled. On the south side were Reuben, Simeon and Gad. On the west side was Ephraim, Manasseh and Benjamin. On the North side was Dan, Asher, and Naphtali, Numbers 2.
- Say - The Tabernacle or tent was a portable **sanctuary** or a holy place of worship for God and His people in the wilderness; it served as their place of worship until the building of the Temple by Solomon. The Tabernacle stood in a courtyard 150 ft. long and 75 ft. wide. The inside of the Tabernacle was covered with richly embroidered curtains. Inside the court was the **alter of burnt offering**, Exodus 27:1-8; also in the court was the **bronze laver**, used by the priests, Aaron and his sons, to "wash their hands and feet that they die not" Exodus 30:17-21.
- Say - The Tabernacle/tent which housed the ark was separated into two sections by a blue, purple and scarlet linen **veil**. The veil divided the **Holy Place** and the **Most Holy Place**. The **Holy Place** held the **candlestick or lampstand**, the **table of shewbread** and **the alter of incense**. The **Most Holy Place or Holy of Holies** held the **ark** which held the Ten Commandments, Exodus 25:16, the manna and "Aaron's rod that budded" Hebrews 9:4. The Tabernacle or tent which housed the Holy place and the Most Holy Place had embroidered linen curtains on the inside and on the outside a double layer of goat skin. We should realize now God's people are the Tabernacle or the Temple of God, I Corinthians 3:16.
- Say - The Tabernacle was set up at Mt. Sinai on the "first day of the first month" of the second year after the Israelites left Egypt, Exodus 40:17. The Tabernacle always went before the Israelites as they moved on in the wilderness "<sup>34</sup>And the cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp. <sup>35</sup>And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. <sup>36</sup>And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel" Numbers 10:34-36.
- Say - The Tabernacle was stationed at Kadesh (where the first generation of the children of Israel decided not to go into the Promised Land of Canaan. Also at Gilgal Joshua 4:19; Shiloh, Joshua 18:1; Nob (where David ate the shewbread) I Samuel and Gibeon, I Chronicles 21:29.
- Say - David moved the Tabernacle to Jerusalem; it was a very happy day, "<sup>16</sup>And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David

(Jerusalem), Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. <sup>17</sup>And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. <sup>18</sup>And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. <sup>19</sup>And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. So all the people departed every one to his house (we can see what a happy day it was to bring the Tabernacle to Jerusalem) 2 Samuel 6:16-19.

**Here is The "Good News"** God will restore the splendor of the "Tabernacle of David", "And to this agree the words of the prophets (Amos, Isaiah); as it is written, <sup>16</sup>After this I will return, and will (re)build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: (Why?) <sup>17</sup>That the residue (the rest) of men (mankind) might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things" Acts 15:15-17.

The Tabernacle was an "example and shadow of the heavenly things" meaning the throne of God, Hebrews 8:5. **Now remember God's people are the Temple of God where God's spirit dwells, I Corinthians 3:16.**

## **Exodus 25**

Say - God gave a pattern of the details of the Tabernacle to Moses on Mt. Sinai; we will read of the instructions in this chapter in verses 9 - 40.

<sup>1</sup>And the LORD (Jehovah) spake unto Moses, saying,

<sup>2</sup>Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering (The Tabernacle/tent was to be built for God and His people; they were to think back how God had the Egyptians give the Israelites their jewels before they left Egypt; now all of these things could be used for the Tabernacle of God plus many other items, verses 3-7. See also I Chronicles 29:2-5.).

<sup>3</sup>And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, (There was no iron in the Tabernacle because iron was used for armies and war but this was a House of Peace with God.)

<sup>4</sup>And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, <sup>5</sup>And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood (Blue, purple and scarlet were connected with the crucifixion. Please read, "<sup>28</sup>And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe" Matthew 27:28. "<sup>2</sup>And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns,

and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe" John 19:2. "13And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. 14And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean" Revelation 19:13-14).

5And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim (acacia) wood,

6Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

7Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod (hung down from the shoulders and worn by high priests), and in the breastplate.

8And let them make (for) me a sanctuary (a holy place); that I may dwell (abide) among them (This was the reason God called them out of Egypt to marry them at Mt. Sinai and dwell among them "and be their God" Exodus 29:45. Think of this as the first house of a Husband and Wife; the first house is very important in every detail. His Tabernacle or Tent would move with His people in the wilderness so they would know He was with them. In the courtyard of the Tabernacle they would bring their sacrifices, tithes, vows and worship with God and "rejoice before Him" Deuteronomy 12:11-12. The Bible tells us "12A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary" Jeremiah 17:12. Now we realize "24For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures (copies) of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us (for He is our High Priest): Hebrews 9:24. Christ being from the tribe of Judah never entered into the Holy of Holies until Heaven "11But Christ being come an (our) high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building" Hebrews 9:11. In the future God tells us through John "3And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful" Revelation 21:3-5).

9According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle (dwelling place), and the pattern of all the instruments (vessels, furniture, equipment, any utensil) thereof, even so shall ye make it. (Don't add or diminish from this pattern. The Tabernacle is a copy of the throne in heaven and later was in the Temple of God, I Chronicles 28:11-19. The Bible tells us "5Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount, an example of what goes on in heaven Hebrews 8:5).

Say - Note the order of the furniture made for the Tabernacle in the following verses. The ark was made first; it was 3 ft. 9 inches in length and two feet three inches in width. The Ark of God was like a chest in which the two tables of the Ten Commandments, the manna and "Aaron's rod that budded" were to be kept, Hebrews 9:4. The ark was the only item in the Most Holy Place or Holy of Holies.

Say - The ark went before the children of Israel "to search a resting place for them" Numbers 10:33. The ark of God covered by a cloud was sacred to the people for it represented God was with them.

<sup>10</sup>And they shall make an ark of shittim (acacia) wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. (Every detail counts in God's House.)

<sup>11</sup>And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about (The "crown of gold" is symbolic of the King of Kings, Jesus, to come and He will be crowned with many crowns, Revelation 19:12.).

<sup>12</sup>And thou shalt cast four rings (the rings were for the poles for the Levites to carry the ark from place to place as they traveled) of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

<sup>13</sup>And thou shalt make staves of shittim (acacia) wood, and overlay them with gold.

<sup>14</sup>And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne (carried) with them. <sup>15</sup>The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it.

<sup>16</sup>And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee (The two tables of stone containing the Ten Commandments which is called "the testimony" Exodus 25:22; later on was put in the Temple. The Ten Commandments were a witness either for or against His people as well as today; they are there to protect us from sin and guide us as we live our life on earth. Added later was the total law of God.).

<sup>17</sup>And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. (Not overlaid in gold but of pure gold; the "mercy seat" was to "cover" the ark. On the Day of Atonement the High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies and sprinkle the blood on the "cover of the ark" and their sins would be "covered or pardoned" "<sup>14</sup>And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times. <sup>15</sup>Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is

for the people, and bring his blood within the veil (Most Holy Place or Holy of Holies), and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:" Leviticus 16:14-15. The "mercy seat" or "cover of the ark" was symbolic of Jesus Christ who takes away our sins, forgives and forgets them and makes us "without blemish" upon sincere repentance. Now God's people have forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ, our High Priest, when we sincerely repent of sin. The Bible tells us "<sup>24</sup>Being justified freely (render righteous) by his grace through the redemption (deliverance of the death penalty) that is in Christ Jesus (judged not guilty; Jesus paid the penalty for the world and those who are converted, honor Him and obey Him not disobey): <sup>25</sup>Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation (forgiven) through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission (passing over) of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God Romans 3:24-25.)

<sup>18</sup>And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat (The cherubims represented the celestial beings around God's throne and "between the cherubims" God would meet with His people in a cloud; this was His residence, see verse 22, in the wilderness. Now the Bible tells us "<sup>16</sup>Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" and we can come boldly before the Throne of God when we are obedient to Him and the time of need is when we are tempted to sin Hebrews 4:16. God gives His "grace" to those who obey Him not to those who are disobedient to His Laws of Love, Romans 13:10.)

<sup>19</sup>And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof.

<sup>20</sup>And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.

<sup>21</sup>And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark (ark cover); and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee (The "testimony" is the Ten Commandments.).

<sup>22</sup>And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel (The statutes, judgments, ordinances, commandments.).

Say - The ark of the testimony has seven names. 1. Ark of the covenant of Jehovah, Numbers 10:33. 2. Ark of Adonai Jehovah, I Kings 2:26. 3. Ark of Jehovah, Joshua 3:13. 4. Ark of Elohim, I Samuel 3:3. 5. The holy ark, 2 Chronicles 35:3. 6. The ark of thy strength, Psalm 132:8. 7. The ark of the testimony, Exodus 25:22

Say - The following is a very interesting story; when it was time to cross the Jordan River, the ark went before them,

<sup>1</sup>And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim (broke up the camp), and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.

<sup>2</sup>And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host (gave instructions to the people);

(The usual position of the ark when at rest was in the center of the camp) <sup>3</sup>And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it (only the Levites could carry the ark).

<sup>4</sup>Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure (about 1 mile): come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore.

<sup>5</sup>And Joshua said (had told) unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you (same as in Exodus 19:10-15 before the marriage covenant was ratified).

<sup>6</sup>And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

<sup>7</sup>And the LORD said unto Joshua (God encouraged Joshua here. Joshua was the leader of the Israelites after Moses and now God was going to give Joshua a higher token of divine favor upon him.), This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.

<sup>8</sup>And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan (Now the ark was to accomplish what had been done by the rod of Moses in the wilderness from God's power.).

<sup>9</sup>And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.

<sup>10</sup>And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you (a divine being of life and power, not an idol), and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites (Joshua is telling the children of Israel that God would defend them and work for them.).

<sup>11</sup>Behold, the ark of the covenant of the LORD of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.

<sup>12</sup>Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

<sup>13</sup>And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the LORD of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

<sup>14</sup>And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people (1 mile between the ark and the people);

<sup>15</sup>And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest, (Usually the Jordan River was 50-60 ft wide but it had doubled because of the spring runoff.)

<sup>16</sup>That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho (The river was dried up as far as the eye could see, another miracle! Imagine yourself being there.).

<sup>17</sup>And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan (The Jordan River has a firm pebble bottom.), and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan" Joshua 3.

### Back to Exodus 25 - The making of the table.

<sup>23</sup>Thou shalt also make a table of shittim (acacia) wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof (The "table" was in the sanctuary or holy place which was separated by the veil from the Holy of Holies or Most Holy Place) <sup>2</sup>For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary (or holy place also known as, Hebrews 9:2).

<sup>24</sup>And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about (Gold was symbolic of purity. The "crown" was around the table and elevated a little so nothing would fall from the table. The "table was to always have "shewbread" on it with a loaf for each tribe of Israel, <sup>5</sup>And thou shalt take fine flour (pure, not coarse ground flour), and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake (First as we witness here the "shewbread" was in the Tabernacle and then in the Temple of God; worshipping God always involved food except on the Holy Day of Atonement which was a fast day.). <sup>6</sup>And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on



a row, upon the pure table before the LORD (The priests made the bread everyday and ate it everyday.). <sup>7</sup>And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial (This was a remembrance or "memorial" offering by the worshipper for God's care and guidance and feeding them in the wilderness which was burned and gave a "sweet savour" from the "frankincense" unto God of Thanksgiving; this is the only "savour" God will accept. We are to give thanks to God for His guidance and care as well and thank Him for our daily bread both physically and spiritually.), even an offering made by fire unto the LORD. <sup>8</sup>Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. <sup>9</sup>And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute (This was symbolic of eating His flesh and drinking His blood; taking in everything God had to say, His laws, statutes, ordinances and judgments, Leviticus 24:5-9. Someday we will eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom at the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" Revelation 19:9, Luke 14:15.).

<sup>25</sup>And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about. <sup>26</sup>And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof.

<sup>27</sup>Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves to bear the table.

<sup>28</sup>And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne (carried) with them.

<sup>29</sup>And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof (cups for holding incense), and covers thereof, and bowls (cups) thereof, to cover withal: of pure gold shalt thou make them (Everything was pure, there was no false doctrine.).

<sup>30</sup>And thou shalt set upon the table shewbread before me alway (The "shewbread" pointed to Christ, "the Bread of Life" our sustainer John 6:35. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread which cometh down from heaven (JESUS), that a man may eat thereof, and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world (God's people must take in every word of God and live it in sincerity to Him as a way of life after being "called of God", repented, been baptized and received His spirit.).

Say - The candlestick or lampstand is made of pure gold. The Bible tells us about Zechariah seeing the candlestick and the two olive trees, <sup>1</sup>And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. <sup>2</sup>And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold (represented God's people, His church), with a bowl upon the top of it (The "bowl" of oil is symbolic of Christ on top), and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: <sup>3</sup>And two olive trees by it, one upon the

right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. <sup>4</sup>So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? The answer is found in the following verses: <sup>11</sup>Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof? <sup>12</sup>And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves? <sup>13</sup>And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord. <sup>14</sup>Then said he, These are the two anointed ones (Joshua and Zerubbabel), that stand by the LORD of the whole earth" Zechariah 4:1-4, 11-14. Joshua and Zerubbabel are symbolic of the two witnesses who God will send during the great tribulation and will be the last preachers of the gospel; they will prophesy and expose the false deceptive religion, <sup>3</sup>And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth (in Jerusalem). These (the two witnesses) are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. <sup>5</sup>And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth (metaphor - will speak), and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed (the two witnesses are protected by God). <sup>6</sup>These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will (Just like Moses and Aaron did in Egypt according to the will of God) Revelation 11:3-6.

<sup>31</sup>And thou shalt make a candlestick (lampstand) of pure gold (Jesus is a God of light or truth not spiritual darkness): of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls (to put the oil in), his knops (knobs), and his flowers, shall be of the same.

<sup>32</sup>And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:

<sup>33</sup>Three bowls made like unto almonds (blossoms), with a knop (knob) and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

<sup>34</sup>And in the candlesticks shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers (making 7 bowls, The almond blossom meant to "watchover and guard" our lives in God; the Bible tells us "Blessed (not cursed) is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my door" Proverbs 8:34. The almond blossom meant to pray and be on guard about lawlessness; the Bible tells us "For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity (lawlessness) are cut off (from God)" Isaiah 29:20; we are to be diligent in following God.).

<sup>35</sup>And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same (one piece), and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches (God's people represent the "branches") that

proceed out of the candlestick. (Christ tells us through John, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman (there are many false ones so be diligent).

<sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it (prunes it to make more Godly fruit), that it may bring forth more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you (what cleanses us is the Word of God because it brings us to PURE TRUTH, no false doctrine). <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you (through what He has taught us). As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned (This is the fate of the wicked or lawless people because they are "fruitless" and are useless to Him, John 15:1-6.).

<sup>36</sup>Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all it shall be one beaten work of pure gold.

<sup>37</sup>And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against (the face of) it (The Bible tells us "I (Jesus) am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in (spiritual) darkness" John 12:46; Jesus was symbolic of the "candlestick or lampstand" for "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" Psalm 119:105. God's people abide in the "light" and are a light to the world when we obey the teachings of God; the "light" is God's Law/Torah which includes His statutes and ordinances and judgments or every word He says.).

<sup>38</sup>And the tongs (snuffers) thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold.

<sup>39</sup>Of a talent of pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels (In the book of Revelations, chapter 4 we are told much about the Throne of God. I will leave that for you to study and read.) .

<sup>40</sup>And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount (Sanai) (In essence God opened heaven and showed Moses the Throne of God. Nothing was to be of a man-made pattern; it was from God only.).

#### MEMORY VERSE

And let them make (for) me a sanctuary (a holy place); that I may dwell (abide) among them.

Exodus 25:8

BELOW IS THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR TOTS AND YOUTH

## THE TABERNACLE OR TENT

GOD TOLD MOSES, "BRING ME AN OFFERING FROM EVERYONE WHO IS WILLING";

"GOLD, SILVER, BRASS, RAMS' SKIN AND ACACIA WOOD AND FINE LINEN OF BLUE, PURPLE AND SCARLET THEY MAY BRING."

"OIL FOR THE LIGHT AND SPICES FOR SWEET INCENSE AND STONES FOR THE HIGH PRIEST'S BREASTPLATE;" "LET THEM MAKE FOR ME A SANCTUARY;"

IN THE SANCTUARY I WILL DWELL AMONG THEM AND THEY CAN BRING THEIR SACRIFICES, TITHES AND VOWS AND "REJOICE BEFORE ME" IN WORSHIP; IT WILL BE A HOLY PLACE.

EXODUS 25:18

ON MT. SINAI GOD GAVE MOSES A PATTERN OF THE TABERNACLE OR TENT; THE PATTERN WAS OF THE THRONE IN HEAVEN OR THE HOLY OF HOLIES WHERE CHRIST NOW SITS;  
NOW CHRIST IS OUR HIGH PRIEST AND APPEARS FOR US IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD WHEN WE ASK FOR FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS. HEBREWS 9:24

THE ARK WAS MADE FIRST FOR THE TABERNACLE; A CHEST OF PURE GOLD IT WAS TO BE;

GOD HAD MOSES PUT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, MANNA AND "AARON'S ROD THAT BUDED" IN THE ARK.

EXODUS 25:16, HEBREWS 9:4

THE ARK WENT BEFORE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL "TO SEARCH A RESTING PLACE FOR THEM"; NUMBERS 10:33

NOW CHRIST, OUR GOOD SHEPHERD, LEADS US ON AND HE WILL RETURN FOR HIS PEOPLE, WE DON'T KNOW WHEN.

THE ARK WAS MADE OF PURE GOLD WITH FOUR RINGS FOR THE POLES SO THE TRIBE OF LEVI COULD CARRY THE ARK FROM PLACE TO PLACE;

IN A CLOUD WAS CHRIST AND HE WOULD SHOW HIS PEOPLE WHEN TO MOVE; THE LEVITES TOOK DOWN THE TABERNACLE, CARRIED IT TO THE NEW DESTINATION AND SET IT UP IN THE NEW PLACE.

ON TOP OF THE ARK WAS A MERCY SEAT OR "COVER" MADE OF PURE GOLD. ON THE DAY OF ATONEMENT THE HIGH PRIEST WOULD SPRINKLE BLOOD FROM THE SACRIFICES ON THE "COVER OF THE ARK" AND THE PEOPLES' SINS WOULD BE COVERED OR PARDONED;

THE MERCY SEAT WAS SYMBOLIC OF JESUS, OUR HIGH PRIEST, WHO TAKES AWAY OUR SINS WHEN WE SINCERELY REPENT FOR JESUS PAID THE PENALTY WHEN HE DIED ON THE TREE, NOW FROM SIN WE CAN BE SET FREE.

TWO CHERUBIMS, ONE ON EACH END OF THE MERCY SEAT, AND IN BETWEEN THE CHERUBIMS WAS A CLOUD AND THIS WAS THE APPOINTED MEETING PLACE OF GOD BETWEEN THE CHERUBIMS;

NOW WE CAN COME BOLDLY TO GOD'S THRONE THROUGH JESUS THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY AND FORGIVENESS; HE GIVES MERCY AND FORGIVENESS TO THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.

IN THE HOLY PLACE WAS THE TABLE OF SHEWBREAD AND THE LAMPSTAND OR THE CANDLESTICK;  
THE SHEWBREAD WAS SYMBOLIC OF JESUS FOR HE IS THE "BREAD OF LIFE", THE BREAD JESUS GAVE WAS HIS LIFE SO WE COULD FOREVER LIVE. JOHN 6:35

THE CANDLESTICK OR LAMPSTAND WAS MADE OF PURE GOLD; THE CANDLESTICK WAS SYMBOLIC OF JESUS CHRIST; THE CANDLESTICK HAD BRANCHES COMING OUT OF EACH SIDE, THE BRANCHES REPRESENTED HIS PEOPLE; JESUS SAID, "I AM THE VINE...YOU ARE THE BRANCHES...EVERY BRANCH THAT BEARS GODLY FRUIT HE PRUNES IT THAT IT MAY BRING FORTH MORE GODLY FRUIT FOR I AM THE VINE"  
JOHN 1:1-6

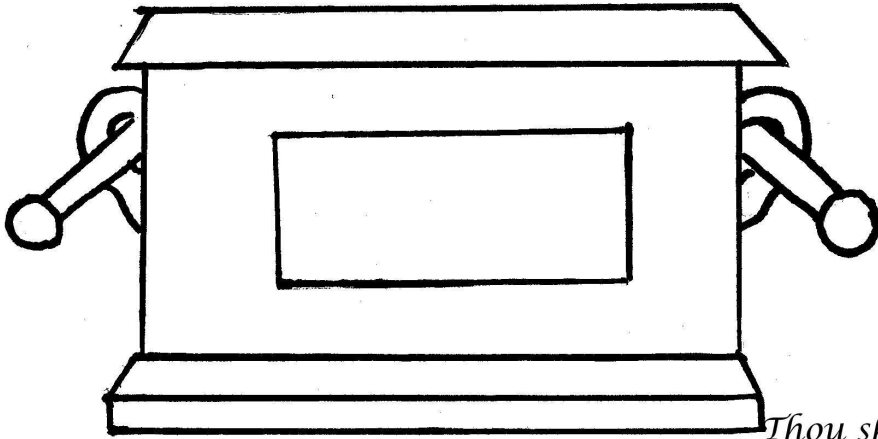
CONTINUING WITH THE CANDLESTICK, JESUS SAID, "I AM COME A LIGHT INTO THE WORLD AND WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH ON ME SHOULD NOT ABIDE IN SPIRITUAL DARKNESS";  
FOR HIS WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH, NOW GOD'S PEOPLE ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD WHERE HIS SPIRIT RESIDES. JOHN 12:46, PSALM 119:105

ON THE CANDLESTICK WERE ALMOND BLOSSOMS; THE ALMOND  
BLOSSOMS WERE THERE TO REMIND US TO "WATCHOVER AND  
GUARD" OUR LIVES IN GOD;  
THE ALMOND BLOSSOMS WERE TO REMIND US TO "BE ON GUARD"  
ABOUT LAWLESSNESS AND BE "DILIGENT" IN FOLLOWING  
GOD.

AND LET THEM MAKE (FOR) ME A SANCTUARY (A HOLY PLACE) THAT I  
MAY DWELL AMONG THEM.

EXODUS 25:8

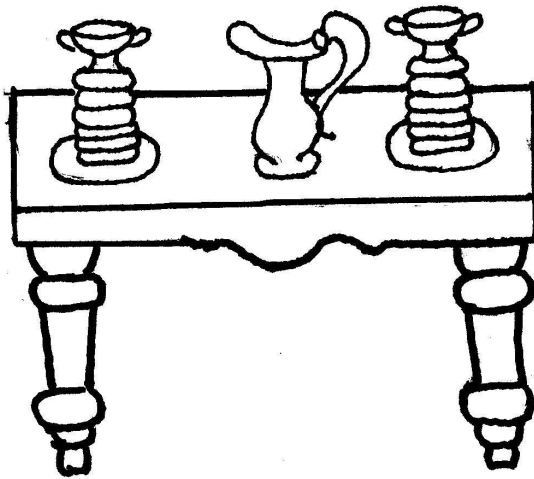
*On top of the ark were two cherubims and there  
I will meet with thee... between the two  
cherubims. Exodus 25:22*



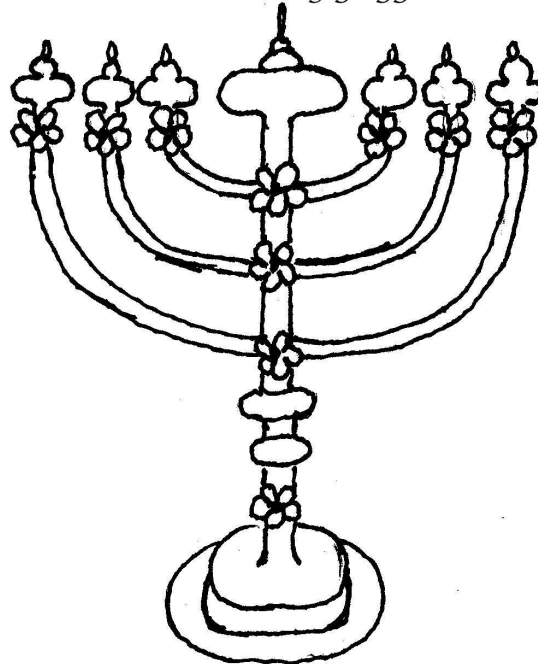
*The ark of the covenant  
of the Lord went before  
them... to search a  
resting place for them.  
Numbers 10:33*

*Thou shalt make a candlestick of  
pure gold and six branches shall  
come out of the side of it. Three  
bowls made like unto almonds...  
and a flower in one branch.  
Exodus 25:31-33*

*And thou shalt also make a table and  
thou shalt bake twelve cakes... and  
thou shalt set upon the table showbread  
before me always. Exodus 25:23-30*



*I am the living bread... if any man eat of  
this bread, he shall live forever.  
John 6:35*



*I am the vine, you  
are the branches...  
John 15:5*