

# ONE in the word

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: **and they are they which testify of me (Jesus).**” (John 5:39)

## January 30

**TODAY’S READING:** Exodus 25-28

**OVERVIEW:** God details His plans for the tabernacle; God details His plans for the High Priest’s coverings.

**HIGHLIGHTS & INSIGHTS:** Here the Divine Architect (Designer and Builder of the entire universe) takes on His second building project through man. His first, the Ark, was a vessel that carried man through the flood. The second, a tabernacle, is a way for God to be carried by man through the desert. God’s second building project is a tent, but in actuality, it is far, far more.

The blueprint is SIMPLE – made from materials available to the children of Israel in the desert – gold, silver and brass (unintentional gifts from the Egyptians), fine linen, animal skins, wood, oil, incense and precious stones. The blueprint is SYMBOLIC – absolutely every detail is a portrait of God’s character, how He desires to dwell with us and how we can approach Him.

The tabernacle is to be PRECIOUS. God’s art demands the very best workmanship available to the Israelites – sewing, carving, goldsmithing, baking, drying. The tabernacle is to be PORTABLE. God has His people on the move and His design allows the Israelites to keep Him at the center of their lives while they move on to the Promised Land.

Entire books have been written about the numerous pictures drawn by God in this design. Like any great art, the more you look, the more you see.

Historically, God designed this tabernacle because He wanted to dwell and commune with His people (Exodus 25:8, 22). Practically, God designed the record of it for all history to know how we can dwell in Him (1 John 4:12-13; Hebrews 9:1-14).

**CHRIST IS REVEALED:**

- In the ARK OF THE COVENANT – wood overlaid by pure gold (wood representing His humanity and gold representing His deity) – Exodus 25:10-11 (Philippians 2:6-8)
- In the MERCY SEAT – Exodus 25:17 (Romans 3:24-25 – Note that the word “propitiation” in Romans 3:25 is translated “mercyseat” in Hebrews 9:5)

- In the TABLE OF SHEWBREAD – Exodus 25:23-30 (Jesus is the Bread of Life: John 6:33, 35, 48, 51).
- In the CANDLESTICK – Exodus 25:31 (Jesus is the Light: John 1:4-9; 8:12; 9:5; 12:35-36, 46)
- In the VAIL – Exodus 26:30-37 (representing the body of Christ which was torn to bring us to God: Mark 15:38; Hebrews 10:20)
- Through the HIGH PRIEST and all of his CLOTHING – Exodus 28:1-43 (Jesus is our High Priest: Hebrews 2:17; 3:1)