Handout 1: Exodus Lesson 13

THE SEVEN CLASSES OF FURNITRUE IN YAHWEH'S HOLY SANCTUARY

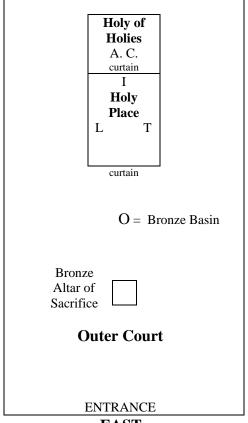
...these maintain the service only of a model or reflection of the heavenly realities; just as Moses, when he had the Tent to build, was warned by God who said: 'See that you work to the design that was shown you on the mountain. Hebrews 8:5

Sacred Furniture	Description and Function					
1. The Ark of the Covenant	An acacia wood box covered inside and outside with pure					
Ex 25:10-16; 26:34; 37:1-5	gold. It will house the stone tablets of the Law. It is to					
	be placed in the most sacred space—the Holy of Holies.					
2. The Mercy Seat	Moses is instructed to place the solid gold <i>Kapporet</i> on					
Ex 25:17-22; 37:6-9	top of the Ark of the Covenant. This lid is known as the					
	"mercy seat" or "seat of atonement." It is the meeting					
	place between God and His people. The figures of two					
	solid golden cherubim with outstretched wings are to be					
	mounted on the top of the lid of the mercy seat.					
3. The Golden Table of the	An acacia wood table covered with pure gold. It will					
Bread of the Presence	hold 12 loaves of unleavened bread, one loaf for each					
Ex 25:23-30; 37:10-16	tribe of Israel. It is to be placed in the Holy Place on the					
	north side opposite the lamp-stand.					
4. The Golden Menorah	It must be made of pure gold. It must have one central					
lamp stand	trunk with 6 branches, three on each side of the main					
Ex 25:31-39; 37:17-24	branch forming 7 branches with cups shaped in the form					
	of calyxes, almond blossoms, and buds upon which its					
	lamps are to rest. It is a visual representation of the					
	burning bush/tree (Ex 3:2) and a visual reminder of the					
	physical presence of God among His people. It is to be					
	kept continually burning in the Holy Place on the south					
	side opposite the Table of the Bread of the Presence.					
5. The Golden Altar of	Made of acacia wood covered with pure gold. The smoke					
Incense	from the burning incense represents the prayers of the					
Ex 30:1-10; 37:25-28	faithful rising to heaven. It is to be placed in the Holy					
	Place directly in front of the curtain which covers the					
	entrance to the Holy of Holies.					
6. The Bronze Altar of	Made of acacia wood and covered with bronze. It is the					
burnt offerings	only altar upon which animal sacrifice to Yahweh can be					
Ex 27:1-8; 38:1-7	made. It is to be placed in the middle of the Outer					
	Courtyard.					
7. The Bronze Basin	Made entirely of bronze from the mirrors of the women,					
Ex 30:18-21; 38:8	it is to hold the holy water for ritual purification before					
	entering the Holy Place of the Tabernacle. It is to be					
	placed in the Outer Courtyard in front of the entrance to					
	the Holy Place.					
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See the chart on the plan of the Sanctuary in handout #2 and the measurements of the Ark, the Table, the Altar of Incense and the Altar of Burnt Offerings in handout #3.

Handout 2: Exodus Lesson 13 PLAN OF THE SANCTUARY and its TABERNACLE

WEST



EAST

Sanctuary = 100 cubits long by 50 cubits wide; entrance 20 cubits wide (c. 150 ft. or 46 meters by c. 75 ft. or 23 meters). Tabernacle = 30 cubits long by 10 cubits wide.

Outside the Sanctuary = profane and unclean

Three Part Division of the Sanctuary:

- 1. Tent of Meeting Outer Court = sacred and clean
 - Bronze Altar of Sacrifice (3 cubits high x 5cubits square)
 - Bronze holy water basin for ritual purification (no dimensions)
- 2. Holy Place = sacred and clean
 - L = Golden Lamp-stand /menorah (no dimensions)
 - T = Golden Table containing the Bread of the Presence (2 cubits x 1 cubits x 1.5 cubits high)
 - I = Golden Altar of Incense in front of the curtain separating the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies (1cubits square x 2cubits high)
 - ___ = embroidered tapestry curtain separated the Outer Court from the Holy Place
- 3. Holy of Holies = most sacred and clean. Covered an opening 10 cubits wide.
 - ____= embroidered tapestry curtain separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies covered the opening 10 cubits wide.
 - A.C. = gold covered Ark of the Covenant covered with the gold covered Mercy Seat, the footstool of God and meeting place of heavenly and earthly liturgy (2.5 cubits x 1.5 cubits x 1.5 cubits high)
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Handout 3: Exodus Lesson 13

In the Pentateuch there are five different Hebrew terms or titles for the place of worship Moses is instructed to build. All five are used in Exodus:

- 1. *miqdas* (Ex 25:8): This Hebrew word is usually translated "sanctuary" and describes a sacred space. The word is derived from the Hebrew word *qadas*, referring to "that which is separate and holy."
- 2. *miskan* (Ex 25:9): This Hebrew word is usually translated "tabernacle". It is a masculine noun that is derived from the Hebrew verb *sakan* meaning to "settle down, abide, or dwell." This term can be applied to the one of the functions of the tabernacle as a dwelling place for God among His people.
- 3. *ohel* (Ex 26:36): This Hebrew word is commonly used for a temporary or transportable dwelling like a tent.
- 4. *ohel mo'ed* (Ex 29:42): The word *mo'ed* is derived from the Hebrew verb *ya'ad*, meaning "to meet at an appointed place." The best translation for the Hebrew term *ohel mo'ed* is "tent of meeting."
- 5. *miskan ha'edut* (Ex 38:21): This phrase is usually translated "the tabernacle of the testimony." A variation of the same name appears in Num 17:23 as *ohel ha'edut*, "tent of the testimony."

(Brown-Driver-Briggs: Hebrew Lexicon, pages 874, 1014, 416-417; and Strong's Exhaustive Concordance "tent," "tabernacle," "sanctuary."

Yahweh spoke to Moses and said... In the instructions for creating the earthly Sanctuary this formula saying will be repeated seven times (Ex 25:1; 30:11, 17, 22; 34, 31:1, 12).

Measurements of the furniture in the Tabernacle

Common Egyptian cubit = 17.6 inches

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	Length				Width					Height					
Ark of the Covenant	3	ft	8	in		2	ft	2 3/8 th	in		2	ft	2 3/8 th	in	
Table of the Bread of			11												
the Presence	2	ft	3/16 th	in		1	ft	5 5/8 th	in		2	ft	2 3/8 th	in	
Altar of Burnt															
Offerings	7	ft	4	in		7	ft	4	in		4	ft	4 3/4 th	in	
Altar of Incense	1	ft	5 5/8 th	in		1	ft	5 5/8 th	in		2	ft	11 1/4 th	in	

Common Egyptian cubit = 44.7 cm

	Length		Width			Height		
Ark of the Covenant Table of the Bread of	111.76 cm) <u> </u>	67.056	cm		67.056	cm	
the Presence Altar of Burnt	89.408 cm	ו 🎚	44.704	cm	_ L	67.056	cm	L
Offerings	223.52 cm)	223.52	cm		134.112	cm	
Altar of Incense	44.704 cm	1	44.704	cm		89.408	cm	