

# Exodus 27 - The Tabernacle: The Camp; The Priesthood and Garments

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**1** And thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits.

- The Altar of Sacrifice emphasized the entire concept of justification, as this is where the blood of the sacrifice was shed. Blood was never shed within the Holy Place or Holy of Holies, only brought from the Altar into the Holy of Holies.

— It was located outside the Tabernacle building, in the courtyard.

- The significance of the Altar of Sacrifice is three-fold:

1. Demonstrates that access to God was always by means of blood (Lev 17:11; 1 Tim 2:5-6; Heb 9:15,22)
2. Signifies Jesus as the final sacrifice, that His blood is the final shedding as sacrifice for sin (Heb 9:1—10:18)
3. Symbolizes Jesus as the Altar itself (Heb 13:10-15). He is not only the final sacrifice, but the very Altar itself.

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2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass.

3 And you shall make its pails for removing its ashes, and its shovels, its basins, its forks, and its firepans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze.

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3 You are to make pans for removing its ashes, shovels, bowls, forks, and fire-pans for it, and you are to make all its utensils of bronze.

3 And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass.

4 You shall also make for it a grating, a netting of bronze, and on the netting you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners.

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4 You are to make a lattice, a netting of bronze for it, and you are to make four bronze rings on the netting at its four corners.

4 And thou shalt make for it a grate of network of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the four corners thereof.

5 And you shall put it under the ledge of the altar, so that the netting will reach halfway up the altar.

5 You shall put it beneath, under the ledge of the altar, so that the net will reach halfway up the altar.

5 You are to put it under the ledge of the altar, so that the netting extends halfway up the altar.

5 And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar.

6 You shall also make carrying poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood and overlay them with bronze.

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6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with brass.

7 Its poles shall be inserted into the rings, so that the poles will be on the two sides of the altar when it is carried.

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7 The poles for it are to be put through the rings, so the poles are on the two sides of the altar when it's carried.

7 And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it.

8 You shall make it hollow with planks; as it was shown to you on the mountain, so they shall make *it*.

8 You shall make it hollow with planks; as it was shown to you in the mountain, so they shall make *it*.

8 You are to make it hollow out of boards—just as it was shown you on the mountain, that's how they are to make it."

8 Hollow with boards shalt thou make it: as it was shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

(e) Fence around the courtyard (27:9-19)

9 "Now you shall make the courtyard of the tabernacle. On the south side *there shall be hangings* for the courtyard of fine twisted linen, a hundred cubits long for one side;

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9 "You are to make the court of the tent. On the south side there is to be hangings of fine woven linen for the court, 100 cubits long on one side.

9 And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side:

- "...hangings" - made of fine-twined linen, surrounding the entire Tabernacle area; the "fence" of the Tabernacle, making the area inside the fence the "courtyard"

— The "courtyard" was 75' W x 150' L; it separated the Jews from the Gentiles, much like the veil separated high priest from common priest, and the screen separated Levite from non-Levites.

— Since the “courtyard” separated Jews from Gentiles, it was the “middle wall of partition” according to Eph 2:11-16. This “wall” was broken down with the death of Christ so that now Jews and Gentiles are reconciled into one Body.

10 and its pillars *shall be* twenty, with their twenty bases of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *shall be* of silver.

10 and its pillars *shall be* twenty, with their twenty sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *shall be* of silver.

10 It is to have 20 pillars, with 20 bronze sockets, and the hooks of the pillars and their bands are to be made of silver.

10 And the twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets shall be of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver.

11 Likewise for the north side in length *there shall be* hangings a hundred *cubits* long, and its twenty pillars with their twenty bases of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *shall be* of silver.

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11 Likewise for the length of the north side there are to be hangings 100 cubits long, and it is to have 20 pillars with 20 bronze sockets, and the hooks of the pillars and their bands are to be made of silver.

11 And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings of an hundred cubits long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver.

12 *For* the width of the courtyard on the west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits, *with* their ten pillars and their ten bases.

12 *For* the width of the court on the west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits *with* their ten pillars and their ten sockets.

12 “The width of the court on the west side is to have hangings 50 cubits long with ten pillars and ten sockets.

**12** And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten.

13 The width of the courtyard on the east side *shall be* fifty cubits.

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13 And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits.

14 The hangings for the *one side of the gate shall be* fifteen cubits, *with* their three pillars and their three bases.

14 The hangings for the *one side of the gate shall be* fifteen cubits *with* their three pillars and their three sockets.

14 The hangings for the one section are to be fifteen cubits long, with their three pillars and three sockets.

14 The hangings of one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

15 And for the other side *there shall be* hangings of fifteen cubits, *with* their three pillars and their three bases.

15 And for the other side *shall be* hangings of fifteen cubits *with* their three pillars and their three sockets.

15 "For the second section there are to be hangings of fifteen cubits, with their three pillars and three sockets.

15 And on the other side shall be hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 And for the gate of the courtyard *there shall be* a curtain of twenty cubits, of violet, purple, and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver, *with* their four pillars and their four bases.

16 For the gate of the court *there shall be* a screen of twenty cubits, of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver, *with* their four pillars and their four sockets.

16 There is to be a screen of 20 cubits of blue, purple, and scarlet material and fine woven linen, the work of an embroiderer, for the gate of the court, and it is to have four pillars and four sockets.

**16** And for the gate of the court shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four.

17 All the pillars around the courtyard shall be joined together *with* silver, *with* their hooks of silver and their bases of bronze.

17 All the pillars around the court shall be furnished with silver bands *with* their hooks of silver and their sockets of bronze.

17 All the pillars around the court are to be banded with silver. Their hooks are to be made of silver and their sockets made of bronze.

17 All the pillars round about the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets of brass.

18 The length of the courtyard *shall be* a hundred cubits, and the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits of fine twisted linen, and their bases of bronze.

18 The length of the court *shall be* one hundred cubits, and the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits of fine twisted linen, and their sockets of bronze.

18 The length of the court is to be 100 cubits, the width 50 cubits, and the height five cubits, with the hangings of fine woven linen, and the sockets of bronze.

18 The length of the court shall be an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass.

19 All the utensils of the tabernacle *used* in all its service, and all its pegs, and all the pegs of the courtyard, *shall be* of bronze.

19 All the utensils of the tabernacle *used* in all its service, and all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, *shall be* of bronze.

19 All the utensils of the tent for its service, all its pegs, and all the pegs for the court are to be made of bronze."

19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass.

(f) Oil for the lamp (27:20-21)

**20** "And you shall command the sons of Israel that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually.

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**20** "And you are to command the Israelis to bring you pure olive oil, extracted by hand, for the light in order to keep the lamp burning continuously.

**20** And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always.

- "...pure oil olive beaten" - made from beaten olive oil, it was fed into the lampstand to keep it burning continuously on behalf of the children of Israel

— Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. Just as the oil provided physical light, the Holy Spirit provides spiritual light

— The 7 lamps of the lampstand symbolizes completion and totality; in this case, the fullness of the Holy Spirit that Jesus would have. It speaks to the sevenfold fullness of the

Spirit (Is 11:2; Rev 3:1; 4:5).

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21 In the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain that is before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons are to maintain the lamp stand from evening until morning in the LORD's presence. It is to be a perpetual ordinance from generation to generation among the Israelis."

21 In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.