

# Heave Offering Exodus 11: 1-3

## **Obedience to God Brought Abundance More Than Enough for what was needed**

"The Israelites did according to the word of Moses; and they [urgently] asked of the Egyptians jewels of silver and of gold, and clothing. The Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they gave them what they asked. And they stripped the Egyptians [of those things]" Ex. 12: 35,36

**"Tell the Israelites to bring me an offering. You are to receive the offering for me from everyone whose heart prompts them to give."  
Ex 25:2**

## **He asked them to give it back to God out of a willing heart - Creating His Dwelling Place**

Ex 36: 3-7 ".....And they received from Moses all the free-will offerings which the Israelites had brought for doing the work of the sanctuary, to prepare it for service.....So Moses commanded and it was proclaimed in all the camp, Let no man or woman do anything more for the sanctuary offering. So the people were restrained from bringing, For the stuff they had was sufficient to do all the work and more. " **Gave more than enough**

**Equips Artisans:** Betzel El -13yrs old - His name means "You were in the Shadow of God". God equips them or fills certain men in the tribe of Judah not only with skill sets but also with the knowledge and wisdom to train others and complete the task.

Ex 31: 3-6 "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and ability, in understanding and intelligence, and in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship to devise skillful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in bronze, And in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all kinds of craftsmanship. And behold, I have appointed with him Aholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and to all who are wise hearted I have given wisdom and ability to make all that I have commanded you"

**Supplies given by all | Skills used by certain individuals - equipped by God | Tabernacle maintained by priesthood or Levites**

# JP

**You have to submit to being set apart as His People in order to enter into rest.**

Rabi  
Bitterman

# JP

"The aura of His holiness was to rest among the entire nation – every man woman and child. It should be constant, in the home and the workplace, as well as in the Temple, synagogue and study hall."  
Rabi  
Bitterman

# CP

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies." I Corinthians 6:19,20

# Elements

All details of the tabernacle use a pictorial language prophetically pointing to the coming savior. God gave instructions for the Ark first.

**Different Metals show the progression leading to His Presence in the Holy of Holies - Tried by Fire**

**Bronze - Copper - High melting pt ( 1,986 F) -** Plated the Brazen Alter, Laver, courtyard curtain pegs and covering pegs - 3.3 Tons

**Silver -** (Mandatory 1/2 Shekels part of census for all men 20yrs or older - military) sockets of walls, belts and caps of pillars of courtyard - 4.85 Tons

**Gold -** Ark, menorah, hooks, implements, shewbread table, priest's garments, pillar caps, gold covered beams, gold covered pillars, entrance screen, priest head plate. 1.65 Tons Ex. 35:28

**Precious Stones:** sardis, topaz, emerald, carbuncle, sapphire, diamond, amber, agate, amethyst, beryl, onyx, jasper - Apron and Breastplate of High Priest - JP: They were brought to the Jews in the wilderness by clouds. - Tribe names written with ink - worm (Shamir) placed on the line to etch the name of tribes

**Wool:** turquoise: 36x, purple: secretion of a gland of a purple snail - 27x, scarlet: kermes-dried worms crushed -27x

**Linen - Byssus:** outer courtyard curtain, priestly garments - finest cotton weave - 36x

**Twisted Flax -** First Covering of Tabernacle - angels

**Goats Hair:** Second covering - One extra panel - hair caught on thorn bushes as they foraged in the desert.

**Rams Skins Dyed Red:** Third covering to Mishkan

**Tachash or Badger's Skin:** Top Covering of Tabernacle - some believe the animal skin used is extinct.

**Acacia Wood ( Shittim) -** Ark, alters, beams, pillars, staves, poles- JP: Jacob Brought trees to Egypt and the wood was kept hidden until they left Egypt escaping to the promised land.

**Olive Oil -** Olives harvested from the top of the tree as they ripened faster - crushed rather than ground - first press used.

**Spices for Oil (Lev 24:2) and Incense (Ex 30:22-25)** myrrh, cinnamon, sweet calamus, cassia, stacte, onycha, galmanum, frankincense ( top of Shewbread).

# JP

"Not merely a physical existence but the molding of human potential into a nation that would carry out the purpose of the creation of heaven and earth. " Rambam

"God says that if not for the constant daily and nightly study of the Torah, the world would not have been created, and if Israel had not accepted the Torah, the universe would have reverted to its pre - creation state of nothingness."

**And they shall know** [from personal experience] **that I am the Lord their God, Who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt that I might dwell among them; I am the Lord their God. Exodus 29:46**

**"And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation** [consecrated, set apart to the worship of God]. **These are the words you shall speak to the Israelites"** Exodus 19:6

"In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use." 2 Timothy 2:20 "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." 2 Corinthians 4:7

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Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the PORTER openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. John 10:1-3



**Redeem:** Regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt. Ex 30:13-16 Ransom Money of 1/2 shekel was given for all 20 years or older males, silver was used for building Tabernacle

# Porters

## Gatekeeper / Doorkeeper

**Burden carrier** - A sacred officer of the temple or tabernacle, belonging to a particular family of the Levites, with a share in the sacred dues (Neh. 13:5 / 12:47)

Lots were cast (1 Chr. 26:14) for appointment of duty. Principal Gatekeepers were also responsible for the rooms and treasury. (1 Chr. 9:26)

They were responsible for guarding the thresh-olds of the tent. The Gatekeepers could refuse entry and declare whether the animal was presentable for sacrifice. It meant certain death if they entered with the wrong sacrifice.

Four thousand Levites were appointed as porters by David (1 Chr. 23:5) to take charge of the doors and gates of the temple.

**Blood:** Symbolic of life which belongs to God, so is given to God.  
**Atonement** "To Cover Over"  
**Remission** "To Send away"  
 Heb. 9:22

# JP

The redemption of the first-born is not held where the father of the child is a Levite or the mother of the daughter of a Levite.

# The Firstborn

**Firstborn male animals and children belonged to the Lord - Ex. 13:1,2,13** - In the law God invoked the requirement sacrificing a lamb to redeem them. A child is redeemed at the age of 31 days when his parents pay the modern equivalent of one and a half dollars.

"...give Me the firstborn of your sons [ or redeem them]..... seven days the firstborn beast shall be with it's mother; on the eighth day you shall give it to Me." Ex. 22: 29-30  
 "All the males that first open the womb among your live-stock are Mine, whether ox or sheep. But the firstling of a donkey [an unclean beast] you shall redeem with a lamb or kid, and if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. All the firstborn of your sons you shall redeem. And none of you shall appear before Me empty-handed. Ex. 34:19-20

**Fat:** Symbolic of the goodness and abundance of God which belongs to God, so is given to God.

Nowadays, a Levite is given the privilege of being second to the Kohen, to help in the reading of the Torah in the synagogue and the washing of the hands before the Kohen delivers the priestly blessing.



# Outer Courts

**Courtyard** Ex. 27:1-19 / 29:38-46 / 30:17-21 / 31:1-11 / 35:30-35 / 38:1-20



## Acceptable Sacrifice

**Sacrifice** - Must bring the appropriate unblemished animal for the purpose of your visit such as a lamb, goat, ram, bull, turtle doves, pigeons or grain.

The purpose of each festival was to bring rest to the Israelites from common tasks allowing them to dwell on God's mercy, grace and future hope of the coming Messiah. Each household brought appropriate offerings.

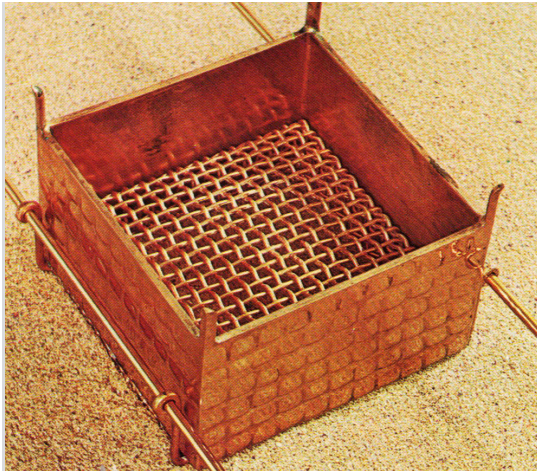
A Lamb was sacrificed each morning and evening along with finest flour mixed with a 1.4 liters of oil from pressed olives, and a 1.4 liters of wine as a drink offering. After the evening sacrifice was complete a trumpet was blown then "It is finished!" was shouted. Ex. 29: 38 - 41

## Enter In

**New Sight** - Enter in to see white clean linen on the outer courtyard walls alluding to a separation from the dirt in the world - set apart. Sin, Burnt and Guilt Offerings brought redemption and atonement of sins. Guilt was washed clean or taken away in the outer courts. The sprinkling of blood covered indirect effects of sin. Grain Offerings were given, celebrating God's provisions by giving Him the first fruits of the harvest. Israelites were required to bring an acceptable gift to enter and must not come empty handed.

Mothers were purified after birth (Lev 12:6), firstborn redeemed, accused found refuge to plead their case, cleansing of Lepers (Lev 14:12), men brought a sacrifice on behalf of their family at appropriate festivals. (Ex 23:17)

# Outer Court Elements

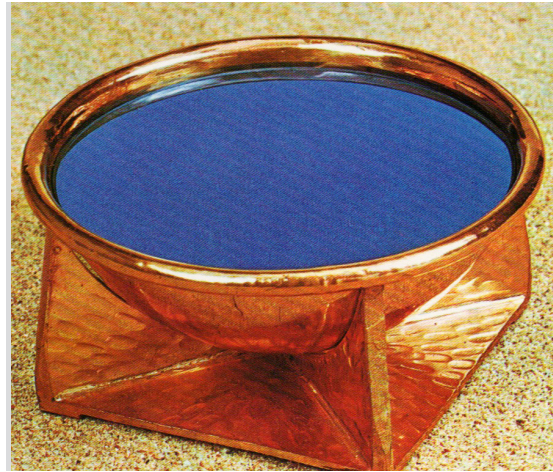


## Brazen Alter - Bronze

Alter of Burnt Offerings

Fire Lit from Heaven - -Ex 27: 1-8

Elevated reminding us of the mountain of Sinai - (Golgotha) - fire never to go out - Horns of alter - tied the animal to the horns denoting power of priesthood - blood sprinkled and poured at the base of alter- burnt, sin, grain and drink offerings - refuge for the guilty- 77x

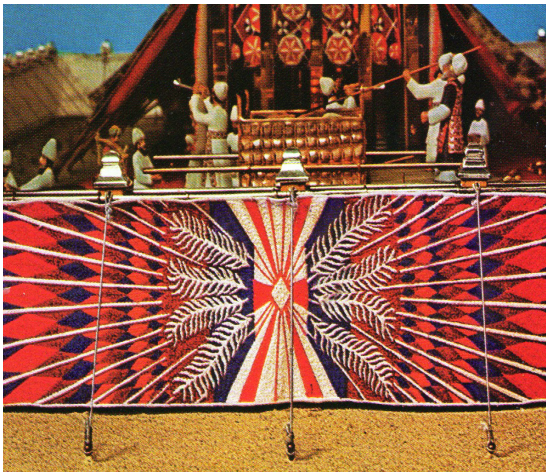


## Brazen Laver - Bronze Stand

Beyond the Brazen Alter

Exodus 30: 17-21

Cleansing before entering into the Holy Place. Blood Justifies - Water Cleanses - Made from the mirrors of women. It was practical as well as a symbol of what God was doing for you by forgiving your sins. No clear dimentions 17x



## Entrance Curtain

East (Garden of Eden) - Ex. 27:16

30 ft x 7.5 ft - It is colorfully woven in scarlet wool, purple wool, blue wool and white linen 6 strands per thread, four colors spun (24 strands) together to form the gate. The design was embroidered into the fabric.

You must bring an acceptable gift and must not come empty handed. The porter stood at this entrance inspecting offerings.



## Outer Walls

Ex. 27: 9-15 - 150 x 75 ft

Prevented unlawful approach, wild animals, and directing to a single entrance. Base of bronze and capped with silver. Poles made of acacia wood covered in bronze, hooks silver, pegs bronze, 60 poles 20 (N-S) 10 (E-W) - 5 cubits apart / ropes in and out/ byssus- finest white cotton with 6 strands per thread- braided like a sail on a ship.

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" Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down." Luke 21:5-7

# Discussion Questions

Week 3

**1. What did God say the Outer Courts were for?** Ex. 29: 42,43

**David loved the Outer Courts** Psa. 84:10/ 65:4 / 84:2 / 65:4 / 84:10 / 92:12 / 96:8 **After reading these scriptures imagine entering into the Outer Courts.**

**What might you have heard, smelt or felt?**

**Would you have longed for this as David did?**

**How might the experience have changed from Moses to David to Jesus to our current time?**

**What else did David long for?** Psa. 132: 1-5

**2. What was important to God about an offering or sacrifice?**

Ex. 3:21 \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. 23:15 \_\_\_\_\_

Num. 28: 3,9 \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. 23:19 | Duet. 16:16,17 \_\_\_\_\_

Ex. 13:2 / 34:19 \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Which offering did Jesus fulfill in these scriptures?**

Eph. 5:2 (Lev 1) \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor. 15:20 (Lev 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Rom. 5:1 (Lev 3) \_\_\_\_\_

2 Cor. 5:21 (Lev 4) \_\_\_\_\_

**CP**

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2: 5