

Building the Walls for the Tabernacle

In chapter thirty-five we learned about the call Moses made for Israel to bring all the items needed to make the Tabernacle. We learned about how important it was for them to give the items *willingly, from their heart*. This is greatly symbolic for how we, today, must give God spiritual and physical offerings *willingly* and *from our heart*, or else it is not accepted by God. Coercion from the leaders does *not* produce a willing heart; but **teaching the people *how to clean their heart and mind does produce a willing heart and mind***, and is what gives us the ability to serve Jesus Christ. This is a critical part in making the true Tabernacle, which is the Body of Christ. And it's only when each individual works to make God a Tabernacle (Temple) within their own soul (1 Cor 3:16, 6:19, 2 Cor 6:16) that they can go on to help make the true Tabernacle (government of God) which, again, is the Body of Christ. We also learned how they were supposed to help make these items by using the skills (gifts) that God had given them. This is also as it is today; but we now serve God by using the gift(s) He has given us to build the Body of Christ. Jesus Christ gives us His Holy Spirit when we accept His blood that He shed for us (John 14) and *that* (His Holy Word and Holy Spirit) enables us to do the work for Him. It's a beautiful type we should *not* forget for it's incredibly relevant to our lives today.

We now move on to a chapter which will teach us exactly how the Tabernacle was built. So, this chapter will explain how they actually made the framework (the walls) for the Tabernacle while the next chapter (37) will reveal how they made the furniture that went into it. Chapter 40 then will tell us how it was then put together. But, let us not glaze over these chapters thinking they are irrelevant to our day and age. Remember: *all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come* (1 Cor 10:11). Therefore, we must 'take heed' to all the Scriptures (2 Tim 3:16-17) lest we fail (1 Cor 10:12) to do our part and be an unprofitable servant (Mth 25:24-30). As 1 Cor 3:10 warns: *But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon...*

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1 Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

We've already learned that God Himself chose who was to head the building of the Tabernacle. Bezaleel and Aholiab were men greatly skilled at both doing the work and managing the work that needed to be done. They also knew how to find others who were skilled to help them. Of course, it is the Lord (YHWH) who *giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding* (Prov 2:6) so they had a lot of help from our Heavenly Father in this endeavor.

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2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

Again, we see the importance of people helping out whose *heart stirred him up to come unto the work*. This too is a type for how the Body of Christ (Jesus' Tabernacle, which is to say His government) was formed. What if not Jesus who said 'follow me'? (Mth 4:19, 8:22, 9:2, 16:24, 19:21). Indeed, it was and He is *still* calling people to follow Him. In John 10:27 Jesus said: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me*. And in John 10:16 He said: *other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd*. He even told *Jews which believed on him*, *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free* (John 8:31-32).

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3 And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning.

So, the people brought the items (freely offered) to Moses and Moses then gave it to Bezaleel and Aholiab. We see how organized and this was. We also see that the children of Israel *continued* to give freely. It wasn't just a one time offering. This is as it should be for, as we continue to grow up spiritually (mature) we'll be able to help out more; simply because our skills grow as we grow in knowledge of His Word. You might even find that you have more than one gift God wants you to use. This isn't something to get prideful about *for, by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: It's not of works, lest any man should boast* (James 1:17). Always remember that *every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning* (Eph 2:8-9). Therefore, remember to *thank God for his unspeakable gift* (2 Cor 9:15).

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4 And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;

Each person who had wisdom and skill in a particular area helped out. It truly was a joint effort, for there were many things to be made. Yet, each person worked diligently in the way they were able to help out. This is still how it is today. For, as Paul explained to the Corinthians...

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

1 Cor 12:4-12

Though there are many different gifts of the Holy Spirit, they are all gifts given by the Holy Spirit and further, we are directed by His Holy Spirit in performing the works He would have us to do. This is why it's so important to learn how to *walk in the Spirit*, instead of *fulfilling the lusts of the flesh* (Gal 5:16) for it is written that *they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts*. So, *if we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit* (Gal 5:24-25).

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5 And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make.

6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

These verses beautifully portray the way that teaching the true Gospel of Jesus Christ produces fruit. If you really are heading a ministry founded by the direction of Jesus Christ, you won't have any trouble getting the things (or the people) who are needed to do the work God has given you. It should be a 'red flag' to you (and you congregation) that you are trying to do something out of God's will if you cannot get the funds from people *willingly*. Much prayer should be made as to the direction God wants you to go if you cannot get the funds to do something you thought you were led to do. Perhaps our Heavenly Father wants something else done or for you to go in another direction. We all need to learn to study God's Word, learn His will and learn to listen to the guidance of His Holy Spirit when serving Him. Remember that *there is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death* (Prov 14:12). Not everything we think we should do 'for the Lord' is actually in God's will. So, we've got to learn to communicate with our Heavenly Father and willingly allow Him to guide us in all our endeavors in life. Jesus told us that when the *Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come* (John 16:13). We've got to learn to hear our Heavenly Father, not the world. [**Hearing God** <https://t.me/BibleStudyAudios/39>]. As John warned in 1 John 4:1: *believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world*. [1 John 4 - https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_John_and_epistle/11].

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8 And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work made he them.

We see now what they started on first. The curtains were the outer most part of the Tabernacle; it's what protected it. There was a curtain that covered the innermost part, which had most of the furniture, including the Holiest of Holies that the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat was in. But then there was another set of curtains that was around that, which the Altar of Burnt Sacrifice was also in. So, there were actually two walls protecting the Tabernacle. We learned previously that this is symbolic of how we must protect our soul with two strong layers: the Word of God and His Holy Spirit. That essential for spiritual warfare. But we can also glean something else from this for the order of how they built the items is quite revealing. The Companion Bible has a note in chapter 25 of Exodus that explains how, when God was giving Moses instructions on how to build the items, the patterns He gave (Heb 8:5) were first the innermost items. But when man builds, it's the outer part (the framework) that he builds first. This reveals the difference in the way we look at things, for man often judges by the outside appearance, which Jesus said was an unrighteous (fleshly) way of judging. Jesus clearly tells us not to judge that way (Mth 7:1-5) and then goes on to tell us that we must clean our own heart first (get the beam out of your own eye) before we can judge. Note that He didn't tell us not to ever judge (discern) but that we should *judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment* (John 7:24); this means to simply learn how to discern the spirit of a person instead of going only by what they look like. While sometimes appearance can be indicative of what their spirit is like (it can be *a part of* discerning their spirit) it is not the *only* thing to take into account. Jesus tells us to look at their fruit (Mth 7:15-20) as well as what they talk about the most *for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh* (Luke 6:45). But in addition to that, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would also help us discern the spirit of a person (John 14:15-17, 26-27). We have examples of how the disciples learned to discern (Acts 8:24, 10:34, 17:22) and 1 John 3:16 tells us that we can only do this after we learn to discern *our own heart* because the heart is where sin resides (Mth 15:13-20, Mk 7:20-23). That's why Jesus told us to get the beam out of our own eye first. If we cannot rightly discern our own heart (and the sin in it), how can we truly help anyone else to do the same? [learn more about **Discernment** in this special study: <https://t.me/BibleStudyAudios/17>].

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*9 The length of one **curtain** was twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain **four** cubits: the curtains were all of one size.*

We've previously learned about the dimensions of these curtains, so let's look at the numbers this time. The length of one curtain being spoken of here was 28 cubits. 28 in Biblical Numerics signifies: *Eternal Life*. The breadth (height) of them were to be 4 cubits. Four in Biblical Numerics signifies: *Creation, World*. Again, remember that these curtains protect the Tabernacle, which is symbolic of both the Body of Christ and your own soul. These curtains (the wall of protection for the Body of Christ and your own soul) give eternal life to the world. Of course, we

know that Jesus Christ was literally the fleshly Temple of God in the flesh (John 1:1, 14, Col 1:19, 2:9). And it's only because Jesus Christ that we can have eternal life (Rom 6:23, John 3:15, 10:27-28, 17:2, etc.) because of the blood He shed for us (1 John 2:2, 4:10). But after Jesus paid for our sins, He then rose again and ascended to that heavenly dimension to sit at the right hand of God (Eph 1:20, Col 3:1, Heb 1:3, 1 Pt 3:22, etc.) specifically so He could give us His Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33), which is what makes intercession for us (Rom 8:34). So, the 'wall of protection' we, as Christians, should have (if we truly believe upon Him and strive to kick our sins out) is His Holy Spirit. His Holy Spirit indeed guides *the world* (4 is the height of the curtain) to *eternal life* (28 is the length of each curtain). Do you see how God weaves spiritual truth into His Word even by numbers? [Learn more about the significance of numbers in God's Word with the book *Numbers in Scripture* - <https://t.me/BestStudyBible/15>].

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*10 And he coupled the **five** curtains one unto another: and the other **five** curtains he coupled one unto another.*

After each curtain was made, they then coupled (joined) five of them together. Five in Biblical Numerics means *Grace* or *God's Goodness* and it is indeed because of God's grace, and His goodness that we are joined together with Him in Spirit. Eph 2:18 tells us that, *through him* [Jesus Christ] *we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father*. 1 Cor 6:17 goes on to explain that *he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit*. Now, this does **not** mean we become God. Not at all. It simply means that we put on a mindset that is like His. The following Scriptures explain this very clearly...

*8 Finally, **be ye all of one mind**, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:*

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8-9

*1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves likewise with the same mind**: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;*

2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

1 Peter 4:1-2

*5 **Let this mind be in you**, which was also in Christ Jesus:*

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

*7 But made himself of no reputation, and **took upon him the form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men:*

*8 And being found in fashion as a man, **he humbled himself**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

Phil 2:5-8

When those in the Body of Christ have all the same ‘mind’ (the Holy Spirit dwelling in them) they all work for the same goal... which is the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Once you accept Jesus Christ and His amazing sacrifice for your sins, you begin to think about someone other than *yourself*. You begin to think of other people who don’t know Him and how they might lose their very existence – they might spiritually die. *For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord* (Rom 6:23). Therefore, you cannot but help to want to share the beautiful truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This puts you in agreement (of the same mind) with the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and the Body of Christ. You have the same goals (that the Word of God explains) and the same desires (God’s Word reveals His will). As Peter said in 1 Pt 4:2, you no longer want to live the rest of your life in the flesh *to fulfil your lusts, but to serve God’s will*... which is to help restore His children back to Him so they too can live forever. *It’s a complete change in mindset* and *that’s* what these curtains being coupled together teaches us.

It's also interesting to look up the meaning of the word ‘curtain’. It is #3407 and means: a *hanging (as tremulous)*. It comes from #3415, which means *to be broken up* (with any violent action) i.e. (figuratively) *to fear*. Prov 16:6 reveals the meaning of this when it says: *by mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil*. When people wake up to the fact that their very soul will die if they don’t accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and King then they begin to fear to sin against Him. Further, when we begin to study His Word (2 Tim 2:15) we realize how most (if not all) our problems come from disobeying His Word. So, fearing to do evil is what protects us from doing evil because we don’t like the consequences! As the old song goes “only fools rush in” but in this regard, only a fool rushes to sin because sin is what hurts us and will eventually kill us. Thus, fearing (revering) God is what protects us spiritually. It’s what causes us to zealously depart from sin (2 Tim 2:19). Prov 12:15 also warns us that *the way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise*.

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11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of another curtain, in the coupling of the second.

*12 **Fifty** loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which was in the coupling of the second: the loops held one curtain to another.*

Now, because curtains do not hang themselves, there had to be a method to hang them. These loops were to be put on the tops of the curtains so they could be hung. As we have previously learned (back in chapter 25) blue is associated with royalty and wealth but it also symbolizes service to God and living in obedience to Him, as Num 15:38-40 tells us. So, the very thing (the loops) that the wall of protection is hung with is that we *remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring* (Num 15:39). Quite befittingly then, the number of loops in a curtain was to be 50, which in Biblical numerics symbolizes *the Holy Spirit*. Is it not the Holy Spirit that helps us to both remember, and to truly understand God’s Commandments so that we can obey them

from our heart? Yes, indeed, that is the work of the Holy Spirit. But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine (the Word of God) which was delivered you (Rom 6:17).

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*13 And he made **fifty taches of gold**, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: **so it became one tabernacle.***

This is yet another important verse for it reveals that the curtains were coupled together by fifty taches of gold. We've already learned that 50 symbolizes *the Holy Spirit*, and in chapter 25 we learned that gold symbolizes our faith in Him (1 Peter 1:7) which is what produces *the peaceable fruit of righteousness* (Heb 12:11) when we are purified through chastisement and hard times (Zech 13:8-9). These 'taches' were either a *knob* (like a button) or *belaying-pin* (a pin around which ropes on shipboard are secured) (#7165). This again shows us that even the smallest parts of the Body of Christ are important. Maybe you think that your 'simple' seed planting is not that important in the work of the Body of Christ but it's a critical part of holding together the Body of Christ, as well as helping others to join themselves to Jesus Christ. Even your countenance, attitude and every day actions (like not complaining or not getting involved in gossip) has a positive effect on others because *it sheds God's Light onto them*. They can either draw near or reject it but it offers them the opportunity they need to turn to Jesus Christ and find eternal life [Turn Problems in Life into an Opportunity - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/356>].

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*14 And he made **curtains** of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle: **eleven** curtains he made them.*

*15 The length of one curtain was **thirty cubits**, and **four** cubits was the breadth of one curtain: the **eleven** curtains were of one size.*

*16 And he coupled **five** curtains by themselves, and **six** curtains by themselves.*

*17 And he made **fifty** loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and **fifty** loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.*

*18 And he made **fifty taches of brass** to couple the tent together, that it might be one.*

Now we're told of the curtains that were made of goat hair. We learned back in chapter 25 that goat hair is the outermost covering of the animal, even over the skin, and *is the point of contact between the animal and the outer world* - it is also *the point of separation*. Thus, *hair indicates separation*, specifically separation from sin (1 Tim 2:19, Rev 18:4). But we also are given the dimensions, which have significant meaning. In Biblical numerics, 11 means *Judgment or Disorder*, 30 means *the Blood of Christ or Dedications*, 6 means *Weakness of Man, Evils of Satan, Manifestation of Sin*, 4 means *Creation, the World* and 5 means *grace or God's goodness* and 50 means *the Holy Spirit*. So...

- 11 curtains were made – *judgment or disorder*
- The length of one curtain was 30 cubits - *the Blood of Christ or Dedications*

- The breadth (height) of each curtain was 4 cubits - *Creation, the World*
- 5 curtains were then joined together - *grace or God's goodness*
- 6 curtains were then joined together - *Weakness of Man, Evils of Satan, Manifestation of Sin*
- 50 loops made to attach the curtains to the beams that they would hang on - *Holy Spirit*
- 50 taches made to join the curtains together - *Holy Spirit*

Remember, verse 14 told us these curtains were for 'over the tabernacle'. The inner curtains made of fine twined linen, blue, purple and scarlet (vs 8) were for the inner walls which *made* the Tabernacle (vs 13). Now, these curtains of the goat's hair were for the outer wall, a.k.a. *tent protecting the tabernacle*. This signifies to us that God's *judgment* on the *world* (His *creation*) for the *Weakness of Man, Evils of Satan, Manifestation of Sin* is only protected by God's *grace* (His *goodness*) which is found only through the *Blood of Christ* when we *dedicate* ourselves to Him (in Jesus Christ). The numbers of these walls are the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a 'nutshell'! Jesus summarized it in the following way...

34 But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.
35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,
36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
38 This is the first and great commandment.
39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
Matt 22:34-40

And Solomon finished the thought...

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.
14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.
Eccl 12:13-14

Shall we say 'AMEN'? Yes, we can say 'Amen' because the word actually means: *sure, faithfulness and truly* (543) and comes from a prim root that means: *to build up or support and to render (or be) firm or faithful, to trust or believe, to be permanent or quiet; morally to be true or certain* (#539). So, **'of a truth' the entire Tabernacle testifies to God's plan of Salvation.** *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!* (Isa 52:7)

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*19 And he made a **covering** for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above that.*

After the inner layer of curtains and the next layer of goat's hair, there were to them be a covering of *rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above that*. Recall that the word 'badger' is a bad translation. The Hebrew word (#8476) actually means a (*clean*) animal with fur, probably a species of antelope. This required quite a few animals to be killed for the only way you get the skin or hair from an animal is to kill them (to this day). And remember, animals were a form of wealth at that time. This therefore would be another form on monetary wealth people were to willingly give to God. Although there is very little information given about the use of the *skins* of the rams and badgers (which were likely an antelope of some sort), the fact they are used suggests our Heavenly Father wanted an impervious covering, not to be penetrated by the elements. Further, the covering was twofold: first the rams skins (dyed red) and then the badgers skins. The rams' skins were to be died red, which, of course, symbolizes the precious blood of our dear Savior Jesus Christ. Further, rams were often used in the burnt offerings (Lev 8:18, 9:2, 16:3, 5), peace offerings (Lev 9:18, Num 6:14, 7:88) and trespass offering (Lev 5:16, 6:6, 19:21). It was even used in the consecration of the priests (Ex 29:15-26). So, it's not surprising that their skins would be used to also protect God's Tabernacle and that they were to be died red, *symbolic of the precious blood of Christ that protects His Temple* (1 Cor 3:16, 6:19, 2 Cor 6:16) to this very day. Since the Tabernacle (and Temple) of God symbolize our soul and how we are to make a Temple for Him to dwell in, we see that we too are to have two un-penetrable layers of protection. Ephesians 6 tells us what it is. While all the spiritual armor is important, we find that it is all founded upon two simple things: The Word of God and the Holy Spirit. We must study His Word and write it upon our mind and heart (Jer 31:31, Heb 8:10, 10:16) and allow His Holy Spirit to guide us and clean our heart (Eph 5:26, Titus 3:5, John 15:3, 14:15-31, 16:33, 1 Cor 6:11, Heb 10:22, Rev 1:5, 7:14).

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20 And he made boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood, standing up.

21 The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

22 One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

23 And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side southward:

24 And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, which is toward the north corner, he made twenty boards,

26 And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

27 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward he made six boards.

28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

29 And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

30 And there were eight boards; and their sockets were sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets.

31 And he made bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward.

33 And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

We're again given specifics for the boards that went to form each side. As we have already seen, each board was made of shittim (acacia wood) and overlaid with gold. Shittim (acacia) wood is very strong and durable. These boards rested upon two sockets, which were foundations of silver (of one talent each). So, the boards not only rested upon a secure foundation, but were also held together firmly by three bars passing through golden rings on the boards all around. Forty-eight boards in all formed the tabernacle - twenty for each side, six at the rear, and two at the corners. The front was open, save for the hanging and the five pillars from which it was suspended. There were also four pillars within the tabernacle, to support the veil which divided the Most Holy from the Holy place; each of the four pillars resting upon a silver socket. The tenons spoken of are expressed in the Strong's Concordance as an '*open hand*' (#3027) so they were obviously something which was used to prevent the board from slipping. There are many numbers used in here that one could study into the meanings further on this, as we did with the curtains (it would make a good side study) but, let's take a different look at these curtains to see what the *future* wall of New Jerusalem will be like...

*10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and **shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,***

11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

Rev 21:10-19

Note, that: this is *after* the Millennium where Jesus Christ has returned and rules with a ‘rod of iron’ for a thousand years. You can study that Temple in chapter 40 to the end in the book of Ezekiel [link for Ezekeil 40 here: https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Ezekiel/708] to see what that will be like but, here in Revelations 21 we’re learning about the time *after* the Millenium, when God Himself will return (the Godhead will be completely present at that time). 1 Cor 15:23-28 explains this time. So, what we learn from Rev 21 is that the city *had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel* (vs 12) and that *the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb* (vs 14). And then, in verses 18-19, we’re told that *the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald.*

So New Jerusalem will be protected by a great wall, which is the children of Israel and the foundations for the wall are the twelve apostles. We are then told that there won’t actually be any physical Temple, for John *saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it* (Rev 21:22). Further, verse 23 tells us that *the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof*. So, our Heavenly Father will have an amazingly different (and better) way of governing at that time because it will be then (in the eternity when all rebels have been totally done away with) that everyone will have God’s Word written in their heart and mind. Meaning, God’s Word will be our operating manual for our soul and spirit. That’s why Rev 22 goes on to say...

3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

Rev 22:3-4

God’s Name IS His Word. It’ll be in our heart and mind, just as He’s always wanted. This is, of course, after the Great White Throne judgment has taken place and all incorrigible rebels will be put to death spiritually. No one will be tormented in a lake of fire for all of eternity because even the lake of fire will be done away with (Rev 20). [learn more about this in the special study on: **Sinners Are Not Tormented Forever** - <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/330>]. In light of this, perhaps we can better understand this prophesy...

*1 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand.
2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.
3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him,
4 And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein:
5 **For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.***
Zech 2:1-5

Because *our God is a consuming fire* (Deut 4:24, 9:3, Heb 12:29), His Holy Spirit will also be protecting ‘New’ Jerusalem because He is the one who guides Israel and the twelve apostles. Additionally, all things that offend (all the incorrigible rebels) will be spiritually put to death (meaning they won’t exist in any form anymore; it’s total destruction of their soul by the consuming fire – Rev 20:10-15) so there will be no more threats to God’s throne – *ever*. Thankfully, we can partake of *this* ‘wall’ of protection even now when we humble ourselves, sincerely repent (daily if needed) and strive hard to continue to learn His Word and do His Word (sincerely) *from our heart*. Our Heavenly Father (through Jesus Christ) will send us a ‘wall of protection’ *to protect our heart and mind from all evil spirits*. The point to remember is that the ‘ball is in our court’. We must learn to keep our heart (carnal mind where our desires, intentions and feelings are) and mind (thought process) firmly connected to the Word of God. We can’t go spiritually whoring after sin by lusting or allowing our pride (our carnal mind) to control us. Each day we’ve got to ‘pick up our cross’ and learn to control our carnal mind (heart) and flesh body to *make it obey* God’s Word (Lk 9:23). When we stay committed to doing this (daily) we’ll get stronger at resisting (standing and opposing) temptations that will always come our way. And trials and temptations will come because we’re still in a flesh body.

*7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist [stand and oppose, #436] the devil, and he will flee from you.
8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*
James 4:7-8

When we learn to use the internal power that God’s Holy Spirit and His Holy Word (the Bible) gives us then no evil spirits will be able to tempt us into sinning against God. Nor will our flesh pull us into sinning *habitually* against God. We will never be without fault while in the flesh body, but we can (and are supposed to learn to) get better at resisting (rejecting) the temptation to sin and this only comes when we remain committed to obeying God *from the heart* and learn how to take control (dominion) over our heart, mind, body and soul (1 John 1:7-2:6). Stick with it (your Heavenly Father through Jesus Christ) and never give up for *the latter end is worse with them than the beginning* (2 Peter 2:20) to those who allow themselves to be entangled with sin after they have accepted Jesus Christ. Never give up your commitment to Jesus Christ for He

alone is our life (Col 3:4) because His Word and Holy Spirit is what gives life to our soul (1 John 5:12, John 6:63, 2 Cor 3:6, etc.).

Exodus 36

35 *And he made a **vail** of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubims made he it of cunning work.*

36 *And he made thereunto **four pillars** of shittim wood, and **overlaid them with gold**: their hooks were of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver.*

37 *And he made an **hanging for the tabernacle door** of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework;*

38 *And the **five** pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapters and their fillets with gold: but their **five** sockets were of brass.*

The last verses of this chapter explain how they made the veil that separated the Holiest of Holiest from the inner part of the Tabernacle (where the furniture was) and also how they made the hanging for the tabernacle door itself. They were, of course, made with the blue, purple, scarlet and fine twined linen and held up with the beams of shittim (acacia) wood overlaid with gold. Again, we've previously learned that blue, purple and scarlet are colors often associated with royalty and wealth, especially purple (Judges 8:26, Prov 31:22, Lk 2:14, Mk 15:17, 20). Scarlet, is symbolic of our sins and Jesus' atonement for them (Isa 1:18) while blue symbolizes service to God and living in obedience to Him (Num 15:38-40). Purple can represent royalty, majesty and high officials (Judges 8:26, Esther 8:15) as well as conveying the meaning of wealth, prosperity and luxury (Exodus 28:5, Ezekiel 27:7, Proverbs 31:22, Song of Solomon 3:10, 7:5, Luke 16:19, Acts 16:14, Revelation 17:4, 18:12, 16). Gold symbolizes royalty too but also the purity of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Gold also represents our faith in Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:7). So, we are reminded of how Jesus Christ will rule over all kingdoms when He returns (Rev 19:15) but the reality is that our Heavenly Father truly does rule over all His creation even now, for it is written that *the LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all* (Ps 103:19). Further, Ps 11:4 tells us that: *the LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men*. And He has sworn that everyone will bow to him...

22 *Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.*

23 *I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, **That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.***

24 *Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.*

25 *In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.*

Isa 45:22-25

Paul quoted from verse 23 when explaining the reign of Jesus Christ, who is God in a flesh Tabernacle (John 1:1, 14, Col 1:19, 2:9) ...

9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Rom 14:9-12

The fact that we all are truly subject to our Creator (YHVH) and thus, are also subject to His only begotten Son (John 3:16) is something that many do not yet want to admit. They still prefer to have the ‘vail’ separating them from God because they want to remain in their sin. And, although God is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, there will come a day when the door of opportunity to repent for our sins is shut because, *He is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness* (2 Peter 3:9).

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

2 Peter 3:10-14

The return of Jesus Christ will come as a surprise to many because most people don’t realize (although the Scriptures clearly warn us) that Satan will be coming **before** the true Jesus Christ returns. 2 Thess clearly warns of this as does Rev 12:7-10. We shouldn’t be willingly ignorant of it. So we should be fervently striving to clean the beam out of our own eye (Mth 7) so we can help others come to Jesus Christ. We should truly be zealous in our daily walk with Jesus Christ. We can’t delay learning of Him (through His Word) nor put off trying to see our own sins and get rid of them. The sooner you clean your own mind and heart up the sooner you can help others do the same. Time truly is of the essence here for we are now living in the generation Jesus warned us of in Mth 24, Mk 13 and Luke 21. [To study Mark 13 https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Mark/17 and to study Luke 21 https://t.me/BibleStudyBookof_Luke/450].

Now is not the time to rip off the ‘vail’ of deception over our spiritual eyes (our heart and mind). We’ve got to put everything we have into striving to kick our sins out and help others to do so, in humility of course. It takes discipline and discernment to plant seeds of truth and never forget

that the best witness to other people is when your attitude, your words and your actions reflect the Light of Jesus Christ (Mth 5:14-16). When we let the Holy Spirit shine through us, not in self-righteousness or hypocrisy, but in true humility and love... others do notice. This is the best example and is what usually draws others to Christ, *more than anything else*. It's what 'opens the door' to planting a seed. That's why it's so important for us to both study to show ourselves approved (2 Tim 2:15) but also learning to be a *doer* of God's Word and not hearers only, *deceiving our own selves* (James 1:22). People notice true humility - not bragging on yourself, talking about yourself or promoting yourself - is an incredible witness. They notice when 'self' is *not* the most important thing in your life. They truly do. They also notice when you don't go along with the crowd or let yourself be coerced into doing things that are wrong. You might stick out like a hair in a biscuit but those who are on the fence (not fully committed to God or Satan) will take notice and that will help them make a decision, one way or another.

So, never forget how Jesus Christ rent the vail in the Temple for us (Mth 27:51, Mk 15:38, Lk 23:45) because it symbolizes how we must rend (rip) open our heart to Him. It also means Jesus paved the way for us to communicate with God, in prayer, through belief in Him. All you need is faith in Jesus Christ to pray to God, directly – that's why we pray 'in Jesus Christ's name' (John 14:6). And you can do this whenever you want to and wherever you want to (in your own mind). All God asks of us is to be truly sincere. In Joel 2:13 He said: *rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil*. To be sincere means we rend (rip) open our heart to Him and *stop pretending*. It means facing ourself. It means to be without dissimulation, which means to hide under a false appearance or have ulterior motives. We can't fool Him. He wants our sincere love and that includes striving to obey Him *from the heart*. In other words, **stop trying to 'fit into' the world and start trying to (sincerely, from the heart) 'fit into' the Kingdom of God...**

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*2 And **be not conformed to this world:** but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,** that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Rom 12:1-2

6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

*8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but **with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.***

1 Cor 5:6-13

AMEN.