The life of Moses (From Egypt to the Edge of the Promised Land)

Exodus and selected verses from Deuteronomy

**LESSON 15 – On the Mountain with God and the Plans for the Tabernacle**

**(Exodus 24:9-25:40)**

**DAY ONE -** Read Exodus 24:9-18 (On the Mountain with God)

1. When the same group from Exodus 24:1, went with Moses back up the mountain, what incredible thing somehow happened in verses 10-11? Also read Exodus 33:20.

*Answer here*

2. a. *Then* what did *the LORD* say to Moses in verse 12?

*Answer here*

b. What leaders were left behind to care for the people?

*Answer here*

3. How do verses 15-16a and verse 17 describe Mount Sinai during this time?

*Answer here*

4. What happened to Moses on the seventh day?

*Answer here*

5. How long was Moses on the mountain with God?

*Answer here*

**EXTRA INFO:** This was the first of two forty day and forty-night trips to Sinai. The Shekinah glory would have impressed the people of the importance of this event. During this time Moses received all the instructions for the tabernacle and its furnishings. (Exodus 25-31)

**DAY TWO -** Read Exodus 25:1-9 (Offerings for the Sanctuary)

1. How were the people given the opportunity to personally contribute to their nation’s place of worship in verse 2?

*Answer here*

2. Describe the things they offered that stood out to you in verses 3-6.

*Answer here*

3. What would the onyx stones they contributed be used for?

*Answer here*

4. Why were the children of Israel told to *make a sanctuary* for the LORD?

*Answer here*

5. What does verse 9 say about how they were to make it?

*Answer here*

**EXTRA INFO:** There are five different names for *the tabernacle* in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. The word *tabernacle* means “to dwell” pointing to the place of God’s presence. *Sanctuary* means it is a sacred, set apart, holy place. *Tent* tells us it is a temporary place that can be folded up and moved. It was also called *the tabernacle of the congregation* and *the tabernacle of the testimony*.

**DAY THREE -** Read Exodus 25:10-23 (The Ark of the Testimony)

1. Describe what stands out to you, regarding all the precise instructions for how the ark should be made, in verses 10-15.

*Answer here*

2. What do these verses tell us about *the Testimony* that would be put into the ark?

Exodus 16:33-34

*Answer here*

Exodus 31:18

*Answer here*

3. Describe how beautiful *the mercy seat* would be from Exodus 25:17-20.

*Answer here*

4. As *the mercy seat* would be *on the top of the ark, and the Testimony* would be *in the ark,* what does verse 22 say about this?

*Answer here*

5. What does Genesis 3:24 say about cherubim being guardians of something else?

*Answer here*

**DAYS FOUR & FIVE -** Read Exodus 25:23-40 (Table for the Showbread and the Gold Lampstand)

1. Describe what stands out to you, regarding all the precise instructions for how the table for the showbread should be made in verses 23-25.

*Answer here*

2. How was it to be prepared so it could be moved like the ark?

*Answer here*

3. What else would need to be made for this table in verse 29?

*Answer here*

4. What does verse 30 say about *the showbread* or what is called the *Bread of His Presence* in some translations?

*Answer here*

5. How does this Old Testament *showbread* that would be placed in the Tabernacle give us a wonderful picture of Jesus, *the Bread of life*, in John 6:32-35?

*Answer here*

6. What would the *lampstand of pure gold* be *like* according to Exodus 25:31-34?

*Answer here*

7. What does verse 36 add about *their knobs and their branches*?

*Answer here*

8. What was the purpose of these *seven lamps* that would be made for it?

*Answer here*

9. Along with the articles in verse 38, how much *gold* was used to make the lampstand?

*Answer here*

10. As all these precise instructions were to be followed, how does this lampstand point to Christ as He takes His children from darkness to light, according to 1 Peter 2:9-10?

*Answer here*

**DISCUSSION:** This group with Moses on the mountain *saw* *the God of Israel* in some way without dying in Exodus 24:10-11. Describe how believers today are able to *draw near to God* according to Hebrews 10:19-22?

*Answer here*