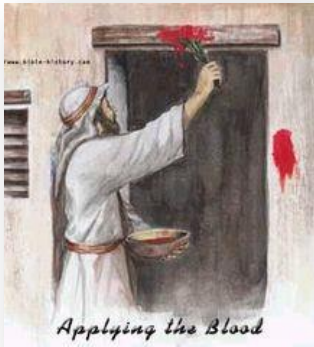


Building God a house



he first Passover was in Egypt. It was the night that God's people put the blood of a lamb without blemish over the door post of their houses. With that the death angel would Passover their house and everyone that was in the house would be saved.



With great miracles God brought His people out of Egypt with instructions for them to build Him a Tabernacle so He could dwell among them. Prior to the building of the Tabernacle Moses had to go up onto the mountain to even hear God's voice. God wanted to come down to be among His people.

Exodus 25:8, "Let them construct a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell among them."

Church Alert: The Tabernacle that would be built would also speak of Jesus and His church. Again the message is the same Jesus wants to come down and dwell among His people. (Rev. 3:20)

Let's take a look at the Lord's instructions to Moses and see if we can find Jesus in the Tabernacle.

Exodus 25:1-10

¹And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying,

²Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that gives it willingly with his heart you shall take my offering.

³And this is the offering which you shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,

⁴And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

⁵And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

⁶Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

⁷Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.

⁸And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

⁹ According to all that I shew you, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall you make it.

¹⁰ And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

A Picture of the Gospel

Scripture in Review:

v₁₋₂, And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that gives it willingly with his heart you shall take my offering.

The Lord told Moses to take up an offering and for those who gave of it willingly He called it “His offering.” The Tabernacle was to be built from the offerings of God’s people of those who would give from their heart.

v₃, and this is the offering which you shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,

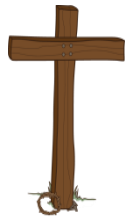
The first three items God asked for was **GOLD** (which speaks of purity), **SILVER** (which speaks of redemption), and **BRASS** (Which speaks of suffering). It is God saying “My Son (*Gold*) will become a man to redeem (*Silver*) through suffering (*Brass*).

v₄, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair,

Notice how the color of the cloth and of the type all point to Jesus and His reason for coming. Cloth of blue (*Son of God*), purple (*King of Glory*), scarlet (*Suffering Savior*), fine linen (*Perfect Man*), goats hair (*The Prophets*).

v₅, And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood

In this verse we have a picture of the cross. The rams skins dyed red (*Speaks of the Son of God dying on Calvary*), badgers skins (*Jesus being marred, His suffering*), shittim (acacia)* wood (Meaning His body saw no corruption, Ps.16:10; Acts 2:27; 13:37,37). These things again clearly point to the foreshadowing of the one who is to come. God is showing us His Son, here we can find pictures of Jesus.



*Note: Acacia trees would have been one of the only types of trees growing in the wilderness regions traveled by Israel. In addition, acacia wood is dense and extremely strong, making it a great option for any type of wooden construction. One researcher has noted, “This wood is resistant to decay because the tree deposits in the heartwood many waste substances which are preservatives and render the wood unpalatable to insects making the wood dense and difficult to be penetrated by water and other decay agents.”¹

v6, “Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense.”



It is amazing that right after the picture of His Sons resurrection that God speaks of the Oil, anointing and of incense. These speak of the Holy Spirit and now within these few verses we have the Gospel given to us in order.



Church Alert: In the Gold we see Jesus coming from heaven, the silver says He came as a man to redeem and in the brass we see His death. That was what He told Pilot (John 18:33-38) “To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world.”

He is the Son of God, He is the King of Glory, He is the Suffering Messiah, and He is the perfect man. He is the Prophet and He is the one who died on the cross. He is the one who was marred more than any other man, He is the one whose dead body saw no corruption, but rose from the dead and as a result from the oil (healing) will flow.

¹ <http://www.gotquestions.org/acacia-wood.html>