

## The Tabernacle – Lesson2

## THE PURPOSE OF THE TABERNACLE

Text: **Hebrews 10:9, 19-20**

By definition, “Tabernacle” means: a temporary shelter, such as a Tent. A temporary dwelling place.

Someone said “The New Testament is in the Old Testament contained, and, the Old Testament is in the New Testament explained by a new and living way”. The doctrines of the New Testament Church, by type, are in the Old Testament.

God’s great purpose and desire is to surround Himself with mankind, and this is shown in the words He brought : “Let them make Me a Sanctuary...”, **Exodus 25:8**, “God’s way is in the Sanctuary”, **Psalm 77:13**, “A minister of the sanctuary..”, **Hebrews 8:2**.

Sin hindered God’s way and desire being fulfilled in the Tabernacle. Now, in this age, His way is in His Church, **Ephesians 2:19-22; 3:21**.

His desire will be fully realized in the eternal age, **Ezekiel 37:27-28; Revelation 21:1-3**.

- I. In type, the Tabernacle and the New Testament Church have similarities:
  - A. In the name of the place where the material was taken:
    1. **Exodus 19:1-3** The Tabernacle in the wilderness of Sinai.
    2. The New Testament Church in the wilderness of Judea, **Matthew 3:1-6; 4:18-20; Mark 1:20**.
  - B. In the fact that Spirit filled men prepared the material for the assembling of both buildings:
    1. Bezaleel, **Exodus 31:2-3; 35:30-35**.
    2. John the Baptist, **Luke 1:15-17**.
    3. Both men stayed in the wilderness until their mission was accomplished, **Isaiah 40:3-5; Luke 15:4; John 3:22-29**.
  - C. Bezaleel received the word of his calling and commission in the wilderness, **Exodus 35:30-35**.
    1. So did John the Baptist, **Luke 3:2**.
  - D. The tabernacle received a special anointing by the builder, and so with the Lord’s church, **Exodus 30:26; Leviticus 8:10-12; Psalms 133:1-3; Acts 2:1-4 (Comforter came); 2 Cor 1:21; 1John 2:27**.
  - E. Bezaleel and his brethren were complimented by Moses, their leader, on the completion of their work, and so was John the Baptist on his work by Christ, **Exodus 39:42-43**;  
( Bezaleel could not enter into Tabernacle after completed, John could not be a member of Church whose material he prepared).  
**Luke 7:24-28** Jesus praises John.  
**John 17:4-6, 22** Jesus finished the work of the Father, prayed for His children.

- II. The similarity of experiences of the two who assembled the Tabernacle and the New Testament Church; Moses and the Lord Jesus.
- A. Both tested 40 days and nights
    - 1. Moses was tested 40 days and nights without food or drink, **Exodus 24:18** (first time, God wrote **Ex 31:18**); **Exodus 34:28** (2<sup>nd</sup> time, God had Moses do the writing); **Deut 9:9-11, 18, 25, 10:10**.
    - 2. Jesus was tested 40 days and nights without food or drink, **Matt 4:1-11**; **Mark 1:12-13**; **Luke 4:1-13**.
    - 3. Both Moses and Jesus experiences were on a mountain in the wilderness.
  - B. Both finished their buildings before their death.
    - 1. Moses **Exodus 39:32; 40:33**
    - 2. Jesus **John 4:34; 17:4; Acts 20:28; Ephesians 5:25**.
  - C. The words of Moses and the Lord Jesus were given to the building which they built before their death.
    - 1. Moses **Exodus 40:20; Deut 31:24-27; Heb 9:16-22; Isaiah 8:16**.
    - 2. Jesus **John 17:6, 14-17**.
    - 3. **Exodus 24:7-8** The word was to be kept (obedient to), revered (directed lives by), and contended for (Jude 3).
  - D. The buildings of both Moses and our Lord were finished before the sacrifice was made.
    - 1. Moses: **Exodus 40:27-29; Lev 1:12**. Building was done before sacrifices were made.
    - 2. Jesus: **John 17:4, 8** (Church started before crucifixion); **John 4:34; Heb 9:11-15; Heb 10:10** (once for all). **Lev 17:11** Jesus blood was the atonement all the sacrifices pointed to.
  - E. The Shekinah Glory filled both the Tabernacle and the New Testament Church after they were finished, and after the sacrifice was offered.
    - 1. Tabernacle: **Exodus 40:33-34**. Temple: **1 Kings 8:10-11**
    - 2. New Testament Church: **Acts 2:1-4**.
  - F. Neither Moses nor Jesus entered their completed buildings when the Shekinah Glory filled them.
    - 1. Moses: **Exodus 40:35 Lev 16:1-5 (conditions met), 1 Kings 8:11; 2 Chron 5:14; Exodus 3:5** (Our flesh cannot be in God's direct presence).
    - 2. Jesus: **Acts 2:32-33; John 20:17** (Jesus after the resurrection and atonement is at God's right hand). The Holy Spirit as Comforter is in the Church today **John 14:16, 26; 15:26**.
  - G. The building by Moses and the building by our Lord, were not begun until after their baptism.
    - 1. Moses: **1 Cor 10:1-4**
    - 2. Jesus: **Matt 3:13, 17; Matt 4:18-20**.