

The Introduction to the Tabernacle

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2. God is specific about how we worship Him.

3. God is holy and expects us to be holy as well.

"Hang the curtain from the clasps and place the ark of the Testimony behind the curtain. The curtain will separate the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place."

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The History that Leads to a Tabernacle

The Creation Story

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Establishing "Israel" & 400 years of slavery in Egypt

The Exodus

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1. The Ten Commandments
2. The Covenant again
3. Plans for the Tabernacle

The plans for the tabernacle came from God while the materials came from the people.

Why Did God Have Them Build a Tabernacle?

1. It gave the people a sense of God's presence.
2. It gave the people a place for atonement of sin.
3. It was a place where God could meet with mankind!

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4. It was a picture of each step of salvation.

Why Would We Study the Tabernacle?

1. It is a major portion of Scripture!
More than 50 chapters of Scripture are devoted to it!
2. The furnishings teach the plan of salvation.
 1. The Bronze Altar
 2. The Laver
 3. The Lampstand
 4. The Table of Presence Bread
 5. The Incense Altar
 6. The Ark of the Covenant
 7. The Mercy Seat
3. The materials and colours teach us how particular God is in how we worship Him and how we come before Him.
4. It shows us that God never changes.
5. It enhances our understanding of the New Testament and is a preview of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

What Should You Know About this Building?

1. It was petite. (15 feet by 45 feet)
2. It was portable.
3. It was pricey.
4. It was pure.
5. It was perfect.

Our Application:

1. Understand that worship is extremely important to God.
2. Understand that there has only ever been one way of salvation.
3. Talk with your family, children and friends about this building and learn all that you can!

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