

Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes

#22/23 Torah Parashah Vayakhel (וַיַּקְהֵל)
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Pekudei (פְקוּדֵי)
Hebrew for "amounts of

Torah: Exodus 35:1-40:38 Haftarah: 1 Kings 7:51-8:21

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Exodus 35) Focus on a unified Israel giving offerings for Mishkan with willing hearts.

Exodus 36) Betzalel and Oholiav introduced as wise hearted men.

Exodus 37) Most Holy and Holy place described.

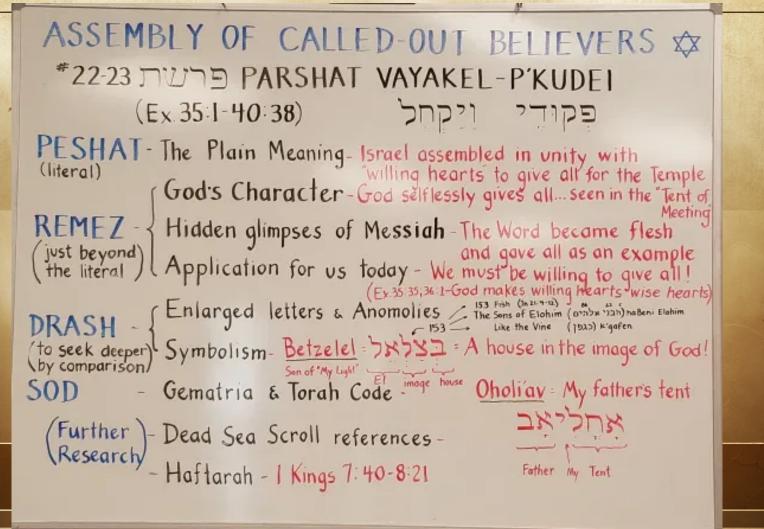
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Exodus 39) Priestly garment described

Exodus 40) Tabernacle set up Priests anointed, Shekinah glory fills Tabernacle.



Moses assembles the people of Israel and reiterates to them the commandment to observe the Shabbat. He then conveys Yah's instructions regarding the making of the Mishkan (Tabernacle).

The people donate with unified "willing hearts" the required materials in bringing gold, silver and copper; blue-, purple- and red-dyed wool; goat hair, spun linen, animal skins, wood, olive oil, herbs and precious stones...

So giving were their willing hearts that Yah mentions it four times like a proud father and Moses has to tell them to stop giving!

A team of wise-hearted artisans make the Mishkan and its furnishings (as detailed in the previous Torah readings of Terumah, Tetzaveh and Ki Tisa): three layers of roof coverings; 48 gold-plated wall panels, and 100 silver foundation-sockets;

The parochet(veil) that separates between the Sanctuary's two chambers, and the masach (screen) that fronts it; the Ark and its cover with the Cherubim; the table and its showbread; the sevenbranched menorah with its specially prepared oil;

The golden altar and the incense burned on it; the anointing oil; the outdoor altar for burnt offerings and all its implements; the hangings, posts and foundation sockets for the courtyard; and the basin and its pedestal, made out of copper mirrors.

An accounting is made of the gold, silver and copper donated by the people for the making of the Mishkan. Betzalel, the son of Uri (name means "under the shadow of Elohim", son of "my light"), of the tribe of Judah,

The grandson of Miriam, the sister of Moses, and Oholiav, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan and their assistants make the eight priestly garments—the ephod, breastplate, cloak, crown, turban, tunic, sash and breeches

According to the specifications communicated to Moses in the Parshah of Tetzaveh. The Talmud in "Sanhedrin 696" says that Betzelel was only 13 years old when God imbued him with "wisdom of heart" as an artisian for the tabernacle!

When the Mishkan is completed, all its components are brought to Moses, who erects it and anoints it with the holy anointing oil, and initiates Aaron and his four sons into the priesthood. A cloud appears over the Mishkan, signifying the divine presence that has come to dwell within it.



Exo 35:1 And Mosheh assembled all the congregation of the children of Yisra'ěl, and said to them, "These are the Words which יהוה has commanded you to do:

Exo 35:2 "Work is done for six days, but on the seventh day it shall be set-apart to you, a Sabbath of rest to יהוה. Anyone doing work on it is put to death.

Exo 35:3 "Do not kindle a fire in any of your dwellings on the Sabbath day."

Eze 20:11 "And I gave them My laws and showed them My right-rulings, 'which, if a man does, he shall live by them.'

Eze 20:12 "And I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, to know that I am who sets them apart.

Eze 20:19 I am יהוה your Elohim. Walk in My laws, and guard My right-rulings, and do them. Eze 20:20 And set apart My Sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between Me and you, to know that I am יהוה your Elohim.

The tabernacle itself, as well as each element in the tabernacle compound, are spiritually symbolic and carry important significance for Believers today. The tabernacle helps us better see and understand the pattern of worship YeHoVah set forth for us to approach him.

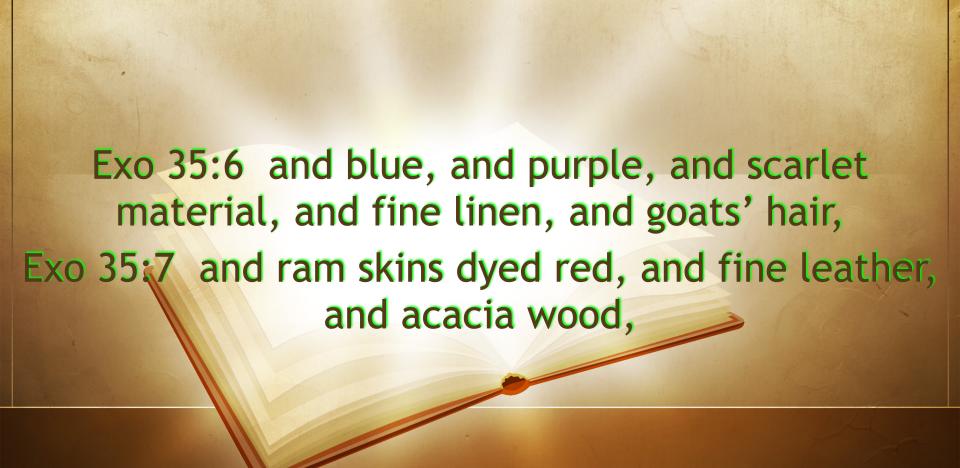
In Hebrew tabernacle is "Mishkan" and it means "dwelling place". The tabernacle was the place of Yah's presence, His meeting place with man. The layout of the tabernacle and its courtyard (outer court) illustrates Yah's presence and His prescribed manner in which man can approach Him. Just as there was only one "tabernacle" and way to approach Yah in the wilderness, there is only one way to approach Yah now and that is through His Son, Yashua.



Exo 35:4 And Mosheh spoke to all the congregation of the children of Yisra'ěl, saying, "This is the word which יהוה commanded, saying,

Exo 35:5 'Take from among you a contribution to יהוה. Everyone whose heart so moves him, let him bring it as a contribution to יהוה: gold, and silver, and bronze,

2Co 9:7 Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not of grief or of necessity, for Elohim loves a joyous giver.



Exo 35:8 and oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense,

Exo 35:9 and shoham stones, and stones to be set in the shoulder garment and in the breastplate.

Exo 35:10 'And let all the wise-hearted among you come and make all that יהוה has commanded:

Exo 35:11 the Dwelling Place, its tent and its covering, its hooks and its boards, its bars, its columns, and its sockets,

Exo 35:12 the ark and its poles, the lid of atonement and the veil of the covering,

Exo 35:13 the table and its poles, and all its utensils, and the showbread,

Exo 35:14 and the lampstand for the light, and its utensils, and its lamps, and the oil for the light, Exo 35:15 and the incense slaughter-place, and its poles, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the covering for the door at the entrance of the Dwelling Place,

Exo 35:16 the slaughter-place of ascending offering with its bronze grating, its poles, and all its utensils, the basin and its stand,

Exo 35:17 the screens of the courtyard, its columns, and their sockets, and the covering for the gate of the courtyard,

Exo 35:18 the pegs of the Dwelling Place, and the pegs of the courtyard, and their cords,

Exo 35:19 the woven garments to do service in the set-apart place, the set-apart garments for Aharon the priest and the garments of his sons to serve as priests.

Exo 35:20 And all the congregation of the children of Yisra'ěl withdrew from the presence of Mosheh.

Exo 35:21 And everyone whose heart lifted him up and everyone whose spirit moved him came, and they brought the contribution to יהוה for the work of the Tent of Appointment, and for all its service, and for the set-apart garments.

Exo 35:22 And they came, both men and women, all whose hearts moved them, and brought earrings and nose rings, and rings and necklaces, all golden goods, even every one who made a wave offering of gold to הוה.

Exo 35:23 And every man, with whom was found blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and rams' skins dyed red, and fine leather, brought them.

Exo 35:24 Everyone who would make a contribution to יהוה of silver or bronze, brought it. And everyone with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it.

Exo 35:25 And all the wise-hearted women spun yarn with their hands, and brought what they had spun, the blue and the purple, the scarlet material, and the fine linen.

Exo 35:26 And all the women whose hearts lifted them up in wisdom spun the goats' hair.

Exo 35:27 And the rulers brought shoham stones, and the stones to be set in the shoulder garment and in the breastplate.

Exo 35:28 and the spices and the oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

Exo 35:29 The children of Yisra'ěl brought a voluntary offering to יהוה, all the men and women whose hearts moved them to bring all kinds of work which יהוה, by the hand of Mosheh, had commanded to be done.

We must understand that these contributions were not the tithes that people were commanded to bring, but were rather that which was to be given over and above the tithes and they were to be given voluntarily and generously from the heart.

When one gives willingly from the heart there is a joy and excitement of being a contributing member of that which is being built up for the whole.

Giving with generosity from the heart does not seek something in return nor does it lay claim to having a say over what happens with what has been given in fact this is how tithes are also to be given too (although they are commanded it must be done cheerfully)



Exo 35:30 And Mosheh said to the children of Yisra'ěl, "See, יהוה has called by name Betsal'ěl son of Uri, son of Ḥur, of the tribe of Yehudah,

- Exo 35:31 and He has filled him with the Spirit of Elohim, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all work,
- Exo 35:32 to make designs, to work in gold and in silver and in bronze,
- Exo 35:33 and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving wood, and to work in all workmanship of design.

Exo 35:34 "And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Oholiab son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan.

Exo 35:35 "He has filled them with skill to do all work of the engraver and the designer and embroiderer, in blue and in purple, in scarlet material, and in fine linen, and a weaver, doing any work, and makers of designs.

Exo 36:1 "And Betsal'ěl and Oholiab, and every wise-hearted man in whom יהוה has given wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all work for the service of the set-apart place, shall do according to all that יהוה has commanded.

Exo 36:2 And Mosheh called Betsal'ěl and Oholiab, and every wise-hearted man in whose heart יהוה had given wisdom, everyone whose heart lifted him up, to come and do the work.

Exo 36:3 And they received from Mosheh all the contribution which the children of Yisra'ěl had brought for the work of the service of making the set-apart place. But they still brought to him voluntary offerings every morning,

Exo 36:4 so all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the set-apart place came, each from the work he was doing,

Exo 36:5 and they spoke to Mosheh, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which יהוה commanded us to do.

Exo 36:6 Then Mosheh commanded and they sent this word throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the contribution of the set-apart place." And the people were withheld from bringing,

Exo 36:7 for what they had was enough for all the work to be done, more than enough.

Exo 36:8 Then all the wise-hearted ones among them who worked on the Dwelling Place made ten curtains woven of fine linen and blue and purple and scarlet material. They made them with kerubim, the work of a skilled workman.

Exo 36:9 The length of each curtain was twentyeight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits, all the curtains having one measure. Exo 36:10 And he joined five curtains, one to another; and the other five curtains he joined, one to another.

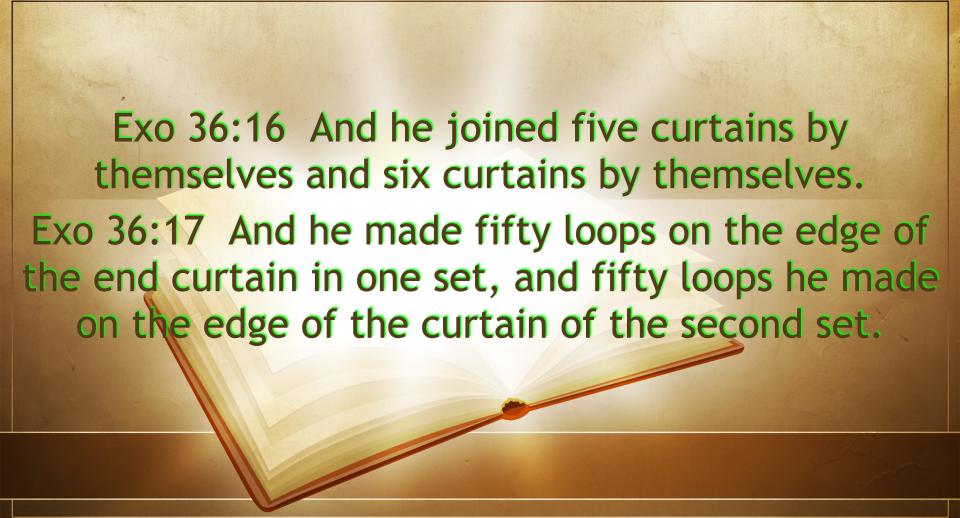
Exo 36:11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of the end curtain of one set, the same he did on the edge of the end curtain of the other set.

Exo 36:12 Fifty loops he made on one curtain, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the end curtain of the second set; the loops held one curtain to another.

Exo 36:13 And he made fifty hooks of gold, and joined the curtains to each other with the hooks, and the Dwelling Place became one.

Exo 36:14 And he made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the Dwelling Place, he made eleven curtains.

Exo 36:15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits, the eleven curtains having one measure.



Exo 36:18 And he made fifty bronze hooks to join the tent, to be one.

Exo 36:19 And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins, dyed red, and a covering of fine leather above that.

Exo 36:20 And for the Dwelling Place he made boards of acacia wood, standing up.

Exo 36:21 The length of each board was ten cubits, and the width of each board a cubit and a half.

Exo 36:22 Each board had two tenons for binding one to another. So he did to all the boards of the Dwelling Place.



Exo 36:24 And he made forty sockets of silver to go under the twenty boards, and two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.

Exo 36:25 And for the other side of the Dwelling Place, for the north side, he made twenty boards, Exo 36:26 and their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the other board.



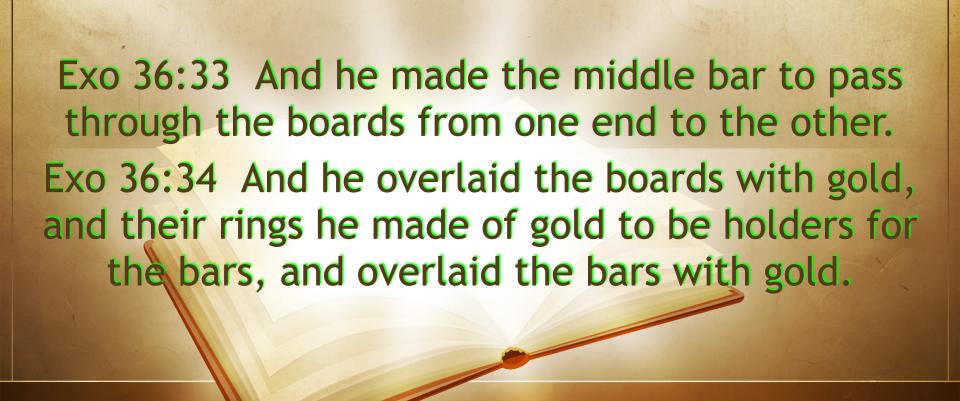
Exo 36:28 And he made two boards for the two back corners of the Dwelling Place.

Exo 36:29 And they were double beneath, and similarly they were complete to the top by one ring. So he did to both of them for the two corners.

Exo 36:30 And there were eight boards, and their silver sockets, sixteen sockets, two sockets under each of the boards.

Exo 36:31 And he made bars of acacia wood, five for the boards on one side of the Dwelling Place,

Exo 36:32 and five bars for the boards on the other side of the Dwelling Place, and five bars for the boards of the Dwelling Place at the rear, westward.

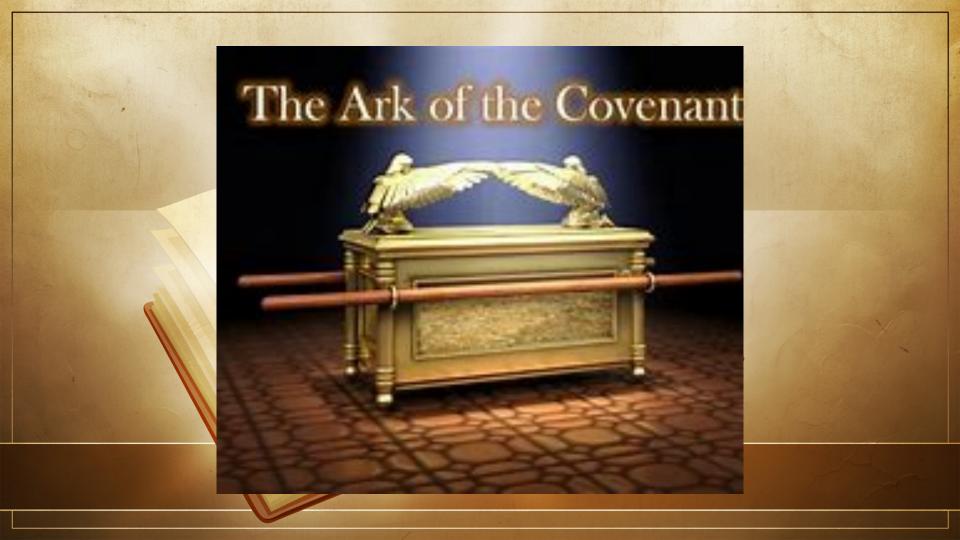


Exo 36:35 And he made a veil of blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine worked linen. It was made with kerubim, the work of a skilled workman.

Exo 36:36 And he made four columns of acacia wood for it, and overlaid them with gold, with their hooks of gold. And he cast four sockets of silver for them.

Exo 36:37 And he made a covering for the Tent door of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine woven linen, made by a weaver,

Exo 36:38 and its five columns with their hooks. And he overlaid their tops and their rings with gold, but their five sockets were of bronze.

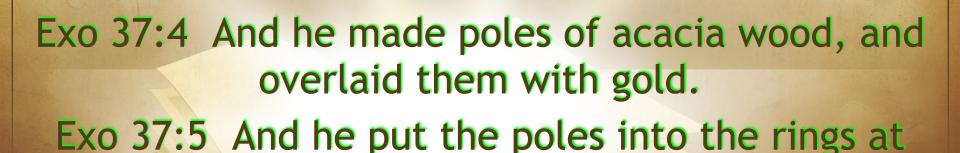




Exo 37:1 And Betsal'ěl made the ark of acacia wood, two and a half cubits long, and a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high.

Exo 37:2 And he overlaid it with clean gold inside and outside, and made a moulding of gold all around it.

Exo 37:3 And he cast four rings of gold for it, for its four feet, two rings on its one side, and two rings on its other side.



the sides of the ark, to lift the ark.

Exo 37:6 And he made a lid of atonement of clean gold, two and a half cubits long and a cubit and a half wide.

Exo 37:7 And he made two kerubim of beaten gold. He made them from the two ends of the lid of atonement,

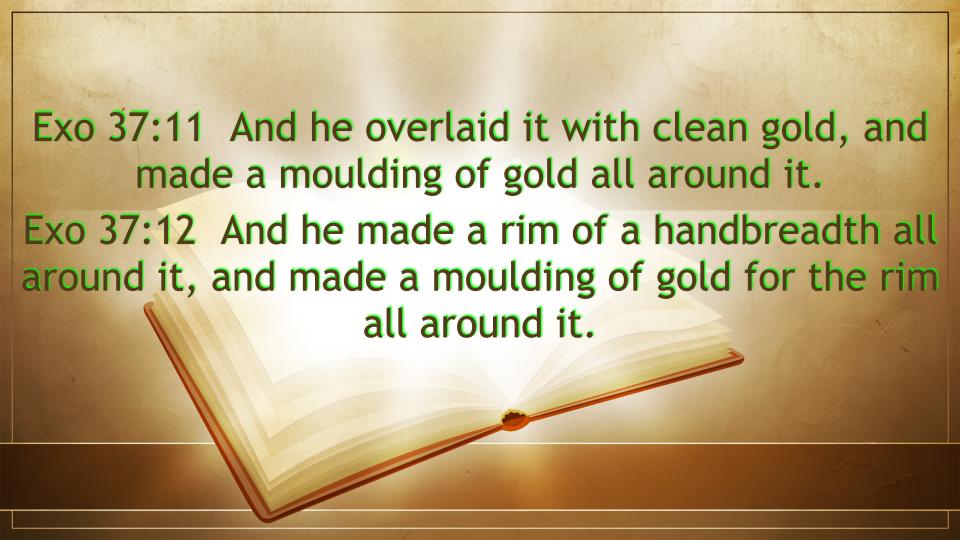
Exo 37:8 one kerub at one end on this side, and the other kerub at the other end on that side. He made the kerubim from the lid of atonement, from the two ends.

Exo 37:9 And the kerubim spread out their wings above, and covered the lid of atonement with their wings, with their faces toward each other, the faces of the kerubim were turned toward the lid of atonement.





Exo 37:10 And he made the table of acacia wood, two cubits long, and a cubit wide, and a cubit and a half high.



Exo 37:13 And he cast four rings of gold for it, and put the rings on the four corners that were at its four legs.

Exo 37:14 The rings were next to the rim, as holders for the poles to lift the table.

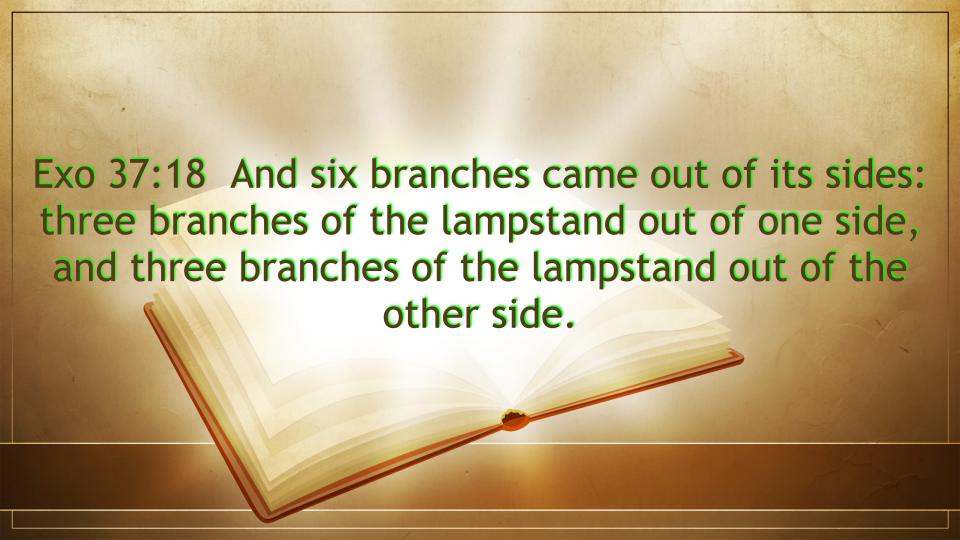
Exo 37:15 And he made the poles of acacia wood to lift the table, and overlaid them with gold.

Exo 37:16 And he made the utensils which were on the table, its dishes, and its cups, and its bowls, and its jars for pouring, of clean gold.



Making the Lampstand

Exo 37:17 And he made the lampstand of clean gold. He made the lampstand of beaten work, its base, and its shaft, its cups, its ornamental knobs, and its blossoms were from it.



Exo 37:19 There were three cups like almond flowers on one branch, with ornamental knob and blossom, and three cups like almond flowers on the other branch, a knob and a blossom - so for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.

Exo 37:20 And on the lampstand were four cups like almond flowers, its knobs and blossoms, Exo 37:21 and a knob under the first two branches of the same, and a knob under the second two branches of the same, and a knob under the third two branches of the same, for the six branches. coming out of it.

Exo 37:22 Their knobs and their branches were of it, all of it was one beaten work of clean gold.

Exo 37:23 And he made its seven lamps, and its snuffers, and its trays, of clean gold.

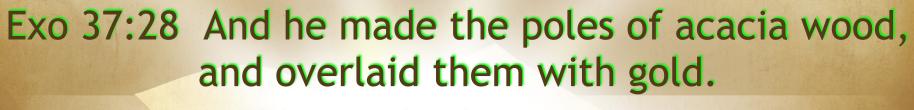
Exo 37:24 He made it of a talent of clean gold, and all its utensils.



Making the Altar of Incense

Exo 37:25 And he made the incense slaughterplace of acacia wood, a cubit long and a cubit wide, square, and two cubits high. Its horns were of it. Exo 37:26 And he overlaid it with clean gold, its top and its sides all around, and its horns. And he made a moulding for it of gold all around it.

Exo 37:27 And he made two rings of gold for it under its moulding, at its two corners on both sides, as holders for the poles with which to lift it.



Exo 37:29 And he made the set-apart anointing oil and the clean incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the perfumer.

