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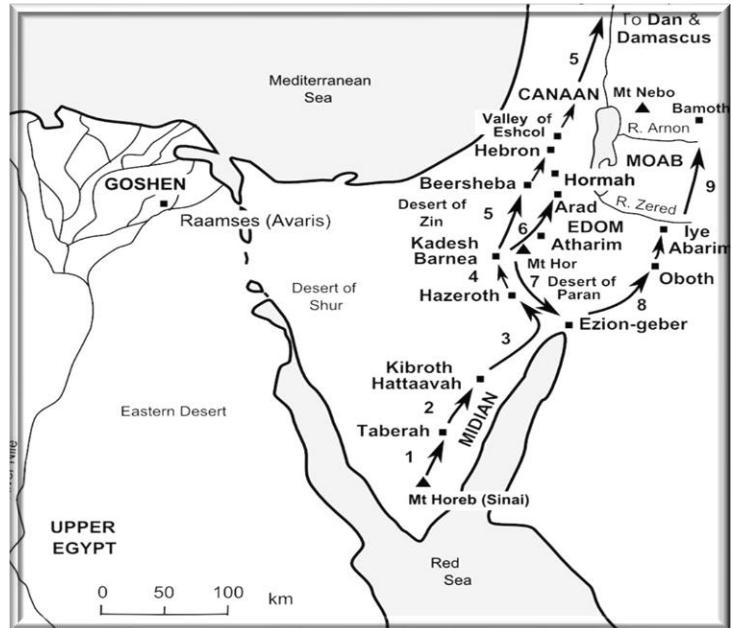
Exodus

God saves Israel from slavery in Egypt, and then enters into a special relationship with them.

Author: Moses, You will find Pharaoh, The Ten Commandments, and the Red Sea here.

In Exodus – Jesus is the Passover Lamb

Exodus 14:14 "The Lord will fight for you. You need only to be still."



TEACHER: 40 CHAPTERS

The narration of the book of Exodus starts 400 years after the end of Genesis. A lot has happened during their stay in Egypt. The Egyptians have started writing on papyrus, an early paper, and mankind went from the Copper Age to the Bronze Age. Copper is a metallic element, bronze is a mixture of copper and other metals that make the copper much stronger. Buildings got taller, and commerce drove progress. They also started importing Gold from all over the world during this time. The Jews did well in Egypt, growing into a formidable people group.

CH. 1

STUDENT:

⁶ In the course of time Joseph, his brothers, and all the rest of that generation died, ⁷ but their descendants, the Israelites, had many children and became so numerous and strong that Egypt was filled with them.

⁸ Then, a new king, who knew nothing about Joseph, came to power in Egypt. ⁹ He said to his people, "These Israelites are so numerous and strong that they are a threat to us. ¹⁰ In case of war they might join our enemies in order to fight against us, and might escape from the country. We must find some way to keep them from becoming even more numerous." ¹¹ So the Egyptians put slave drivers over them to crush their spirits with hard labor.....

STUDENT:

¹² But the more the Egyptians oppressed the Israelites, the more they increased in number and the farther they spread through the land. The Egyptians came to fear the Israelites ¹³⁻¹⁴ and made their lives miserable by forcing them into cruel slavery. They made them work on their building projects and in their fields, and they had no pity on them. (GNT)

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TEACHER:

The king has a plan to limit the population of the Jewish male population.

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STUDENT:

¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt spoke to Shiphrah and Puah, the two midwives who helped the Hebrew women. ¹⁶ "When you help the Hebrew women give birth," he said to them, "kill the baby if it is a boy; but if it is a girl, let it live." ¹⁷ But the midwives were God-fearing and so did not obey the king; instead, they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king sent for the midwives and asked them, "Why are you doing this? Why are you letting the boys live?"

¹⁹ They answered, "The Hebrew women are not like Egyptian women; they give birth easily, and their babies are born before either of us gets there." ²⁰⁻²¹ Because the midwives were God-fearing, God was good to them and gave them families of their own. And the Israelites continued to increase and become strong. ²² Finally the king issued a command to all his people: "Take every newborn Hebrew boy and throw him into the Nile, but let all the girls live." (GNT)

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TEACHER:

A young Jewish couple have a baby boy that was very fair, and beautiful. They hid him for 3 months, but as he was getting louder and louder, they placed him in a basket in the Nile, in hopes God would have mercy. His older sister stood by to watch her little baby brother float down the Nile.

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STUDENT:

CH. 2

⁵ The king's daughter came down to the river to bathe, while her servants walked along the bank. Suddenly she noticed the basket in the tall grass and sent a slave woman to get it. ⁶ The princess opened it and saw a baby boy. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said.

⁷ Then his sister asked her, "Shall I go and call a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby for you?"

⁸ "Please do," she answered. So the girl went and brought the baby's own mother. ⁹ The princess told the woman, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So she took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰ Later, when the child was old enough, she took him to the king's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. She said to herself, "I pulled him out of the water, and so I name him Moses." (GNT)

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TEACHER:

When Moses grew up he went out of the palace to visit his people. They were driven hard, and Moses saw a guard kill one of the Israelites. Moses was very mad, and killed the Egyptian and hid the body thinking no one saw it. The next day he goes back and sees 2 Hebrews fighting and said why are you fighting your own people?

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STUDENT:

¹⁴ The man answered, "Who made you our ruler and judge? Are you going to kill me just as you killed that Egyptian?" Then Moses was afraid and said to himself, "People have found out what I have done." ¹⁵⁻¹⁶ When the king heard about what had happened, he tried to have Moses killed, but Moses fled and went to live in the land of Midian. (GNT)

TEACHER:

The Midianites were relatives of the Jewish people. Midian was the son of Abraham by his concubine Keturah and was 1 of 5 sons he had with her. They moved away from Abraham because Isaac wasn't to share the Promised Land with any of Abraham's other descendants. These descendants were removed from Abraham for 430 years. At this point they were still serving the God of Abraham.



Moses does well in Midian. He gets married, and starts a family with his new wife Zipporah. Years go by and the King of Egypt dies, but The Jews are still toiling under heavy labor in Egypt.

STUDENT:

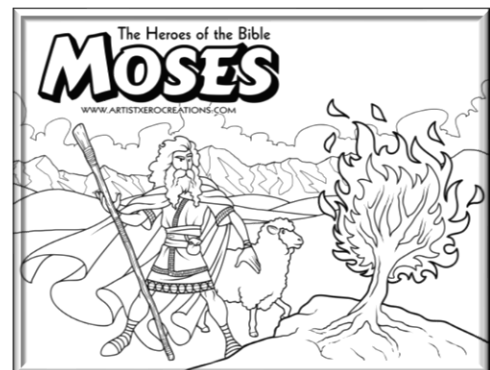
²³ Years later the king of Egypt died, but the Israelites were still groaning under their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry went up to God, ²⁴ who heard their groaning and remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵ He saw the slavery of the Israelites and was concerned for them. (GNT)

TEACHER:

Moses spent his days caring for his father-in-law's sheep. He was about to meet God.

STUDENT:

One day while Moses was taking care of the sheep and goats of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian, he led the flock across the desert and came to Sinai, the holy mountain. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him as a flame coming from the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire but that it was not burning up. ³ "This is strange," he thought. "Why isn't the bush burning up? I will go closer and see."



CH. 3

STUDENT:

⁴When the LORD saw that Moses was coming closer, he called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Yes, here I am."

⁵God said, "Do not come any closer. Take off your sandals, because you are standing on holy ground. ⁶I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob." So Moses covered his face, because he was afraid to look at God. (GNT)

TEACHER:

Then God tells him why He has called him to the meeting.

STUDENT:

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have seen how cruelly my people are being treated in Egypt; I have heard them cry out to be rescued from their slave drivers. I know all about their sufferings, ⁸and so I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians and to bring them out of Egypt to a spacious land, one which is rich and fertile.....

⁹I have indeed heard the cry of my people, and I see how the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰Now I am sending you to the king of Egypt so that you can lead my people out of his country." (GNT)

TEACHER:

Moses feels inadequate, thinking he will be alone in this calling, not unlike us today sometimes.

STUDENT:

¹¹But Moses said to God, "I am nobody. How can I go to the king and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹²God answered, "I will be with you, and when you bring the people out of Egypt, you will worship me on this mountain. That will be the proof that I have sent you."

¹³But Moses replied, "When I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors sent me to you,' they will ask me, 'What is his name?' So what can I tell them?"

¹⁴God said, "I am who I am. You must tell them: 'The one who is called I AM has sent me to you.'"

STUDENT:

¹⁵Tell the Israelites that I, the LORD, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, have sent you to them. This is my name forever; this is what all future generations are to call me. ¹⁶Go and gather the leaders of Israel together and tell them that I, the LORD, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, appeared to you. Tell them that I have come to them and have seen what the Egyptians are doing to them. ¹⁷I have decided that I will bring them out of Egypt, where they are being treated cruelly, and will take them to a rich and fertile land.....(GNT)

TEACHER:

The I AM. "This is what all future generation are to call me." That sentence is why when Jesus said, "before Abraham was, I AM," carried such weight. Then God tells Moses more of His plan.

STUDENT:

.....you must go with the leaders of Israel to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has revealed himself to us. Now allow us to travel three days into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD, our God.' ¹⁹I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless he is forced to do so. ²⁰But I will use my power and will punish Egypt by doing terrifying things there. After that he will let you go. (GNT)

TEACHER:

God tells Moses they are not going to leave empty handed either. They will leave rich.

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STUDENT:

²¹ "I will make the Egyptians respect you so that when my people leave, they will not go empty-handed. ²² Every Israelite woman will go to her Egyptian neighbors and to any Egyptian woman living in her house and will ask for clothing and for gold and silver jewelry. The Israelites will put these things on their sons and daughters and carry away the wealth of the Egyptians." (GNT)

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TEACHER:

Moses is concerned that the Hebrews will not believe God has sent him. So God asks him what is in his hand. A staff he replies.

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STUDENT:

CH. 4

³ The LORD said, "Throw it on the ground." When Moses threw it down, it turned into a snake, and he ran away from it. ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach down and pick it up by the tail." So Moses reached down and caught it, and it became a walking stick again. ⁵ The LORD said, "Do this to prove to the Israelites that the LORD, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, has appeared to you." (GNT)

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TEACHER:

God then gives him another miracle to perform, and turns his hand leprous, and makes it clean again. If these 2 miracles don't work, He gives 1 last sign.

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STUDENT:

⁹ If in spite of these two miracles they still will not believe you, and if they refuse to listen to what you say, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the ground. The water will turn into blood." (GNT)

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TEACHER:

Why these 3 particular signs for the Jews in captivity? Because they all mean something to people who believe in the God of Abraham.

1. The Snake
2. Leprosy
3. The Blood

The staff into a snake, shows God's power over that old serpent the devil. The leprosy shows that while anyone can catch leprosy, only God can undo leprosy. Even today, we can halt leprosy, but we cannot undo the damage. We cannot restore to original condition as God did both with Moses, and as Jesus did. Blood can only be made by God. In the Old Testament, God turned, water into blood. In the New Testament, God turned water into wine. God can do whatever He wants, He is the Boss. Moses continues his resistance to God's calling.

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STUDENT:

¹⁰ But Moses said, "No, LORD, don't send me. I have never been a good speaker, and I haven't become one since you began to speak to me. I am a poor speaker, slow and hesitant."

¹¹ The LORD said to him, "Who gives man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or dumb? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? It is I, the LORD. ¹² Now, go! I will help you to speak, and I will tell you what to say."

¹³ But Moses answered, "No, Lord, please send someone else."

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STUDENT:

¹⁴ At this the LORD became angry with Moses and said, "What about your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. In fact, he is now coming to meet you and will be glad to see you. ¹⁵ You can speak to him and tell him what to say. I will help both of you to speak, and I will tell you both what to do. ¹⁶ He will be your spokesman and speak to the people for you. Then you will be like God, telling him what to say. ¹⁷ Take this walking stick with you; for with it you will perform miracles." (GNT)

TEACHER:

Moses says his good-bye's and heads off to Egypt. On the way God picks a fight with Moses. If you are representing God, make sure you have crossed your "T's" and dotted your "I's."

STUDENT:

²⁴ At a camping place on the way to Egypt, the LORD met Moses and tried to kill him. ²⁵⁻²⁶ Then Zipporah, his wife, took a sharp stone, cut off the foreskin of her son, and touched Moses' feet with it. Because of the rite of circumcision she said to Moses, "You are a husband of blood to me." And so the LORD spared Moses' life. (GNT)

TEACHER:

Moses hooks up with Aaron, and fills him in. They assemble the leaders and.....

STUDENT:

²⁹ So Moses and Aaron went to Egypt and gathered all the Israelite leaders together. ³⁰ Aaron told them everything that the LORD had said to Moses, and then Moses performed all the miracles in front of the people. ³¹ They believed, and when they heard that the LORD had come to them and had seen how they were being treated cruelly, they bowed down and worshiped. (GNT)

TEACHER:

Moses and Aaron go to Pharaoh, and mouth those famous words "let my people go." Pharaoh's answer?

CH. 5

STUDENT:

² "Who is the LORD?" the king demanded. "Why should I listen to him and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD; and I will not let Israel go." (GNT)

TEACHER:

They ask again, infuriating Pharaoh. He tells the slave drivers to make the Hebrews gather their own straw for bricks. He felt it would prevent them from listening to the call of God. The plan was starting to work. So Moses prays to God.

STUDENT:

²² Then Moses turned to the LORD again and said, "Lord, why do you mistreat your people? Why did you send me here? ²³ Ever since I went to the king to speak for you, he has treated them cruelly. And you have done nothing to help them!" (GNT)



TEACHER:

God tells Moses now you will see what I will do....but the people's spirits were broken by the aggressive level the slavery had reached. Notice something, even when the people of God had lost hope, God did not give up on them. He made a promise and He was going to perform on it.

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CH. 6

STUDENT:

¹⁰ Then the LORD said to Moses, ¹¹ "Go and tell the king of Egypt that he must let the Israelites leave his land."

¹² But Moses replied, "Even the Israelites will not listen to me, so why should the king? I am such a poor speaker."

¹³ The LORD commanded Moses and Aaron: "Tell the Israelites and the king of Egypt that I have ordered you to lead the Israelites out of Egypt." (GNT)

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TEACHER:

God's anger is building and His patience is wearing thin. He tells Moses how this is going to go.

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CH. 7

STUDENT:

The LORD said, "I am going to make you like God to the king, and your brother Aaron will speak to him as your prophet. ² Tell Aaron everything I command you, and he will tell the king to let the Israelites leave his country. ³⁻

⁴ But I will make the king stubborn, and he will not listen to you, no matter how many terrifying things I do in Egypt. Then I will bring severe punishment on Egypt and lead the tribes of my people out of the land. ⁵ The Egyptians will then know that I am the LORD, when I raise my hand against them and bring the Israelites out of their country." ⁶ Moses and Aaron did what the LORD commanded. ⁷ At the time when they spoke to the king, Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron was eighty-three. (GNT)

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TEACHER:

God tells Moses it's time to pull out all the stops.

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STUDENT:

⁸ The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ⁹ "If the king demands that you prove yourselves by performing a miracle, tell Aaron to take his walking stick and throw it down in front of the king, and it will turn into a snake." ¹⁰ So Moses and Aaron went to the king and did as the LORD had commanded. Aaron threw his walking stick down in front of the king and his officers, and it turned into a snake. ¹¹ Then the king called for his wise men and magicians, and by their magic they did the same thing. ¹² They threw down their walking sticks, and the sticks turned into snakes. But Aaron's stick swallowed theirs. ¹³ The king, however, remained stubborn and, just as the LORD had said, the king would not listen to Moses and Aaron. (GNT)

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THE TEN PLAGUES OF EGYPT

CH. 7

Water into blood killing fish



HAPI
God of
the Nile

CH. 8

Frogs



HEKET
God of
Fertility

Dust into lice



GEB
God of Earth
and Dust



Flies



KHEPRI
God of
Creation



CH. 9

Cattle livestock



HATHOR
God of
Protection



Boils and sores



ISIS
God of Health
and Medicine



Hail on fire



NUT
Goddess of
the Sky



CH. 10

Locusts



SETH
Goddess of
Disorder



Three days of darkness



RA
Sun God



CH. 11

Death of 1st born



PHARAOH
Ultimate Power
over Life & Death

TEACHER:

Look over the plagues. Each plague has a corresponding Egyptian deity. The last plague is the worst, and strikes Pharaoh himself.

STUDENT:

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will send only one more punishment on the king of Egypt and his people. After that he will let you leave. In fact, he will drive all of you out of here. ² Now speak to the people of Israel and tell all of them to ask their neighbors for gold and silver jewelry." ³ The LORD made the Egyptians respect the Israelites. Indeed, the officials and all the people considered Moses to be a very great man.

⁴ Moses then said to the king, "The LORD says, 'At about midnight I will go through Egypt, ⁵ and every first-born son in Egypt will die, from the king's son, who is heir to the throne, to the son of the slave woman who grinds grain. The first-born of all the cattle will die also.

STUDENT:

⁶ There will be loud crying all over Egypt, such as there has never been before or ever will be again. ⁷ But not even a dog will bark at the Israelites or their animals. Then you will know that I, the LORD, make a distinction between the Egyptians and the Israelites.'" ⁸ Moses concluded by saying, "All your officials will come to me and bow down before me, and they will beg me to take all my people and go away. After that, I will leave." Then in great anger Moses left the king.

⁹ The LORD had said to Moses, "The king will continue to refuse to listen to you, in order that I may do more of my miracles in Egypt." ¹⁰ Moses and Aaron performed all these miracles before the king, but the LORD made him stubborn, and he would not let the Israelites leave his country. (GNT)

TEACHER:

Chapter 12. God instructs Moses on the Passover ritual meal in preparation of their soon deliverance. On the 10th day of the month the man of the house is to choose a 1 year old male unblemished lamb or goat for his household. Small families can split an animal if they cannot eat it all, because it all has to be consumed. On the 14th day of the month, they are to kill and roast the animal, and splash the door posts and above the doors where the animal will be eaten. It must be prepared with bitter herbs and eaten with unleavened bread. It must be roasted whole, including legs, head, and internal organs. Nothing must be left till morning. What isn't eaten, must be burned. You are to eat it dressed, with your shoes on and coat, ready to leave quickly.

STUDENT:

¹² "On that night I will go through the land of Egypt, killing every first-born male, both human and animal, and punishing all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood on the doorposts will be a sign to mark the houses in which you live. When I see the blood, I will pass over you and will not harm you when I punish the Egyptians. ¹⁴ You must celebrate this day as a religious festival to remind you of what I, the LORD, have done. Celebrate it for all time to come." (GNT)

TEACHER:

This Passover coincides with the Festival of unleavened bread.

STUDENT:

¹⁵ The LORD said, "For seven days you must not eat any bread made with yeast—eat only unleavened bread. On the first day you are to get rid of all the yeast in your houses, for if anyone during those seven days eats bread made with yeast, he shall no longer be considered one of my people. ¹⁶ On the first day and again on the seventh day you are to meet for worship. No work is to be done on those days, but you may prepare food. ¹⁷ Keep this festival, because it was on this day that I brought your tribes out of Egypt. For all time to come you must celebrate this day as a festival. (GNT)

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TEACHER:

Now the day of the 1st Passover has arrived.

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STUDENT:

²⁹ At midnight the LORD killed all the first-born sons in Egypt, from the king's son, who was heir to the throne, to the son of the prisoner in the dungeon; all the first-born of the animals were also killed. ³⁰ That night, the king, his officials, and all the other Egyptians were awakened. There was loud crying throughout Egypt, because there was not one home in which there was not a dead son. ³¹ That same night the king sent for Moses and Aaron and said, "Get out, you and your Israelites! Leave my country; go and worship the LORD, as you asked. ³² Take your sheep, goats, and cattle, and leave. Also pray for a blessing on me." (GNT)

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TEACHER:

The Israelites obeyed Moses, and had collected gold and silver from the Egyptians, and carried the wealth with them as they left. They numbered 600,000 men, plus women and children. Verse 38 says a large number of others also went with them and much livestock.

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STUDENT:

⁴⁰ The Israelites had lived in Egypt for 430 years. ⁴¹ On the day the 430 years ended, all the tribes of the LORD's people left Egypt. ⁴² It was a night when the LORD kept watch to bring them out of Egypt; this same night is dedicated to the LORD for all time to come as a night when the Israelites must keep watch. (GNT)

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TEACHER:

The Lord says at the end of chapter 12 "These are the Passover regulations."

1. No foreigner shall eat the Passover Meal.
2. The slaves may eat if they are circumcised 1st.
3. No temporary worker or temporary resident may eat it.
4. The entire meal must be eaten where it was prepared.
5. It must not be removed from the house.
6. It must not be eaten outside.
7. No bones of the animal can be broken.
8. Every Israelite must celebrate Passover.
9. No one uncircumcised may eat Passover.
10. If a foreigner wants to eat Passover, his household all must be circumcised. If he does this, he is to be treated as an equal.

God set up the Festival of unleavened bread. These are the “Festival of Unleavened Bread regulations”

1. No leavened bread is to be eaten.
2. Must be celebrated the 1st month of the Jewish calendar.
3. Must eat unleavened bread for 7 straight days.
4. On the 7th day there is to be a festival to honor the Lord.
5. There must be no yeast anywhere in your land.
6. When the festival begins, you must share the testimony of how the Lord delivered you out of Egypt.

Finally God set a yearly sacrifice for this period of worship. “The First-Born”

1. The 1st born male belongs to the Lord, and must be offered.
2. Every 1st born male animal belongs to the Lord.
3. You must buy back every 1st born male donkey with a lamb.
4. If you don’t want to sacrifice the sheep for the donkey, you must break the donkey’s neck.
5. You must buy back every 1st born male child of yours.
6. You must explain why you do this.

(GNT edited into a list by the Author)

CH. 13

STUDENT:

¹⁴ In the future, when your son asks what this observance means, you will answer him, ‘By using great power the LORD brought us out of Egypt, the place where we were slaves. ¹⁵ When the king of Egypt was stubborn and refused to let us go, the LORD killed every first-born male in the land of Egypt, both human and animal. That is why we sacrifice every first-born male animal to the LORD, but buy back our first-born sons. ¹⁶ This observance will be a reminder, like something tied on our hands or on our foreheads; it will remind us that the LORD brought us out of Egypt by his great power.’” (GNT)

TEACHER:

Chapter 13 ends with our Heavenly Father, leading His children.

STUDENT:

¹⁷ When the king of Egypt let the people go, God did not take them by the road that goes up the coast to Philistia, although it was the shortest way. God thought, “I do not want the people to change their minds and return to Egypt when they see that they are going to have to fight.” ¹⁸ Instead, he led them in a roundabout way through the desert toward the Red Sea. The Israelites were armed for battle.

¹⁹ Moses took the body of Joseph with him, as Joseph had made the Israelites solemnly promise to do. Joseph had said, “When God rescues you, you must carry my body with you from this place.”

²⁰ The Israelites left Sukkoth and camped at Etham on the edge of the desert. ²¹ During the day the LORD went in front of them in a pillar of cloud to show them the way, and during the night he went in front of them in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel night and day. ²² The pillar of cloud was always in front of the people during the day, and the pillar of fire at night. (GNT)

TEACHER:

God leads them in a roundabout way. Not a straight shot to Canaan, but between Migdol and the Red Sea. In chapter 14 verse 4 he says it will bring Him glory. Pharaoh gets in his chariot and pursues Israel. Over 600 chariots and his army. The Egyptian army meets them by the Red Sea. This frightened the Israelites greatly.

CH. 14

STUDENT:

¹⁰ When the Israelites saw the king and his army marching against them, they were terrified and cried out to the LORD for help. ¹¹ They said to Moses, "Weren't there any graves in Egypt? Did you have to bring us out here in the desert to die? Look what you have done by bringing us out of Egypt! ¹² Didn't we tell you before we left that this would happen? We told you to leave us alone and let us go on being slaves of the Egyptians. It would be better to be slaves there than to die here in the desert." (GNT)

TEACHER:

Moses tells them to stand their ground. We will read the entire text of this moment.

STUDENT:

¹³ Moses answered, "Don't be afraid! Stand your ground, and you will see what the LORD will do to save you today; you will never see these Egyptians again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and all you have to do is keep still." (GNT)

STUDENT:

¹⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out for help? Tell the people to move forward. ¹⁶ Lift up your walking stick and hold it out over the sea. The water will divide, and the Israelites will be able to walk through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ I will make the Egyptians so stubborn that they will go in after them, and I will gain honor by my victory over the king, his army, his chariots, and his drivers. ¹⁸ When I defeat them, the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." (GNT)

STUDENT:

¹⁹ The angel of God, who had been in front of the army of Israel, moved and went to the rear. The pillar of cloud also moved until it was ²⁰ between the Egyptians and the Israelites. The cloud made it dark for the Egyptians, but gave light to the people of Israel, and so the armies could not come near each other all night.

²¹ Moses held out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind. It blew all night and turned the sea into dry land. The water was divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on both sides.

²³ The Egyptians pursued them and went after them into the sea with all their horses, chariots, and drivers. ²⁴ Just before dawn the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw them into a panic. ²⁵ He made the wheels of their chariots get stuck, so that they moved with great difficulty. The Egyptians said, "The LORD is fighting for the Israelites against us. Let's get out of here!" (GNT)



STUDENT:

²⁶ The LORD said to Moses, "Hold out your hand over the sea, and the water will come back over the Egyptians and their chariots and drivers." ²⁷ So Moses held out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the water returned to its normal level. The Egyptians tried to escape from the water, but the LORD threw them into the sea. ²⁸ The water returned and covered the chariots, the drivers, and all the Egyptian army that had followed the Israelites into the sea; not one of them was left. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on both sides.

³⁰ On that day the LORD saved the people of Israel from the Egyptians, and the Israelites saw them lying dead on the seashore. ³¹ When the Israelites saw the great power with which the LORD had defeated the Egyptians, they stood in awe of the LORD; and they had faith in the LORD and in his servant Moses. (GNT)

TEACHER:

Chapter 15 starts with 2 beautiful songs, 1 written by Moses, the other by the prophetess Miriam, Moses and Aaron's sister. They spend the next 3 days looking for water.

STUDENT:

²² Then Moses led the people of Israel away from the Red Sea into the desert of Shur. For three days they walked through the desert, but found no water. ²³ Then they came to a place called Marah, but the water there was so bitter that they could not drink it. That is why it was named Marah. ²⁴ The people complained to Moses and asked, "What are we going to drink?" ²⁵ Moses prayed earnestly to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood, which he threw into the water; and the water became fit to drink. There the LORD gave them laws to live by, and there he also tested them. ²⁶ He said, "If you will obey me completely by doing what I consider right and by keeping my commands, I will not punish you with any of the diseases that I brought on the Egyptians. I am the LORD, the one who heals you." ²⁷ Next they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees; there they camped by the water. (GNT)

TEACHER:

We are scared, God delivers, We are thirsty, God provides, we are hungry, let's go back to Egypt? God provides. Now we have all been hangry, but really? Back to Egypt?

STUDENT:

² There in the desert they all complained to Moses and Aaron ³ and said to them, "We wish that the LORD had killed us in Egypt. There we could at least sit down and eat meat and as much other food as we wanted. But you have brought us out into this desert to starve us all to death." (GNT)

TEACHER:

God provides meat and manna for them to eat. A huge flock of quail came at night, and in the morning, manna was on the ground. They were to take 2 quarts of manna every day per person, and on the 6th day twice as much. They could not keep it for more than 1 day, except for the 6th day to honor the Sabbath day. On the 7th day no manna would be provided. Some people went out looking to see if there was any.

CH. 15

CH. 16

STUDENT:

²⁷ On the seventh day some of the people went out to gather food, but they did not find any. ²⁸ Then the LORD said to Moses, "How much longer will you people refuse to obey my commands? ²⁹ Remember that I, the LORD, have given you a day of rest, and that is why on the sixth day I will always give you enough food for two days. Everyone is to stay where he is on the seventh day and not leave his home." ³⁰ So the people did no work on the seventh day. (GNT)

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TEACHER:

The manna was like a small white seed, and tasted like thin cakes made with honey. God instructed them to save some in a box so that after they settled in the Promised Land, their descendants could see it. The Israelites would eat the manna for the next 40 years. The next chapter begins with more complaining. Moses tells God, "they are ready to stone me." God tells Moses to strike the rock He pointed out with Moses staff, and water came from the rock. Next the Amalekites attack. Remember they carried much gold and silver out of Egypt, so they were a target.

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CH. 17

STUDENT:

⁸ The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. ⁹ Moses said to Joshua, "Pick out some men to go and fight the Amalekites tomorrow. I will stand on top of the hill holding the stick that God told me to carry." ¹⁰ Joshua did as Moses commanded him and went out to fight the Amalekites, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his arms, the Israelites won, but when he put his arms down, the Amalekites started winning. ¹² When Moses' arms grew tired, Aaron and Hur brought a stone for him to sit on, while they stood beside him and held up his arms, holding them steady until the sun went down. ¹³ In this way Joshua totally defeated the Amalekites. (GNT)

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TEACHER:

Moses father in law (Jethro) was a Midianite priest. Word has spread about what God has done, so Jethro brings Moses wife and 2 sons to him. Moses and Israel were camped by the Holy Mountain (Mt. Sinai). Moses shares the 1st hand accounts of God's mighty acts, and they worship and share a meal. The next day Moses is hearing disputes, and settling arguments among all who came to him. Jethro gives some sage advice.

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CH. 18

STUDENT:

¹⁷ Then Jethro said, "You are not doing this right. ¹⁸ You will wear yourself out and these people as well. This is too much for you to do alone. ¹⁹ Now let me give you some good advice, and God will be with you. It is right for you to represent the people before God and bring their disputes to him. ²⁰ You should teach them God's commands and explain to them how they should live and what they should do. ²¹ But in addition, you should choose some capable men and appoint them as leaders of the people: leaders of thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. They must be God-fearing men who can be trusted and who cannot be bribed. ²² Let them serve as judges for the people on a permanent basis. They can bring all the difficult cases to you, but they themselves can decide all the smaller disputes. That will make it easier for you, as they share your burden. ²³ If you do this, as God commands, you will not wear yourself out, and all these people can go home with their disputes settled." (GNT)

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TEACHER:

Moses likes the idea, and sets up this early form of a judiciary. In chapter 19 we find ourselves at the foot of Mount Sinai, with Moses heading up the mountain to meet with God. (Quick note: this Mountain is also called Mount Horeb). While he is there God calls to Moses and reminds him of everything He did to rescue the people of Israel from Egypt. He tells them "The whole Earth is mine, but you will be my chosen people."

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STUDENT:

CH. 19

⁷ So Moses went down and called the leaders of the people together and told them everything that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ Then all the people answered together, "We will do everything that the LORD has said," and Moses reported this to the LORD.

⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "I will come to you in a thick cloud, so that the people will hear me speaking with you and will believe you from now on."

Moses told the LORD what the people had answered, ¹⁰ and the LORD said to him, "Go to the people and tell them to spend today and tomorrow purifying themselves for worship. They must wash their clothes ¹¹ and be ready the day after tomorrow. On that day I will come down on Mount Sinai, where all the people can see me. ¹² Mark a boundary around the mountain that the people must not cross, and tell them not to go up the mountain or even get near it. If any of you set foot on it, you are to be put to death; ¹³ you must either be stoned or shot with arrows, without anyone touching you. This applies to both people and animals; they must be put to death. But when the trumpet is blown, then the people are to go up to the mountain." (GNT)

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TEACHER:

3 days go by, and the people did as they were commanded.

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STUDENT:

¹⁶ On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, a thick cloud appeared on the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast was heard. All the people in the camp trembled with fear. ¹⁷ Moses led them out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ All of Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD had come down on it in fire. The smoke went up like the smoke of a furnace, and all the people trembled violently. ¹⁹ The sound of the trumpet became louder and louder. Moses spoke, and God answered him with thunder.

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STUDENT:

²⁰ The LORD came down on the top of Mount Sinai and called Moses to the top of the mountain. Moses went up ²¹ and the LORD said to him, "Go down and warn the people not to cross the boundary to come and look at me; if they do, many of them will die. ²² Even the priests who come near me must purify themselves, or I will punish them."

²³ Moses said to the LORD, "The people cannot come up, because you commanded us to consider the mountain sacred and to mark a boundary around it."

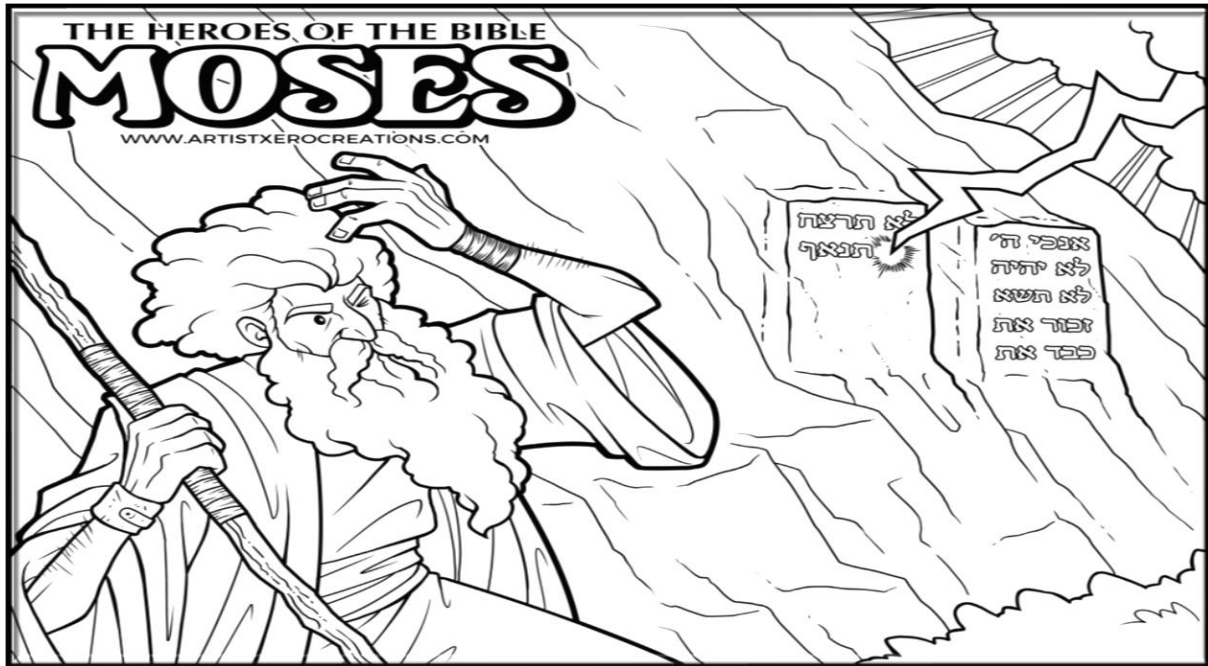
²⁴ The LORD replied, "Go down and bring Aaron back with you. But the priests and the people must not cross the boundary to come up to me, or I will punish them." ²⁵ Moses then went down to the people and told them what the LORD had said. (GNT)

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TEACHER:

Chapter 20 is perhaps the most important chapter in the Old Testament. The 10 commandments.

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STUDENT: The 10 Commandments

1. "You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
3. "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.
4. ⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. ¹¹ For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

5. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
6. "You shall not murder.
7. "You shall not commit adultery.
8. "You shall not steal.
9. "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor's."

(NKJV edited into a list by the Author)

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TEACHER:

CH. 21

God then sets down laws for the people of Israel to follow.

These in chapter 21 regard indentured servitude, and violence, both intentional and accidental.

Chapter 22 Property, (personal, livestock and land), Moral and ceremonial laws.

CH. 22

Chapter 23 Equal justice for all, Various Sabbaths, (weekly and yearly), The 3 main yearly feasts, and God appoints a Guardian Angel over them.

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CH. 23

STUDENT:

²⁰ "Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. ²¹ Beware of Him and obey His voice; do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions; for My name *is* in Him. ²² But if you indeed obey His voice and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.....

²⁴ You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works; but you shall utterly overthrow them and completely break down their *sacred* pillars.

²⁵ "So you shall serve the LORD your God, and He will bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you. ²⁶ No one shall suffer miscarriage or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days. (NKJV)

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STUDENT:

²⁷ "I will send My fear before you, I will cause confusion among all the people to whom you come, and will make all your enemies turn *their* backs to you. ²⁸ And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you. ²⁹ I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. ³⁰ Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and you inherit the land. ³¹ And I will set your bounds from the Red Sea to the sea, Philistia, and from the desert to the River. For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you. ³² You shall make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. ³³ They shall not dwell in your land, lest they make you sin against Me. For *if* you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you." (GNT)

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TEACHER:

In chapter 24 God tells Moses to come up to the mountain. Listen to these excerpts and see if they remind you of anything.

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CH. 24

STUDENT:

Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. ² And Moses alone shall come near the LORD, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him."

³ So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do."

⁴ And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD.

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STUDENT:

⁶ And Moses took half the blood and put *it* in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷ Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient." ⁸ And Moses took the blood, sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words." (NKJV)

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TEACHER:

I see so many parallels of what Jesus did in the New Testament, and what He does here.

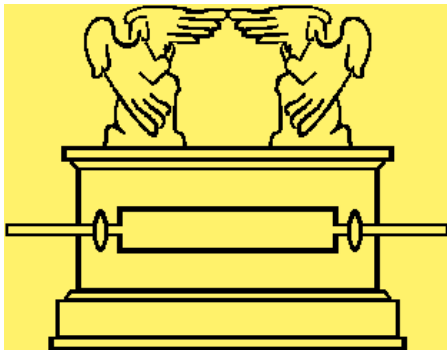
CH. 25

12 tribes, 12 disciples, 72 elders, and Jesus sent out 72 witnesses. Sprinkling the people with the blood etc.

Moses and Joshua go close into the mountain and stay with God, and tells the 70 to wait for them.

God gives them commandments regarding offerings from the Egyptian spoils, gold, silver, metals and fabrics, all things for the building of the tabernacle. A tent like structure to serve as a mobile church or synagogue. He instructs them to build an ark, and a table for show bread, and a gold lampstand.

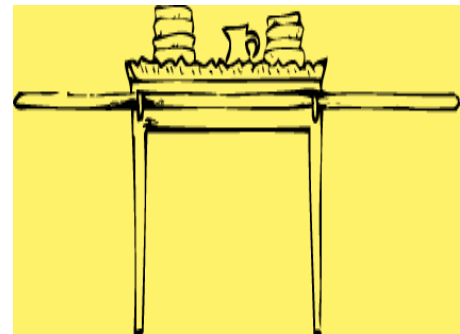
THE ARK



THE LAMP STAND



TABLE FOR SHOW BREAD



TEACHER:

In chapter 26 God describes how the tabernacle is to be built. This is a full scale reproduction.

CH. 26



TEACHER:

Chapter 27 deals with the Altar of burnt offerings, and the outer court dimensions and construction materials. Each side of the outer court would be 100 yards long. God gives them special instructions for the care of the flame.

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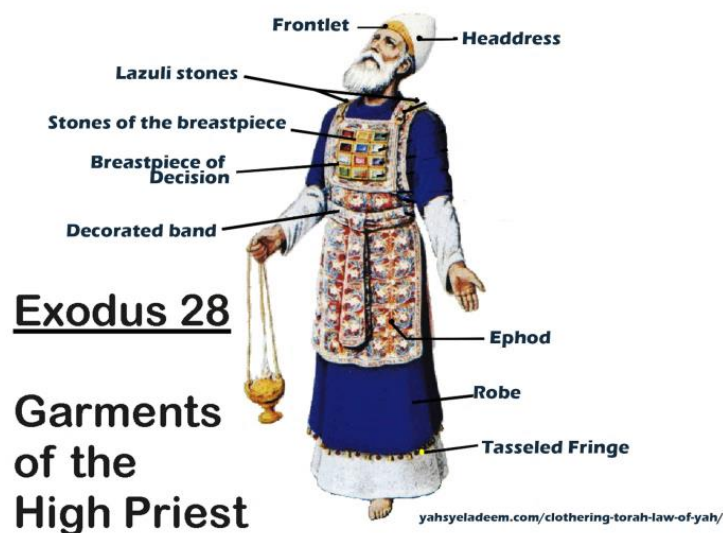
CH. 27

²⁰ "And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to cause the lamp to burn continually. ²¹ In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the veil which *is* before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening until morning before the LORD. *It shall be* a statute forever to their generations on behalf of the children of Israel. (NKJV)

TEACHER:

Chapter 28 covers the Priestly garments, The Ephod, The Breastplate, and other priestly garments.

CH. 28



TEACHER:

God instructs Moses on how to consecrate the Priests.

CH. 29

STUDENT:

³⁵ "Thus you shall do to Aaron and his sons, according to all that I have commanded you. Seven days you shall consecrate them. ³⁶ And you shall offer a bull every day *as* a sin offering for atonement. You shall cleanse the altar when you make atonement for it, and you shall anoint it to sanctify it. ³⁷ Seven days you shall make atonement for the altar and sanctify it. And the altar shall be most holy. Whatever touches the altar must be holy. (NKJV)

CH. 30

TEACHER:

In chapter 30 Moses receives instructions on the construction of the Altar of Incense, and the Laver.

Altar of Incense



Laver



TEACHER:

In chapter 31 God tells Moses that He has gifted several artisans "filled with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge in all manner of workmanship,"

"We sell the vast majority of our time, to people who often barely know us, in exchange for money. What we do with our money is what we are doing with our lives." DH

"If you are not in a preaching or teaching ministry, you are still called. The plumber is called, the maintenance man is called, the nurse and friend are called, we all are called." DH

CH. 31

STUDENT:

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ² "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. ³ And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *manner of* workmanship, ⁴ to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, ⁵ in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all *manner of* workmanship. (NKJV)

TEACHER:

So as Moses was getting all the instructions we just read about, the children of Israel grew restless. They talked Aaron into committing a great sin.

STUDENT:

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

² And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which *are* in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring *them* to me." ³ So all the people broke off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* to Aaron. ⁴ And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf.

Then they said, "This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!" (NKJV)

CH. 32

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TEACHER:

So in about a month, they went from eating veal, to worshipping veal. Hard to believe. The problem here is not merely a lack in belief. It is a lack of love. Paul says in 1 Corinthians where he defined love under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that love is “patient.” Understand something else here, they all believed in God. They thought He had left them. While God was working with Moses, to have a close and intimate relationship with them, they thought He had forgotten them. We must not make the same mistake today. Paul says in Hebrews, that we must believe not only that he exists, but that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. So before it gets any worse God tells Moses He will kill them all, and raise up a nation from his children.

This is Moses response to God.

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STUDENT:

¹¹ Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: “LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, ‘He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit *it* forever.’ ” ¹⁴ So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people. (NKJV)

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TEACHER:

Moses 1st thought when God was going to raise a people of God from his own children, was God’s reputation. God sends Moses and Joshua down to the people to rebuke them.

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STUDENT:

¹⁹ So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf *and* the dancing. So Moses’ anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ Then he took the calf which they had made, burned *it* in the fire, and ground *it* to powder; and he scattered *it* on the water and made the children of Israel drink *it*. ²¹ And Moses said to Aaron, “What did this people do to you that you have brought *so* great a sin upon them?” (NKJV)

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STUDENT:

²² So Aaron said, “Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people, that they *are set* on evil. ²³ For they said to me, ‘Make us gods that shall go before us; *as for* this Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ ” ²⁴ And I said to them, ‘Whoever has any gold, let them break *it* off.’ So they gave *it* to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out.”

²⁵ Now when Moses saw that the people *were* unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to *their* shame among their enemies), ²⁶ then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, “Whoever *is* on the LORD’s side—*come* to me!” And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

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STUDENT:

²⁷ And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.' " ²⁸ So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day. ²⁹ Then Moses said, "Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, that He may bestow on you a blessing this day, for every man has opposed his son and his brother." (NKJV)

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TEACHER:

Moses goes back to God the next day, confesses what the people did, and threw his own life on the line for the people. He says to God, "blot me out of Your book which you have written." But God is just.

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STUDENT:

³³ And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. ³⁴ Now therefore, go, lead the people to *the place* of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for punishment, I will visit punishment upon them for their sin." ³⁵ So the LORD plagued the people because of what they did with the calf which Aaron made. (NKJV)

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TEACHER:

In chapter 33 God tells Moses to go to the Promised Land, but is sending an angel instead of going with them, knowing He might consume them on the way because they were stubborn.

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STUDENT:

⁴ And when the people heard this bad news, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments. ⁵ For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the children of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. Now therefore, take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do to you.' " ⁶ So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Horeb. (NKJV)

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TEACHER:

Moses sets up his tent away from the regular population as he was very disappointed in their behavior. All Israel sees his unique relationship with God.

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STUDENT:

⁷ Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass *that* everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which *was* outside the camp. ⁸ So it was, whenever Moses went out to the tabernacle, *that* all the people rose, and each man stood *at* his tent door and watched Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. ⁹ And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the LORD* talked with Moses. ¹⁰ All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing *at* the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man *in* his tent door. ¹¹ So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle. (NKJV)

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TEACHER:

Moses is very worried about the Lord not being as close as He has been as a result of the sin of the people. He asks God a special favor, for Moses to see God's physical form.

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CH. 33

STUDENT:

¹⁷ So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."

¹⁸ And he said, "Please, show me Your glory."

¹⁹ Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." ²⁰ But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." ²¹ And the LORD said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. ²² So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. ²³ Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen." (NKJV)

TEACHER:

In chapter 34 God tells Moses to carve out 2 new tablets to replace the ones he broke when he was angry.

STUDENT:

⁴ So he cut two tablets of stone like the first *ones*. Then Moses rose early in the morning and went up Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

⁵ Now the LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶ And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, ⁷ keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

⁸ So Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshiped. ⁹ Then he said, "If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we *are* a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance." (NKJV)

TEACHER:

God then renews His covenant with Israel. Moses stays with God 40 days and 40 nights without eating anything, and without drinking anything. And God again wrote the 10 Commandments on the tablets. It reminds me of when Jesus fasted in the desert to be tempted of the Devil for 40 days and 40 nights. Jesus said at that time, "man cannot live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." Moses actually did just that here. When he returned to camp, something was different.

STUDENT:

²⁹ Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony *were* in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. ³⁰ So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. ³⁴ But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. ³⁵ And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him. (NKJV)

TEACHER:

My theory on this, because this happened several times in scripture. Here in Exodus 34, in Matthew 17, Matthew 28, and in Acts 6. I believe, as do others, that our skin, in God's presence, glows. I remember as a young kid in church hearing preachers talk about this. They surmised (and I agree) that perhaps this is what happened in the Garden of Eden. Because Adam and Eve were in God's presence every day, their skin glowed. When they fell, their skin no longer glowed, and they realized they were naked. In chapter 35 Moses relates the Sabbath regulations, Offerings for the tabernacle, and the people all gathered those things requested for the tabernacle services. Gold, jewelry, textiles, pelts, wood etc. God also prepared a man to oversee the manufacturing. A Jewish Leonardo Di Vinci.

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STUDENT:

CH. 35

³⁰ And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; ³¹ and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, ³² to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, ³³ in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship. ³⁴ "And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. ³⁵ He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works. (NKJV)

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TEACHER:

The offerings and volunteers pile up in chapter 36. The next passage is quite the testimony.

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STUDENT:

CH. 36

² Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work. ³ And they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning. ⁴ Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing, ⁵ and they spoke to Moses, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded *us* to do." ⁶ So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing, ⁷ for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much. (NKJV)

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TEACHER:

In chapter 37 Bezalel builds the Ark and the Showbread Table. Then the Golden Lamp Stand and Altar of Incense.

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STUDENT:

CH. 37

²⁹ He also made the holy anointing oil and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the perfumer. (NKJV)

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TEACHER:

In chapter 38 Bezalel makes the Altar for Burnt Offerings, The Laver, and The Court of the Tabernacle.

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STUDENT:

CH. 38

²² Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD had commanded Moses. ²³ And with him *was* Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and designer, a weaver of blue, purple, and scarlet *thread*, and of fine linen. (NKJV)

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TEACHER:

In chapter 39 the fabrication of the priestly garments are begun and finished.

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CH. 39

STUDENT:

³² Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was finished. And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did. ³³ And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its furnishings: its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; ³⁴ the covering of ram skins dyed red, the covering of badger skins, and the veil of the covering; ³⁵ the ark of the Testimony with its poles, and the mercy seat; ³⁶ the table, all its utensils, and the showbread; ³⁷ the pure *gold* lampstand with its lamps (the lamps set in order), all its utensils, and the oil for light;

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STUDENT:

³⁸ the gold altar, the anointing oil, and the sweet incense; the screen for the tabernacle door; ³⁹ the bronze altar, its grate of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils; the laver with its base; ⁴⁰ the hangings of the court, its pillars and its sockets, the screen for the court gate, its cords, and its pegs; all the utensils for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting; ⁴¹ and the garments of ministry, to minister in the holy *place*: the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister as priests.

⁴² According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work. ⁴³ Then Moses looked over all the work, and indeed they had done it; as the LORD had commanded, just so they had done it. And Moses blessed them. (NKJV)

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TEACHER:

In chapter 40, (the last chapter of Exodus) the Tabernacle is built. Moses lays out everything and places the furniture and utensils of the Priestly duties in the proper places. When Moses was finished, God moved.

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CH. 40

STUDENT:

So Moses finished the work.

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶ Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. ³⁷ But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of the LORD *was* above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys. (NKJV)

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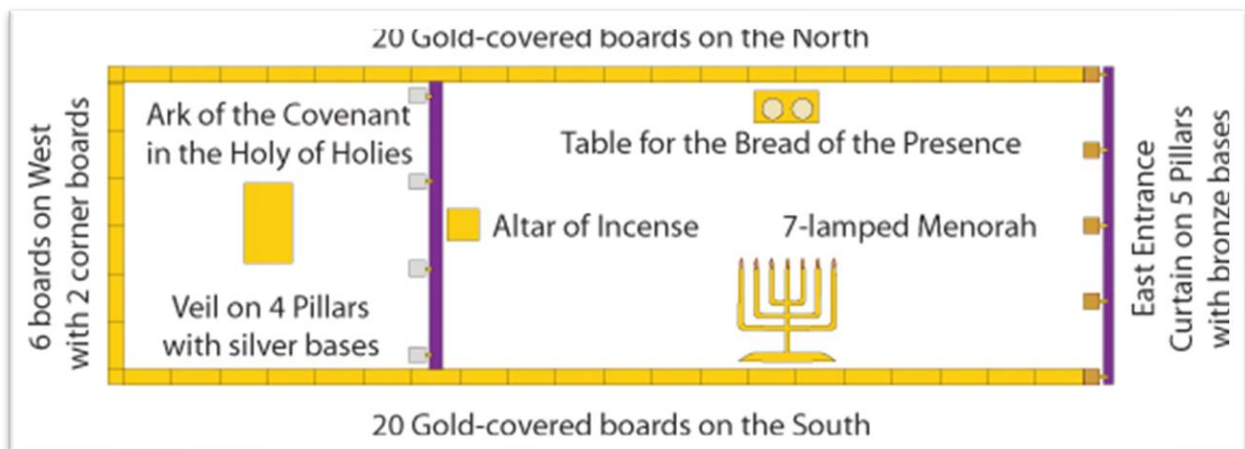
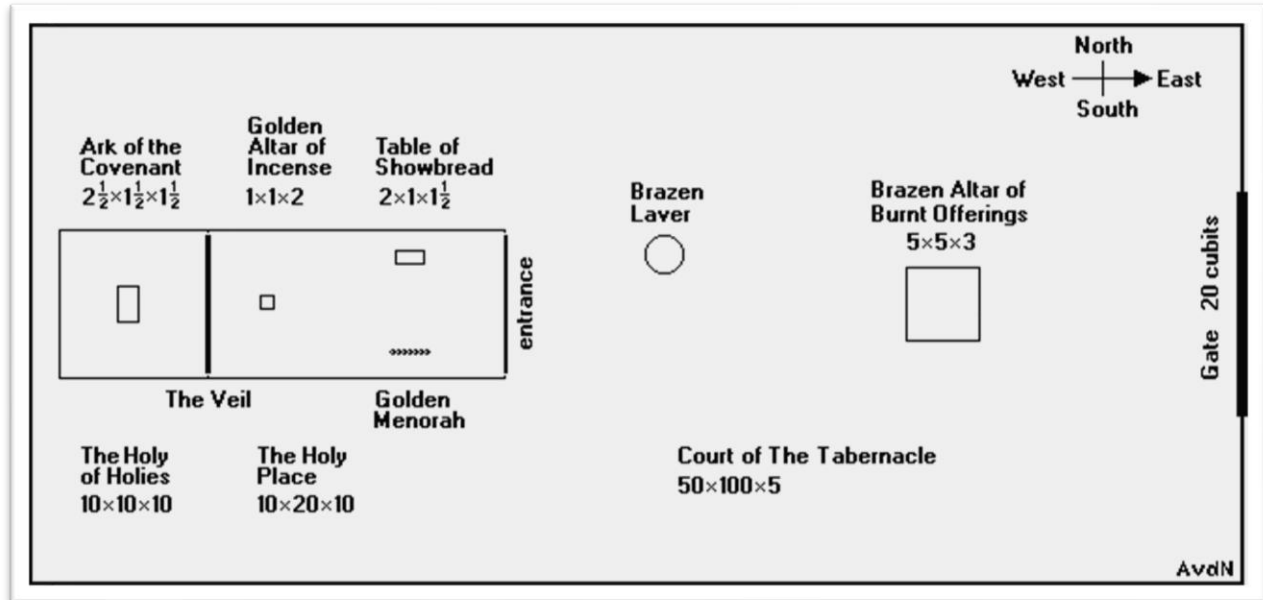
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"The Lord reigns for ever and ever."

EXODUS 15:18

DIAGRAM OF THE TABERNACLE OF MOSES





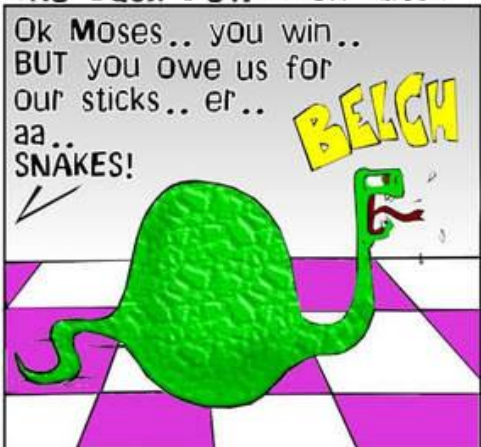
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and Moses threw down his stick as God commanded and it became a snake.
Ex 4:1-3



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MOSES spoke softly and carried a BIG STICK .. er.. aaa.. SNAKE. **Ex 7:8-13**

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In exchange for Moses calling off the Egyptian Plague infestation extravaganza.. Pharaoh agrees to let the children of Israel go. **Ex 12:14-51**

