

## Make All Things According To The Pattern

### Hebrews 8:5

#### Introduction

1. The later chapters in Exodus (describing the building of the tabernacle) are very tedious reading.
2. Details abound about the worship of a bygone people.
3. Great lessons remain which should show us that our God is a God of order.

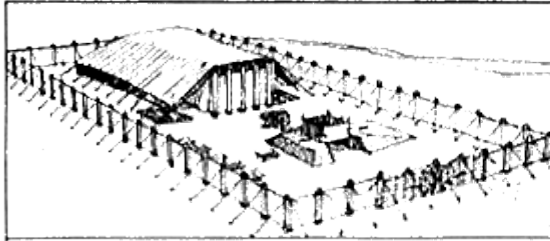
#### I. Great order and design was given to the construction of the tabernacle.

- A. Moses was to make all things according to the pattern (Exodus 25:40).
  1. Not just any stones would please God (Exodus 28:17, 18).
  2. Not just any settings would conform to God's orders (Exodus 28:17, 18).
  3. Not just any wood for the staves would please God (Exodus 30:5).
  4. Specific incense was commanded and "strange" (unauthorized) incense was forbidden (Exodus 30:9).
  5. The breastplate had to be carefully crafted (Exodus 39:10-14).
  6. Instructions concerning this construction needed to be repeated (Exodus 35:1ff).
  7. Attention was required in the construction of the ark (Exodus 37:1, 2).
  8. The tabernacle had to be built to God's specifications, and it was (Exodus 39:42; 40:16).
- B. God **did not** tell Moses any of the following.
  1. Build the tabernacle of your choice.
  2. If it feels good, do it.
  3. It doesn't matter what you do as long as you are sincere.
  4. It's all about love; therefore, you don't have to worry about the details.
  5. We want a tabernacle that meets peoples' needs.

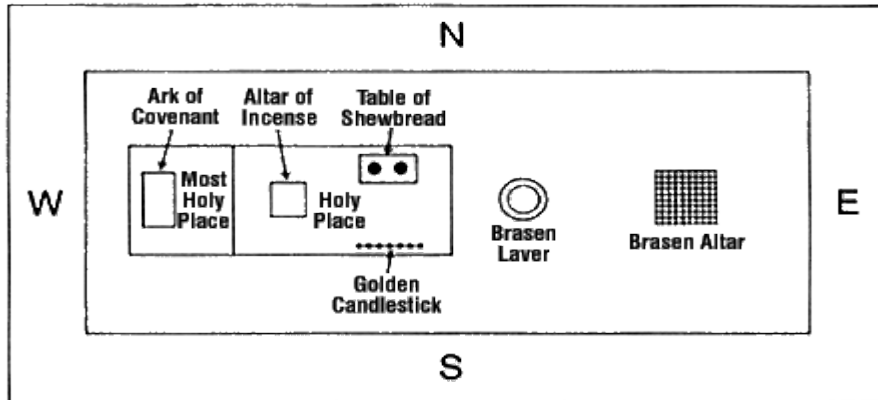
#### II. Great order and design was given to the construction of the church.

- A. Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18).
  1. The church belongs to the Lord, not man.
  2. The church exists to please God, not man.
  3. Christ (and not man) is the head of His church.
- B. The church is the manifold wisdom of God and according to His eternal purpose (Ephesians 3:10, 11).
- C. God **has never** told man any of the following regarding the church.
  1. Chose the church of your choice.
  2. If it feels good, do it.
  3. It doesn't matter what you do as long as you are sincere.
  4. It's all about love; therefore, you don't have to worry about the details.
  5. We want a church that meets peoples' needs.
- D. The Bible is the pattern for the church! The Bible only makes Christians only and the only Christians.

# The Plan of the Tabernacle



The tabernacle was to provide a place where God might dwell among His people. The term *tabernacle* refers to the tent, including the Most Holy, which was covered with embroidered curtains. But in other places it refers to the entire complex, including the court.



The chart shows the position of the tabernacle.

The Tabernacle And The Church  
Exodus 40 and Hebrews 8:1-5

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| <p><b>1. Most Holy Place (Exod. 26:33-35)</b><br/>High Priest (Heb. 9:6, 7)<br/>Linen Veil (Exod. 26:31-37)<br/>Yearly Sacrifice (Heb. 10:1-4)</p>  | <p><b>1. Heaven Itself (Heb. 9:8-24; Rev. 21:6)</b><br/>Christ (Heb. 9:11, 12)<br/>His Flesh (Heb. 6:19, 20; 10:19, 20)<br/>Eternal Sacrifice (Heb. 10:10-20)</p>                      |
| <p><b>2. Holy Place (Exod. 26:31-37)</b><br/>High Priest Had Charge (Num. 18:1-7)<br/>Only Way To Most Holy Place (Heb. 6:19, 20)<br/>Priest Served In Holy Place (Heb. 9:6, 7)</p>                               | <p><b>2. The Church (Heb. 10:16-22; 1 Tim. 3:15)</b><br/>Christ Has Charge (Heb. 10:21)<br/>Go Through To Heaven (Acts 2:47)<br/>Priests In Church (1 Pet. 2:5, 9)</p>                 |
| <p><b>3. Outer Court (Exod. 27:9-19)</b><br/>Contained The Masses</p>   | <p><b>3. The World (Jn. 3:17; 12:47; 17:16)</b><br/>Contains The Wicked (1 Jn. 5:19)</p>   |
| <p><b>4. Consecration Of Priest (Exod. 29)</b><br/>Offering On Altar (Exod. 29:15-21)<br/>Deny Unholy Things (Lev. 21:1-8)<br/>Wash In Laver (Exod. 40:7; 12:15)<br/>Linen Garments (Exod. 40:12-15; 39:1, 2)</p> | <p><b>4. Conversion (Acts 3:19)</b><br/>Blood Of Christ (Heb. 19:14, 22; Rom. 3:24, 25)<br/>Repentance (Lk. 13:3)<br/>Baptism (Acts 22:16)<br/>Right Living (Rev. 19:8; Jas. 1:27)</p> |
| <p><b>5. Served God In Holy Place (Heb. 9:6)</b><br/>Candlestick (Exod. 40:4, 24, 25)<br/>Incense (Exod. 30:7-9)<br/>Shewbread Weekly (Lev. 24:5-9)<br/>Daily Sacrifice (Exod. 29:38-43)</p>                      | <p><b>5. Serve God In The Church (1 Pet. 2:5)</b><br/>Word Of God (Psa. 119:105)<br/>Prayer (Rev. 5:8)<br/>Lord's Supper Weekly (Acts 20:7)<br/>Our Bodies (Rom. 12:1)</p>             |