

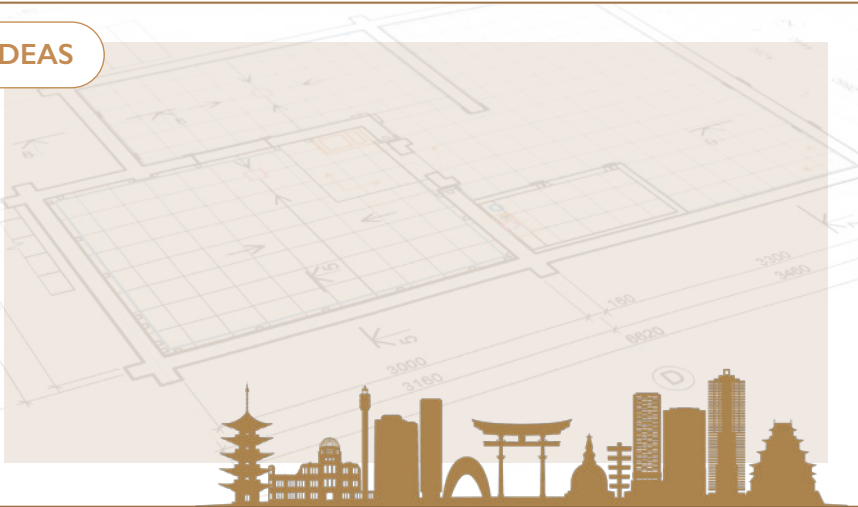
GOD GOES CAMPING

OVERVIEW: LESSON TWO

MADE ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN

“DRAWING” ON YOUR IDEAS

Create a list of some of the most majestic buildings that have been constructed around the world. How is the tabernacle similar to those buildings? How is it different?



A LABOR OF LOVE: “29 talents of gold were used [for the tabernacle]. Some estimate each talent to be worth 32 kilograms. That equates to a total of about 2030 pounds (or 32,480 ounces) as a minimum. At the current market value of \$1,932 per ounce, the gold used in the construction of the Tabernacle would be valued at \$62,751,360. This is even more impressive when it is taken into consideration that all this gold came as free will offerings, motivated by a love of God.” — theisraelbible.com

WATCH & FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS

1. Moses met with God on Mount _____ for _____ days. During this time, God gave him a _____ for the human race and the _____ for the tabernacle. This house would be an outpost of _____.
2. Record as many items as you can from the gift list provided on the mountain.

3. God did not allow the people to design a house for Him; it had to be _____ to all that He showed them, that is, the _____ of the tabernacle. Reference: _____
4. This structure was going to be a detailed _____ teaching about God Himself.
5. a) **Aholiab** means _____
 b) **Bezalel** means _____
6. Describe what these men were skilled to do. _____

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SOME HELPFUL QUOTES

“Moses was shown by God an actual pattern or model of all that he was to make in and for the sanctuary. This can convey only one meaning. It taught far more than the general truth, that only that approach to God is lawful or acceptable which He has indicated. For, God showed every detail to indicate that every detail had its special meaning, and hence could not be altered in any, even the minutest, particular, without destroying that meaning, and losing that significance which alone made it of importance.” —Alfred Edersheim (*The Exodus and the Wanderings in the Wilderness*, p. 122)

“The house was God’s, and He ordered it. Moses, as a faithful servant, obeyed. It would be well for us today if all the servants of Christ would remember that the Lord has not been less careful about the building of His Church. He has given the Divine pattern and the most minute instructions as to how His House on earth is to be ordered.” —John Ritchie (*The Tabernacle in the Wilderness*, p. 12)

“In this you have a revelation of divine grace and divine order. Grace, that God should consent to dwell among men. Order, that nothing should be done in His name, neither by guess, nor will, nor plan of man, but according to His pattern, His will and plan. He created the first man that He might dwell with him. Man failed, he sinned...The purpose of God is unchangeable. It was necessary that sooner or later there should be a man in whom He could dwell, a man who should be His manifestation, His visibility and incarnation.” —I.M. Haldeman (*The Tabernacle, Priesthood, and Offerings*, p. 19)

“The only building ever constructed upon this earth which was perfect from its beginning and onset in every detail, and never again needed attention, addition, or alteration, was the tabernacle in the wilderness...Every single detail was designed by Almighty God, every part had a prophetic, redemptive, and typical significance. There is no portion of Scripture richer in meaning, more perfect in its teaching of the plan of redemption, than this divinely designed building. God Himself was the architect, and every detail points to some aspect of the character and work of the person of His Son, Jesus Christ.” —M.R. DeHann (*The Tabernacle*, p. 13)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. God was very particular/exacting about this construction project. How should knowing that affect the way you examine the details about the tabernacle? Paul exhorted us to be very particular about how we build on the foundation that was laid. What personal applications can you make from his exhortation?
2. How would you describe God’s role in the building of the tabernacle? In the building of the Church?
3. Identify and explain the idea that was most profound or most helpful to you from this second lesson. What questions do you have from this lesson?