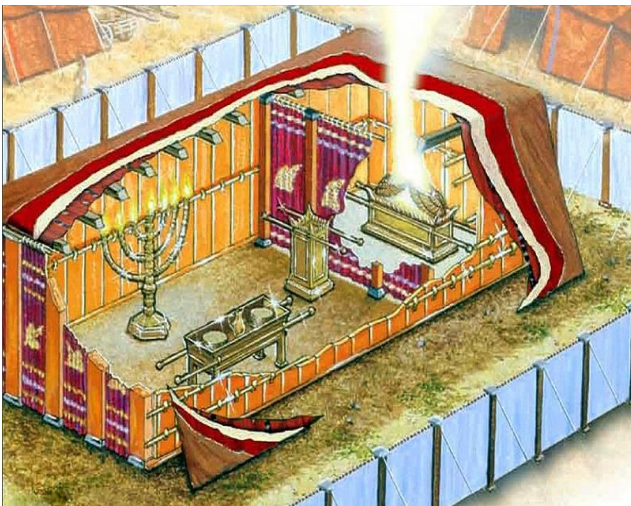


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Tent of Tabernacle / Ark of the Covenant

Scripture Reading: Exodus 25th chapter

God said to Moses to build a Holy place where God would dwell among His people. The Lord commanded, saying: 'Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord'. That Holy place was called the Tent of Tabernacle. God gave Moses the plan, measurement of width, length, layout and all other details of the Tabernacle. It had three divisions; the most holy place, the holy place and the outer courts. The Ark of the Covenant was kept in the most Holy place. It had mercy seat on top of it. The ark was a chest made of acacia wood, overlaid with pure gold inside and out. God commanded Moses to put in the ark three items: a golden pot of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the two stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments were written. On top of it stood two cherubim (angels) at the two ends, facing each other. The Holy place had table of showbread, golden lamp stand and altar of incense. The outer courts had a brazen laver and altar of burnt offerings. God said that the setup should be in such a manner that it can be easily moved from one place to another.



You'll might have a doubt saying, 'Why did God command to do all these things?' The presence of God will be on the Ark of the Covenant kept in the most Holy place of the Tent of Tabernacle. We can never have fellowship with God or see God by living a sinful life. For all the sins of the Israelites, there was a need for sacrifices to be made. The tent of tabernacle was built so that sacrifices can be made and people would confess their sins before God and receive His forgiveness. Since Jesus gave Himself as a eternal sacrifice for all our sins, there is no need for us to sacrifice anymore. Our body is the temple of God and He dwells in us today. Therefore children, let's manifest the virtues of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." Matthew 9:13

Prayer

Holy Father, we thank You. We will cheerfully and joyfully give our offerings and also serve the Lord wholeheartedly. Amen

