

# Torah Studies

## The Tabernacle: Part 2 Exodus 26

# Exodus: *Shemot* or Names



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## Devotion to God's Word

- Psalm 119:13-16 (NKJV)

13 With my lips I have declared

All the judgments of Your mouth.

14 I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,

As much as in all riches.

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## Devotion to God's Word

- Psalm 119:13-16 (NKJV)

15 I will meditate on Your precepts,  
And contemplate Your ways.

16 I will delight myself in Your statutes;  
I will not forget Your word.

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Previously in **Exodus**:

- Last week we started looking at the furnishings of the tabernacle.
- Each one of them in its own way foreshadowed the person or the ministry of Christ.

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What to expect in Exodus 26:

- This week we will continue with the detailed tabernacle blueprint that God gave to Moses.
- This chapter moves away from the furnishings and gives us plans for the actual tabernacle – the tent.

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What to expect in Exodus 26:

- The tent itself
  - Ten curtains of fine linen and more
  - Acacia frames & crossbars
  - Inner veil (Most Holy Place)
  - Outer screen (Holy Place entrance)

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### The Big Idea

God is perfectly holy – and still chooses  
to live among His people.

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I. Fine Curtains

26:1-14

II. Acacia Frame

26:15-30

III. The Veil

26:31-35

IV. The Screen

26:36-37



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### The Big Idea for Today

The Tabernacle of the Old Covenant prepares the way for Christ's establishing of the New.

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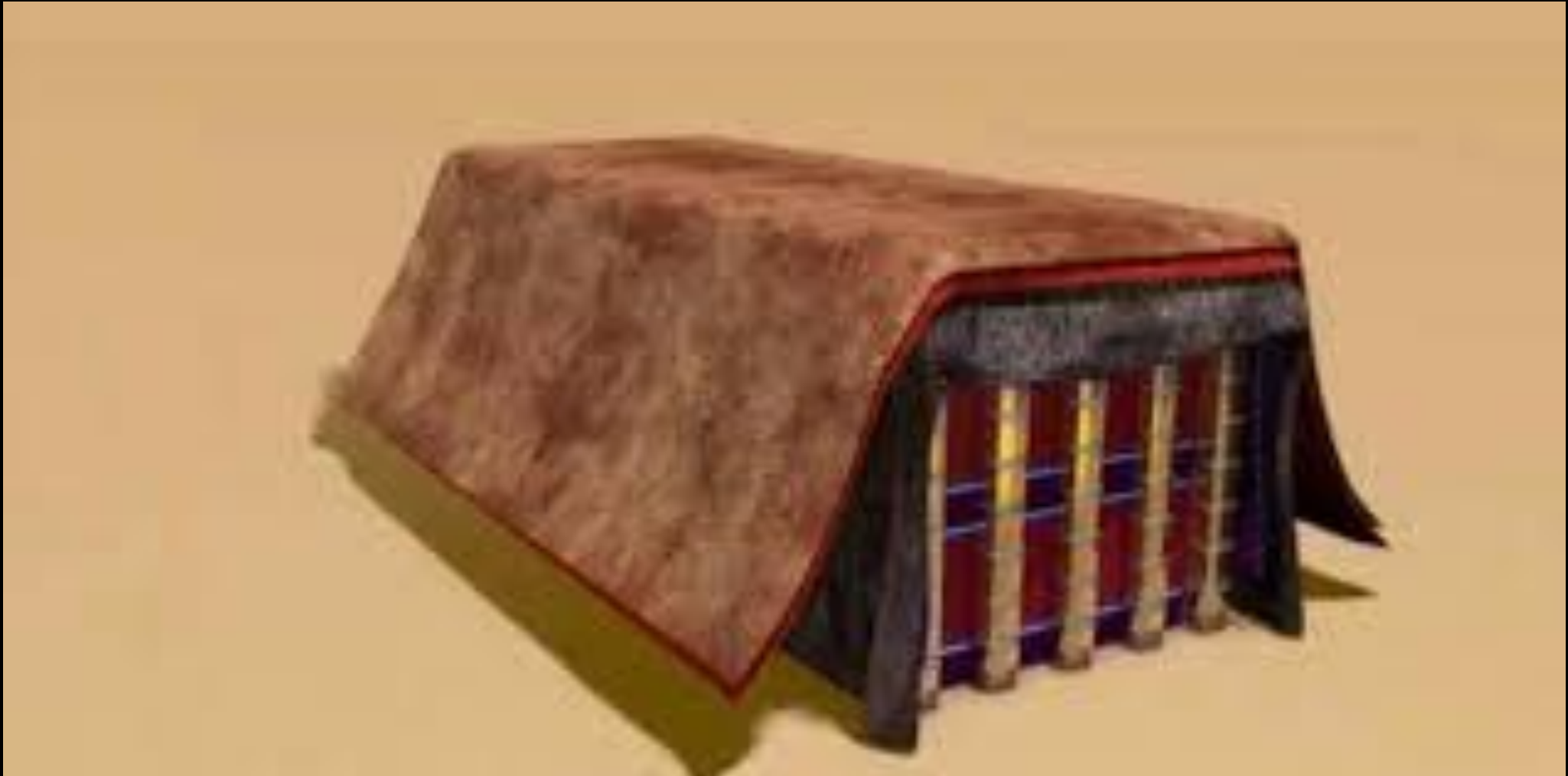
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# I. Fine Curtains

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- The most beautiful layer was on the inside.
- This was the colorful fine linen.
- Over that were layers of animal hair and skin.
- Think about Jesus.

# I. Fine Curtains

26:1-14

- Isaiah 53:2-3

2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

# I. Fine Curtains

26:1-14

- In a day when Egypt's gigantic pyramids and temples were already old, Israel built a portable tent.
- Later, Jesus was fully human and so did not look especially divine on the outside.
- And yet on the inside, He was not only human.
- He also possessed the perfectly holy nature of God.

# I. Fine Curtains

26:1-14

- **Philippians 2:7-8**

7 but [he] emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form [*schema* – that which is outwardly visible], he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

# I. Fine Curtains

26:1-14

- Paul deliberately chooses the word for “outward appearance” in **Philippians 2**.
- To every casual observer Jesus appeared as a 100 % normal human being.
- Nothing about His outward *schema* shouted “God.”

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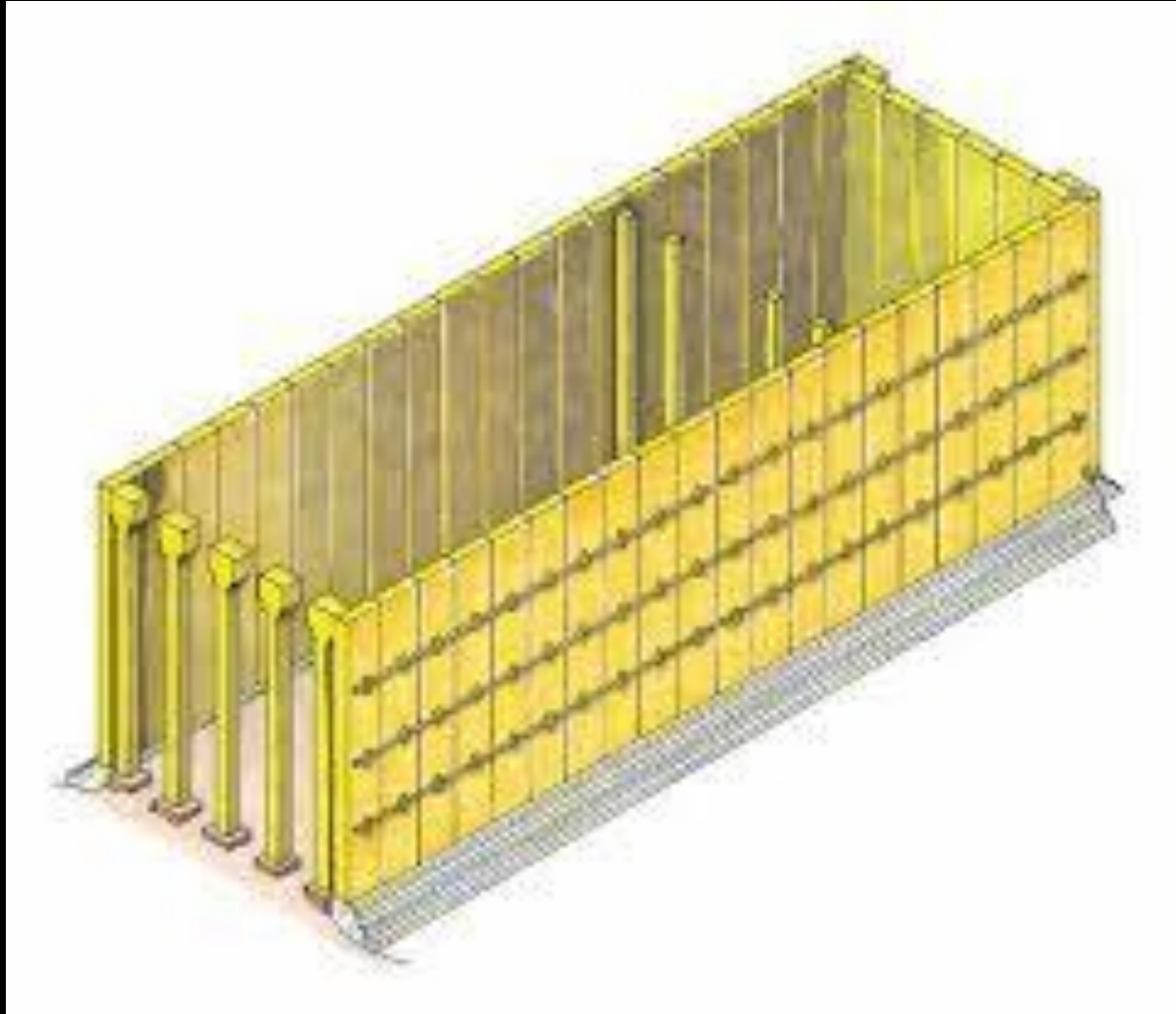
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- Acacia wood is extremely durable and resistant to decay.
- We might expect that from a tree that can grow in the arid climates of the Middle East.

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- It was covered by gold which does not easily corrode.
- Gold is not oxidized by oxygen, so if it is pure, it retains its shine long-term under normal conditions.
- This is one reason gold is so valuable.

## II. Acacia Frame

26:15-30

- God wanted the Israelites to build a tabernacle that would last.
- He did not want the priests and Levites constantly needing to repair it.
- Yet listen to what Peter says about our faith.

## II. Acacia Frame

26:15-30

- 1 Peter 1:6-7

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith--more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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- The tabernacle was made of durable materials, but God wants our faith to be more durable than that.
- It is certainly much more valuable.

### III. The Veil

26:31-35



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- Same Colors, Different Meaning
- The veil is made of the same beautiful material as the innermost tent curtain.
- There is blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen and cherubim woven into the fabric (v. 31).

### III. The Veil

26:31-35

- Same Colors, Different Meaning
- Now it's not a ceiling above you suggesting heaven.
- It's a barrier that implies "Keep out!"
- The same beauty that covers you now blocks you from entering the holiest place of all.

### III. The Veil

26:31-35

- Consider this flashback to **Genesis 3**.
- **Genesis 3:24**

He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

### III. The Veil

26:31-35

- Adam and his descendants could not reenter the Garden due to the cherubim placed at the entrance.
- Similarly, no one was able to enter the Holy of Holies in the tabernacle where the ark was placed.

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- The only exception was the high priest once each year on the Day of Atonement.
- He had to enter that day with sacrificial blood.

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- Later when the temple was built, there was a similar veil that was some 60 feet high and four inches thick.
- This is the veil that was torn at the crucifixion of Jesus.

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- Matthew 27:50-51

50 And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit. 51 And behold, the curtain [aka “the veil”] of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.



### III. The Veil

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- This signifies that the Holy of Holies is now open to us through faith in what Christ has done.

## IV. The Screen

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- These last two verses indicate that the outer entrance was made of similar material as the inner parts.
- But one difference: There are no cherubim.
- This is a door, not a wall.

## IV. The Screen

26:36-37

- This was the front door of the tabernacle.
- The priests went in morning and evening, to trim the lamps, offer incense, or change the bread.
- Yet it was still only for the priests.
- Because of Jesus, the door to God's presence is now always open to any that will respond.

## IV. The Screen

26:36-37

- John 10:7-10

7 So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

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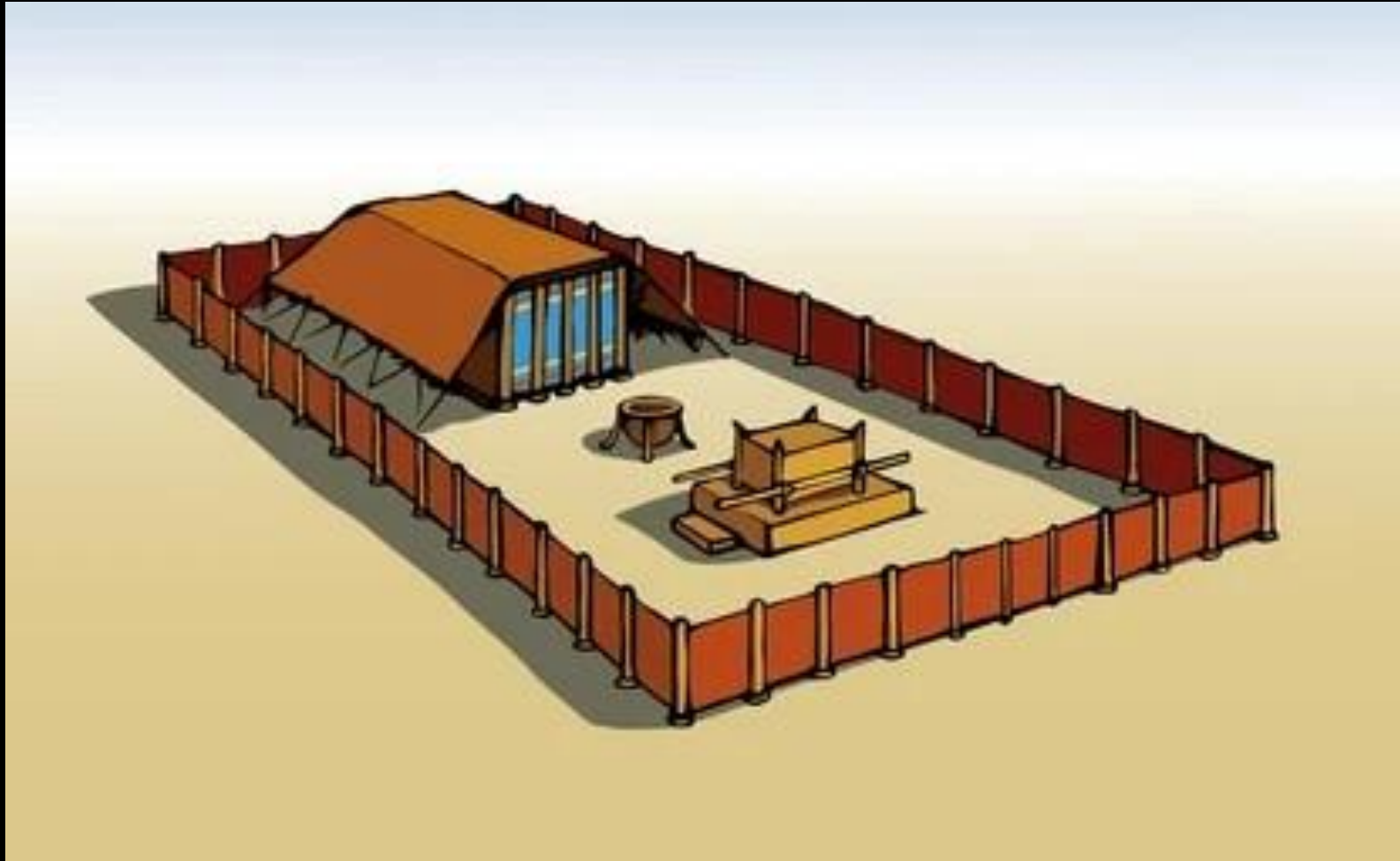
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- Weather-beaten skins on the outside, held up by durable acacia frames, a plain tent in the desert,
- But step through the screen and every color, every board, every curtain brought you into God's presence.

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From the outside the tabernacle was nothing special;  
from the inside it pointed to Jesus.

- The glorious Son of God was wrapped in humble flesh.
- He did this so that sinners could live inside the beauty of God's presence forever.
- This is what it means to be in Christ.

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Every barrier in this chapter has now become a door.

- The veil that once blocked the holiest place was torn in two.
- The screen that only priests could use is now Jesus Himself saying, “I am the door – come in every day.”

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Every barrier in this chapter has now become a door.

- Because of Good Friday and Easter morning, there is no longer any closed curtain between you and God.
- There is only an open invitation.

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- All these layers and boards and curtains were a 3-D preview of the real tabernacle.
- First it was the body of Jesus, and now it is the church.



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- Ephesians 2:19-22

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ...

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- Ephesians 2:19-22

... 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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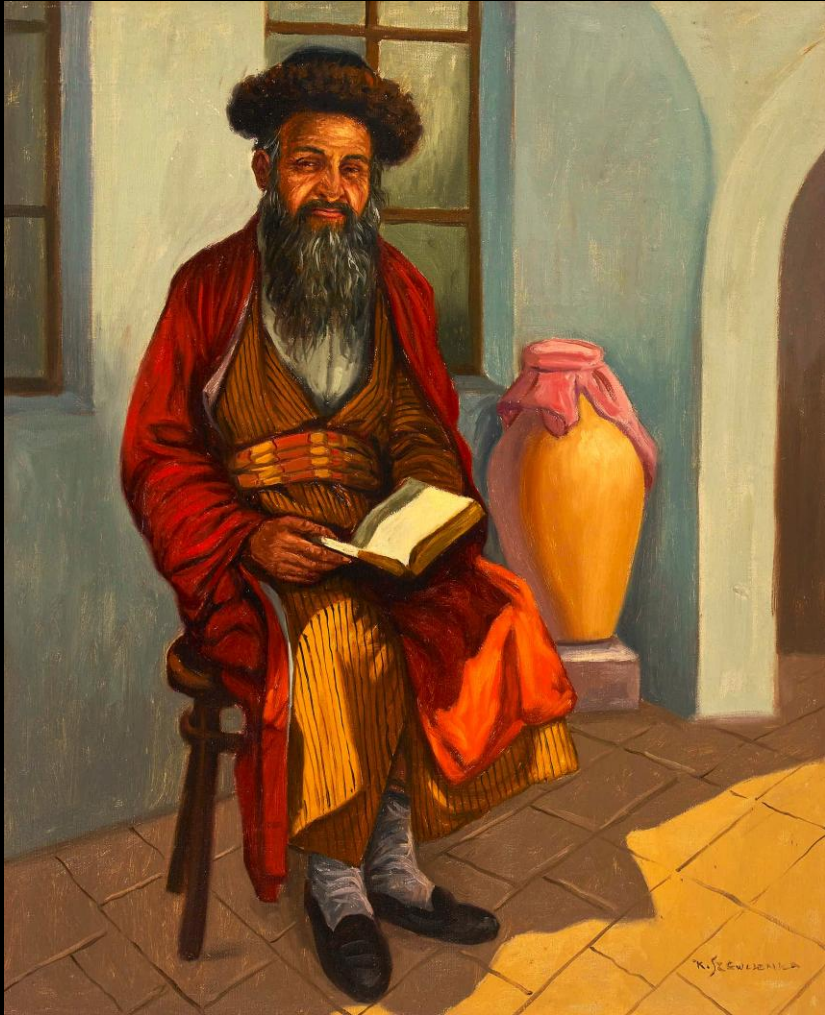
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God's ultimate plan was never to live in a tent; He wanted to live in you.

- There is an open door, there is a daily welcome for every believer.
- And there is an invitation for those who do not yet believe.
- **Exodus 26** isn't only ancient history – it's the blueprint of where God has chosen to live today.

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## The Tabernacle: Part 3

### Exodus 27 – 28