**The SYMBOLISM OF TABERNACLES FORESHADOWING CHRIST**

**CHEAT SHEET**

**Ch 25 Verse 8 The purpose for the TABERNACLE** (Exodus 25-27) was to symbolize the dwelling place of GOD in the midst of His people. It was the meeting place as it is also called The Tent of Meetings or The Tabernacle of Congregations. The important thing we note with The Tabernacle is GOD could not dwell with HIS people until they were redeemed. To dwell means to live among. Until the people crossed the RED SEA which was a symbolism of a baptismal of washing and now at the MOUNT SINAI they made a covenant with GOD; GOD could not dwell among HIS people.

**The ARK OF THE COVENANT** ([Exodus 25:10-16](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exodus%2025.10-16)) contained the Law, manna and Aaron's budded rod. CHRISThad the Law in His heart and came to fulfill it ([Matt. 5:17](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt.%205.17), [18](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt%205.18)).

1. It is another symbol of GOD being with His people. Just as the Ark of the Covenant contained GOD's testimony to Israel, CHRISTis GOD's testimony of man.
2. The Ark represents CHRIST incarnate meaning it represents CHRIST embodied in flesh on earth.
   1. As we look back at our cheat sheet we see the acacia wood meaning the incorruptible or indestructible humanity of CHRIST
      1. Acacia or shittim wood is also called iron wood because of its density meaning it is super hard and indestructible.
         1. It represent that which comes from the ground which is a reference to us coming from the ground
            1. Man came from the ground….woman did not
            2. Woman is the only creation that did not come from the ground. (Gen 2: 19-23)

*Adam was formed and Eve was fashioned - What is the biblical significance of this?*

*God used Adam’s rib to form Eve—He used existing tissue and did not “start from scratch”—to show that Adam and Eve were of the same substance; she was made from the same “stuff” and was a bearer of God’s image and likeness, just as Adam was (see Genesis 1:27). The woman made of Adam’s rib was designed to be a companion and “*[*helper suitable*](https://www.gotquestions.org/woman-helper-suitable.html)*” for Adam (Genesis 2:18). Eve, formed from a physical part of Adam, was truly his complement, an integral part of who he was. As such, she was a perfect companion.*

* + - 1. We are not acacia or shittim wood because we are born corruptible and destructible
         1. We need something to help us to become incorruptible and indestructible
    1. This shows the incorruptible body of CHRIST which was prepared for HIS Incarnation (Heb 10:5)
       1. Mary was a virgin and CHRIST was born from The SEED of GOD who is HOLY and has no corruption
       2. Scripture supports this as it is written, “ neither wilt thou suffer thine HOLY ONE to see corruption” Psalm 16:10 b portion; Acts 2:27; 13:35
  1. It is overlaid with gold on the inside and outside of it which symbolizes CHRIST retains HIS full deity in union with HIS humanity
     1. So thje wood shows us HIS humanity and the gold HIS deity. Showing us HE was GOD in the flesh → thus having a GOD MAN = fully GOD and yet Fully Man.
     2. *Why was this important? Understand what a daysman is - used* ***Job 9:33,*** [***KJV***](http://www.christianbook.com/page/bibles/translations/kjv?navcat=Bibles%7CTranslations%7CKJV)***: "Neither is there any daysman betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both***
        1. A Daysman is someone who lays one hand on one party and the other hand on another party.
           1. CHRIST is our Daysman.
        2. Paul wrote “For there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).
           1. Jesus Christ is God, so He can take God by the hand. He is also Man, so He can take man by the hand. He thus joins man and God together. According to the very concept of “mediator” in Scripture, there is no room for some other entity as an interceding “saint!”
           2. The reason I am bringing all this up is that if CHRIST was anything less than fully GOD, HIS sacrifice would not have sufficed for atonement and if HE was not fully man the sacrifice would not apply to us as mankind.

*Hebrew 2:16 -17 - For verily HE took not on HIM the Nature of angels {consequently atonement does not apply to angels}; but HE took on HIM the seed of Abraham to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.*

1. *So again I want to highlight the ark emphasize the Person of CHRIST and we will get into and show The MERCY SEAT emphasize HIS PURPOSE.* 
   1. Going back to the Ark to show us something our atonement rests equally on the The GODHOOD or and MANHOOD of CHRIST symbolized by the perfect measurements of The ARK.
      1. We need the perfect base for the lid of The MERCY SEAT to sit upon. Roman 3:25
         1. See the as the Mercy seat is called The Crown and i am referring to this to the ARK

**The MERCY SEAT** was the gold lid or cover on top of the ARK of COVENANT ([Exodus 25:17-21](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exodus%2025.17-21); [Lev. 16:13-16](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Lev.%2016.13-16)). The Mercy Seat is the cover, the covering or removal of sin by means of expiatory sacrifice. It is the Old Testament throne of grace. Justice and mercy met there, and the blood of the innocent sacrifice cleanses away all sin.

1. CHRISTis that covering for sin ([Heb. 9:5](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%209.5); [Rom. 3:25](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rom.%203.25); [1 Jn. 2:2](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Jn.%202.2)). He is the Mercy Seat.
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**BREAD OF THE PRESENCE** lit. "face-bread," symbolizes the presence of the LORD as food of life.

1. Jesus is the "Bread of Life" for every believer ([Jn. 6:35](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jn.%206.35)). He is our spiritual sustenance.

**The MENORAH or LAMPSTAND OF PURE GOLD** symbolizes the presence of Jehovah as the source of life's entertainment, and GOD's leadership.

1. CHRISTis our Light ([Jn. 8:12](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jn.%208.12)), and denotes spiritual illumination ([Exo. 30:7-8](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exo.%2030.7-8); [27:20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exo%2027.20); [Phil. 2:15-16](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Phil.%202.15-16); [Prov. 4:18](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Prov.%204.18); [2 Cor. 4:6](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Cor.%204.6); [Eph. 1:18](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph.%201.18); [5:13](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph%205.13); [Matt. 5:14-16](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt.%205.14-16)).
2. The Holy Spirit gives illumination to the believer.

**The GOAT HAIR TENT COVER** ([Exodus 26:7ff](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exodus%2026.7ff)) completely covered the Tabernacle.

1. This covering symbolizes the complete way in which the sacrificial death of Jesus covers the Body of Christ.
   1. Because of the death of Christ, and our acceptance of it, it covers us and GOD cannot see our sins ([Lev. 9:15](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Lev.%209.15); [Num. 28:22](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Num.%2028.22); [Isa. 53:10](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Isa.%2053.10); [Heb. 9:10](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%209.10), [14](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%209.14), [26](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%209.26), [28](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%209.28); [Eph. 5:2](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph.%205.2); [2 Cor. 5:21](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Cor.%205.21); [1 Jn. 1:9](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Jn.%201.9); [Ps. 32:1](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps.%2032.1)).

**Two COVERINGS OF THE TABERNACLE** consisted of (1) ram's skins dyed red, and (2) a covering of porpoise or badger which was dull bluish, or gray in color and had no comeliness or beauty. It was nothing to be desired and was despised and rejected for coverings by men.

1. It is a picture of CHRIST to all who do not come by way of the Cross ([Isa. 53:2](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Isa.%2053.2), [3](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Isa%2053.3)).

**The GATE to the Tabernacle was the only entrance.** It was accessible, attractive and well supported.

1. CHRIST is the only gate into the presence of GOD ([John 10:7](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%2010.7), [9](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%2010.9); [14:6](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%2014.6); [Eph. 2:13](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph.%202.13); [1 Cor. 2:2](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor.%202.2); [Heb. 10:19-20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%2010.19-20)).

**The HIGH PRIEST** was by divine appointment ([Exodus 28:1](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exodus%2028.1); [Heb. 5:4-6](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%205.4-6); [7:20-24](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%207.20-24)). Only the High Priest could make atonement ([Lev. 16:1](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Lev.%2016.1)Â­3; [Heb. 7:27](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%207.27); [6:20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%206.20); [8:3](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%208.3); [9:7](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%209.7), [12](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%209.12), [24-28](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%209.24-28); [10:12](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2010.12); [13:20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2013.20); [2:9](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%202.9); [1 Cor. 6:20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor.%206.20); [1 Pet. 1:18-19](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Pet.%201.18-19); Ex. 28, 29; Lev. 8; Num. 3, 8; cf. Heb. 5, 7, 9).

1. This Mosaic High Priest foreshowed CHRIST. It was to symbolize how Jesus as the HIGH PRIEST would offer up Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sin debt.
2. He is The HIGH PRIEST who offers HIMSELF up. We will learn only the High Priest could make an offering

**The BRAZEN ALTAR** ([Exodus 27:1-8](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exodus%2027.1-8)) is a type of CHRIST our sacrifice ([Jn. 1:29](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jn.%201.29)). The sacrifice stands at the entrance of man's approach to GOD. Man has no access to GOD except as a sinner atoned for by blood. All who pass through the door must pass by the bloodstained altar or not at all. The Mizbeach - "slaughter place," just within the gate was easily accessible, unavoidable and unmistakable.

**LAVER OF BRONZE** ([Exodus 30:17-21](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exodus%2030.17-21)) symbolizes CHRIST our cleanser which cleanses from defilement ([Eph. 5:25-26](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph.%205.25-26); [Jn. 17:17](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jn.%2017.17)). It denotes spiritual renewal. We have daily cleansing from defilements of life, and it is accessible only through our Priest. We are continually cleansed by CHRISTthrough the Spirit and the Word ([Jn. 15:3](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jn.%2015.3); [1 Jn. 1:6-9](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Jn.%201.6-9)).

1. We must be clean. The laver symbolises the cleansing of the person in order to enter the inner COURT.
2. In John 3 - CHRIST tells Nicodemus you have to be born of water. Many believe this is a reference in the bible aying you have to be born of a women and this equates to the birth canal. But scripture doesnt support this fact. Water represent cleansing
   1. God to John and further explain this.

**HOLY PLACE** was the first room the priest entered and contained three pieces of furniture: Table of Presence, Menorah or Golden Lampstand, and Altar of Incense.

**ALTAR OF INCENSE** ([Exodus 30:1-10](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exodus%2030.1-10)) was a perpetual adoration of the LORD.

1. CHRISTis our intercessor who is always making intercession for us (Jn. 17; [Heb. 7:25](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%207.25); [Rev. 8:3-5](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev.%208.3-5)).
2. It also symbolizes the worship of the believer ([Jn. 4:21](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jn.%204.21), [23](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jn%204.23)); and prayer of the saints ([Rev. 8:3](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev.%208.3), [4](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev%208.4); [Ps. 141:2](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps.%20141.2); [1 Tim. 2:1-5](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Tim.%202.1-5)).

**The VEIL in the Temple** ([Exodus 26:31-35](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Exodus%2026.31-35)) separated the Holy of Holies, or Most Holy Place, and the Holy Place.

1. It is a type of Christ's body ([Heb. 10:20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%2010.20); [Matt. 27:51](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt.%2027.51)).
2. The door into GOD's presence was opened to man when CHRISTdied and rent the veil ([Jn. 10:9](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jn.%2010.9)).
   1. The unrent veil shut man out from the typical presence of GOD.
   2. The rent veil changed at once from a barrier to an open way into the Holy of Holies ([Heb. 9:20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%209.20), [26](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%209.26); [10:10](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2010.10), [12](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2010.12), [14](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%2010.14); [Eph. 2:4-6](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Eph.%202.4-6); [Heb. 4:15](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%204.15), [15](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb%204.15)).

**HOLY OF HOLIES** was entered only one day of the year on what is known in thr Hebrew community; Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. It represented GOD's HOLY dwelling place ([Heb. 9:24](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%209.24)).

1. It symbolized the human body of Jesus ([Jn. 2:19-21](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jn.%202.19-21)), and the body of believers ([1 Cor. 3:16-17](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor.%203.16-17); [6:19](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%206.19)).
2. In [2 Corinthians 6:16](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Corinthians%206.16) it symbolizes the local church, and [Ephesians 2:21](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ephesians%202.21) the universal church consisting of all believers in Christ.

**THE GLORY, MY GLORY is the Shekinah**. "Glory" describes Yahweh's self-manifestation, His transcendence, or His presence with men ([Ex. 33:18-20](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ex.%2033.18-20); [34:5-7](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ex%2034.5-7); [14:19](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ex%2014.19); [40:34](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ex%2040.34), etc.). It is a type of His dwelling in heaven ([Heb. 9:24](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%209.24); [Ex. 40:34-35](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ex.%2040.34-35)). He is looking down upon the Mercy Seat, seen guiding Israel, was not in the second temple, and reappeared with CHRIST([Matt. 17:5](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Matt.%2017.5); [Lk. 2:9](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Lk.%202.9); [Jn. 1:14](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jn.%201.14); [Rev. 21:3](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev.%2021.3); [Heb. 1:3](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Heb.%201.3); [Jn. 17:5](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jn.%2017.5); [2 Pet. 1:16](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Pet.%201.16), [17](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Pet%201.17); [Acts 1:9](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Acts%201.9); [Mk. 14:62](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Mk.%2014.62); [Rev. 14:14](http://biblia.com/bible/esv/Rev.%2014.14)).