



Introduction

While Moses is up the mountain, God asks him to make a sanctuary where he can have a presence among the people.

Questions

1. Why does God ask the Israelites to make a sanctuary?
2. What does God say he will do when he meets Moses from above the mercy seat?
3. How does Moses know what everything should look like?

Summary Points

- **v 1 to 9** The LORD tells Moses to ask the children of Israel for contributions of materials to make the sanctuary (see information)
- **v 10 to 22** Moses is given details of the ark of the covenant (see information) where God will meet with Moses and give commands for the Israelites:
 - the ark and its poles (v 10 to 16)
 - the mercy seat with the cherubim (v 17 to 22)
- **v 23 to 30** Moses is given details of the table for the bread of the presence
- **v 31 to 40** Details of the lamp stand of gold are given

Timeline 1500 BC (see below)

Information

The sanctuary

A replica of the sanctuary can be seen in the Timna Park in Israel:





God tells the Israelites what the sanctuary is for:

Exodus 25 verse 8

The details of the sanctuary are given in Exodus chapters 25 to 30.

The main outside features are:

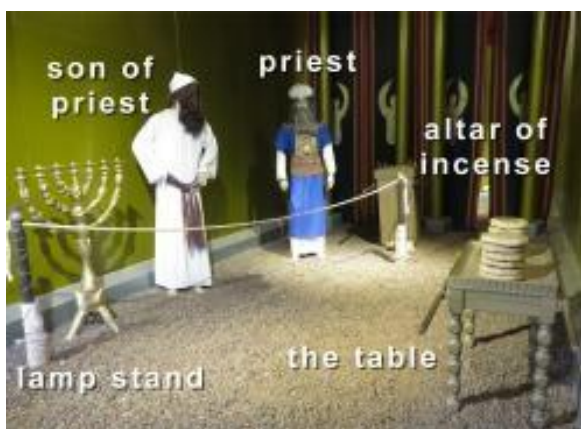


The altar of burnt offering is described in Exodus 27 v 1 to 8 and the basin of bronze in Exodus 30 v 18 to 21.

The Tent of Meeting contains the holy place and the most holy:



The main features in the holy place are:



The table is described in Exodus 25 v 23 to 30 and the lamp stand in Exodus 25 v 31 to 40. The garments for Aaron the priest and his sons are described in Exodus 28 v 1 to 43 and the altar of incense in Exodus 30 v 1 to 10.



The most holy contains the ark of the covenant.

This is described in Exodus 25 v 10 to 22.

The ark of the covenant

A replica of the ark of the covenant can be seen in the Timna Park in Israel:



A selection of verses about the ark of the covenant.

The ark contains the two tablets having the ten commandments written on them, together with the pot of manna and Aaron's rod:

Hebrews 9 verses 3 and 4

The ark is the place where God says he will meet with and speak to Moses and give commandments for the Israelites:

Exodus 25 verses 21 and 22

The Levites carry the ark, and the book of the law is put beside it:

Deuteronomy 31 verses 25 and 26

The ark goes before the Israelites as they travel:

Joshua 3 verse 3

The priests carrying the ark stand in the Jordan while the Israelites cross over:

Joshua 3 verse 17

The ark is captured by the Philistines when the Israelites think it will help them win a battle:

1 Samuel 4 verses 10 and 11

It is later put in the house of the LORD built by Solomon:

1 Kings 8 verse 6

? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 8, Q 2: v 22, Q 3: v 40



Bible timeline

