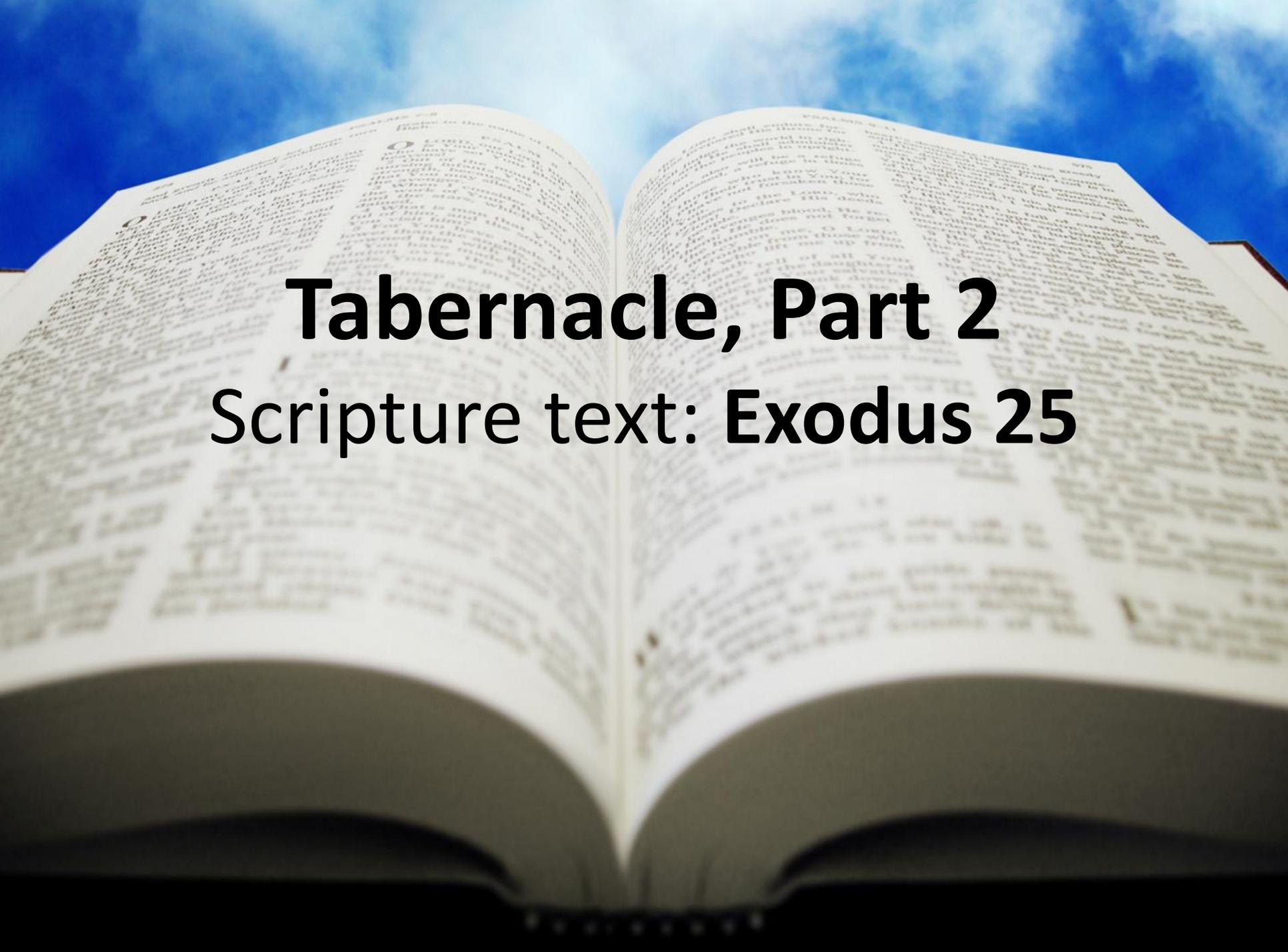


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**Tabernacle, Part 2**  
**Scripture text: Exodus 25**

# **The Ark of the Covenant (25:10–22)**

**God began with the ark because it was the most important piece of furniture in the tent proper.**

It was the throne of God where His glory rested (v. 22; Pss. 80:1 and 99:1). **It speaks of our Lord Jesus Christ in His humanity (wood) and deity (gold).**

**Exodus 25:22** There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, **from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony**, I will speak with you **about all that I will give you in commandment for the people of Israel.**

**Within the ark were three special items:** the tables of the Law (v. 16), Aaron's rod that budded (Num. 16–17), and a pot of manna (Ex. 16:32–34).

**It is interesting that each of these three items is connected with rebellion on the part of God's people:**

the tables of Law with the making of the golden calf;

Aaron's rod with the rebellion led by Korah;

and the manna with Israel's complaining in the wilderness.

**These three items within the ark could have brought judgment to Israel were it not for the mercy seat upon the ark, the place where the blood was sprinkled each annual Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:14).**

**The shed blood covered the sins of the people so that God saw the blood and not their rebellion.**

**The phrase “mercy seat” also means “propitiation,” and Jesus Christ is the propitiation (mercy seat) for us today (Rom. 3:25; 1 John 2:2).**

**Romans 3:20-25** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, **since through the law comes knowledge of sin.** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it--**the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.** For there is no distinction: **for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through **the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,** whom **God put forward as a propitiation by his blood,** to be **received by faith.** This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

**1 John 2:1-6** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And **by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.** Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: **whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.**

**We come to God through Him and offer our spiritual sacrifices.**

**1 Peter 2:5** you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, **to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**

**1 Peter 2:9** But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The phrase “**under His wings**” sometimes refers to the wings of the cherubim rather than the wings of the mother hen. **To be “under His wings” means to dwell in the holy of holies in close communion with God.**

**Psalm 36:6-7** Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! **The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

**Psalm 61:4** Let me dwell in your tent forever! **Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!** Selah

**Psalm 91:1-6** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

## **The Table of Showbread (25:23–30)**

The twelve tribes of Israel were represented in the **tabernacle in three ways**: by **their names** on the two engraved stones **on the high priest's shoulders** (Ex. 28:6–14); by **their names** on the twelve stones on the **high priest's breastplate** (28:15–25), and **by the twelve loaves of bread on the table in the holy place.**

**These loaves were a reminder that the tribes were constantly in the presence of God and that God saw all that they did** (see Lev. 24:5–9).