

## Lesson 13: Glory Fills the Tabernacle

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In the last lesson, we learned that Moses went upon Mt. Sinai twice to get the Ten Commandments. You will remember that Moses broke the first tables of stone when he saw the people worshipping the idol.

Moses went back up the mountain for another 40 days and nights. This time the people remained true to God. When Moses came down Mt. Sinai, his face was shining so that the people could not look on him. Moses had to put a veil on his face so that he could talk to the people.

While on Mt. Sinai, God had also given Moses instructions on how to build a place of worship. It was called the tabernacle. The tabernacle was really a tent so that it could be easily moved as the people moved to the Promised Land.

The tabernacle was to be placed in the middle of the camp and the Israelites set up their tents around it. The materials for the temple were to come from the people themselves. Remember that the Egyptians had given the Israelites their god, silver, jewelry, and fancy clothes and material.

Moses asked the people to bring their offerings for building the tent of meeting or tabernacle, they gave more than enough. Moses had to tell them not to bring any more.

The best craftsmen followed God's details carefully. The tabernacle was divided into an open courtyard and a tent with two sections. The courtyard contained an altar to offer sacrifices on and a laver, which contained water.

The first section in the tent was called the Holy Place. It contained a golden lampstand or candlestick. It had 7 lamps on it. There was a table of showbread that had 12 loaves of unleavened bread upon it. There was also an altar of incense where sweet smelling oil called incense was burned.

The second room was the Most Holy Place. It was small and contained only the Ark of the Covenant. This was a chest made of wood and covered with gold. There were angels on each end of the top of the ark. They faced each other with their wings outspread and touching. Inside the ark were the tables of stone and a bowl of manna.

God's Spirit dwelled above the Most Holy Place in the cloud. When that cloud moved, the people took down the tabernacle and followed the cloud.

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### TRUE AND FALSE QUESTIONS

- T F 1. Moses had to put a veil on his face because it was so shiney.
- T F 2. God told Moses to build a tabernacle.
- T. F 3. God did not care how the tabernacle was built.
- T F 4. The tabernacle was a tent.
- T F 5. Moses had to beg people to give to build the tabernacle.
- T F 6. The tabernacle had a courtyard.
- T F 7. Sacrifices were made on the altar in the courtyard.
- T F 8. There was a table in the Holy Place with 10 loaves of bread on it.
- T F 9. The Most Holy Place was very large.
- T F 10. The Most Holy Place contained the Ark of the Covenant only.
- T F 11. The Ark of the Covenant had lots of money it it.
- T F 12. The Ark of the Covenant contained the tables of stone with the 10 commandments on them.