

# THE TABERNACLE IN THE WILDERNESS

## Part 6: 'The Table Of Showbread'

Reading: *Exodus 25:23 - 30*

### Introduction

- Israel went to Egypt as a family of 70 people.
- Egypt was the incubator where they became a nation of 2 million plus.
- Israel was made up of 13 tribes.
- Levi was the tribe Moses and his brother Aaron hailed from and it was separated to be the priestly tribe.
- They would have no land inheritance in Canaan.
- The Lord was to be their inheritance. [Deuteronomy 18:1 - 2].
- The tabernacle consisted of an *'outer court,'* and *'the holy place'* and finally *'the holy of holies.'*
- In the 'holy place' the lampstand, the table of showbread and the altar of incense were positioned.

### 1 The Names Of The Table

- NB. First mention of the word *'table'* in the Bible.
- *'The Table Of Showbread'* [Exodus 25:30].
- [vs 23] *'the Table Of Acacia Wood.'*
- *'The Table'* [Exodus 39:36].
- *'The Pure Table'* [Leviticus 24:6] and
- *'The Table Of Gold.'* [1 Kings 7:48].

### 2 The Construction Of The Table

- The furniture in outer court were made of bronze.
- The furniture in the *'holy place'* were made of gold.
- Table measured 2 cubits (l) by 1 cubit (w) and 1.5 cubits (h).
- Made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold.

- Four legs supported the table.
- At top of each leg a gold ring and staves made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold were inserted for transportation.
- A double crown of gold adorned the top of the table.

### 3 The Bread Of The Table

- Each Sabbath the 12 loaves of unleavened bread were replaced with fresh.
- Loaves baked with the finest and purest flour. (No leaven).
- The loaves were drizzled with frankincense. [Leviticus 24:5 - 9].
- The word '**showbread**' means '**bread of the face**' or '**bread placed before the face of God.**'
- David was given this bread to eat in [1 Samuel 21] by the priest.

### 4 The Person Of The Table

- The Table foreshadows the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The acacia wood overlaid with pure gold speaks of His perfect humanity and Deity.
- The '**double crown.**' Does this speak of the crown of thorns and His crown of glory at His '**exaltation?**' [Hebrews 2:9].
- Or maybe they speak of His crown of glory and the crown of His coronation at His Second Coming.
- The '**showbread.**' He was born in Bethlehem (the house of bread) and He said He was '**the Bread of life**' [John 6:48/51].
- There was no impurity in the bread (no leaven). [1 John 3:5].
- The Magi brought Him frankincense.
- The Bread of His Face. He was '**with**' (face to face) the Father in eternity. [John 1:1].
- We should live our lives '**Coram Deo.**' Or '**before the face of God.**'

### 5 The Table Foreshadows The Lord's Table In The New Testament

- The bowls associated with the table were chalices for wine for the drink offering.
- The bread was renewed each week - a hint of our weekly remembrance at the Lord's Table.
- Only the priests could eat the bread (we are believer priests).
- This should be high up on our priorities and preparation made before coming to it. Hearts washed clean.

### 6 The Table Speaks Of The Believer's On-Going Fellowship With God.

- See [1 Corinthians 1:9] and [1 John 1:3].

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