

## Exodus 26

Verses 1-14

### A covering over the tabernacle

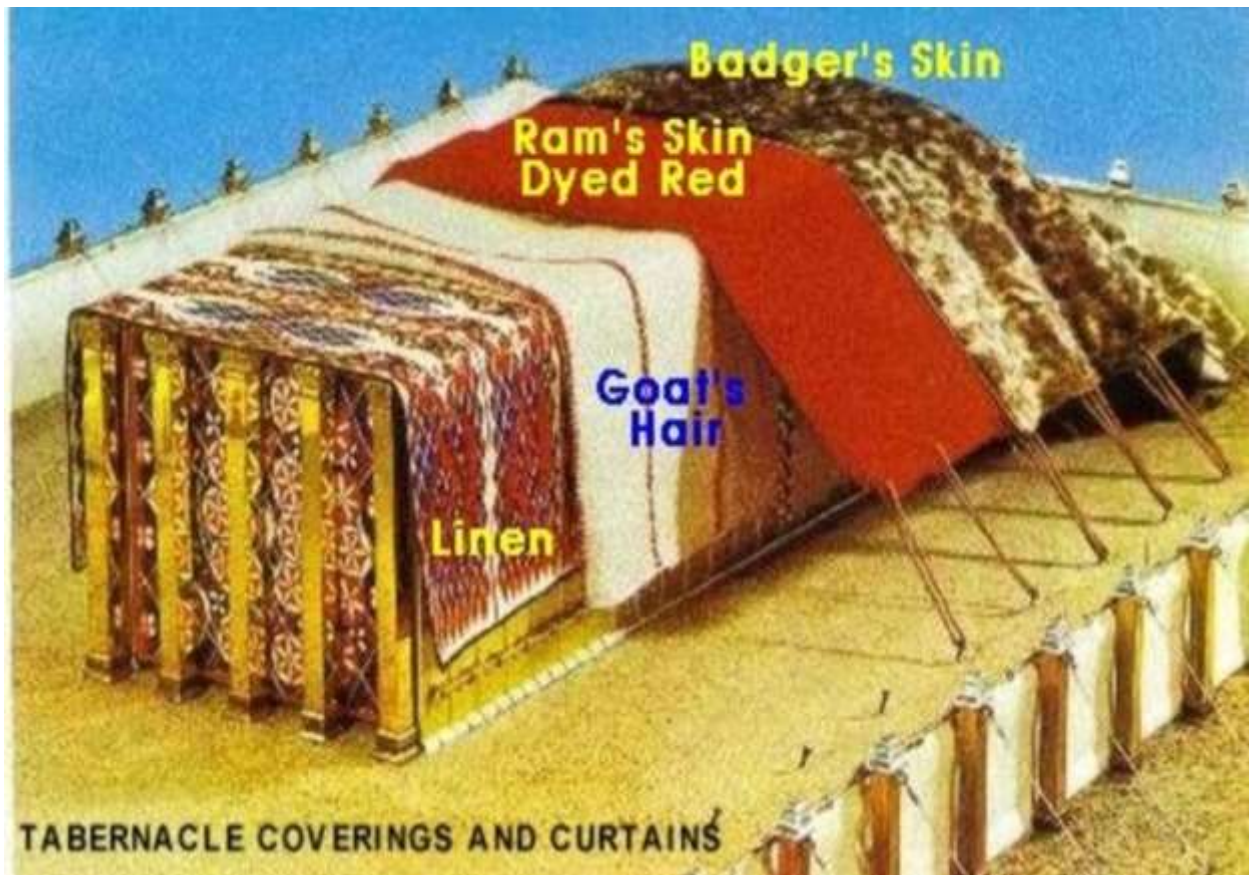
**“Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twisted linen and blue and purple and scarlet *material*; you shall make them with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.** <sup>2</sup> The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; all the curtains shall have the same measurements. <sup>3</sup> Five curtains shall be joined to one another, and *the other* five curtains *shall be* joined to one another. <sup>4</sup> You shall make loops of blue on the edge of the outermost curtain in the *first* set, and likewise you shall make *them* on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the second set. <sup>5</sup> You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is in the second set; the loops shall be opposite each other. <sup>6</sup> You shall make fifty clasps of gold, and join the curtains to one another with the clasps so that the tabernacle will be a unit. **“Then you shall make curtains of goats’ *hair* for a tent over the tabernacle; you shall make eleven curtains in all.** <sup>8</sup> The length of each curtain *shall be* thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains shall have the same measurements. <sup>9</sup> You shall join five curtains by themselves and the *other* six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the sixth curtain at the front of the tent. <sup>10</sup> You shall make fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in the *first* set, and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain *that is outermost in* the second set. <sup>11</sup> “You shall make fifty clasps of bronze, and you shall put the clasps into the loops and join the tent together so that it will be a unit. <sup>12</sup> The overlapping part that is left over in the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that is left over, shall lap over the back of the tabernacle. <sup>13</sup> The cubit on one side and the cubit on the other, of what is left over in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall lap over the sides of the tabernacle on one side and on the other, to cover it. <sup>14</sup> **You shall make a covering for the tent of rams’ skins dyed red and a covering of porpoise skins above.**

Four coverings are mentioned as a tent over the tabernacle

1. A covering of fine twisted linen
2. A covering of goats’ *hair*
3. A covering of rams’ skins dyed red
4. A covering of dolphin skins

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Coverings for the Tabernacle



The dolphin skins are called badger's skin in this photo

If they were dolphin skins the Israelites would have had to trade with surrounding nations to obtain these for the Tabernacle.

They used the finest linens decorated in blue, purple, and scarlet

There were 50 clasps of gold to hold just two curtains together

The coverings would have been costly, but a nation of 2.5 million people could afford it considering they had received many gifts from the nation of Egypt as they left.

All of this provided a covering of beauty, strength and durability.

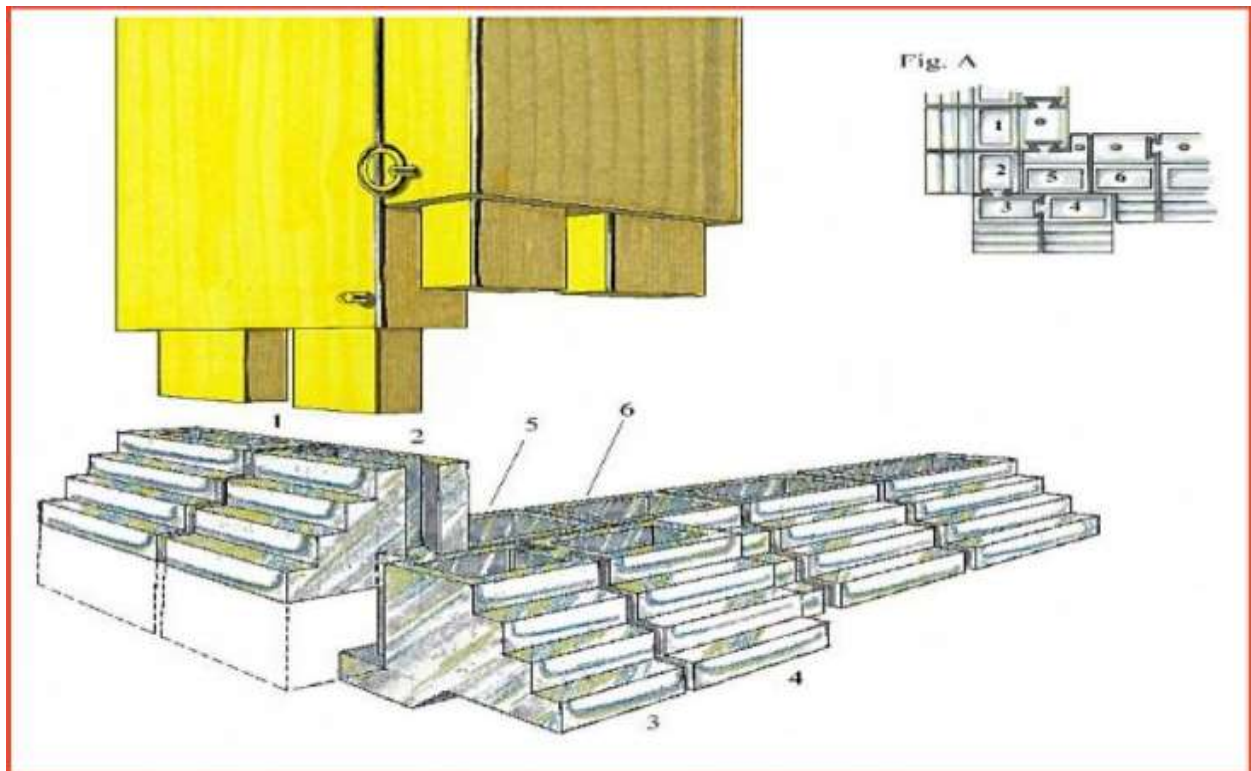
## Verses 15-25

## The boards with tenons and the sockets of silver

<sup>15</sup> “Then you shall make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing upright. <sup>16</sup> Ten cubits shall be the length of each board and one and a half cubits the width of each board. <sup>17</sup> There shall be two tenons for each board, fitted to one another; thus you shall do for all the boards of the tabernacle. <sup>18</sup> You shall make the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side. <sup>19</sup> You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under one board for its two tenons and two sockets under another board for its two tenons; <sup>20</sup> and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards, <sup>21</sup> and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board. <sup>22</sup> For the rear of the tabernacle, to the west, you shall make six boards. <sup>23</sup> You shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle at the rear. <sup>24</sup> They shall be double beneath, and together they shall be complete to its top to the first ring; thus it shall be with both of them: they shall form the two corners. <sup>25</sup> There shall be eight boards with their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board and two sockets under another board.

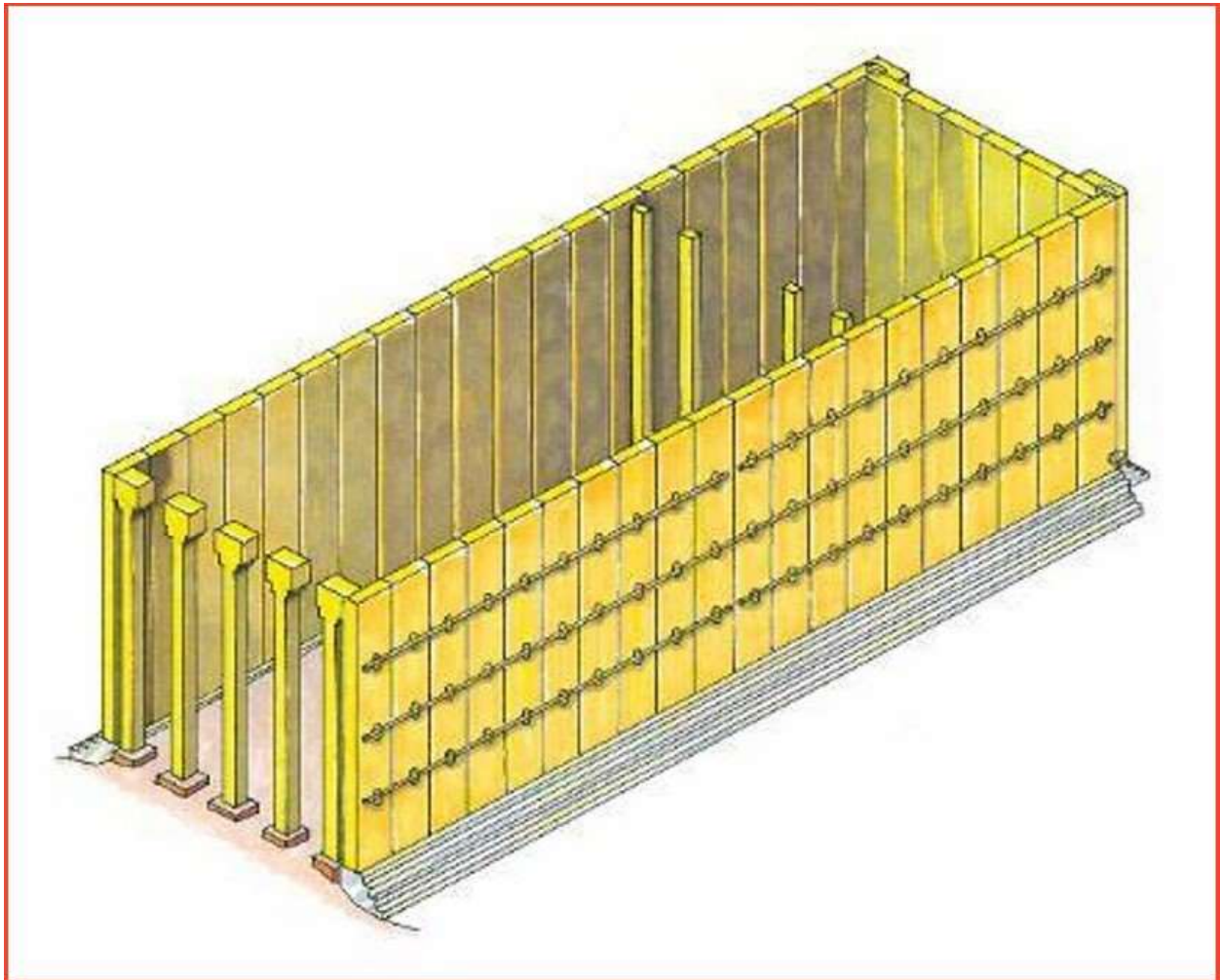
They made boards with tenons at the bottom to fit into the silver sockets.

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The completed wood structure

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Verses 26-30

#### Bars for the boards

<sup>26</sup> “Then **you shall make bars of acacia wood**, five for the boards of one side of the tabernacle, <sup>27</sup> and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle for the rear *side* to the west. <sup>28</sup> The middle bar in the center of the boards shall pass through from end to end. <sup>29</sup> You shall overlay the boards with gold and make their rings of gold as holders for the bars; and you shall overlay the bars with gold. <sup>30</sup> Then you shall erect the tabernacle according to its plan which you have been shown in the mountain.

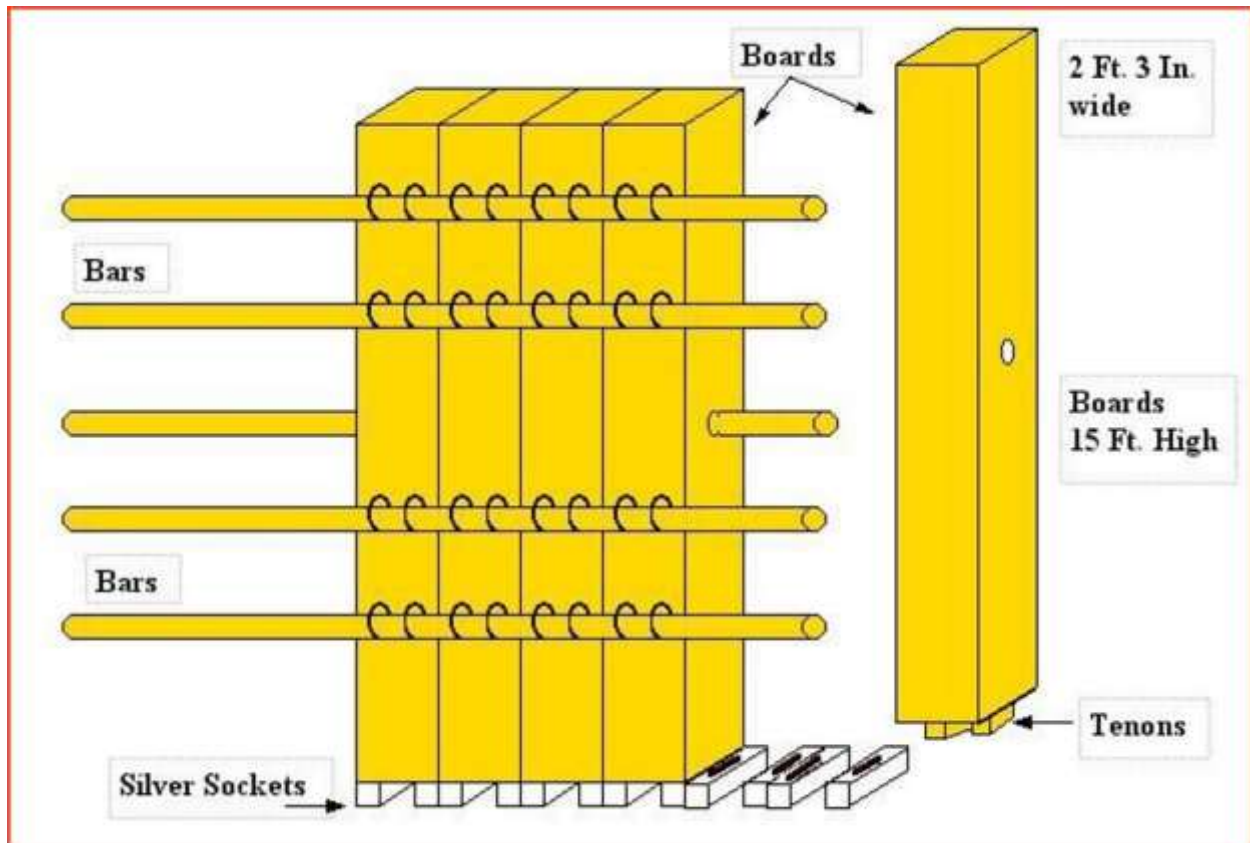


**The middle bar in the center of the boards shall pass through from end to end.**

The external bars surrounding the tent were to be fitted into gold rings

The central one would pass through the pillars

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**Then you shall erect the tabernacle according to its plan which you have been shown in the mountain.**

If Moses had communicated all of the details needed to build the Tabernacle it would have taken 40 chapters instead of five, and only engineers would have understood it.

For all of us common folks, God understands that the mind can only absorb what the bottom can ensure. ☺

Where the description is incomplete Moses was to follow the pattern he had seen on the mountain.

Verses 31-35

## The Veil

<sup>31</sup> “**You shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet material and fine twisted linen; it shall be made with cherubim, the work of a skillful workman.** <sup>32</sup> You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, their hooks *also being of gold*, on four sockets of silver. <sup>33</sup> You shall hang up the veil under the clasps, and shall bring in the ark of the testimony there within the veil; and **the veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies.** <sup>34</sup> You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the holy of holies. <sup>35</sup> **You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand opposite the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.**

You shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen; it shall be made with cherubim

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This is just one of many possible designs that might have been used.

**You shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, their hooks also being of gold, on four sockets of silver**

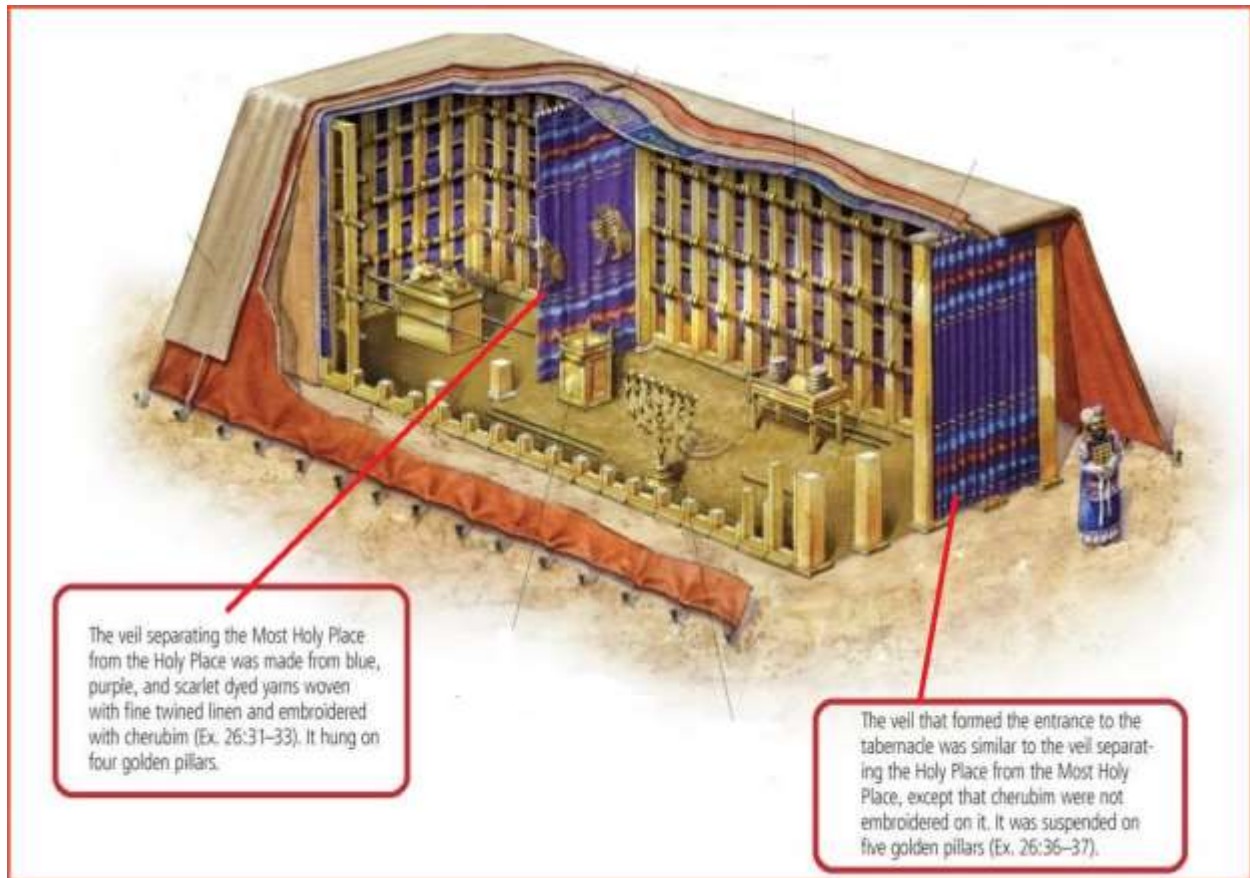
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The veil to the Holy of Holies hung on 4 pillars while the screen at the front of the Tabernacle was hung on 5 pillars.

**The veil shall serve for you as a partition between the holy place and the holy of holies.**

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The veil separated the Holy place from the Most Holy place (Holy of Holies)

The Ark of the Covenant was the only item in the Holy of Holes.

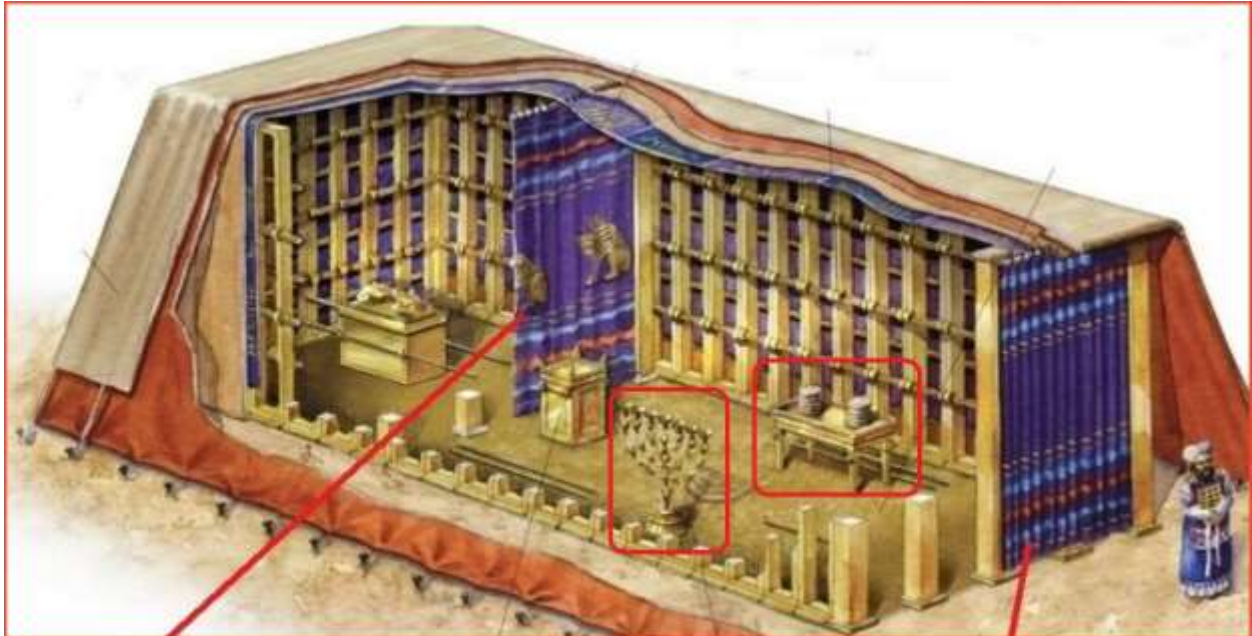
This picture has two errors in it.

1. The poles should be on the short sides of the Ark
2. The Ark should be rotated 90 degrees.



**You shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand opposite the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south; and you shall put the table on the north side.**

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The Table and lampstand sit in the Holy Place. The table is on the north side and the lampstand on the south. This is easy to remember if we recall that the front of the Tabernacle faces east.

Verses 36-37      **The screen for the doorway of the tent**

<sup>36</sup> “You shall make **a screen for the doorway of the tent** of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver. <sup>37</sup> **You shall make five pillars** of acacia for the screen and overlay them with gold, their hooks *also being of gold*; and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

**You shall make a screen for the doorway of the tent of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver**

This description is very similar to the one given for making the veil to the Holy of Holies except this is the work of a weaver and it does not have the cherubim.

**You shall make five pillars of acacia for the screen and overlay them with gold**

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