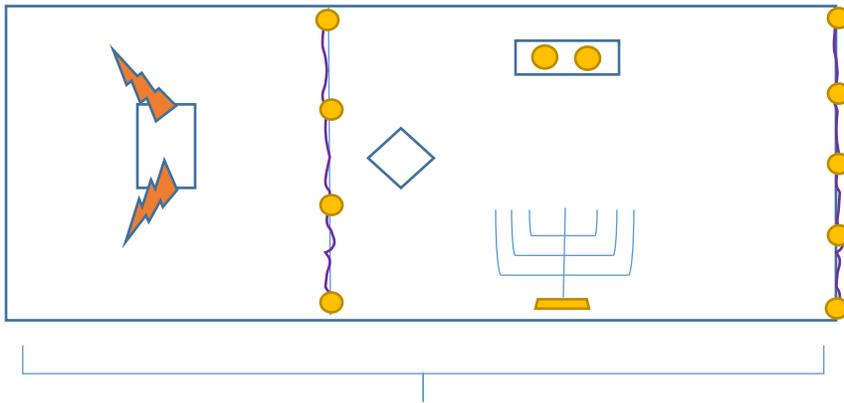


The Sanctuary – Holy Place - Walls & Floor

ST Series 17

God has a beautiful depiction in the study of the walls of the Sanctuary. May the Holy Spirit reveal this truth to us. May we have the wisdom of Jesus on this teaching.



The Walls (Ex. 26:15,29,19)

There were 48 boards in the wall of the sanctuary, 20 on each side and eight at the west end.

___ boards on the north and south sides, and _____ boards on the west, not including the two corner boards.

The size of the boards: ___ cubits long and ___ cubits wide.
(___ ft) (___ ft)

The height of the boards was 15 feet, twice that as the court fence.

Each board had a thickness of a span (half of cubit), approximately 4.5 inches. The weight of each board could easily exceed 700 lbs, not including the gold plating. Thus, these 48 boards were very heavy.

Corner Boards

The significance of the corner boards of the sanctuary correspond to the corner stone of the temple built later. _____ is “the precious corner stone,” (Isa.28:6) “in whom all the building fitly framed together growth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded toether for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” (Eph.2:19-22)

The special purpose of the corner boards was to “couple together” all the boards into one tabernacle. (Ex.26:24) It is the work of Christ to bind together the members of His household into one body. Also, Ps.144:12 says that God’s children are to be cornerstones.

Bars (Ex.26-29; 36:31-33)

There were five bars on each wall. Four bars were on the outside of each wall. They passed through gold rings—four on each board. The fifth bar was made “to shoot through the boards from one end to the other.”

Shittim Wood (Ex.36:20)

The boards of the sanctuary were from the wild acacia tree of the desert, also known as the Shittah tree. It was a small thorny tree, one of specially enduring quality, requiring much patient labor to prepare it for us.

Shittim wood was one of the articles mentioned among the gifts that the people were to bring for the sanctuary. (see Ex.35:24). Without doubt this expensive and beautiful timber was part of the spoils brought out of Egypt, which the Lord foreknew would be needed for the sanctuary.

Boards (wood) overlaid with _____.
No word exposed in the Sanctuary. Why?

Application:

Silver Sockets (Ex.38:27)

Each of the forty-eight boards stood on two tenons, which fitted into two sockets. These sockets were blocks of solid silver, which helped to hold the boards in their upright position. Each weighed one talent, about 100 lbs.

What does this symbolize? (See 1 Cor3:11) The church as one foundation, who is it?

So, let’s put it together: _____
