

## Seeing Christ in the Tabernacle

**"And the Word became flesh and dwelt [tabernacled] among us," John 1:14 (ESV).**

**"I have spoken by the prophets and have multiplied visions; I have given symbols through the witness of the prophets," Hosea 12:10.** (God gave foreshadowings, symbols and prophesies of Jesus Christ through the Tabernacle.)

### **The materials and colors used to build the Tabernacle and what they may foreshadow in Jesus Christ:**

**GOLD** - His kingship and divinity

**SILVER** - His blood, redemption (firstborn male was redeemed by a blood sacrifice or silver; ransom money for every Israelite male 20 and older)

**BRONZE/BRASS** - fire, judgment; Jesus is the ultimate Judge

**WOOD** - His humanity; the Cross

**GOAT'S HAIR** - sin offering; atonement; Christ atoned for our sins.

**RAM SKIN** - substitutionary sacrifice; (Gen. 22); Christ was our substitutionary sacrifice

**SEA COW/BADGER SKIN/** - exact translation not known, but this was the outermost covering and it gave protection and provision just as Christ does for us.

**OIL** - Holy Spirit; light; Jesus is the light of the world

**INCENSE** - priesthood; prayers of the saints (Rev. 8:3-4)

**WATER** - Jesus was the living water (John 4:10-14; 7:37-38); also baptism; the word

**BREAD** - Jesus was the bread of life (John 6:41-58)

**JEWELS/PRECIOUS STONES** - His priesthood, treasures, heavenly rewards He will give us; foundations of the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21)

**LINEN** - White linen; His holiness and purity; linen was a priestly fabric; Christ is our high priest

**BLUE** - Heaven, where Christ is now

**PURPLE** - royal majesties; Christ is the King of kings

**SCARLET** - His blood; earthly glory

### **The furniture/articles of the Tabernacle also foreshadow Jesus:**

**ARK** - wood covered with gold signifying His humanity covered with divinity;

**MERCY SEAT (ATONEMENT COVER)** - By the mercy of Christ, His blood atones for our sins.

**ALTAR OF INCENSE** - prayers of believers as a sweet aroma to God (Ps.141:2; Rev. 5:8; 8:3-4)

**GOLDEN LAMPSTAND** - made of pure gold showing His pure divinity; The design of the vine and the branches points to Jesus in John 15:5 - *"I am the vine; you are the branches."* Also, *"I am the light of the world,"* John 9:5.

**TABLE OF BREAD** - points to Jesus as the Bread of Life (John 6) and His humanity covered in divinity again.

**VEIL** - Christ's flesh torn for us (Mark 15:38; Hebrews 10:19)

**DOOR** - only one door, one way in to God; John 10:9 *"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved "* John 14:6 *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

**HIGH PRIEST** - Jesus is our High Priest - Hebrews 4:14-15 - *"Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."* See also Hebrews 2:17; 3:1; 5:5; 5:10; 6:20;7:23-28; 8:1-3; 9:11

