



# EXODUS 25

IN 5 MINUTES

## When:

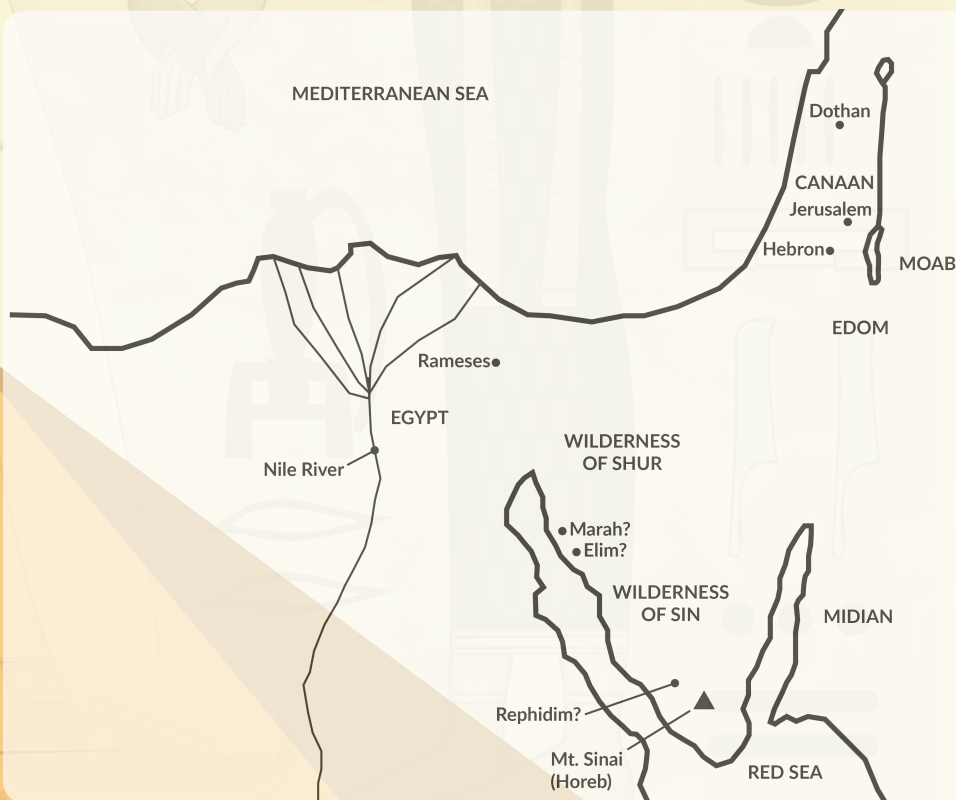
- God delivered the Israelites from slavery in approximately 1491 B.C.
- The events of Exodus 25 took place 3-4 months after the Hebrews left Egypt (19:1).

## Characters:

- **God** – The Lord’s glory descended on Mount Sinai. In Exodus 25, God spoke with Moses on the mountain and gave him instructions to build a sanctuary where He would dwell among the people.
- **Moses** – A Hebrew who grew up in the house of Pharaoh. He fled Egypt in Exodus 2 and went to live in Midian. God called him back to Egypt to deliver the Israelites from slavery.

## Where:

- Moses and the Israelites were encamped near Mount Sinai.



### Outline:

- A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE TABERNACLE (25:1-9):
  - + God told Moses to take up a voluntary contribution from the people.
  - + He was to collect gold, silver, bronze, yarn, linen, goat hair, tanned goatskins, acacia wood, oil, spices for incense, and precious stones.
  - + These items were to be used to create a tabernacle (tent) where God's presence would dwell among the people.
  - + God would show Moses the pattern by which He wanted this sanctuary to be built.
- INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (25:10-22):
  - + Next, Moses was to create an "ark of acacia wood."
  - + It was to be 2.5 cubits long, 1.5 cubit wide, and 1.5 cubits tall (a cubit was roughly 18 inches/.46 meters).
  - + The entire ark was to be covered with gold.
  - + The ark was to be carried on poles which were hung through rings on the ark's 4 feet.
  - + Moses was to build a "mercy seat" on top of the ark flanked by 2 cherubs (heavenly beings), 1 on each side.
  - + The wings of the cherubs were to stretch out over the mercy seat.
  - + God would speak with Moses from the mercy seat.
- THE GOLDEN TABLE FOR THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE (25:23-30):
  - + Moses was also told to build a golden table.
  - + It was to be 2 cubits long, 1 cubit wide, and 1.5 cubits tall.
  - + Four rings of gold were to be fastened to the legs of the table so it could be carried with poles.
  - + The table would be used to hold the "bread of the Presence."
- THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND (25:31-40):
  - + The last thing God told Moses to build in Exodus 25 was a lampstand of pure gold.
  - + It was to have 6 branches (3 on each side) protruding from the center column, and it was to be decorated with golden flowers.
  - + The lampstand held 7 lamps which were designed to light the tabernacle.

### Application:

- Rather than forcing the Israelites to contribute the materials for the tabernacle, God asked them to give voluntarily.
- Did God need their contributions to accomplish His will? Certainly not, God doesn't need anything, but he gave them an opportunity to be a part of His work.
- This pattern is repeated in the New Testament scriptures.
- The Apostles collected voluntary donations from those who wanted to help the Church spread and care for the needy.
- God doesn't need our money to advance the gospel and help the needy, but He gives us the privilege of participating.
- Isn't it incredible that God invites us to help? Like a father that allows his child to help, even though he could have done the job on his own.

