The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at the Old Testament

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Exodus at a Glance

Yahweh's Self-Exalting, Gracious Deliverance of Israel	Chs. 1–15
Yahweh's Self-Exalting, Gracious Covenant with Israel	Chs. 19–24
Yahweh's Self-Exalting, Gracious Presence amidst Israel	Chs. 25–40

The Tabernacle: A Model of the Real

- ***** Designations of the Tabernacle:
 - * "Dwelling place"
 - * "Holy place, Sanctuary"
 - * "Tent of meeting/appointment"
 - * "The house of Yahweh"
 - * "The palace of Yahweh"

- The Nature of the Tabernacle as a Model of a Heavenly Reality
 - Exod. 25:8–9. And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. ⁹Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.
 - Heb. 9:23-24. Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

The Design of the Tabernacle



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 - The means for Israel through their sacrifices to be declared holy to Yahweh and thus escape his wrath (28:36–38)
 - The means for the priests to serve the people before Yahweh without dying (28:35, 42–43; 30:20–21)
 - The means for Israel to know God rightly and to enjoy lasting relationship with him (29:44–46)

- Israel's Great Failure and Yahweh's Amazing Mercy (Exod 32–34)
 - Israel's Idolatry and Stubbornness
 - State and the problem with God's glory presence (32:9; 33:3, 5; 34:9)
 - * The mission of God is at stake (34:15–16)

- Moses' Request and the Revelation of Yahweh's Nature
 - * Exod. 33:18–19; 34:5–7. Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹And [Yahweh] said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'Yahweh.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."... ^{34:6}Yahweh passed before him and proclaimed, "Yahweh, Yahweh, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, ⁷keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation."

Moses' Plea (34:9)

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Conclusion:

- In response to Moses' prayer, the covenant was renewed (34:10–35) and the Tabernacle materials were gathered and the whole constructed (35:1–40:33)
- Then Yahweh graciously filled the Tabernacle with his glory (40:34–38)
- The Lasting Significance of Yahweh's Dwelling in Sacred Space:
 - Stressed Yahweh's covenant commitment to his people
 - Stressed Yahweh's passion for his own witness and reputation
 - Stressed the holiness of God's presence and all he touches
 - Stressed hope for God's people, even as sinners, to encounter the holy God.