

Exodus 27

Verses 1- 8

The bronze Altar

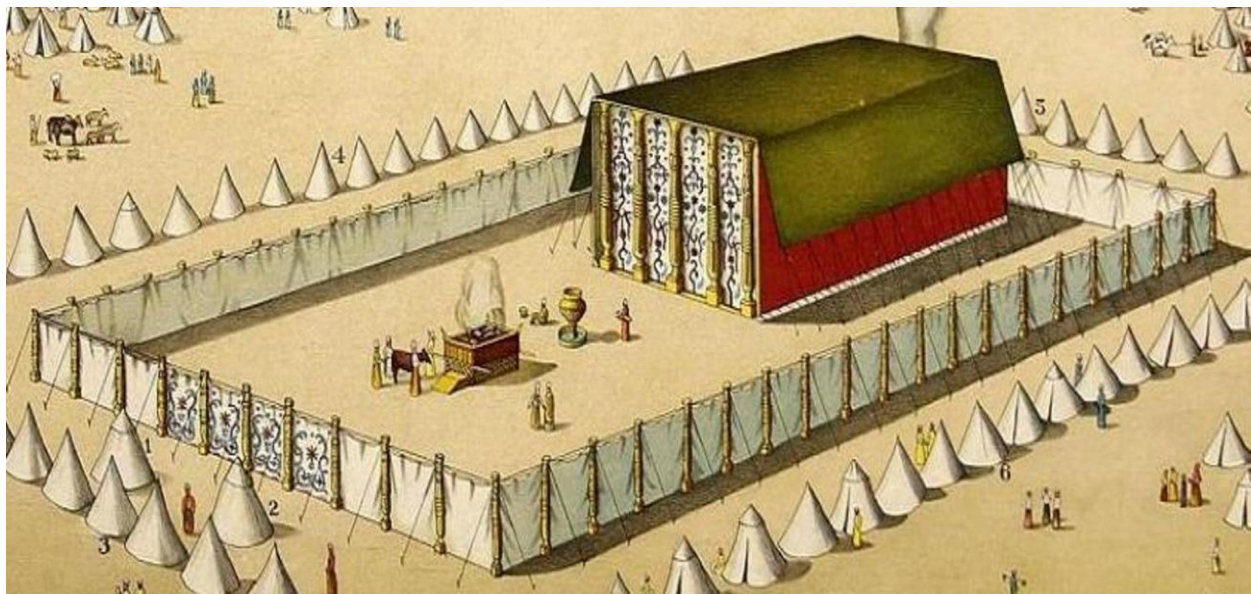
“And you shall make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide; the altar shall be square, and its height shall be three cubits. ² You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with bronze. ³ You shall make its pails for removing its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze. ⁴ You shall make for it a grating of network of bronze, and on the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners. ⁵ You shall put it beneath, under the ledge of the altar, so that the net will reach halfway up the altar. ⁶ You shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. ⁷ Its poles shall be inserted into the rings, so that the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when it is carried. ⁸ You shall make it hollow with planks; as it was shown to you in the mountain, so they shall make *it*.

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The bronze altar was 7 1/2 feet square by 4 1/2 feet in height.

This altar was in the courtyard where the common people were allowed.

See pic 2705 The bronze Altar in the courtyard



See Video 2710 Bronze Altar & grate

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² You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it, and you shall overlay it with bronze.

People accused of murder could grab hold of the horns on this Altar so they would not be put to death by the victim's next of kin. Adonijah held onto the horns of the altar when Solomon wanted to kill him.

See 1 Kings 1:49 - 53

⁴⁹ Then all the guests of Adonijah trembled and got up, and each went on his way. ⁵⁰ Adonijah also was afraid of Solomon, and he got up, and went, and took hold of the horns of the altar. ⁵¹ Now it was reported to Solomon, saying, "Behold, Adonijah is afraid of King Solomon, for behold, he has taken hold of the horns of the altar, saying, 'May King Solomon swear to me today that he will not put his servant to death with the sword.'" ⁵² And Solomon said, "If he is a worthy man, not one of his hairs will fall to the ground; but if wickedness is found in him, he will die." ⁵³ So King Solomon sent *men*, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and prostrated himself before King Solomon, and Solomon said to him, "Go to your house."

³ You shall make its pails for removing its ashes, and its shovels and its basins and its forks and its firepans; you shall make all its utensils of bronze.

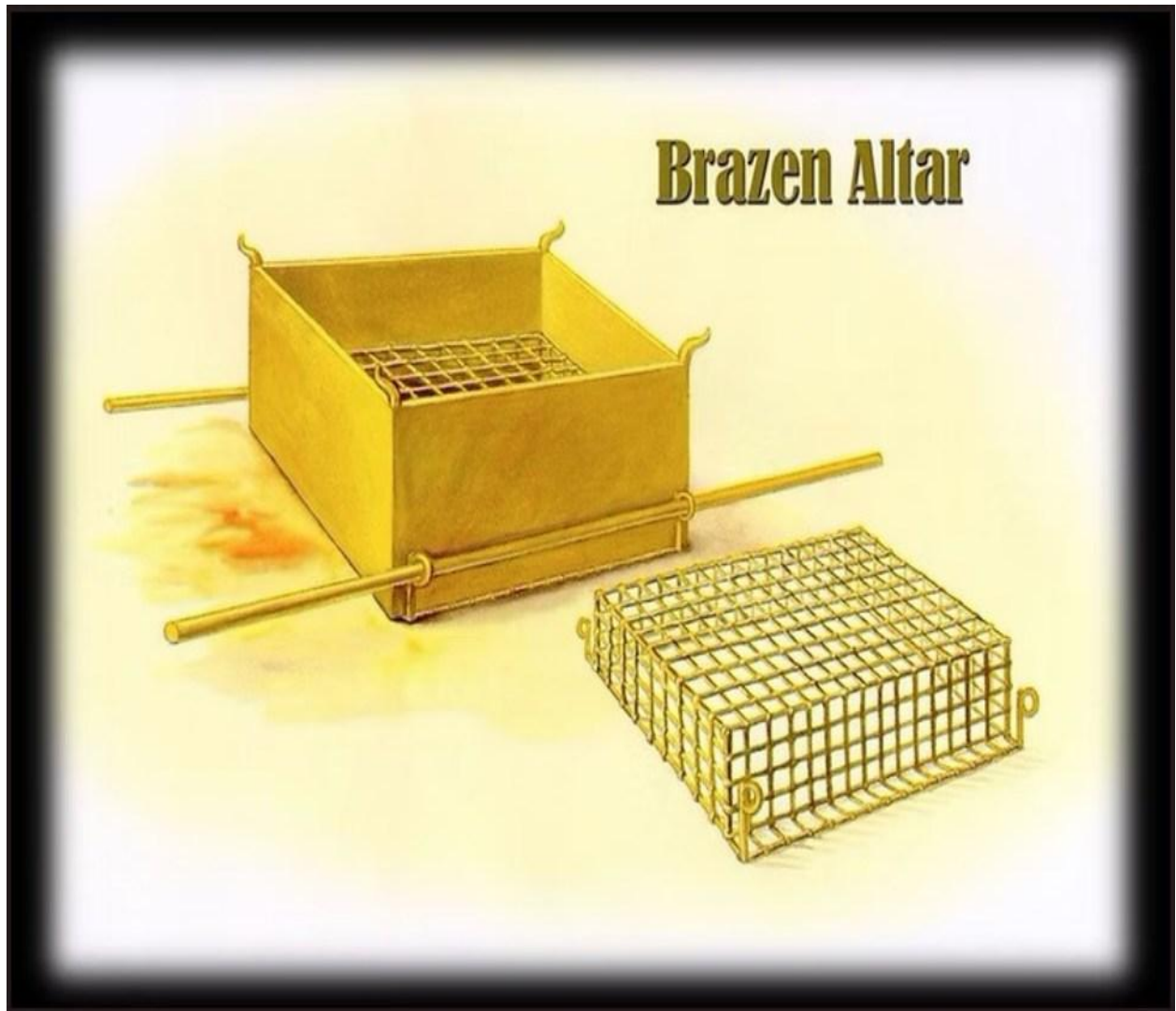
The process of cleaning up after offering burnt offerings and other sacrifices was a messy job.

⁴ You shall make for it a grating of network of bronze, and on the net you shall make four bronze rings at its four corners.

The grating would sit on the ground and then the altar was slipped over the grate

See pic 2715 The bronze grate

The picture makes it look like it was made out of gold but it was made of bronze. Other than the wrong color it is a good picture because it helps us see how the altar would fit over the grate to become one piece.



⁶ You shall make poles for the altar, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with bronze. ⁷ Its poles shall be inserted into the rings, so that the poles shall be on the two sides of the altar when it is carried.

The poles were overlaid with brass and used for carrying the altar.

⁸ You shall make it hollow with planks; as it was shown to you in the mountain, so they shall make *it*.

Again, this indicates that the ready is only given the broad strokes concerning its construction and that much of the fine detail about how all of these items were made were shown to Moses while he was on the mountain for the 40 days and 40 nights.

“You shall make the court of the tabernacle. On the south side *there shall be* hangings for the court of fine twisted linen one hundred cubits long for one side; ¹⁰ and its pillars *shall be* twenty, with their twenty sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *shall be* of silver. ¹¹ Likewise for the north side in length *there shall be* hangings one hundred *cubits* long, and its twenty pillars with their twenty sockets of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *shall be* of silver. ¹² For the width of the court on the west side *shall be* hangings of fifty cubits *with* their ten pillars and their ten sockets. ¹³ The width of the court on the east side *shall be* fifty cubits. ¹⁴ The hangings for the *one side of the gate shall be* fifteen cubits *with* their three pillars and their three sockets. ¹⁵ And for the other side *shall be* hangings of fifteen cubits *with* their three pillars and their three sockets. ¹⁶ For the gate of the court *there shall be* a screen of twenty cubits, of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen, the work of a weaver, *with* their four pillars and their four sockets. ¹⁷ All the pillars around the court shall be furnished with silver bands *with* their hooks of silver and their sockets of bronze. ¹⁸ The length of the court *shall be* one hundred cubits, and the width fifty throughout, and the height five cubits of fine twisted linen, and their sockets of bronze. ¹⁹ All the utensils of the tabernacle *used* in all its service, and all its pegs, and all the pegs of the court, *shall be* of bronze.

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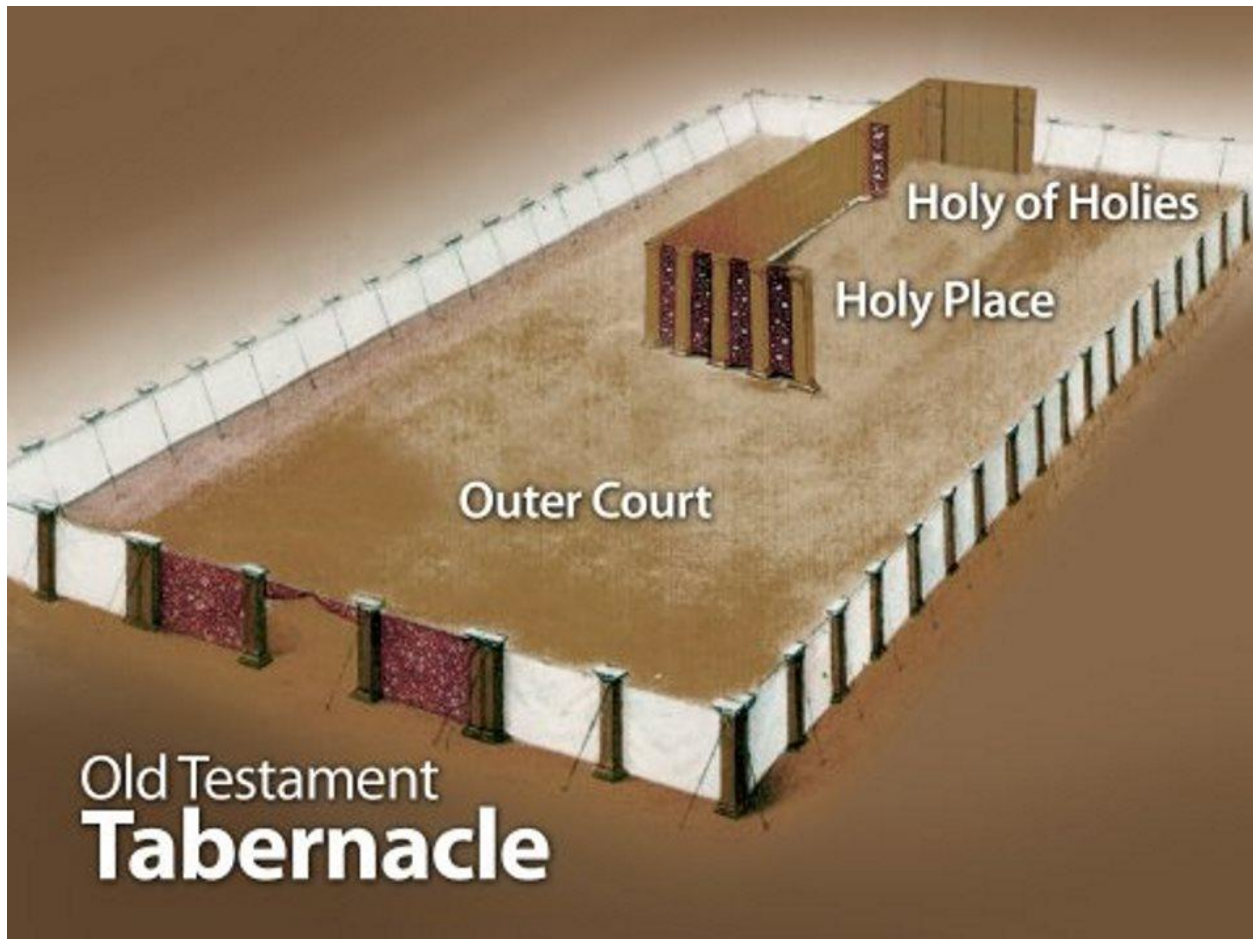
See Video 2720 Court of the Tabernacle

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The Court covered an area of 150 feet by 75 feet.

See pic 2725



Verses 20 - 21

Oil for the lamp

²⁰ “You shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually. ²¹ In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the Lord; *it shall be* a perpetual statute throughout their generations for the sons of Israel.

²⁰ “You shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you **clear oil of beaten olives for the light**, to make a lamp burn continually.

The requirement for beaten oil distinguished it from olive oil made by crushing olives in a stone press. The finer oil was made by gently pressing the olives in a mortar, which is a bowl-shaped vessel in which substances can be ground. The Golden Candlestick was used day and night because there was no other light in the sanctuary.