

Tabernacle Glossary

A

Aaron Moses' brother and the first High Priest.

Aaronic Belonging to the priestly order or class.

Abihu Aaron's second son. He died after offering strange fire.

Aholiab An Israelite who was talented in metal engraving whom God chose to work on the Tabernacle furniture.

Almond A nut. The cups of the golden candlestick were shaped like the flowers of the almond tree.

Altar A raised mound of earth and stone or a metal structure built for sacrificing animals or incense.

Ancient Worthies People who were faithful to God at all times and died before Jesus did.

Anointed Having oil poured upon the head to show that a person was consecrated for a certain purpose.

Anointing Pouring oil on a head to show that a person was chosen to do a certain work or to be a priest or king.

Antitype An event pictured by something that happened earlier.

Anti-typical Something that related to the antitype.

Appropriate Apply to yourself.

Ark of the covenant The box made of shittim wood and covered with gold in the Most Holy of the Tabernacle. It contained the golden pot of manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the law. It was covered by the Mercy Seat with Cherubim and Shekinah light on top.

Asher (happy) Jacob's ninth son born of Zilpah.

Atonement Something that makes a wrong right.

B

Babylon A city on the Euphrates River in Mesopotamia which is now Iraq.

Badger A small animal.

Baptism The act of lowering someone completely into water and bringing him back up as a symbol of consecration.

Benjamin (son of my sorrow) Jacob's twelfth son and Joseph's full brother (second son of Rachel).

Bezaleel Son of Uri. God gave him skill in working with wood, metals, and stone for the Tabernacle. (See Aholiab.)

Blemish Anything that keeps something from being in perfect condition.

Blue The color representing faithfulness.

Brazen Altar An altar in the court made of copper for sacrificing animals.

Breastplate A piece of embroidered cloth about ten inches square that was worn by the high priest. It was set with 12 precious stones each engraved with the name of a particular tribe of Israel.

Broidered Decorated with colored threads.

Bullock An ox or steer used in sacrificing.

C

- Cakes** Flat, thin loaves of bread that were shaped like pancakes.
- Calvary** The hill where Jesus was killed.
- Camp** The area around the Tabernacle where the Israelites lived.
- Candlestick** A lamp-stand. The golden candlestick was in the Holy of the Tabernacle and had seven lamps.
- Carcass** A dead body.
- Cashmere** Cloth made from the hair of goats.
- Cedar** A strong-smelling wood. It was the main wood used in Solomon's Temple.
- Censer** A vessel for burning incense.
- Ceremony** A service for a solemn occasion.
- Cherubim** A type of angel.
- Chosen** People selected by God.
- Christ** Anointed Jesus.
- Church** Faithful followers of Jesus during the Gospel Age.
- Circumcision** A religious custom of the Jews. Cutting off the foreskin of a male.
- Clasps** Fasteners used to hold the curtains together.
- Cloud** The cloudy pillar that the Israelites followed during the daytime when the Lord told them to move.
- Coals** Burning pieces of wood used for burning incense.
- Coat** A linen outer garment worn by the High Priest. It was embroidered with blue, purple, gold, and scarlet threads.
- Congregation** The Hebrews who were not from the tribe of Levi.
- Consecrate** To give one's life fully to God.
- Copper** A less costly metal than gold. Represents the human nature.
- Corresponding** Equal to or able to replace another.
- Court** The area of the Tabernacle inside the fence but outside the tent. The yard of the tabernacle.
- Covenant** An agreement, pact, or legal relationship. A promise between two people or groups.
- Curtains** The linen hangings in the Tabernacle.

D

- Dan** (judge) The fifth son of Jacob.
- Diaglott** A translation of the New Testament which shows the Greek words and the English.
- Divine** The nature of God.
- Doves** White birds which represent peace.

E

- Eleazar** The third son of Aaron. He became the High Priest after Aaron's death since his two older brothers had been killed after offering strange fire before the Lord.
- Election** The choosing of a person to do a certain work.
- Embroidery** A pattern of colored threads sewn into the curtains of the Tabernacle and the clothing of the High Priest.
- Ephraim** The younger of Joseph's two sons.
- Ephod** The outer robe of the High Priest. It was made of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen.

Eternal Forever.

F

Faith Trust.

Fat The part of the animal that the Israelites were not allowed to eat, but was offered to God.

Firstborn The first child born in a family. May also refer to an animal.

Flesh The outer, soft part of the body. That which is human.

Foreordained Decided by God before it happened.

Forerunner One who goes ahead to prepare the way for others.

Frankincense Dried sap used in making perfume and incense.

G

Gad (troop) Jacob's seventh son.

Gate The entrance into the court of the Tabernacle.

Gentiles People who are not Jews.

Gershon The oldest of Levi's three sons. His family was in charge of the tent with its coverings, the veil for the door of the court, and the hangings of the curtain around the court.

Girdle A cloth or leather belt.

Glorious Full of glory. Brilliantly beautiful.

Goats Animals used for sacrifice in the Tabernacle.

Goatskins Skins of goats used to make clothes for the poor.

Gold The most precious of all metals. Represents the Divine Nature.

Golden Incense Altar The altar in the Holy of the Tabernacle used for burning incense.

H

Heifer A young cow.

High Priest The priest whom all the other priest served under.

Holy The first room in the Tabernacle containing the Golden Incense Altar, the Table of Shewbread, and the Golden Candlestick.

Hooks Pegs of gold or silver used to support curtains.

Human Nature The nature of people (as opposed to spirit nature).

Hur One who helped Aaron hold up Moses' hands during a battle with the Amalekites so the Israelites would win.

Hyssop A aromatic herb plant that grows over six feet tall.

I

Immortal Unable to die.

Implements Tools.

Imputed Given credit for.

Inauguration The ceremony at the beginning of a term of office.

Incense A powder that smells pleasant when burned. Used in the Holy.

Inwards The vital organs such as the heart, liver, kidneys, etc.

Issachar (hire) The ninth son of Jacob.

Ithamar The fourth son of Aaron.

J

- Jewels** Precious stones or gems used in the breastplate.
Jochebed The wife of Amram and mother of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
Judah (praise) The fourth son of Jacob and Leah.
Justification Made or considered just before God.

K

- Kidney** One of the vital organs in an animal or person.
Considered by the ancients as the seat of affections as we consider the heart today.
Kid A young goat.
Kohath The second son of Levi. His family was in charge of the Ark of the Covenant, the Table of Shewbread, the Lamp-stand, the Altar, and the utensils of the sanctuary.

L

- Laver** The bowl in the court between the Brazen Altar and the Tabernacle. It was used for washing.
Law The law God gave to Moses for the Israelites.
Leaven A fermenting substance used to make bread rise.
Levi (attached) The third son of Jacob and Leah. This tribe had no inheritance of land in Israel. The priests came from this tribe.
Levite A decedent of Levi.
Linen Cloth made from flax.
Lots A way of making a decision.

M

- Manasseh** The first son of Jacob.
Mediator One who goes between two people who disagree.
Melchisedec The priest and king of Salem representing the reigning of Christ. Abraham paid tithes to him.
Merari The youngest son of Levi. His family was in charge of the boards, bases, pillars, sockets, pegs, and utensils of the Tabernacle and Court.
Mercy Seat The lid of the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy.
Metal A substance such as gold, silver, copper, and iron.
Ministers People who serve others and teach about God.
Miriam The older sister of Moses and Aaron.
Mitre The headdress worn by the High Priest.
Mortal Able to die.
Moses The third son of Amram and Jochebed who led the Israelites out of Egypt. He was the mediator of the Law Covenant.
Most Holy The second and smaller room of the Tabernacle containing the Ark of the Covenant.
Mouthpiece One who speaks for another.

N

- Nadab** Aaron's first son who died after offering strange fire .
Naphtali (a bind let loose) A son of Jacob.
Nominal In name only or so-called.

O

- Offering** Something given to God in worship, praise, or in repentance for sins.
Ointment A sweet smelling oil-based substance used for anointing priests, kings, and sometimes honored guests.
Olive Oil Oil made from olives used for cooking and in lamps.
Omnipotent Having complete power and authority.
Ordained Selected for an office.
Organs Parts of the body such as the heart, eye, or ear.
Overcome To defeat or win in a conflict.
Overlaid Covered with.

P

- Pardoned** Forgiven. Having the penalty for sin removed.
Patriarch A father, especially as in the fathers of Israel from Adam to Moses.
Pentecost The fiftieth day after the Feast of Passover. The day the Apostles and disciples first received the Holy Spirit.
Pigeon A Dove.
Plane A level of existence, character, or standing.
Pomegranate A tropical fruit which refreshed weary travelers.
Posts Beams that supported the curtains and doorways of the Tabernacle.
Present To give, as in presenting the animals to the priest for sacrifice.
Priest One chosen by God to serve in the Tabernacle.
Priesthood Relating to the priestly office.
Profession The type of job someone does.
Propitiation Payment for sin.
Propitiatory Relating to the payment for sin.
Purification To make pure or clean.
Purify Making pure or clean.
Purple Color which represents royalty.

Q

- Qualification** Fitness for a certain work.
Quickened Made active.

R

- Ram** Male sheep.
Ransom Corresponding price or equal payment.
Reckon Consider.
Reconciliation Bringing two people back into a relationship after a problem or separation.
Red Color which represents the Ransom.
Redeem To buy back.
Redeemer One who buys back.

Redemption The act of buying something back.
Reign To rule, as a king rules.
Repent To be sorry for doing wrong and trying to make amends.
Restitution Giving back what used to belong to someone.
Restoration Making things the way they were.
Resurrection Being made alive again.
Reuben The oldest son of Jacob and Leah.
Reverent With proper respect for authority.
Robes of Glory The ceremonial robes of the High Priest.
Rod A staff.
Royalty Of the king's family.

S

Sabbath the seventh day of the week. A holy day.
Sacred Holy.
Sacrifice Give something important to another, especially to God.
Saints People who faithfully follow Jesus.
Salvation The act of being saved.
Sanctification Begin set apart for a holy purpose.
Sanctuary --- The tent of the Tabernacle. A holy place.
Satan The devil.
Satisfaction That which make right.
Savior One who saves.
Savor Smell.
Scapegoat The goat sent into the wilderness after the High Priest had confessed Israel's sins over it.
Scarlet A bright shade of red with a little orange added to it.
Sealskin The skin and fur of a seal (possible a badger)
Servitude The state of serving others.
Seven A number representing perfection.
Shadow Picture of the real thing.
Shekinah The light shown from the Cherubim in the Most Holy representing the presence of God.
Shewbread The cakes of bread on the table in the Holy.
Shittim Wood from the acacia tree.
Silver A metal less valuable than gold.
Simeon (heard) The second son of Jacob and Leah. Another name for Simon Peter.
Sin Violation of God's laws. That which is wrong.
Spirit Begotten Begotten by God to the spirit nature.
Sprinkled Having a small amount of blood or water applied.
Strange Fire Fire not approved of by God.
Symbolic Representing something else.

T

Tabernacle A tent for worshipping God.
Table of Shewbread The table in the Holy which held the cakes of bread.
Threshold The doorway.
Trespass Violation of the rights of another.

Type An event that pictured something that happened in the future.

Typical Picturing something else.

U

Unleavened Without a fermenting agent to make it rise.

Urim and Thummim Objects placed in the breastplate of the High Priest used for finding God's will.

V

Veil A curtain hung over a doorway.

Vessels Containers for holding oil or incense.

W

Wafers Thin cakes of bread.