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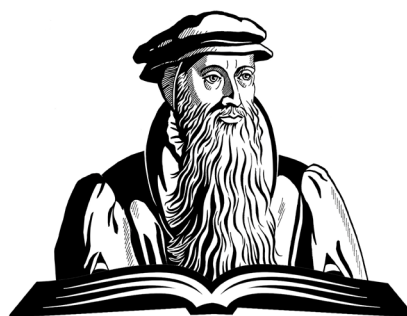
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Video Lecture Series

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Lecture 1 ~

INTRODUCTION



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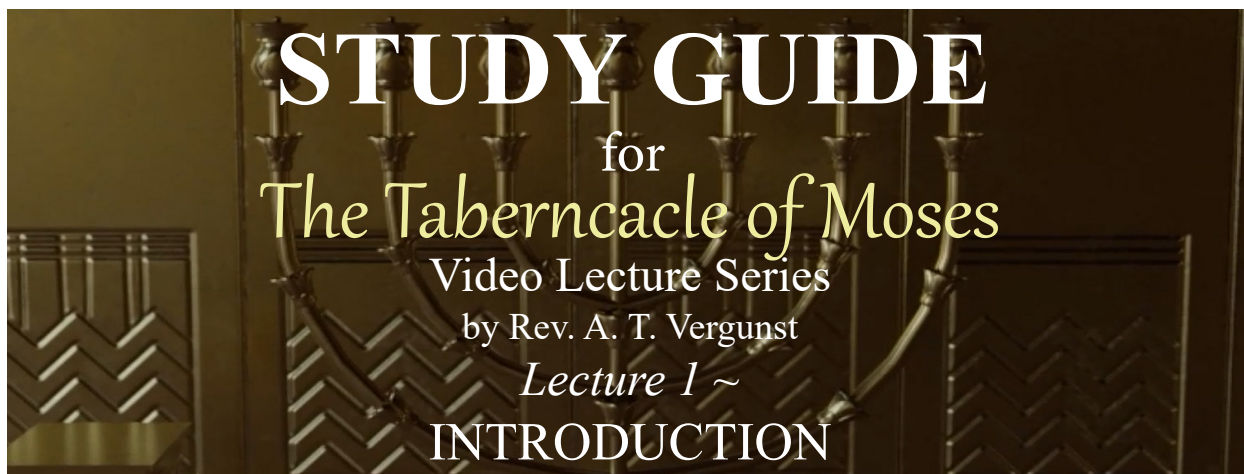
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Scripture Text

“And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.”—Exodus 25, verses 8 and 9

Key Points

1. God provided the Tabernacle as a glorious portrayal of the person of Jesus Christ and his work of redemption.
2. Overview of this series.
 - a. Begin with an introductory lecture on the Tabernacle and its symbolism found throughout the Bible
 - b. Lecture will follow, studying every aspect of the Tabernacle.
 - c. Throughout the series, there will be teaching on how believers experience the various gospel truths illustrated by the Tabernacle.
3. The study begins in Exodus chapter 20, with the giving of the law at Mt. Sinai
 - a. Great thunder and lightning on the mount—the Israelites were terrified.
4. God’s instructions for making an altar of earth for sacrifices.
 - a. God’s promise to come and dwell among his people.
 - b. Law and gospel are seen.
6. God commands Moses alone to draw near to him in the cloud on Mt. Sinai—Exodus 24.
 - a. Moses goes up into the cloud for 40 days and 40 nights.
 - b. God gave Moses detailed instructions for the building of a great Tabernacle.
7. We have reasons now to devote our study of God’s revelation to man in the Tabernacle.

- a. God himself devoted more attention to the Tabernacle than to any other subject in the Bible. Anything important to God is worthy of our study.
- b. It is a visual revelation of God's own glorious character.
- c. It is the greatest type of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Old Testament.
- d. It is also a visual representation of all the great themes of God's provision for salvation.
- e. A thorough study of the Tabernacle will open our eyes to all kinds of Scripture passages throughout the Bible.

Review Questions

1. Why did Rev. Vergunst compared the Tabernacle to a children's Bible?

2. What will Rev. Vergunst cover in this course?

3. Why does this study begin with Exodus chapter 20? What is the predecessor to the actual Tabernacle?

4. How do we see the important connection between law and gospel in the construction of the Tabernacle?

5. What was God’s purpose in commanding Moses to build the Tabernacle? Was Moses allowed to build according to his own ideas? Please explain your answer.

6. Rev. Vergunst says that God devoted more attention to the Tabernacle than to any other subject in the Bible. Please explain how this is true.

7. What is the relationship between the Tabernacle and the attributes of God?

8. What is meant by the phrase “a type of Jesus?” How do we see the Lord Jesus in the different parts of the Tabernacle?

9. What great themes of God’s provision for salvation are represented in the Tabernacle?

10. When studying the Tabernacle, how can we benefit from the many connections it has to other passages in the Bible?

Personal Applications

1. Are you interested and happy to learn about some of the spiritual meanings behind the Tabernacle? What have you learned about the Tabernacle already in this introduction? Does it make you look forward to learning more in the coming lectures?

2. Rev. Vergunst gave us five excellent reasons for a thorough study of the Tabernacle. Are you excited to learn more? We recommend that you take notes over the next lectures, copy down relative Bible passages, and spend time in meditation and prayer, asking the Lord to bless your soul with what you are learning.
