

## THE WORD BECAME FLESH

### THE INCARNATION OF GOD

John said "**The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son of the Father**"(John 1:14). This is the amazing truth: God indwelt a human body to show us his true nature and to tell us the way to know God and to have our sins forgiven.



### A CONNECTION TO THE DESERT TABERNACLE

The word "**tabernacled**" that John uses in his description of the incarnation suggests a connection between the person Jesus of Nazareth, who was born of a virgin in Bethlehem and died on the hill of Calvary outside Jerusalem, and the desert tabernacle in Mosaic times.

Exodus 26 is a chapter that describes in detail the construction of the desert tabernacle. Exodus 26 is the 76<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Bible. The spiritual number 76 means "Prophet" or "Prophecy". The Bible says "**The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy**" (Rev. 19:10). Here is another clue the tabernacle is a testimony of Jesus.

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<sup>1</sup> Source of Image: [http://spiritlessons.com/Documents/Jesus\\_Pictures/Jesus\\_Christ\\_Pictures.htm](http://spiritlessons.com/Documents/Jesus_Pictures/Jesus_Christ_Pictures.htm)

### TPOLOGY OF COVERINGS & FRAMES

Flesh and bones cover the body. The body is the vessel God has designed to carry the inner man, the soul, and the spirit of a person. What a person is like on the inside is judged by the life that is lived in the flesh for all to see.

Perhaps the coverings and frames of the desert tabernacle tell us about the life of God in the flesh? If the desert tabernacle is a type of the incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, then the covers and frames of the tabernacle prophetically point to the flesh and bones of the Messiah so to speak.

### MEASUREMENT OF COVERINGS & FRAMES

There were 10 curtains of blue, purple, and scarlet. The area of each one was 112 square cubits. Total area of the blue, purple, and scarlet curtains was 1,120 square cubits. (Exodus 26: 2)

There were 11 curtains of goat hair. The area of each one was 120 square cubits but the 11th curtain had an extra 8 square cubits of overlap. Total area of goat hair curtains was 1,328 square cubits. (Exodus 26: 7)

There were 20 rectangular frames made of acacia wood on the South, 20 frames on the North, and 8 frames on the West. Each frame was 15 square cubits. Total area of the frames was 720 square cubits. (Exodus 26: 15-22)

Total area of coverings and enclosed frames in the desert tabernacle was 3,168 square cubits.

The gematria value of the words 'Lord Jesus Christ' in Greek is 3,168!<sup>2</sup>

This would identify the Lord Jesus Christ with the tabernacle, but what does the tabernacle testify, or say about the person and work of Jesus?

### MEANING OF THE AREA OF THE COVERINGS & FRAMES

The area of the curtains of blue, purple, and scarlet is 1,120 square cubits which is equal to 10 x 112. The spiritual meaning of the number 10 is "Testimony" and the number 112 is "Generosity to the Poor". Did the life of Jesus demonstrate compassion for the poor? The man with leprosy said "Lord, if you are willing you can make me clean." Jesus reached out and touched the man 'I am willing', he said, 'Be clean!' ... immediately the leprosy left him" (Luke 5:12)

The area of the curtains of goats hair is 1,320 square cubits of that part of the covering which we can see (i.e. not including the overlap) which is 10 x 132. The meaning of the number 10 is "Testimony" and the number 132 is "Anointed One". Was Jesus Christ anointed? When Jesus came up out of the waters of baptism Scripture says: "Jesus was baptized...as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove." (Luke 3:21-22)

The area of the acacia wooden frames was 720 square cubits which is equal to 10 x 72. The meaning of the number 10 is "Testimony" and the number 72 is "Evangelist". Was Jesus an Evangelist? He declared of himself: "The Son of Man came to seek and save that which was lost" (Matt. 18:11)

<sup>2</sup> See Addendum at the end of the paper for the detailed gematria calculation of the title of the Messiah: Lord Jesus Christ

Yes. The tabernacle described in Exodus 26 paints a detailed prophetic picture regarding the person and work of Jesus Christ. Since the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus, we are not surprised that Exodus 26 is the 76<sup>th</sup> chapter of Scripture.

### WE BEHELD HIS GLORY

John said when Jesus was incarnated the Word became flesh and “**we beheld his glory**”. Where is the glory of the Lord in the measurements of the area of the coverings and frames in Exodus 26? The total area of the coverings and frames is **3,168 square cubits**. The number 3,168 equals 99 x 32. The spiritual number **99** means “**Shekinah Glory**” and the number **32** means “**Believer's Fellowship**”. During the travels of the tabernacle in the desert, the glory of God appeared as a cloud by day and as a fire by night. Where did it appear? Over the place of God's fellowship with believers - above the tabernacle! (Numbers 9:15)



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May the Lord bless you.

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<sup>3</sup> Source of Image:

[http://blogs.bible.org/impact/hal\\_warren/the\\_tabernacle\\_of\\_moses\\_%E2%80%93\\_god%E2%80%99s\\_heavenly\\_pattern\\_for\\_our\\_spiritual\\_transformation\\_part\\_ii](http://blogs.bible.org/impact/hal_warren/the_tabernacle_of_moses_%E2%80%93_god%E2%80%99s_heavenly_pattern_for_our_spiritual_transformation_part_ii)

ADDENDUM

The gematria value of 'LORD JESUS CHRIST' demonstrated by the value of individual letters:

BASED ON THE INFINITIVE OF THE THREE WORDS:

K	20	I	10	CHI	600		
U	400	H	8	R	100		
R	100	S	200	I	10		
I	10	O	70	S	200		
O	70	U	400	T	300		
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