

The Tabernacle

(10) The Table of Showbread

Ex 25:23-30

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Lev 24:5-9

5 "Take fine flour and bake twelve loaves of bread, using two-tenths of an ephah for each loaf. 6 Set them in two rows, six in each row, on the table of pure gold before the Lord. 7 Along each row put some pure incense as a memorial portion to represent the bread and to be an offering made to the Lord by fire. 8 This bread is to be set out before the Lord regularly, Sabbath after Sabbath, on behalf of the Israelites, as a lasting covenant. 9 It belongs to Aaron and his sons, who are to eat it in a holy place, because it is a most holy part of their regular share of the offerings made to the Lord by fire." NIV

The Table of (His) Presence...

What is the construction material of the *Table* in the Holy Place? Ex.25:23-29

How many loaves of bread (flat cakes) were required? **Lev.24:5** see **Ex.39:6-7, 8-14**

How were the loaves to be placed on the table? **Lev.24:6-7** What else was there? **Ex.25:29**

In addition to bread, what (2) other offerings are involved in the Table? **Lev.24:7; Ex.25:29**

The meaning of these items...

First, what are some *suggested* meanings for the bread of presence?

What is the purpose of the *incense/drink offering*? Ps.141:2; Rev.5:8; **Num.15:1-11**

And what is the primary meaning of the *drink offerings*? **Lu.22:20; Jn.19:33-34**

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What is the construction material of the *Table* in the Holy Place? Ex.25:23-29

Acacia wood overlaid w/gold, w/rim, w/poles, and plates/dishes/pitchers, bowls of gold.

How many loaves of bread (flat cakes) were required? **Lev.24:5** see **Ex.39:6-7, 8-14**

Required 12 loaves, each 2/10 of an ephah (~.12 bushel), Likely represents 12 tribes.

How were the loaves to be placed on the table? **Lev.24:6-7** What else was there? **Ex.25:29**

Bread in 2 rows of 6 on plates/dishes w/incense, w/pitchers/bowls for drink offerings.

In addition to bread, what (2) other offerings are involved in the Table? **Lev.24:7; Ex.25:29**

There was incense and wine for a drink offering. See Ex.23:14, Nu.15:10, and others

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First, what are some *suggested* meanings for the bread of presence?

1. Communion of 12 tribes w/God 2. God's full provision 3. Jesus, the Bread of Life.

What is the purpose of the *incense/drink offering*? Ps.141:2; Rev.5:8; **Num.15:1-11**

The combination with sacrifice is a sweet smelling savor unto the Lord.

And what is the primary meaning of the *drink offerings*? **Lu.22:20; Jn.19:33-34**

It is dedication/commitment to God. For Christ it was His blood of the New Covenant.

And how does Paul extend the symbolism, for him and all believers? Phil.2:17; II Tim.4:6

He sees himself at the end of his life/ministry as being poured out as a drink offering!