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Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Every nation of the world has a national flag, and its colours, design, and images all have special meaning.

For example, the flag of Lithuania, in northern Europe, has 3 bands of colour. The first is yellow, and is a symbol of the sun, of light, and of goodness; the second band, of green, speaks of the beauty of nature and of freedom; and the third colour is red. It stands for the land, and for the courage of brave warriors, and the blood they shed to defend it.

Nations also have special items that are symbols of authority, such as the king's crown, or the mace, a golden rod that speaks of a parliament's right to govern. And there are rich robes that show or symbolise the special job of the wearer.

The children of Israel had not long been a nation. They did not have a king, but God ruled and guided them through their leader, Moses. They did not have false man-made gods, like the other nations. Instead, the Almighty God showed His presence with them, through a light cloud by day, and a fiery cloud at night. But God knew they needed a place where they could worship Him, even though they could not see Him.

While Moses was on Mt. Sinai, God also gave him plans and details for making this Tabernacle or movable worship centre. Sometimes it was called the Tent of Meeting. In the Bible book Exodus, Chapter 25, God said to him, “In making all these things, (the workers) are to do exactly as I have told you.” In the New Testament book of Hebrews, Chapter 8, we are told that Moses was to model the Tabernacle after the one already existing in heaven.

Today, we hear about it, and what its symbols mean.

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The great and holy One True God purposed to be among His people at all times. His Presence would remain in the Tabernacle, although none could see Him with their eyes.

Everything in this Tabernacle had special, spiritual meaning. It was a symbol, or picture of the Lord Jesus Christ. It pointed forward to the holy, sinless Son of God. He came to be our Saviour, and to show us what God is like.

The Bible book John, chapter 1, says this, "No-one has ever seen God. The only Son, Who is the same as God, and is at the Father's side, He has made Him known." In chapter 14, the Lord Jesus said this, "Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father," and the book of

Colossians, chapter 1 says, "Christ is the exact likeness of the invisible God." Chapter 2 also says this, "In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form."

The outer coverings of the tabernacle would last well, although they were not beautiful to look at. The Bible book Isaiah, chapter 53, says this about Jesus, "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him."

Inside the Tabernacle there was great beauty and riches. And people who turn to Jesus find wonderful beauty and spiritual riches in Him. The book John, chapter 1 says this, "We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

The fine linen curtains speak of Jesus' perfect righteousness; the colour red, of the blood He shed to pay for our wrongdoing; blue is the heavenly colour, and purple speaks of His kingship.

There were pure gold fittings to hold all the curtains together; a wooden table, overlaid with gold, to hold the bread; a pure gold candlestick with seven branches, to burn precious oil and give light inside the sanctuary; and a pure gold altar for the incense. Pure gold speaks of the great worth of Jesus. The book 1 Peter, chapter 2, says this, "to all who believe in Him, He is precious." And that's very true: He is very precious to His followers.

The clear oil that kept the candlestick alight also speaks of the constant presence of God's Holy Spirit in Jesus' life.

A beautiful curtain separated the innermost part of the Tabernacle, the Holy of Holies, from the larger room. And in this Holiest place stood the Ark of the Covenant. This was a wooden box overlaid with pure gold, which held the two tablets of God's Ten Commandments.

God's covenant with the Israelites said, "Obey the Law and you will live."

But God knew no-one would ever be able to keep all His commands. So God told Moses to make the Mercy Seat of pure gold, with two golden cherubim or figures of angel beings, to cover the tablets of the law in the Ark. The High Priest, alone, went into the Holy of Holies, just once each year. With the blood of the sin-offering, he asked for God's mercy and forgiveness for the people. No-one else could go into this very sacred place; no-one else could approach the Presence of Almighty God.

When the Lord Jesus was on earth, there was no longer a movable Tabernacle. King Herod had built a Temple, and this was the place of worship. It, too, had a "Holy of Holies."

The Bible book of Matthew tells us about Jesus' death on the Cross. In Chapter 27, it says this, "Jesus again gave a loud cry, and breathed His last. At that moment, the curtain of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom" How amazing! The curtain was not rotten it had only been up a few years; if anyone had tried to tear it, they would have started at the bottom. NO! This was God saying to all the world that Jesus, through His death on the Cross, had opened the way for sinful mankind to come back to Him.

The book of Hebrews, chapter 9, says this, "When Christ..... entered once and for all into the Most Holy Place, He took His own blood, and obtained eternal salvation for us.... He offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice to God."

The Lord Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God, did this for you! Will you turn to Him and receive eternal salvation today?

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That was Guy Penrod and the song was "By His Wounds."

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