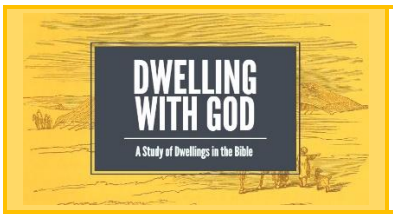

TABERNACLE

A MOBILE TEMPLE

Dwellings of God: Chapter 1

TEMPLES WERE COMMON IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

- **Pharaoh, the god-king of Egypt, used a mobile military palace to live with his troops in battle.**
- **Ancient Near Eastern temples also had holy places, altars, priests and ritual sacrifices.**

"HAVE THEM MAKE A SACRED TENT FOR ME. I WILL LIVE AMONG THEM."

Exodus 25:8

THE SACRED SPACE OF ISRAEL WAS NOT UNIQUE, BUT THEIR GOD WAS.

Exodus 20:22-23 NIV
"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Tell the Israelites this: 'You have seen for yourselves that I have spoken to you from heaven: Do not make any gods to be alongside me; do not make for yourselves gods of silver or gods of gold."

Exodus 24:3 NIV
When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the Lord has said we will do."

Psalm 50:13-15 NIV
"Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats? Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

GOD DWELLED IN THE TABERNACLE.

Exodus 40:34,38 NIV
Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. So, the cloud of the Lord was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels.

Memorize
Exodus 25:8

Tell Someone
"God wants to dwell with his people."

Resources
"The Tabernacle in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context" by Michael M. Homan.
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