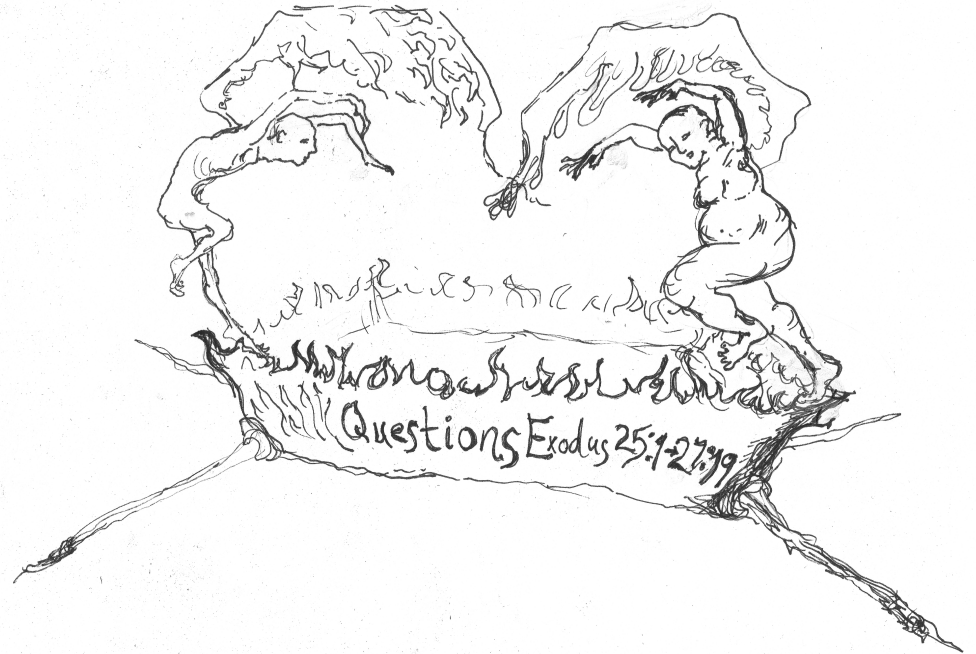


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**Q1:** What is the stated purpose of the building described in this section? Is this a surprising turn in the book of Exodus? Can you find any foreshadowing?

**Q2:** Why is this building project financed through a voluntary donation?

**Q3:** A cubit is a measure of the length of a human forearm, from your elbow to the tips of your fingers. Try to measure out (not on Shabbos!) the dimensions of the objects described here. Are they bigger or smaller than you expected?

**Q4:** What purpose is served by the ark of testimony/covenant? If it is a meeting place for God and Moses, why is it needed? Can't they talk any time?

**Q5:** What are the Cherubim facing?

**Q6:** What is the "presence" of the bread of the presence?

**Q7:** God refers to an image that is being shown to Moses (25:9, 25:40). How should it change our reading, to know that there is a missing text that completes Moses' instruction?

**Q8:** Try to figure out the blueprint for this whole structure. What are its dimensions, how is it held upright? How many rooms are there?

**Q9:** Words like tent, curtain, veil, and covering abound. Try to differentiate them. Do these instructions make intuitive sense?

**Q10:** What kinds of details are favored, and what kinds of details are ignored or omitted?

**Q11:** What are the aims of the author of this kind of text? What does hearing it do for the listener?

**Q12:** What else interests you?