EXODUS 37:1 Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood. Its length was two and a half cubits, and its breadth a cubit and a half, and a cubit and a half its height.

Bezaleel and Aholiab make the ark, Exo 37:1-5. The mercy-seat, Exo 37:6. The two cherubim, Exo 37:7-9. The table of the shew-bread, and its vessels, Exo 37:10-16. The candlestick, Exo 37:17-24. The golden altar of incense, Exo 37:25-28. The holy anointing oil and perfume, Exo 37:29.

Verse 1

And Bezaleel made the ark, etc. - For a description of the ark, see Exo 25:10 (note), etc.

EXODUS 37:2 He overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a moulding of gold for it around it.

EXODUS 37:3 He cast four rings of gold for it, in its four feet; even two rings on its one side, and two rings on its other side.

EXODUS 37:4 He made poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold.

EXODUS 37:5 He put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

EXODUS 37:6 He made a mercy seat of pure gold. Its length was two and a half cubits, and a cubit and a half its breadth.

Verse 6

He made the mercy-seat - See this described Exo 25:17 (note).

EXODUS 37:7 He made two cherubim of gold. He made them of beaten work, at the two ends of the mercy seat;

EXODUS 37:8 one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end. He made the cherubim of one piece with the mercy seat at its two ends.

EXODUS 37:9 The cherubim spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces toward one another. The faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat.

EXODUS 37:10 He made the table of acacia wood. Its length was two cubits, and its breadth was a cubit, and its height was a cubit and a half.

Verse 10

He made the table - See Exo 25:23.

EXODUS 37:11 He overlaid it with pure gold, and made a gold moulding around it.

EXODUS 37:12 He made a border of a hand breadth around it, and made a golden moulding on its border around it.

EXODUS 37:13 He cast four rings of gold for it, and put the rings in the four corners that were on its four feet.

EXODUS 37:14 The rings were close by the border, the places for the poles to carry the table.

EXODUS 37:15 He made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold, to carry the table.

EXODUS 37:16 He made the vessels which were on the table, its dishes, its spoons, its bowls, and its pitchers with which to pour out, of pure gold.

Verse 16

He made the vessels - See all these particularly described in the notes on Exo 25:29 (note).

EXODUS 37:17 He made the lamp stand of pure gold. He made the lamp stand of beaten work. Its base, its shaft, its cups, its buds, and its flowers were of one piece with it.

Verse 17

He made the candlestick - See this described in the note on Exo 25:31 (note).

EXODUS 37:18 There were six branches going out of its sides: three branches of the lamp stand out of its one side, and three branches of the lamp stand out of its other side:

EXODUS 37:19 three cups made like almond blossoms in one branch, a bud and a flower, and three cups made like almond blossoms in the other branch, a bud and a flower: so for the six branches going out of the lamp stand.

EXODUS 37:20 In the lamp stand were four cups made like almond blossoms, its buds and its flowers;

EXODUS 37:21 and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, and a bud under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of it.

EXODUS 37:22 Their buds and their branches were of one piece with it. The whole thing was one beaten work of pure gold.

EXODUS 37:23 He made its seven lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff dishes, of pure gold.

EXODUS 37:24 He made it of a talent of pure gold, with all its vessels.

EXODUS 37:25 He made the altar of incense of acacia wood. It was square: its length was a cubit, and its breadth a cubit. Its height was two cubits. Its horns were of one piece with it.

Verse 25

He made the incense altar - See this described Exo 30:1 (note).

EXODUS 37:26 He overlaid it with pure gold, its top, its sides around it, and its horns. He made a gold moulding around it.

EXODUS 37:27 He made two golden rings for it under its moulding crown, on its two ribs, on its two sides, for places for poles with which to carry it.

EXODUS 37:28 He made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold.

EXODUS 37:29 He made the holy anointing oil and the pure incense of sweet spices, after the art of the perfumer.

Verse 29

He made the holy anointing oil - See this and the perfume, and the materials out of which they were made, described at large in the notes on Exo 30:23-25 and Exo 30:34-38. As this chapter also is a repetition of what has been mentioned in preceding chapters, the reader is desired to refer to them.