

# EXODUS – LESSON THIRTEEN

## I. THE CONSTRUCTION AND REARING OF THE TABERNACLE (chapters 35-40)

- A. Moses instructs the assembled congregation (35:1-19)
  - 1. Instructions concerning keeping the sabbath day unto Jehovah (v.1-3)
  - 2. Instructions concerning the free-will offerings of people and their help regarding the tabernacle (v.4-19).
- B. Congregation departs with zeal and returns with offerings (35:20-29).
- C. Moses calls for the workmen (35:30-36:7)
  - 1. Bezalel and Oholiab set forth as leaders of workmen.
  - 2. Offerings given to two leaders and their workers.
  - 3. Abundant giving (every morning) causes Moses to restrain the people from giving.
- D. The work of construction begins and is completed (36:8-39:43).
  - 1. The curtains, boards and bars of the tabernacle constructed (36:8-34).
  - 2. The veil and screen for door of the tent of meeting constructed (36:35-38).
  - 3. The ark of the covenant constructed (37:1-9).
  - 4. The table of showbread constructed (37:10-16).
  - 5. The candlestick constructed (37:17-24).
  - 6. The altar of incense constructed (37:25-29).
  - 7. The altar of burnt-offering constructed (38:1-7).
  - 8. The laver of brass constructed (38:8).
  - 9. The curtains and pillars for the court constructed (38:9-20).
  - 10. The counting of the amount of gold, silver and brass given by people and overseen by Ithamar, the son of Aaron (38:21-31).
  - 11. Garments for Aaron and sons made: (39:2-31)
    - a. Ephod and stones (39:2-7)
    - b. Breastplate (39:8-21)
    - c. Robe of Ephod (39:22-26)
    - d. Coats of fine linen (39:27-29)
    - e. Plate of holy crown (39:30-31)
  - 12. People bring completed work to Moses – Moses blesses their obedient work (39:32-43).
- E. God commands Moses to rear up tabernacles on first day of first month of second year after leaving Egypt (40:1-33).
  - 1. Boards of tabernacle set up first.
  - 2. Curtains and covering of tabernacle set up.
  - 3. Ark of testimony and mercy seat placed first.
  - 4. Veil which screened ark set up.
  - 5. Table of showbread placed on north side of tabernacle.
    - a. Bread set in order upon it.
  - 6. Candlestick placed on south side of tabernacle.

7. Golden altar of incense placed before the veil.
  8. Screen of door of tent of meeting set up.
  9. Altar of burnt-offering and meal-offering offered.
  10. Laver set up between altar and tent of meeting for washing.
  11. The court of tabernacle set up.
- F. The cloud and God's glory cover the tent of meeting (40:34-38).

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Why is the law concerning the Sabbath day presented to the people again?
2. What kind of offering did God want from the people for the construction of the tabernacle?
3. What did Moses have to do regarding the offering?  
Why?
4. Who was the leader of the leaders, Bezalel or Oholiab?
5. Who had oversight of the gold, silver and brass offered by the people?
6. How many 20 years old and upward paid the half-shekel?
7. What lessons concerning respecting authority do we learn from the construction of the tabernacle?
8. What article of furniture was placed first in the tabernacle?

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9. The altar of incense was set in place in the tabernacle before the table of showbread and candlestick . (T) (F)
  
10. What covered the tent of meeting after it was constructed?
  
11. Why could not Moses enter the tabernacle?
  
12. What was over the tabernacle at night?
  
13. How did the people respond to the cloud?
  
14. When was the tabernacle set up?