FINAL STUDY NOTES - EXODUS CHAPTERS 39-40 12-30/31-2024

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OPENING PRAYER

REVIEW -

Exo 38:30 And with it <u>he made</u> the sockets for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, the bronze altar, the bronze grating for it, and all the utensils for the altar,

Exo 38:31 the sockets for the court all around, the bases for the court gate, all the pegs for the tabernacle, and all the pegs for the court all around.

• Is my life balanced, in not only being a hearer of the word, but also being an obedient doer?

- What is my record for finishing the things the LORD has called me to do? Is it my practice to start many, but finish few? (Exo~36:38)
- (James 1:22) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves!

EXODUS - Chapter 39 - Making the Garments of the Priesthood -(vs. 1); Making the Ephod -(vs. 2-7); Making the Breastplate -(vs. 8-21); Making the Other Priestly Garments -(vs. 22-31); The Work Completed -(vs. 32-43).

<u>Chapter 40</u> - The Tabernacle Erected and Arranged – (vs. 1-33); The Cloud and the Glory! – (vs. 34-38).

Making the Priestly Garments

Exo 39:1 Of the blue, purple, and scarlet thread they made garments of ministry, for ministering in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron, as the LORD had commanded Moses (18x in chapters 39-40).

• Moses was faithful in all of his house. Moses did as the LORD commanded him down to the last stitch, to the last socket, to the last hanging of the curtains.

Exo 39:2 He made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen.

Exo 39:3 And they beat the gold into thin sheets and cut it into threads, to work it in with the blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and the fine linen, into artistic designs.

Exo 39:4 <u>They made</u> shoulder straps for it to couple it together; it was coupled together at its two edges.

Exo 39:5 And the intricately woven band of his ephod that was on it was of the same workmanship, woven of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

• These priestly garments of beauty and glory were really lovely. The High Priest was richly attired and colorful.

Exo 39:6 And they set onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold; they were engraved, as signets are engraved, with the names of the sons of Israel.

Exo 39:7 He put them on the shoulders of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel, as <u>the</u> LORD had commanded Moses.

• **He wore the ephod which had two stones**, one on each shoulder, with six of the names of the tribes engraved on one stone and six on the other, which speaks of the strength and ability of our Lord, that Great Shepherd of the sheep. When one sheep gets lost, our Great Savior finds it, puts it on His shoulders and brings it back. Thank God that we have a Shepherd who can put us on His shoulders and bring us safely back to the fold. **(Heb 7:25)** Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Exo 39:8 And he <u>made the breastplate</u>, artistically woven like the workmanship of the ephod, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen.

• The High Priest also wore a breastplate, which was somewhat like a vest. It had twelve stones on it, and it was a thing of great beauty. It was folded over, forming a pocket where the Urim and Thummim were placed. The Urim and Thummim had something to do with prediction. We are not told how it worked. The beautiful stones on the breastplate speak of the fact that Christ carries us on His heart today. He loves us. (Joh 3:16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. These stones depict His great love for us.

Exo 39:9 <u>They made</u> the breastplate square by doubling it; a span was its length and a span its width when doubled.

Exo 39:10 And they set in it four rows of stones: a row with a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald was the first row;

Exo 39:11 the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire, and a diamond;

Exo 39:12 the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;

Exo 39:13 the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They were enclosed in settings of gold in their mountings.

Exo 39:14 There were twelve stones according to the names of the sons of Israel: according to their names, engraved like a signet, each one with its own name according to the twelve tribes.

Exo 39:15 And they made chains for the breastplate at the ends, like braided cords of pure gold.

Exo 39:16 They also <u>made</u> two settings of gold and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

Exo 39:17 And they put the two braided chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breastplate. Exo 39:18 The two ends of the two braided chains they fastened in the two settings, and put them on the shoulder straps of the ephod in the front.

• Commit these things to faithful men. I mean, they are doing it. I mean the detail and they made two rings of gold; and put the how many of you love this? The detail and their doing obedient work in making the Tabernacle.

Exo 39:19 And they made two rings of gold and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it, which was on the inward side of the ephod.

Exo 39:20 <u>They made</u> two other gold rings and put them on the two shoulder straps, underneath the ephod toward its front, right at the seam above the intricately woven band of the ephod.

Exo 39:21 And they bound the breastplate by means of its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it would be above the intricately woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate would not come loose from the ephod, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

- Here is what we need to remember for the rest of our lives. As we read these verses, we are to get one point out of it! *Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourself*! That is the lesson that God is driving home. He is just saying it every which way He can in big things, in little things; in seeing things and unseen things.
- He is saying, "I want to see obedience. When I have called My people to do and to be, because even so is the body of Christ. Everything speaks of Christ, and to be less than what He has called us to be is to mar the picture related to our lives. The lesson is very important! And He is very patient in driving it home.

Exo 39:22 He made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue.

Exo 39:23 And there was an opening in the middle of the robe, like the opening in a coat of mail, with a woven binding all around the opening, so that it would not tear.

Exo 39:24 <u>They made</u> on the hem of the robe pomegranates of blue, purple, and scarlet, and of fine woven linen.

Exo 39:25 And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates on the hem of the robe all around between the pomegranates:

Exo 39:26 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, all around the hem of the robe to minister in, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

• On the robe of the ephod were the golden bells and pomegranates so that when the High Priest was serving, those bells could be heard ringing as he went into the Holy Place. The pomegranates speak of the fruitful life of the believer. The bells speak of the testimony of that life. When the priest was in the Holy Place, the Israelites could say, "Well, he is in there, in the place of worship, serving for us. We know he is there because we can hear the bells." That is what worship should mean to us! Our High Priest is representing us in God's presence. It ought to draw us to the person of Christ.

Exo 39:27 They made tunics, artistically woven of fine linen, for Aaron and his sons,

Exo 39:28 a turban of fine linen, exquisite hats of fine linen, short trousers of fine woven linen,

Exo 39:29 and a sash of fine woven linen with blue, purple, and scarlet thread, <u>made</u> by a weaver, <u>as</u> the LORD had commanded Moses.

Exo 39:30 Then they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription like the engraving of a signet: HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

• What a picture the garments of the priest give! The plate on his head said, "HOLINESS TO THE LORD." This speaks of holiness and has to do with the inner life, but the important thing is that it means the High Priest is wholly given to the work of the ministry! Holy means anything that is set aside for the use of God.

Exo 39:31 And they tied to it a blue cord, to fasten it above on the turban, <u>as the LORD had</u> commanded Moses.

Exo 39:32 Thus <u>all the work of the tabernacle</u> of the tent of meeting <u>was finished</u>. And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did.

- Thus all this work was finished! How wonderful! That sounds good, does it not?
- So they did! They obeyed the Lord! In all of this they have finished making all of it.

Exo 39:33 And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its furnishings: its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets;

Exo 39:34 the covering of ram skins dyed red, the covering of badger skins, and the veil of the covering;

Exo 39:35 the ark of the Testimony with its poles, and the mercy seat;

Exo 39:36 the table, all its utensils, and the showbread;

Exo 39:37 the pure gold lampstand with its lamps (the lamps set in order), all its utensils, and the oil for light;

Exo 39:38 the gold altar, the anointing oil, and the sweet incense; the screen for the tabernacle door;

Exo 39:39 the bronze altar, its grate of bronze, its poles, and all its utensils; the laver with its base;

Exo 39:40 the hangings of the court, its pillars and its sockets, the screen for the court gate, its cords, and its pegs; all the utensils for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting;

Exo 39:41 and the garments of ministry, to minister in the holy place: the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister as priests.

Exo 39:42 According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the children of Israel <u>did all</u> the work.

Exo 39:43 Then Moses looked over <u>all</u> the work, and indeed they had done it; <u>as the LORD had</u> commanded, just so they had done it. And Moses blessed them.

- Moses looked at, inspected, all the work, every single piece! It was made exactly the way he had been instructed up upon the mountain with God, being alone with Him.
- And Moses blessed them! Moses' heart! He, just on God's behalf, blesses them for their faithfulness. God bless you for your faithfulness!
- Every single thing God has called each of us to do for Him is important to Him. He notices it when it gets done and He notices it when it does not get done! How are we doing in that calling?
- Are we looking forward in finishing what God has called us to do? Remember Paul, saying (271 4:7) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
- LORD, help me, help us to finish well!

CHAPTER 40 - Exodus Begins in Gloom and Ends in Glory!

• The Tabernacle Erected - In chapter forty, they had completed the construction of the tabernacle, and now it's ready. All of the boards have been carved, and they are all ready to be put together. God tells him now how they are to put the whole thing together, and how they are to place each part of the tabernacle. The Tabernacle is mentioned in Exodus 98x; Leviticus 47x; in Numbers 105x; Deu 4x.

Exo 40:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Exo 40:2 "On the first day of the first month you shall (16x in chapter 40) set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

• Instructions have been given. Everything had been made now. But what good is it if you do not erect it and put it into service? So now we are going to erect the Tabernacle itself.

Exo 40:3 You shall put in it the ark of the Testimony, and partition off the ark with the veil.

• The Holy of Holies. A room that was a fifteen-foot cube. Again, on the walls, on the sides, and on the back you would see just the gold of the overlaid acacia boards. Above your head, you would see the fancy embroidered work of the fine linen, gold, purple, blue and red with the cherubim and all embroidered in it. You would see in this room a golden box with a golden lid. And upon the golden lid there were these two golden cherubim that were carved there on the lid. Of course, you would not see it because only the High Priest could see that, and only once a year.

Exo 40:4 You shall bring in the table and arrange the things that are to be set in order on it; and you shall bring in the lampstand and light its lamps.

- On your left-hand side as you would enter, over on this side, there would be this candleholder with seven candles. With the lights flickering in the top of it, the wick in the oil kept burning constantly.
- Over on your right-hand side there would be this little low table of about three feet by eighteen inches or so on the top, and it was overlaid with gold. There would see twelve loaves of bread sitting on this little table to the right. The loaves would be changed every week.

Exo 40:5 You shall also set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the Testimony, and put up the screen for the door of the tabernacle.

• Directly in front of you there would be another beautifully embroidered curtain. This curtain having the cherubim embroidered on it and in front of it there would be a little golden altar with four horns on it, the altar of incense, where the priests would come and wave the little incense burners before this altar of incense and this curtain.

Exo 40:6 Then <u>you shall</u> set the altar of the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

• As you came into the courtyard, the first thing that would be in front of you would be the altar of sacrifice, seven and a half feet square on the top and four and a half feet high. And the fire would be there upon the altar for the roasting of the meat and the offering.

Exo 40:7 And you shall set the laver between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and put water in it.

• **Beyond the altar there would be this brass laver**, in which the priests would wash before they entered into this little fifteen-foot-high tent enclosure.

Exo 40:8 You shall set up the court all around, and hang up the screen at the court gate.

• Now the opening was to be toward the east. You would first of all enter this outer courtyard, which had these curtains hanging all the way around, a seventy-five by one hundred-and fifty-feet courtyard, with these curtains seven and a half feet high. You would enter through this gate area of curtains on the east end.

Exo 40:9 "And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it; and you shall hallow (separate, sanctify) it and all its utensils, and it shall be holy.

Exo 40:10 You shall anoint the altar of the burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar. The altar shall be most holy.

• Is interesting that God calls on Moses to do all of this. Aaron is the High Priest that God is going to establish the Aaronic priesthood through his lineage for all these things, but in this initial launching of the Tabernacle, Moses is doing all of this. It will be handed off to Aaron and his descendants after this.

Exo 40:11 And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and consecrate it.

Exo 40:12 "Then <u>you shall</u> bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of meeting and wash them with water.

Exo 40:13 You shall put the holy garments on Aaron, and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.

• This is Aaron's coronation. The beginning of the priesthood. It will continue about 1600 years until 70 AD, when the Romans, (Titus Vespasian) destroyed Jerusalem, tearing down the temple. It will follow all the way through the Old Testament.

Exo 40:14 And you shall bring his sons and clothe them with tunics.

Exo 40:15 You shall anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may minister to Me as priests; for their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations."

Exo 40:16 Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

- Moses is the servant of God. Most of us do not lack for knowing! We lack for doing! Moses <u>did</u>
 according to all that the LORD commanded him. In that he enjoyed the closeness of fellowship with
 God, the presence of God, God's anointing upon his life. <u>Moses did, according to all that God had</u>
 commanded him!
- What faithfulness and obedience is shown by Moses! Does my life resemble Moses' obedience in any significant way?

Exo 40:17 And it came to pass in the <u>first month of the second year</u>, on the <u>first day</u> of the month, that <u>the tabernacle was raised up.</u>

• The second year they came out of Egypt on the first month, which was the celebration of when they came out because they came out on Passover. They then raised up this tabernacle there in the wilderness. They had now been in Sinai for about nine months. (Exo 19:1) In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. Subtracting the time Moses was on the mountain and sometimes wandering, the construction of the Tabernacle took about six months.

Exo 40:18 So Moses <u>raised up the tabernacle</u>, fastened its sockets, set up its boards , put in its bars, and raised up its pillars.

• There were four pillars that were across the front of the golden pillars and also on the inside before the Holy of Holies.

Exo 40:19 And he spread out the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent on top of it, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Exo 40:20 He <u>took the Testimony</u> and put it into the ark, inserted the poles through the rings of the ark, and put the mercy seat on top of the ark.

• The Testimony would be these two little tables of stone upon which had been etched the Ten Commandments. They were put in this ark. He put the mercy seat above it.

Exo 40:21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, hung up the veil of the covering, and partitioned off the ark of the Testimony, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

• No one will go in there but the High Priest, who will go in there once a year on Yom Kippur. Exo 40:22 He put the table in the tabernacle of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil;

Exo 40:23 and he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD, <u>as the LORD had commanded</u> Moses.

Exo 40:24 He put the lampstand in the tabernacle of meeting, across from the table, on the south side of the tabernacle;

Exo 40:25 and he lit the lamps before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Exo 40:26 He put the gold altar in the tabernacle of meeting in front of the veil;

Exo 40:27 and he burned sweet incense on it, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Exo 40:28 He hung up the screen at the door, (that covered the front), of the tabernacle.

Exo 40:29 And he put the altar of burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the grain offering, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Exo 40:30 He set the laver between the tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and put water there for washing;

Exo 40:31 and Moses, Aaron, and his sons would <u>wash their hands</u> and their feet with water from it. Exo 40:32 Whenever they went into the tabernacle of meeting, and when they came near the altar, <u>they washed</u>, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Exo 40:33 And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So <u>Moses finished the work</u>.

- Then, when the work was finished, the thing is all set up now. So, Moses praised the Lord in in all of that. Every single detail now!
- Moses finished the work! There are many of us who begin zillions of things, but never finish them. As Christians, the one thing we must always finish is what God has called us to do with our lives for Him! Whatever that calling is, it is never to be left unfinished or put off! We are not to be distracted, moving on to something else, leaving our task half-done or half-baked!
- I want to slip into heaven, knowing I ran this race the way that I was supposed to! That I finished what I was called to do!

The Glory of the Lord

Exo 40:34 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

- Then the cloud of God's presence that had descended upon the mountain, that was leading them, the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, that is the place of meeting God! The glory, or the Shekinah of Yahweh filled the tabernacle. The presence of God filled this tent!
- Then! Notice the first word of this verse! The work was finished and as a result of their complete obedience! "Then!" It is only then, that God's Shekinah glory and evidence of His presence of His Holy Spirit is going to come upon this finished obedient work that they have done! It is only their complete obedience to what God has called them to do, that God now allows Him to pour out His fullness upon that Tabernacle! The same things is true of our individual lives!
- Our disobedience will grieve or quench the Holy Spirit in our lives. God wanted to pour out His fullness on all of this. Their obedience allowed Him to do what His Father's heart wanted to do! It allowed Him to look at this, saying, (Joh 14:23b) "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him! Even as the Jesus talks about the Lord settling down, making Himself at home in our obedient hearts. This allowed God to do what He was wanting to do all along. That is to bless this Tabernacle with His presence.
- We can have a tent out in the middle of nowhere, out in the wilderness, and even spend a \$100 million to make it, but if the Holy Spirit does not show up, you just got an overpriced tent. You have got nothing out there and everyone that comes to it will know it.
- It is God's Spirit coming upon it because He is pleased with the obedience and the faithfulness of what is behind it! What is true of The Tabernacle is true of the church. It is true of an individual Christian's life! Then the cloud. Covered the Tabernacle of meeting. And the glory of the Lord filled the Tabernacle!

Exo 40:35 And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

- Wow! What, oh my, what a sight, an experience, that must have been! The glory of the LORD filling the tabernacle! So glorious that Moses could not even enter in!
- Does my life reflect His presence? Does it reflect any evidence of His glory?

OH THE GLORY OF HIS PRESENCE! - Steven Fry, Terry Almon (3:58/4:01)

Oh, the glory of Your presence We Your temple give You reverence So rise to Your rest And be blessed by our praise As we glory in Your embrace (as Your presence) As Your presence now fills this place (singing saints of God)

Oh, the glory of Your presence (come on down as we sing it to Him tonight)
We Your temple we give You reverence (so arise to Your rest)
So arise to Your rest And be blessed by our praise As we glory in Your embrace (yes, Lord)
As Your presence now fills this place (so arise to Your rest) So arise to Your rest
and be blessed by our praise As we glory in Your embrace As Your presence
now fills this place! Hallelujah! Give Him glory all ye people!

Exo 40:36 Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys.

Exo 40:37 But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up.

• **This is how** they were guided.

Exo 40:38 For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle <u>by day</u>, and fire was over it <u>by night</u>, in the <u>sight of all</u> the house of Israel, <u>throughout all their journeys</u>.

Through the forty years of wandering, the cloud was resting upon the tabernacle by day, and the fire by night. Now, remember that the children of Israel put this tent in the middle of their camp, and the tribes pitched their tents around it, all of the tents facing the center of the camp where the tabernacle stood.

• In the daytime when you would walk out of your tent, you would be looking towards the middle of the camp, seeing the cloud resting on the tabernacle, reminding you that God is at the center of our life, the center of our nation! At nighttime, you would see the fire there at the tabernacle, being

- reminded again of God's presence, dwelling among His people at the center of our life, and of our national life.
- No wonder they were blessed of God! Oh, would to God that we could have that consciousness of Him dwelling with His people! God at the center of our lives, of our corporate life as the body of Christ, as believers together, as one in Jesus Christ, He is the center, He is the focal point of the church! We should all focus on Him, for it is thorough Him that we are all made one and brought together as one!
- We see here the birth of a nation, and we see God in the midst of the people, who were all excited about the LORD being with them! There was tremendous excitement! Later on, in their history when they turned away from God, when they were bringing idols in, God lamented, saying, "Where is that love that you had for Me when I first brought you out of Egypt?"
- These were glorious days! These were the most glorious days of the nation, the days of that national consciousness of God's presence and power in the midst of His people! These were the glory days of Israel, the days that God always was calling them back to. "Where is the love that you had in the day of our espousal, when I brought you out of Egypt, when everywhere you were writing graffiti unto God; you know, "God is good", "God is love", and there was that consciousness of God, and He was there at the heart of the people.
- It is much what Jesus said to the church of Ephesus, when He said, "I have this against you, you've left your first love. Remember that first love that you used to have. Remember the excitement you used to have when you came to the house of the Lord, when you were first born again, when you realized that Jesus had washed your sins, and you were walking so elated in the things of the Spirit, and in the things of God; so joyful and happy. "What's happened?" Jesus said.
- God said to Israel, "What did I do? Where did I offend you, that you should turn away from Me, that you should follow after these other gods?"
- Oh, that God would bring us to that place of experience in the consciousness of the Lord, that love from our hearts, and the excitement in the things of God, and the things of the Spirit; where all we want to do is get together and worship the Lord! Where that is the focal point of our hearts and lives. It is not, "Oh, next Sunday is Super Bowl Sunday. Ah, man, let us have a party," but it is, "Hey, let's get together and let's worship the LORD, and let's get together and let's have a time of prayer. Let us get together and let us read the Word and study," and our whole life is centered and focused upon the person of Jesus Christ.
- I pray for those days. I believe that God can do it. I believe that God wants to do it. All it takes is a willing heart on our part. For God is the same, and He still desires to dwell in the midst of His people! He still wants to be the focal point of your life and mine. May it be! In Jesus' name, may it be!

SUMMARY

- Every single thing God has called each of us to do for Him is important to Him. He notices it when it gets done and He notices it when it does not get done! How are we doing in that calling? (Exo~39:43)
- Are we looking forward in finishing what God has called us to do? Remember Paul, saying $(2Ti\ 4:7)$ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. LORD, help me, help us to finish well!
- What faithfulness and obedience is shown by Moses! Does my life resemble Moses' obedience in any significant way? (Exo~40:16)
- I want to slip into heaven, knowing I ran this race the way that I was supposed to! That I finished what I was called to do! (Exo~40:33)
- Does my life reflect His presence? Does it reflect any evidence of His glory? (Exo 40:34)

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Read and study Luke Chapter 1! (vs. 1-80)