

## Out of Bondage onto Promise

### Exodus 36-37

- Moses has come down off the mountain after been given the instructions of how God wanted the children of Israel to build the Tabernacle from which they would offer sacrifices, and where He would meet with Moses and the Priesthood. What's amazing about all of this is, it was to come from only those who had a willing heart, one that had been stirred up by God to give wow!
- In the next book Leviticus there is going to be a whole list given to the children of Israel that if they were not to follow the penalty was death, things like not keeping the Sabbath as we just read in **31:15**, **35:2**, and how to offer a peace offering and a sin offering, these things are going to be mandatory for the children of Israel, but when it comes to the work of the Tabernacle everything that's used in the construction has to come willingly and given voluntarily, why? Because it reflects the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave His life willingly for our sins.

### V1-38

- **V1-3** notice everyone is giving not just from their substance but also of their time and talents, as Bezalel and Aholiab are taking what the people are giving and fashioning it into what God said the Tabernacle is to look like. **V2** when a heart is stirred up to serve and work for God there isn't an excuse that man can make up that is acceptable as to why they are not being used by God.
- We see some are giving, others are teaching, and even more are giving, as everyone is participating in the building of the work of the Lord, this is exactly how God set it up people. We all have a role to play in the work of God, we all have gifts and talents that God desires to use that are needed and necessary in order for all to benefit and grow for God's glory and honor.
- **V4-7** the workers come to Moses and tell him that they have more than enough to finish the Tabernacle, so Moses tells the people to stop bringing their offerings as what they've given is enough. When have you heard a leader tell the congregation to stop giving, usually they are guilty, threatened, being accused of not giving enough, the language given here in **V6** "**Restrained**" means Moses and the leaders had to hold them back from continuing to give to the work of God, may we all have a testimony like this when we stand to give an account to the Lord.
- **V8** we read about the tent coverings **1<sup>st</sup>** fine linen- which goes on the inside and is filled with beautiful colors and angelic heavenly embroideries, **2<sup>nd</sup>** covering was larger and made of goats hair, over there many of the goats are black, so the second covering was much darker than the first, and it contained brass as well. All the coverings was coupled **5/5** except this covering, it was **5/6**, so **1/11** of the black showed **V16**, **3<sup>rd</sup>** covering is red and it covers the second except the **1/11** of black that creeps out from underneath everything as it being moved from place to place.

- **4<sup>th</sup>** covering is of badgers skin which was black and it covered everything underneath it except the **1/11** of black that stuck out from under it, and this is what people saw when Israel moved the Tabernacle from place to place **V19**. Initially it would look ugly and undesirable, being all black from the outside looking in, but underneath it was beautiful, having red ram skins, blue and purple, fine linen, but you couldn't and wouldn't see that unless you were inside the camp.
- The Tabernacle is a reflection of Jesus Christ and His ministry on earth, **Is 53:2** shows that Jesus is not about attracting people by His outer appearance, He desires to capture our hearts. When you look at the colors > Fine Linen or White = Righteousness, Blue = Heaven, Purple = Royalty, Scarlet = Sacrifice, each of these again point to the ministry of Jesus Christ in our lives.

### Chapter 37

#### V1-29

- **V1-9 The Ark of the Testimony** on the inside of the Tabernacle was the place of forgiveness where the Priest would come in to make confession for his and the people's sins. He would sprinkle the blood upon the mercy seat 7 times, the number of "completion" and forgiveness was granted. Now inside the mercy seat is where they kept the Ten Commandments, this shows there can never be true grace or mercy where truth is not present **Prov 16:6. Ex 25:10-22**.
- **V10-16 the furniture of the Holy Place** where the table of shewbread sat, **Ex 25:23-30** also gives some detail, this speaks of communion and fellowship, and it was always on the table implying that the Lord is always accessible to all who desire to come to Him. The table is made of Acacia wood which was found only in the desert and it has crowns around it, and a healing balm inside of it just like our Lord, also notice it was to be overlaid by pure gold, for the wood represents Jesus humanity, while the Gold His Deity.
- **V17-24 The Golden Lampstand**- it provided light for the Priests to minister, just as Christ provides light to us to minister to a dark and desperate world, which is why He is called the Light of the world **Jn 8:12**. Also notice it is made from multiple pieces that have to be hammered together in order to form one unit, this reflects the body of Christ as the same thing has to happen to us if we are to be linked to Christ > **Philip 3:10**.
- **V25-28 Altar of Incense**- is all about prayer, notice it was made of gold around it like a crown to keep the candle from falling > **Jude 24** Jesus promises to keep us from falling as we come to the altar regularly in surrender to Him and His will. **V29 The Anointing Oil**- this oil had to come from the perfumer just as the Holy Spirit has to come from the Lord we cannot manufacture it ourselves, afterward it was a sweet smelling aroma to all that was around.