

# Exodus 36 Work Begins

Meeting with God

- Instructions conclude for Construction of Tabernacle of Meeting
- Where God of Universe would meet with children of Israel

## I. More than Enough: Faithfulness of the Leaders and People

### Time to Build God Prepares Consecrated Construction Workers

1 "And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the Lord has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, **shall do** according to all that the Lord has commanded."

**Bezalel and Aholiab:** Chapter 35:30-35

- Filled with the **Spirit**
  1. Wisdom and Knowledge
  2. Wisdom is the application of knowledge. Use what you know
- Filled with **Skills**
  1. To do all manner of work and teach others
  2. General Contractors for the Tabernacle

#### Called them by Name!

"Now that you know what I want ...go do it!

- What do we **absolutely know** God wants us to do?
  1. Loving one another
  2. Humbling ourselves [Philippians 2]
  3. Praise and Thankfulness in place of Complaining and Arguing
  4. Forgiving and showing mercy to one another
  5. Serving one another
  6. Sharing Good News to lost
  7. Individual instruction we know God is telling us...
- "Now that you know **what I want** you to do...just do it"
- **Consecrated Construction Workers...**

2 Then **Moses called** Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work.

- Moses calls workers *after* seeking the Lord...

**Jesus prayed all night before choosing disciples.  
Leaders must seek God before calling people to serve**

1. Spiritual Leaders call those whom God has *already prepared*
2. Spiritual Leaders call those whose hearts are *already stirred...*

**...to come and do the work**

- Every Christian has a job and a job description prepared by God long ago

**Ephesians 2:10** ...we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Every Christian has a job and a job description already prepared by God

- **Problem:** Not every Christian allows their heart to be stirred/ignore the stirring
- **Parable of the Talents:**
  1. Given Gifts by the Master
  2. Given Instructions from the Master

**He did not do obey...Stirred by other things...**  
 Making Money, Seeking Pleasure, Leisure, etc...

**Matthew 25:26** "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant...

- "Take what he has and give it to the one who is willing"

**29** ...For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**Luke 6:46** "...why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

**See where God is working, jump in and be blessed /fulfilled**

- **Moses calls:**
  1. Those who he prayed for...
  2. Those whom God has already prepared
  3. Those whose hearts are already stirred/willing

**Come be blessed...Come and start the work**

**3** And they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning.

- **Bezalel and Aholiab**
  1. Offerings brought to these two trustworthy men: Not priests, not Moses
  2. Men known/respected for their Integrity

Every morning wheel barrels full of freewill offerings brought for the tabernacle

**2 Kings 12:14** [Repairing the Temple] [The people] gave...to the workmen, and they repaired the house of the Lord with it. <sup>15</sup> Moreover they did not require an account from the

men into whose hand they delivered the money to be paid to workmen, **for they dealt faithfully.**

- People feel secure/blessed when leaders are trustworthy

**Proverbs 28:20** A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

**1 Timothy 6:10** ...the **love of money** is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and **pierced themselves** through with many sorrows..

**Spiritual Leaders need to know...its God's money not ours. Period.**

4 Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing, 5 and they spoke to Moses, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded us to do."

- People take a break from work to talk to Moses...

**Moses...We have more than enough!**

6 So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing, 7 for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much.

- **Moses proclamation:** We have enough/Please stop giving

**Integrity of Leaders clearly in view**

Not taking more than needed. Not guilt-ing people into giving more

- **Q.** What would happen if the workers continued to take without telling Moses?
- **Q.** What would happen if Moses continued to take from the people for himself?
- **A.** God's Spirit does not work in darkness. Bring Doubt/Despair/Destruction

Leaders who walk in darkness/deceit will wind up weak/exposed: Your sin will find you out

**People will suffer**

Leaders who walk in light/integrity having nothing to hide will be bold/ effective

**People will thrive**

- **Moses an example of integrity these workers:**
  1. Same guy inside/out of church. Same guy when no one is looking.
  2. Everything in the light/Open book...no regrets. No surprises. No deceit.

**We have enough...in fact too much! Rejoice. You did well**

**SUMMARY More than Enough:** Faithfulness of the Leaders/Faithfulness of the Workers.

## II. Building the Tabernacle: Work Begins

**Curtains and Artistic Design:** Cf. Exodus 26:1-6

8 Then all the **gifted artisans** among them who worked on the tabernacle made ten **curtains woven of fine linen**, and of **blue, purple, and scarlet** thread; with **artistic designs of cherubim** they made them. 9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the curtains were all the same size. 10 And he coupled five curtains to one another, and the other **five curtains he coupled to one another**. 11 He made loops of blue yarn on the edge of the curtain on the selvedge of one set; likewise he did on the outer edge of the other curtain of the second set. 12 Fifty loops he made on one curtain, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the curtain on the end of the second set; the loops held one curtain to another. 13 And he made fifty **clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains to one another** with the clasps, that it might be one tabernacle.

- Design/Material of Tabernacle speaks of Christ and us His body

**Linen Curtains:** The First of Four Covering for Tabernacle

- **Curtains clasped together:** Different gifts, different backgrounds, **One Body:**

**Romans 12:5** ...we, being many, are one body in Christ, and **individually members of one another.**

- **Curtains:** 10 Separate Pieces knit together
- **Believers:** One body made up of individual members

**Colossians 2:2** [Paul prayed]...their hearts [would] be encouraged...**knit together in love**

- 10 Pieces knit together as one curtain
- Diversity of believers living in **unity of the Spirit...many becoming one in Christ**

**Ephesians 4:1** [Read] ... walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the **unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace**. 4 There is **one body** and **one Spirit**, just as you were called in **one hope** of your calling; 5 **one Lord, one faith, one baptism**; 6 **one God** and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

- **Unity is kept by Humility:** Having the Mind of Christ

**Philippians 2:3** ...in lowliness of mind [humility] let each esteem others better than himself.

**Curtains of Goats hair:** Cf. Exodus 26:7-13

14 [Covering 2] He made **curtains of goats' hair** for the tent over the tabernacle; he made eleven curtains. 15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains

were the same size. 16 He coupled five curtains by themselves and six curtains by themselves. 17 And he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in one set, and fifty loops he made on the edge of the curtain of the second set. 18 He also made fifty **bronze clasps** to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

**Curtains of Rams and Badger Skins:** Cf. Exodus 26:14

19 [Covering 3 and 4] Then he made a **covering for the tent of ram skins dyed red**, and a covering of **badger skins above that**.

▪ **Symbolic Meaning of Each of 4 Coverings**

1. **Linen:**

- God's beauty seen only from inside Tabernacle; i.e. only by believers
- Also...Jesus beauty during earthly ministry was not external.

**Psalm 27:4** One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To **behold the beauty of the Lord**, And to inquire in His temple.

- **Did not touch** the ground speaking of Holiness of Jesus
- Beauty of Linen/Tapestry could **only be seen from the inside**
- **Intimacy wit Christ**

2. **Goats Hair:**

- **Did touch** the ground
- Speaks of Christ's worth and symbolic of His 1<sup>st</sup> coming and death
- Sacrifice that took our sin

3. **Rams Skin dyed red**

- Speaks of strength and vigor of Christ and His offering on the cross. The curtain shows the outward aspect of His offering as our substitute.

4. **Badger Skin:** Seal Skin

- If the 1<sup>st</sup> covering of Linen revealed His inner beauty...
- Outer and last covering reveals no external beauty in His humanity[JV McGee]

**Isaiah 53:2** ...He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

- Seal Skin: Christ's earthly ministry as a man

- **Result of 4 Coverings:** Very Quiet, Dry, Dark Tent lit only by Lampstand fed by Oil

**Boards and Connecting Bars:** Cf. Exodus 26:15-30

20 For the tabernacle he made **boards of acacia wood, standing upright**.

21 The length of each board was ten cubits, and the width of each board a cubit and a half. 22 Each board had two tenons for binding one to another. Thus he made for all the boards of the tabernacle. 23 And he made boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side. 24 Forty **sockets of silver** he made to go under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons. 25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, the north side, he made twenty boards 26 and their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under each of the boards. 27 For the west side of the tabernacle he made six boards. 28 He also made two boards for the two back corners of the tabernacle. 29 And they were coupled at the bottom and coupled together at the top by one ring. Thus he made both of them for the two corners. 30 So there were eight boards and their sockets—sixteen sockets of silver—two sockets under each of the boards. 31 And he made bars of acacia wood: five for the boards on one side of the tabernacle, 32 five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle on the far side westward. 33 And he made the **middle bar to pass through the boards from one end to the other**. 34 He overlaid the boards with gold, made their rings of gold to be holders for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

- **Tabernacle Framing/Skeleton:**
- Rings and Bars used to *hold/bond the Tabernacle together*

**Everything in the Tabernacle Speaks of Jesus**  
**Rings and Bars speak Jesus and our relationship to each other**

**Colossians 3:14** ... put on love, which is the **bond** of perfection.

- Rings and bars speak our love for Christ and each other...

**1 Peter 4:8** ...above all things have **fervent love** for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

- **Middle bar passing through the midst:** Unity of God's people in Christ
- **Sockets of Silver?** Silver speaks of Redemption
  1. Payment for a dead slave/servant
  2. Payment for Jesus betrayal

**Veil and Four Pillars and Screen and Four Pillars:** Cf. Exodus 26:31-37

35 And he **made a veil of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen**; it was worked with an artistic design of cherubim. 36 He made for it four pillars of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold, with their hooks of gold; and he cast four sockets of silver for them. 37 He also made a **screen for the tabernacle door**, of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver, 38 and its five pillars with their hooks. And he overlaid their capitals and their rings with gold, but their

five sockets were bronze.

### **Thick Veil Separated the Holy Place and Most Holy Place**

- **Holy Place**
  1. Golden Lampstand
  2. Altar of Incense
  3. Table of Showbread
  
- **Most Holy Place**
  1. Ark of the Covenant
  2. Mercy Seat
  
- **Veil:**
  1. Separating the Holy Place and Most Holy Place

**Only the High Priest could meet with God behind the veil until one glorious day**

**Luke 23:45** ...the sun was darkened, and the **veil of the temple was torn** in two.

- **Torn from top to bottom:** God making a way for man; **It is finished!**

**SUMMARY Building the Tabernacle:** Ch. 36 Work Begins

- **All speaks of Christ:**

**Hebrews 10:7** Then [Jesus] said, 'Behold, I have come— In the **volume of the book it is written of Me—**

**Luke 24:27** [Road to Emmaus] ... beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, [Jesus] expounded to them in **all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.**

- **Metals:**
  1. **Bronze:** Judgment
  2. **Silver:** Redemptions
  3. **Gold:** Kingship
  
- **Threads:**
  1. **Blue:** Jesus Deity
  2. **Scarlet:** Jesus Humanity
  3. **Purple:** Jesus God in the Flesh