



### **Exodus 37-40**

1. Attention to detail and stick-to-itiveness are some of the most important keys to accomplishing great things for God, experiencing His glorious presence, guidance and blessings (chs. 37-40; 39:42-43, 40:16, 33b-38; “as the Lord commanded Moses” < 15x in chs. 37-40).

2. Women in the covenant community were among those ministering at the front/entrance of God’s house (38:8; 1Sa 2:22). As such, this communicates that women: 1) should function as greeters to those coming to worship in God’s house (“who ministered at the entrance of the tent of meeting” = Functioned among the first contact representatives for those entering into the courtyard of the tabernacle. Their job was (ml) to discern the needs of each worshipper (counsel, justice, mercy or thanksgiving) and move them in the direction of the particular pastor-priest/person/place assigned to that duty (e.g. nursery), 2) have also been called to serve in vital roles of ministry in God’s house (e.g. other roles – Ezr 2:65;;Neh 7:67; Act 2:18 w/Luk 2:36 and Act 21:9; also Isa 8:3 and 2Chr 34:22; Luk 8:1-3).

3. The “Most Holy Place” (or Holy of Holies) and the priest’s “breastpiece” containing the 12 precious stones (one for each of Israel’s 12 tribes set in 4 rows of 3) are both square (39:9-14 w/Exo 26:1-33, 28:17-20; 1Ki 6:20): 1) representing the future Garden of Eden (or paradise), Heavenly Jerusalem - or New Heaven on Earth, its gates and walls (also set in 4 rows of 3) (Rev 21:9-13 w/15-20), 2) representing (also) the former Garden of Eden (lit. “paradise”) or heaven on earth (Gen 2:10-14 w/Eze 28:13-14, “every precious stone was your covering” = not all mentioned explicitly but implicitly), 3) indicating (therefore) that the OC gospel is consistent w/the NC gospel since the future Most Holy Place and 12 heavenly gates (representing the OC) sits atop 12 foundations inscribed w/the names of the 12 apostles (or representing the NC) (Rev 19:14; 2Ti 3:15), 4) providing precious clues as to the identity of Revelation’s beast-riding whore (Rev 17:1-4 – “jewels” - literally, precious stones w/Rev 17:18 w/Rev 11:8 w/Isa 54:5 w/Mal 2:11 = OC Israel).

4. According to the Quartermaster General of the United States Army, it would take 1,500 tons of food, 4,000 tons of wood as fuel and 11,000,000 gallons of water each day to supply the basic needs of 603,500 (Israelite) soldiers “from twenty years old and upward” currently living in the middle of a desert (38:26; This number also represents those able to go to war [Num 1:45-46]), which means: 1) much more w/b required to sustain the needs of the entire population (ranging between 3-4 million), 2) we are fools to think God cannot provide for our needs or overcome the obstacles in our lives which pale in comparison (Heb 13:5-6; 1Co 10:13).

5. Just as God’s house was established on the “first day”, so we also establish (or come together and become) God’s house on the first day (Sunday) (40:1, 17 w/Act 20:7; 1Co 16:2; also 1Ti 3:15).

6. What the people of Israel experienced as God’s shekinah (tabernacled/dwelling) glory in/on the tabernacle is equated to the glory experienced by the apostles in their time w/Jesus -i.e. He is God’s shekinah glory in human flesh (40:34-38 w/Joh 1:14 – “dwelt” = tabernacled).

7. The fact that Moses (and the priests) could not go into the tabernacle when God’s shekinah glory/salvation was there (40:34-38; see also 1Ki 8:10-11; 2Chr 5:13b-14) is meant to communicate to His people that:

1) God’s house w/b the epicenter or superior place of His salvation and favor. Consider again Exo 33:12-23: [1.1] God’s glory represents His salvation/favor (12-16), [1.2] The fact that Moses was able to be in God’s presence while experiencing His glory indicates its inferiority in relation to what in ch. 40 has not filled God’s house (17-23)

2) God’s salvation will now go thru those anointed/authorized to work in this glorious place of salvation/His house (40:12-14 w/Lev 9:7,22-24 w/2Chr 6:41 and 7:1-3 = priests’ work and sacrifices are what cause God’s to fill His house w/glory or salvation; Mat 16:18-19, 18:17-20; Joh 20:21-23 w/Heb 3-10; Hence the reason the early church would say, “there is no salvation outside the church”).