



TEXT SUMMARY

In this week’s text, [Exodus 36](#), we see the description of the construction of the Tabernacle, under the supervision of Bezalel, the artisan God chose as the project manager for the task.

INTRODUCTION (OBSERVATION):

1. At the beginning of the chapter, we see the conclusion of the story of Moses’ appeal for contributions (Ex 35:4-14; 36:1-7). How does that episode end?
2. The curtains used inside and the curtains covering the Tabernacle were enormous.
 - How many curtains were used inside the Tabernacle (v. 8-13)?
 - What were the curtains made of?
 - How big were they (in modern terms of measurement)?
 - What were the curtains that covered the Tabernacle made of (v. 14-19)?
 - What other materials were used in the construction of the Tabernacle?
3. If you include all the chapters in Exodus in which Moses receives instructions about the Tabernacle, how many chapters are involved?

DISCUSSION (INTERPRETATION):

This is the part of the Bible where many Bible-reading plans go to die (mine did, more than once). The instructions for the Tabernacle make up a sizable portion of the text of Exodus. We have extensive, detailed instructions about how the Tabernacle is to be built, followed by equally detailed descriptions of how it was actually built.

Clearly, these details are important. Why is there so much detail and redundancy in the Scripture on this matter? Why do such seemingly arcane details merit such careful attention in the biblical text?

