

## Exodus 31:1-18 The Spirit of God & the Sabbath

Beginning in Exodus 25, YeHoVaH instructed Moses to gather the materials for the construction of the Tabernacle, its furnishings, and all the elements that would be required for the Priests to perform their duties in the Tabernacle unto YeHoVaH and on behalf of the people. Moses was instructed to have the people bring offerings, of their own free will, for the items needed in the Tabernacle.

The people were to bring as offerings: gold, silver, and brass; blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen; goats' hair, rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins; shittim wood; oil for the light; spices for anointing oil and for sweet incense; onyx stones and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate.

The strictness of YeHoVaH's instructions given and the warnings associated with those instructions were continually emphasized to Moses for him to make everything according to the patterns he would be shown.

In this portion of Exodus, YeHoVaH reveals to Moses who He has filled with His Spirit to make the Tabernacle, the items for the Tabernacle, and the sign of the Sabbath as a perpetual Covenant between Him and His people.

Ex 31:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Ex 31:2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

Spiritual gifts/manifestations were given in the Torah to certain individuals for the work of YeHoVaH. Bezaleel was filled with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship.

Prophesying of Yeshua, Isaiah wrote:

Isa 11:2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

Ex 31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

Workmanship in this passage was a result of the Spirit of YeHoVaH and therefore could be considered a spiritual gift, similarly as wisdom, understanding, and knowledge.

Workmanship – 04399 מְלָאכָה mela'kah {mel-aw-kaw'} Meaning: 1) occupation, work, business 1a) occupation, business 1b) property 1c) work (something done or made) 1d) workmanship 1e) service, use 1f) public business 1f1) political 1f2) religious  
Usage: AV - work 129, business 12, workmen + 06213 7, workmanship 5, goods 2, cattle 1, stuff 1, thing 1, misc 9; 167

Bezaleel was supernaturally endowed by the Spirit of YeHoVaH to devise cunning works.

Devise – 02803 חָשַׁב chashab {khaw-shab'}

Meaning: 1) to think, plan, esteem, calculate, invent, make a judgment, imagine, count

Usage: AV - count 23, devise 22, think 18, imagine 9, cunning 8, reckon 7, purpose 6, esteem 6, account 5, impute 4, forecast 2, regard 2, workman 2, conceived 1, misc 9; 124

Bezaleel was given the ability to imagine, to invent, and to make something that had not been made; something that no model existed other than in Heaven itself.

Works – 04284 מַחֲשָׁבָה machashabah {makh-ash-aw-baw'} or מַחֲשֵׁבֶת machashebeth {makh-ash-eh'-beth}

Meaning: 1) thought, device 1a) thought 1b) device, plan, purpose 1c) invention

Usage: AV - thought 28, device 12, purpose 6, work 3, imaginations 3, cunning 1, devised 1, invented 1, means 1; 56

Ex 31:4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

Ex 31:5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

Aholiab and others that were wisehearted were given wisdom by YeHoVaH.

Ex 31:6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wisehearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

Moses was given the pattern and instructions.

Ex 25:8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

Ex 25:9 According to all that I show thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

Ex 25:40 And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shown thee in the mount

Moses was given the instructions and shown the pattern of all the items to be made. Moses was to communicate to and instruct Bezaleel and Aholiab to make the items according to the pattern Moses was shown.

Ex 31:7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

Ex 31:8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense,

Ex 31:9 And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,

Seemingly, Bezaleel made all the hardware and Aholiab would have been responsible for all the textile work.

Ex 38:22 And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

Ex 38:23 And with him was Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and in fine linen.

Ex 31:10 And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,

Ex 31:11 And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

Everything YeHoVaH gave Moses to make for the Tabernacle and its service had a divine purpose.

The Tabernacle, its furniture, all the hardware for service in the Tabernacle, the cloths and vestments of the Priests, and all the elaborate handiwork of the Tabernacle were the workmanship of Bezaleel, Aholiab, and all those who were wisehearted and had the spirit of wisdom.

We are the workmanship of YeHoVaH.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Messiah Yeshua unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Before ordained – 4282 προετοιμάζω proetoimazo {pro-et-oy-mad'-zo}

Meaning: 1) to prepare before, to make ready beforehand

Usage: AV - prepare afore 1, before ordain 1; 2

Before any of us was brought into relationship with YeHoVaH, by YeHoVaH, He had already prepared a way that we were to walk or live by.

4043 περιπατέω peripateo {per-ee-pat-eh'-o}

Meaning: 1) to walk 1a) to make one's way, progress; to make due use of opportunities 1b)

Hebrew for, to live 1b1) to regulate one's life 1b2) to conduct one's self 1b3) to pass one's life

Usage: AV - walk 93, go 1, walk about 1, be occupied 1; 96

One of those ways that was prepared for us to walk in was the Sabbath.

The Sabbath was made for man on the seventh day of Creation and modeled for us by YeHoVaH.

Ge 2:2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.

Ge 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Israel was introduced to the Sabbath in Exodus 16.

Ex 16:23 And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake today, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.

The requirements and reasons for the Sabbath were given in Exodus 20.

Ex 20:8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Ex 20:9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work:

Ex 20:10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

Ex 20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

The consequences for violating the Sabbath are given here.

As in every generation, there are those who do not believe or fear YeHoVaH enough to obey Him and therefore suffer the consequences of disobedience.

Ex 31:12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Ex 31:13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.

Sign – 0226 אֹת {oth}

Meaning: 1) sign, signal 1a) a distinguishing mark 1b) banner 1c) remembrance 1d) miraculous sign 1e) omen 1f) warning 2) token, ensign, standard, miracle, proof

Usage: AV - sign(s) 60, token(s) 14, ensign(s) 2, miracles 2, mark 1; 79

The Sabbath is a Covenant that YeHoVaH made purely on His own. You and I have no say in it. We either keep the Sabbath Holy or suffer the consequences of disobedience.

Ex 31:14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

Ex 31:15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

Ex 31:16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

05769 עוֹלָם `owlam {o-lawm'} or עֹלָם `olam {o-lawm'}

Meaning: 1) long duration, antiquity, futurity, for ever, ever, everlasting, evermore, perpetual, old, ancient, world 1a) ancient time, long time (of past) 1b) (of future) 1b1) for ever, always 1b2) continuous existence, perpetual

1b3) everlasting, indefinite or unending future, eternity

Usage: AV - ever 272, everlasting 63, old 22, perpetual 22, evermore 15, never 13, time 6, ancient 5, world 4, always 3, alway 2, long 2, more 2, never + 0408 2, misc 6; 439

01285 בְּרִית beriyth {ber-eeth'}

Meaning: 1) covenant, alliance, pledge 1a) between men 1a1) treaty, alliance, league (man to man) 1a2) constitution, ordinance (monarch to subjects) 1a3) agreement, pledge (man to man) 1a4) alliance (of friendship) 1a5) alliance (of marriage) 1b) between God and man

1b1) alliance (of friendship) 1b2) covenant (divine ordinance with signs or pledges) 2)

(phrases) 2a) covenant making 2b) covenant keeping 2c) covenant violation

Usage: AV - covenant 264, league 17, confederacy 1, confederate 1, confederate + 01167 1; 284

Ex 31:17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

Ex 31:18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.