

## Exodus 36:1-38 Making The LORD's Sanctuary

The first time Moses was summoned up the mountain for forty days and nights, YeHoVaH told Moses to have the Children of Israel, "Make Me a Sanctuary that I may dwell among them." YeHoVaH instructed Moses to tell the Israelites to bring Him an offering. Moses was told to receive the offering for YeHoVaH from each person whose heart prompted them to give.

YeHoVaH was very specific in His Instructions of what Moses was to receive from them, and that Moses was to make the Tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern He would show him.

Several Chapters later, after many more Instructions, a series of events involving a golden calf, the killing of three thousand souls, a second forty days and nights in the mountain with YeHoVaH without food or drink, Moses gives the Instructions to the people to bring the required offerings for Making The LORD's Sanctuary.

In this portion of Exodus, we are taken inside the Israelites' Camp to witness the giving of the Instructions, the activities, the involvement of the people whose hearts prompted them to respond to the request Moses was instructed to give them, and the commencement of the work of Making The LORD's Sanctuary.

Ex 36:1 Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wisehearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

The Sanctuary in this passage is the Hebrew word:

Sanctuary – **06944** קֹדֶשׁ qodesh {ko'-desh}

**Meaning:** 1) apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness 1a) apartness, sacredness, holiness 1a1) of God 1a2) of places 1a3) of things 1b) set-apartness, separateness

**Usage:** AV - holy 262, sanctuary 68, (holy, hallowed,...) things 52, most 44, holiness 30, dedicated 5, hallowed 3, consecrated 1, misc 3; 468

YeHoVaH had commanded the work to be done in Chapter 25.

Ex 25:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Ex 25:2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

Ex 25:3 And this *is* the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass,

Ex 25:4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*,

Ex 25:5 And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood,

Ex 25:6 Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense,

Ex 25:7 Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate.

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

Sanctuary – **04720** מִקְדָּשׁ miqdash {mik-dawsh'} or מִקְדָּשׁ miqqedash (Ex. 15:17) {mik-ked-awsh'}

**Meaning:** 1) sacred place, sanctuary, holy place 1a) sanctuary 1a1) of the temple 1a2) of the tabernacle 1a3) of Ezekiel's temple 1a4) of Jehovah

**Usage:** AV - sanctuary 69, holy place 3, chapel 1, hallowed part 1; 74

Ex 36:2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wisehearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, *even* every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

If biased individuals simply did a word study of verses 1-5, they could conclude that the wise-hearted involved in the offerings and construction of the Sanctuary were only men.

Man – **0376** אִישׁ 'iysh {eesh}

**Meaning:** 1) man 1a) man, male (in contrast to woman, female) 1b) husband 1c) human being, person (in contrast to God) 1d) servant 1e) mankind 1f) champion 1g) great man 2) whosoever 3) each (adjective)

**Usage:** AV - man 1002, men 210, one 188, husband 69, any 27, misc 142; 1638

Ex 36:3 And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it *withal*. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning.

Children – **01121** בָּנִים {bane}

**Meaning:** 1) son, grandson, child, member of a group 1a) son, male child 1b) grandson 1c) children (**pl. - male and female**) 1d) youth, young men (pl.) 1e) young (of animals) 1f) sons (as characterisation, ie sons of injustice [for un- righteous men] or sons of God [for angels] 1g) people (of a nation) (pl.) 1h) of lifeless things, ie sparks, stars, arrows (fig.) 1i) a member of a guild, order, class

**Usage:** AV - son 2978, children 1568, old 135, first 51, man 20, young 18, young + 01241 17, child 10, stranger 10, people 5, misc 92; 4906

They would have to ignore that when YeHoVaH had Moses speak to the Children of Israel, it was typically all of Israel including men, women, children and the mixed multitude who joined themselves to Israel during the exodus from Egypt.

Ex 12:37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot *that were* men, beside children/little ones.

Ex 12:38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.

Ex 36:4 And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;

Ex 36:5 And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make.

People – **05971** אָמָּם {am}

**Meaning:** 1) nation, people 1a) people, nation 1b) persons, members of one's people, compatriots, country-men 2) kinsman, kindred

**Usage:** AV - people 1836, nation 17, people + 01121 4, folk 2, Ammi 1, men 1; 1861

However, verse six reveals that there were women involved in bringing offerings and making items for the construction of the Sanctuary.

Ex 36:6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing.

The women brought material and things they had woven for the construction of the Sanctuary.

We must also look back at the Instructions and consider the Context Principle of Interpretation. The Context Principle is that principle by which the interpretation of any verse is determined upon a consideration of its context. This is one of the most abused principles in all of religion.

In relation to Scripture, the **Context Principle** signifies the connection of thought running through either the whole of Scripture, a Testament, a Book of the Bible or a particular passage.

Just as you cannot take a verse from a passage, Chapter, or the whole Book and make it stand alone, you also cannot take a Book of the Bible and make it stand alone.

When looking back at what YeHoVaH actually said to Moses, it becomes clear that YeHoVaH did not make a gender distinction.

Ex 28:3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are wisehearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

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;

When Moses told the people what YeHoVaH said, he spoke to all of them.

Ex 35:1 And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These *are* the words which the LORD hath commanded, that *ye* should do them.

Ex 35:10 And every wisehearted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded;

Ex 35:20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

Ex 35:21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, *and* they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

Ex 35:22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, *and* brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered an offering of gold unto the LORD.

In Exodus 35:25 we see that there were women included who were wise-hearted in whom YeHoVaH had put wisdom.

Ex 35:25 And all the women that were wisehearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, *both* of blue, and of purple, *and* of scarlet, and of fine linen.

Ex 35:26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' *hair*.

Ex 36:7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

In verse 8, the passage transitions from the Sanctuary to the Tabernacle. The implication being that The Most Holy and The Holy Place were the first and second focuses, and then the Tabernacle enclosure.

Ex 36:8 And every wisehearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains *of* fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims of cunning work made he them.

Ex 36:9 The length of one curtain *was* twenty and eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains *were* all of one size.

Ex 36:10 And he coupled the five curtains one unto another: and *the other* five curtains he coupled one unto another.

Ex 36:11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of *another* curtain, in the coupling of the second.

Ex 36:12 Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain which *was* in the coupling of the second: the loops held one *curtain* to another.

Ex 36:13 And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: so it became one tabernacle.

Ex 36:14 And he made curtains *of* goats' *hair* for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them.

Ex 36:15 The length of one curtain *was* thirty cubits, and four cubits *was* the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains *were* of one size.

Ex 36:16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves.

Ex 36:17 And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which coupleth the second.

Ex 36:18 And he made fifty taches *of* brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one.

Ex 36:19 And he made a covering for the tent *of* rams' skins dyed red, and a covering *of* badgers' skins above *that*.

Ex 36:20 And he made boards for the tabernacle *of* shittim wood, standing up.

Ex 36:21 The length of a board *was* ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half.

Ex 36:22 One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

Ex 36:23 And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side southward:

Ex 36:24 And forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons.

Ex 36:25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, *which is* toward the north corner, he made twenty boards,

Ex 36:26 And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

Ex 36:27 And for the sides of the tabernacle westward he made six boards.

Ex 36:28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides.

Ex 36:29 And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in both the corners.

Ex 36:30 And there were eight boards; and their sockets *were* sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two sockets.

Ex 36:31 And he made bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle,

Ex 36:32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the sides westward.

Ex 36:33 And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.

Ex 36:34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings *of* gold *to be* places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

Ex 36:35 And he made a veil *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: *with* cherubims made he it of cunning work.

Ex 36:36 And he made thereunto four pillars of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks were of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver.

Ex 36:37 And he made an hanging for the tabernacle door of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework;

Ex 36:38 And the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapiters and their fillets with gold: but their five sockets were of brass.