

Exodus 37:1-29 The Most Holy and Holy Place

YeHoVaH had given Moses Instructions to tell the Israelites to bring Him an offering to make Him a Sanctuary so that YeHoVaH could dwell in the midst of the Israelites. Now, the work has begun. Moses had committed the work to Bezaleel, Aholiab, and every wise-hearted person. The wise-hearted were those YeHoVaH had put wisdom in their heart; even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it. Moses gave them the pattern and all the offerings that had been given for the work.

Day after day, all the people of willing hearts brought the offerings requested by YeHoVaH until there was more than enough material to complete the work; then they were told to cease from bringing any more offerings.

As the work commenced, a pattern emerged that revealed the order in which the construction of the Sanctuary of YeHoVaH was made.

The Most Holy Place and the Holy Place were constructed and then the focus turned to the Outer Courts of the Tabernacle. Then they resumed the construction of the items that would be placed in the Sanctuary for the work of the service that would be commanded.

In this portion of Exodus, we revisit the construction site of the Sanctuary and Tabernacle in the teaching on The Most Holy and Holy Place.

In the previous Chapter, we identified the pattern in which the Tabernacle was constructed. The furnishings for Tabernacle were constructed with the items in the Most Holy Place made first, then the furnishings for the Holy Place.

In modern vernacular, the Most Holy Place is referred to as the Holy of Holies. The Most Holy Place is where the Ark would be placed. Only the High Priest was allowed to enter once a year. The first item to be made was the Ark.

The Ark

Ex 37:1 And Bezaleel made the ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it:

Another Lesson on the Context Principle

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.

The Ark is mentioned in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy

The Ark is referred to as the Ark, The Ark of the Covenant, and The Ark of the Testimony.

The only way we know that Bezaleel was chosen by YeHoVaH to make the Ark is only found in Exodus.

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:

Ex 35:30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

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.

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:

In fact, in the Torah, the writings Moses was instructed to write, Bezaleel is only mentioned in Exodus.

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 fine linen.

Once the work is completed as stated in Exodus 38, Bezaleel nor Aholiab are mentioned again in the Torah.

Deuteronomy 10:1-6 states:

Dt 10:1 At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.

Dt 10:2 And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.

Dt 10:3 And I made an ark of shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

Dt 10:4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

Dt 10:5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

If a person only read Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, they would have little choice but to conclude Moses made the Ark and that YeHoVaH had commanded Moses to make the Ark. Based on verse 1, one could also conclude that Moses made the Ark before he went up the mountain the second time.

The only way one would not draw that conclusion is if they read Exodus and remembered its content before they read Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Without the content of Exodus and the context of Bezaleel's role as commanded by YeHoVaH, one would ascribe the making of the Tabernacle and the items of the Tabernacle to Moses and conclude it was Moses hands that made them.

Ex 37:2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about.

Ex 37:3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, to be set by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it, and two rings upon the other side of it.

Ex 37:4 And he made staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.

Ex 37:5 And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

The staves were used to bear the Ark of the Testimony / Covenant.

In the instructions given for the Tabernacle and its components, it became obvious The Most Holy Place, The Holy Place, and everything in the Tabernacle was made to be portable not stationary. The Temple was a stationary structure whereas the Tabernacle was a moveable structure.

YeHoVaH knew His Masterplan for the Tabernacle and that the true Tabernacle among men would be movable not stationary.

This building is not movable, but you are. The Temple was designed to be stationary, but the true Temple, which we are, was not.

Although our bodies are referred to as a Temple, and that is what most people who follow Paul refer to it as, we are also referred to as a Tabernacle by Paul.

Paul

2Co 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens...

... 2Co 5:4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Peter

2Pe 1:13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;

2Pe 1:14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Yeshua Messiah hath shown me.

Yeshua made it clear that we do not need to go to Jerusalem to worship or celebrate the Holy days, but wherever His people assembled together in His Name, He would be in the midst of them. This is just as wherever the Tabernacle went in the midst of His people, He would be in the midst of them.

Ex 37:6 And he made the mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth thereof.

Ex 37:7 And he made two cherubims of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy seat;

Ex 37:8 One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the other end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubims on the two ends thereof. with gold, to bear the table.

Ex 37:9 And the cherubims spread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another; even to the mercy seatward were the faces of the cherubims.

The Table of Shewbread

Ex 37:10 And he made the table of shittim wood: two cubits was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof:

Ex 37:11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of gold round about.

Ex 37:12 Also he made thereunto a border of an handbreadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about.

Ex 37:13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four corners that were in the four feet thereof.

Ex 37:14 Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table.

Ex 37:15 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them

The staves were used to bear the Table of Shewbread.

Ex 37:16 And he made the vessels which were upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers to cover withal, of pure gold.

The Golden Candlestick/Lampstand/Menorah

Ex 37:17 And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knobs, and his flowers, were of the same:

Ex 37:18 And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof:

Ex 37:19 Three bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one branch, a knob and a flower; and three bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knob and a flower: so throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick.

Ex 37:20 And in the candlestick were four bowls made like almonds, his knobs, and his flowers:

Ex 37:21 And a knob under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it.

Ex 37:22 Their knobs and their branches were of the same: all of it was one beaten work of pure gold.

Ex 37:23 And he made his seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuffdishes, of pure gold.

Ex 37:24 Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

The Golden Candlestick/Lampstand/Menorah did not have rings or staves to carry it.

The Altar of Incense

Ex 37:25 And he made the incense altar of shittim wood: the length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; it was foursquare; and two cubits was the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same. Ex 37:26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about.

Ex 37:27 And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal.

The staves were used to bear the Altar of Incense.

Ex 37:28 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.

Ex 37:29 And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary.