Making the Furniture

Exodus Chapter 37

Since Chapter 25, Moses has been receiving instructions from God on Mount Sinai. Moses has spent 80 days with the Lord taking detailed notes because he has been instructed that he needs to construct all that God is showing him. But he hasn't yet had the opportunity to tell Israel what was shown him.

Chapters 35–40 is Moses telling the Children of Israel and then Israel, in turn following those instructions.

Exd 37:1 1) The Holy of Holies v. 1-9

Now Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood; its length was two and a half cubits, and its width one and a half cubits, and its height one and a half cubits;

- Deut 10:1-5 Moses says He made the ark Moses had some part with Bezalel in the making of the ark.
- Exd 37:2 and he overlaid it with pure gold inside and out, and made a gold molding for it all around.
- Exd 37:3 He cast four rings of gold for it on its four feet; even two rings on one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it.
- Exd 37:4 He made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.
- Exd 37:5 He put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry it.
 - Made the Ark as told to Moses in Exodus 25:10-16
- Exd 37:6 He made a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide.
- Exd 37:7 He made two cherubim of gold; he made them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat;
- Exd 37:8 one cherub at the one end and one cherub at the other end; he made the cherubim {of one piece} with the mercy seat at the two ends.
- Exd 37:9 The cherubim had {their} wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces toward each other; the faces of the cherubim were toward the mercy seat.
 - Made the cover to the ark as told to Moses in Exodus 25:17-22

Exd 37:10 2) The Holy Place v. 10 - 29

Then he made the table of acacia wood, two cubits long and a cubit wide and one and a half cubits high.

- Exd 37:11 He overlaid it with pure gold, and made a gold molding for it all around.
- Exd 37:12 He made a rim for it of a handbreadth all around, and made a gold molding for its rim all around.
- Exd 37:13 He cast four gold rings for it and put the rings on the four corners that were on its four feet.
- Exd 37:14 Close by the rim were the rings, the holders for the poles to carry the table.
- Exd 37:15 He made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold, to carry the table.
- Exd 37:16 He made the utensils which were on the table, its dishes and its pans and its bowls and its jars, with which to pour out drink offerings, of pure gold.
 - Made the Table of Showbread as told to Moses in Exodus 25:23-30
- Exd 37:17 Then he made the lampstand of pure gold. He made the lampstand of hammered work, its base and its shaft; its cups, its bulbs and its flowers were {of one piece} with it.
- Exd 37:18 There were six branches going out of its sides; three branches of the lampstand from the one side of it and three branches of the lampstand from the other side of it;
- Exd 37:19 three cups shaped like almond {blossoms,} a bulb and a flower in one branch, and three cups shaped like almond {blossoms,} a bulb and a flower in the other branch--so for the six branches going out of the lampstand.

- Exd 37:20 In the lampstand {there were} four cups shaped like almond {blossoms,} its bulbs and its flowers;
- Exd 37:21 and a bulb was under the {first} pair of branches {coming} out of it, and a bulb under the {second} pair of branches {coming} out of it, and a bulb under the {third} pair of branches {coming} out of it, for the six branches coming out of the lampstand.
- Exd 37:22 Their bulbs and their branches were {of one piece} with it; the whole of it {was} a single hammered work of pure gold.
- Exd 37:23 He made its seven lamps with its snuffers and its trays of pure gold.
- Exd 37:24 He made it and all its utensils from a talent of pure gold.
 - Made the Golden Lampstand as told to Moses in Exodus 25:31-40
- Exd 37:25 Then he made the altar of incense of acacia wood: a cubit long and a cubit wide, square, and two cubits high; its horns were {of one piece} with it.
- Exd 37:26 He overlaid it with pure gold, its top and its sides all around, and its horns; and he made a gold molding for it all around.
- Exd 37:27 He made two golden rings for it under its molding, on its two sides--on opposite sides--as holders for poles with which to carry it.
- Exd 37:28 He made the poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold.
 - Made the Altar of Incense as told to Moses in Exodus 30:1-10
- Exd 37:29 And he made the holy anointing oil and the pure, fragrant incense of spices, the work of a perfumer.
 - Made the Anointing Oil and Incense as told to Moses in Exodus 30:22-38

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