

Pitching the Tent

Exodus Chapter 40

Exd 40:1 1) Moses Told to Set up the Tabernacle and its Furnishings v. 1 - 15

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

- God tells Moses he is now allowed to set it up.
- Even though all was built for this purpose, Moses still waited for the permission from the Lord to set it up.

Exd 40:2 "On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

Exd 40:3 "You shall place the ark of the testimony there, and you shall screen the ark with the veil.

Exd 40:4 "You shall bring in the table and arrange what belongs on it; and you shall bring in the lampstand and mount its lamps.

Exd 40:5 "Moreover, you shall set the gold altar of incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up the veil for the doorway to the tabernacle.

Exd 40:6 "You shall set the altar of burnt offering in front of the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

Exd 40:7 "You shall set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it.

Exd 40:8 "You shall set up the court all around and hang up the veil for the gateway of the court.

Exd 40:9 "Then you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and shall consecrate it and all its furnishings; and it shall be holy.

Exd 40:10 "You shall anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar, and the altar shall be most holy.

Exd 40:11 "You shall anoint the laver and its stand, and consecrate it.

Exd 40:12 "Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water.

Exd 40:13 "You shall put the holy garments on Aaron and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister as a priest to Me.

Exd 40:14 "You shall bring his sons and put tunics on them;

Exd 40:15 and you shall anoint them even as you have anointed their father, that they may minister as priests to Me; and their anointing will qualify them for a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations."

Exd 40:16 2) Moses Did All He Was Told v. 16 - 33

Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

- Most people don't lack in knowing, they lack in doing (Focht)
- Back in chapter 10 the Jewish calendar started on Passover. God told them that that was the 1st month. One year has gone by.
- It took 3 months to get to Sinai. Moses was on the Mountain 80 days. (2 ½ months) that leave approximately 6 months until Moses is setting up the tabernacle. This is how long it took Israel to build all the materials and furnishing for the tabernacle. 6 months.

Exd 40:17 Now in the first month of the second year, on the first {day} of the month, the tabernacle was erected.

Exd 40:18 Moses erected the tabernacle and laid its sockets, and set up its boards, and inserted its bars and erected its pillars.

Exd 40:19 He spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent on top of it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Exd 40:20 Then he took the testimony and put {it} into the ark, and attached the poles to the ark, and put the mercy seat on top of the ark.

Exd 40:21 He brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up a veil for the screen, and screened off the ark of the testimony, **just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exd 40:22 Then he put the table in the tent of meeting on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil.

Exd 40:23 He set the arrangement of bread in order on it before the LORD, **just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exd 40:24 Then he placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table, on the south side of the tabernacle.

Exd 40:25 He lighted the lamps before the LORD, **just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exd 40:26 Then he placed the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the veil;

Exd 40:27 and he burned fragrant incense on it, **just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exd 40:28 Then he set up the veil for the doorway of the tabernacle.

Exd 40:29 He set the altar of burnt offering {before} the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered on it the burnt offering and the meal offering, **just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exd 40:30 He placed the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing.

Exd 40:31 From it Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet.

Exd 40:32 When they entered the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, **just as the LORD had commanded Moses.**

Exd 40:33 He erected the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the veil for the gateway of the court. **Thus Moses finished the work.**

Exd 40:34 **3) The Glory of the Lord Filled the Tabernacle** v. 34 - 38

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

- God's Work, Done God's Way, Brings God's Glory (Focht)

Exd 40:35 Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

- In chapter 33 Moses set up a tent of meeting outside the camp. This was a temporary place Moses met with the Lord.
- This tabernacle was filled with the glory of the Lord and Moses was not able to enter.
- 1 Kings 8:10-11 the same thing happens when Solomon dedicate the Temple.
- God manifests his forgiveness for Israel by fulfilling His promise with His presence. (Exodus 33:15-17)

Exd 40:36 Throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out;

Exd 40:37 but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up.

Exd 40:38 For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

- "all of their journeys" - Their journeys took them into the wilderness for 40 years. This process of the Lords presence is there the entire time.

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