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Shemot [Exodus] 38:21-40:38

One Year Later

Shemot [Exodus] 40:1-2

1 And YHWH spoke to Moshe, saying,

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

When Moshe set up the Mishkan on the first day of the first month, it lacked two weeks of being the first anniversary of the exodus from Egypt. It is interesting that YHWH not only commanded Moshe exactly how to make the Mishkan and all the furnishings, but He also commanded them exactly when to set it up.

It took the Israelites almost a year to build all the pieces and furniture of the Mishkan; actually about nine months. That is a lot of work for a lot of people to do in that short a time. But YHWH had given them wisdom to know how to do all this work on the Mishkan and all its furnishings.

YHWH then gave Moshe the commandment of exactly on what day to set up the Mishkan, as well as exact instructions of the order in which to put it together. First, he was to set up the tent of meeting.

The Furniture

Shemot [Exodus] 40:3-8

3 "And you shall put therein the ark of the testimony, and you shall screen the ark with the veil.

4 And you shall bring in the table, and set in order the things that are upon it; and you shall bring in the menorah, and light the lamps thereof.

5 And you shall set the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the screen of the door to the tabernacle.

6 And you shall set the altar of burnt-offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.

7 And you shall set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and shall put water therein.

8 And you shall set up the court round about, and hang up the screen of the gate of the court.”

After the tent of meeting was erected, then the Ark of the Covenant was to be placed inside. Once the Ark of the Covenant was placed inside, then the veil that was between the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place was hung. Then after this veil was in place, the next three pieces of furniture were placed inside. First, was the table of the bread of presence, and then the bread was placed upon it. This was followed by the menorah; after it was placed, the lamps of the individual branches were lit. This was then followed by the golden altar of incense. Once these three pieces of furniture were in place, then the outer veil was hung.

Next came the altar of burnt offering which was set before the tent of meeting. After this was put into place, then the laver was set between the altar and the tent of meeting, and then filled with water.

The last things that were set up, were the curtains of the courtyard, with the curtain of the gate being placed last.

We will deal more with the setting up of the Mishkan below.

Anointed Furniture

Shemot [Exodus] 40:9-11

9 “And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shall consecrate it, and all the furniture thereof: and it shall be set-apart.

10 And you shall anoint the altar of burnt-offering, and all its vessels, and sanctify the altar; and the altar shall be most set-apart.

11 And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and sanctify it.”

Once the Mishkan was completely set up and everything was in its place, then Moshe was to take the anointing oil and to anoint the Mishkan and each piece of furniture. This was an act of sanctification in which it set all these things apart for the worship and service of YHWH.

This anointing oil was the oil that YHWH had specified how to make earlier.

Shemot [Exodus] 30:22-28

22 Moreover YHWH spoke to Moshe, saying,

23 “You take also yourself the chief spices; of flowing myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty,

24 and of cassia five hundred, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin.

25 And you shall make it a set-apart anointing oil, a perfume compounded after the art of the perfumer; it shall be a set-apart anointing oil.

26 And you shall anoint therewith the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony,

27 and the table and all the vessels thereof, and the candlestick and the vessels thereof, and the altar of incense,

28 and the altar of burnt-offering with all the vessels thereof, and the laver and the base thereof.”

It was this oil with which YHWH commanded Moshe to anoint the Mishkan and all the furnishings thereof. This same set-apart anointing oil was also to be used to anoint Aharon and his sons as the Kohanim (priests).

A hin of oil was equivalent to about a gallon. The myrrh and cassia would have been around twelve and one-half pounds and the cinnamon and calamus about six and one-quarter pounds. The common person was forbidden to make this anointing oil under severe penalty.

Shemot [Exodus] 30:33

“Whosoever compounds any like it, or whosoever puts any of it upon a stranger, he shall be cut off from his people.”

YHWH is very serious about those things that are set-apart to Him and for His service. Several years ago I heard about a person who had made some of this anointing oil. I hope and pray that the story that I heard was not true! One should not even attempt to make this compound, as it is most set-apart to YHWH and is to be used only by the Kohanim.

Anointed Priests

Shemot [Exodus] 40:12-16

12 “And you shall bring Aharon and his sons to the door of the tent of meeting, and shall wash them with water.

13 And you shall put upon Aharon the set-apart garments; and you shall anoint him, and sanctify him, that he may minister to me in the priest's office.

14 And you shall bring his sons, and clothe them;

15 and you shall anoint them, as you did anoint their father, that they may minister to me in the priest's office; and their anointing shall be to them for an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.”

16 Thus did Moshe; according to all that YHWH commanded him, so did he.

After all the Mishkan was set up and anointed, then Moshe was to bring Aharon and his sons to the Mishkan and wash them with water. He was then to dress them in their set-apart garments. All the articles that YHWH had commanded them to make were placed upon Aharon and his sons. Then Moshe was to anoint each one of them so that they would be a set-apart priesthood to serve before YHWH.

The priesthood which YHWH bestowed upon Aharon and his sons was a perpetual priesthood. This is one of the eternal covenants that YHWH has made with man. As long as there are generations of descendants of Aharon, they are considered to be His priests. Even if they do not have a Mishkan or a Temple to serve in, they are still serving before YHWH.

This portion ends with the words that Moshe did all according to what YHWH commanded him. What a wonderful testimony! May the records in heaven record these same words about each one of us because of our obedience to YHWH!

As YHWH Commanded

Shemot [Exodus] 40:17-19

17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was set up.

18 And Moshe reared up the tabernacle, and laid its sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up its pillars.

19 And he spread the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as YHWH commanded Moshe.

In the first sixteen verses of this chapter, YHWH is commanding Moshe to do these things. The next seventeen verses are the record of Moshe actually doing what YHWH had commanded him to do. Moshe completed the tasks that YHWH commanded him to do in the same order in which YHWH gave them to him to do.

Notice the phrase:

as YHWH commanded Moshe	כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת מֹשֶׁה
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This exact phrase is found in this next section seven times. Since seven is the number of perfection, what this indicates to us is that the obedience of Moshe was perfect in every way!

But this does not only include Moshe; but must, by implication, include the entire nation of Israel at that time. Why? The whole nation was involved in some way in constructing the Mishkan along with all its separate parts and all its furnishings and utensils. Each part was made exactly according to the pattern

shown to Moshe and then all the parts were put together in exactly the right way. Moshe did not do all this work by himself. However, since YHWH commanded Moshe, the Scripture states that Moshe did as YHWH commanded, even though it actually means all who had a part in building and erecting the Mishkan also obeyed YHWH concerning this matter.

As YHWH Commanded

Shemot [Exodus] 40:20-21

20 And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy-seat above upon the ark.

21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony; as YHWH commanded Moshe.

Moshe put the Ark of the Covenant together just as YHWH commanded, and then placed the Ark of the Covenant into the Mishkan and veiled it just as YHWH commanded.

As YHWH Commanded

Shemot [Exodus] 40:22-23

22 And he put the table in the tent of meeting, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the veil.

23 And he set the bread in order upon it before YHWH; as YHWH commanded Moshe.

Moshe put the table of the bread of presence into the tent of meeting in the precise location and set the bread of the presence upon the table just as YHWH commanded.

As YHWH Commanded

Shemot [Exodus] 40:24-25

24 And he put the menorah in the tent of meeting, opposite the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward.

25 And he lighted the lamps before YHWH; as YHWH commanded Moshe.

Moshe put the menorah in the Mishkan in exactly the location YHWH wanted it in, and then lit the lamps of the menorah, just as YHWH commanded Moshe.

As YHWH Commanded

Shemot [Exodus] 40:26-27

26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of meeting before the veil:

27 and he burnt thereon incense of sweet spices; as YHWH commanded Moshe.

Moshe then placed the golden altar of incense in the Mishkan in front of the veil. This also was just as YHWH commanded Moshe to do.

As YHWH Commanded

Shemot [Exodus] 40:28-29

28 And he put the veil of the door to the tabernacle.

29 And he set the altar of burnt-offering at the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered upon it the burnt-offering and the meal-offering; as YHWH commanded Moshe.

Once each piece of furniture was in place, Moshe veiled that portion of the Mishkan with its furniture inside. Then Moshe set the altar of burnt offering outside the door of the tent of meeting. He did each of these things just as YHWH commanded him to do.

As YHWH Commanded

Shemot [Exodus] 40:30-32

30 And he set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water therein, wherewith to wash.

31 And Moshe and Aharon and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat;

32 when they went into the tent of meeting, and when they came near to the altar, they washed; as YHWH commanded Moshe.

Moshe then set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar of burnt offering and then filled it with water. This was for Moshe and Aharon and his sons to wash their hands and their feet before entering the Mishkan to minister before YHWH. As with the rest of what Moshe did, he did this just as YHWH commanded him.

Luqa [Luke] 7:37-38

37 And behold, a woman who was in the city, a sinner; and when she knew that He was sitting down to eat in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of ointment,

38 and standing behind at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed His feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

It is interesting to take note of this passage, because, just as Aharon and his sons were anointed before they entered the service of priesthood to YHWH, likewise, Yeshua was also anointed before He actually entered into service as a priest in the heavenly Mishkan.

The Work is Finished

Shemot [Exodus] 40:33

33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moshe finished the work.

Moshe finished the work that YHWH had commanded him to do concerning the building and erection of the Mishkan. But it does not say in this passage, that Moshe obeyed YHWH just as YHWH had commanded, as it said concerning the rest of the furniture and all that came before this. Why? It is not necessary for YHWH to state that Moshe erected the outer courtyard exactly as YHWH commanded him, because Moshe's obedience was complete in the building and erection of the Tabernacle of YHWH. That must certainly include the outer curtains of the courtyard!

Moshe finished the work! This is equally wonderful testimony to the character of this man Moshe. YHWH gave him a monumental task of building an exact replica of what YHWH had shown him in the heavenly realm. It is interesting to note that Moshe built a Mishkan, a tent of meeting in which to do the service of YHWH. He did not build a temple. YHWH showed Moshe the tent of meeting in the heavenly realm. He did not show Moshe a temple. What is in the heavenly realm is not a temple, but rather a Mishkan, a tent of meeting.

May each one of us finish the work that YHWH gives us to do, and not add to it or take away from it in any manner.

The Glory of YHWH

Shemot [Exodus] 40:34-35

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

35 And Moshe was not able to enter into the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of YHWH filled the tabernacle.

Once all was completed and in place and properly anointed and set-apart for service to YHWH, YHWH came and covered the tent of meeting and filled the tabernacle with His glory. So intense was YHWH's glory that not even Moshe (who spoke with YHWH face to face) could enter into the Mishkan. No more was YHWH on top of the mountain in the cloud and thunder and lightning. He was now in the midst of His people. He was drawing ever nearer to those who would follow Him.

YHWH's Guidance

Shemot [Exodus] 40:36-38

36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward, throughout all their journeys:

37 but if the cloud was not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

38 For the cloud of YHWH was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire therein by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

This passage is quite significant, when we take into consideration what happened at Kadesh Barnea, with the fearful counsel of the ten spies who led the nation astray that day. Even throughout all those years of the nation of Israel being condemned to live and die in the wilderness because of their sinful rebellion, YHWH still led them at all times.

Even though they were a rebellious and stiff-necked people, they were His stiff-necked people. And He still loved and cared for them even though they rebelled against Him. He is a covenant-keeping Elohim, and even though many times His people break the covenant with Him, He still keeps His side of the covenant. And surprisingly enough, many times He also keeps our side of the covenant as well.

The Spiritual Mishkan

Colossians 3:3

For you died, and your life is hid with Mashiach in Elohim.

Have you ever wondered exactly what this passage is talking about, that our life is "hid" with Mashiach? Obviously, we have not literally died, so whatever the meaning of this passage is, it must be symbolic in some fashion.

Both the Torah and the Tanak are filled with types, patterns, and foreshadowings of things to come.

Shemot [Exodus] 25:9

"According to all that I show you, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the furniture thereof, even so shall you make it."

Not only was the earthly tabernacle made after the pattern of the true tabernacle in heaven, but it is also representative of the spiritual work which YHWH is doing in His creation.

Ephesians 2:19-22

19 So then you are no more strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of Elohim,

20 being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Mashiach Yeshua Himself being the chief corner stone;

21 in whom each several building, fitly framed together, grows into a set-apart Mishkan in the Master;

22 in whom you also are built together for a habitation of Elohim in the Spirit.

As YHWH commanded Moshe to build the Mishkan of old, likewise, Yeshua came to begin the work of building the spiritual Mishkan, in which YHWH's true followers are placed, each in his own proper place, according to the will of YHWH, so that when the work of the Mishkan is finished, He will come and fill His sanctuary.

Qorintyah Aleph [1st Corinthians] 12:18

But now has Elohim set the members each one of them in the body, even as it pleased Him.

Now please consider carefully that YHWH had Moshe put together the Mishkan and all its proper furnishings in precisely the order that He desired. Likewise, He will do the same with His spiritual Mishkan. It will be in like manner to the pattern that Moshe built.

First, there will be the erection of the tabernacle in which each piece will be precisely fit together. I submit for your prayerful consideration, that, spiritually speaking, this stood for the prophets and patriarchs of old; the generations from Adam to Mashiach who were the dwelling out from which came Mashiach, who in like manner returned to that same dwelling. He kept the faith of the fathers before Him, reestablishing their faith as the true faith in which one draws near to YHWH our Elohim.

Then, Mashiach, the true Ark of the Covenant, was made manifest amongst the people for a season, only to enter within the tabernacle, with the veil of the other world hung to hide Him.

Ivrim [Hebrews] 6:20

where as a forerunner Yeshua entered for us, having become a High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

Please consider this passage as well.

Matithyah [Matthew] 27:51

And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake; and the rocks were rent;

Now, if you are like me, you have been taught that the veil which was torn from top to bottom was the inner veil. However, may I please submit to you, that this is in error according to Scripture! It does not

fit with the types, patterns, or foreshadowings of the things to come. In addition to this, there is this passage to consider as well.

Ivrim [Hebrews] 9:8

The Set-apart Spirit signifying that the way into the set-apart place has not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle is yet standing;

When we examine the context of this passage, we quickly see that it is referring to the inner sanctuary into which the high priest entered once a year. When this epistle was written, the Temple was still standing. The inner veil was still intact. It had been the outer veil that had been torn from top to bottom, opening the outer sanctuary.

When Yeshua died and He ascended into the heavenly realm to enter into the heavenly sanctuary, one could easily say that He entered into the veil and is now hidden from our view.

In much the same way that the Ark of the Covenant was placed in the inner sanctuary, and then the veil was hung which hid it from the people's view, likewise, Yeshua our Mashiach, who is the One true Ark of YHWH, came and was manifested and then the veil was hung in which we could no longer view Him for He Himself taught us that:

Yochanan [John] 13:33

"Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You shall seek me; and as I said to the Yehudi, 'Where I go, you cannot come'; so now I say the same to you."

Yeshua was going to a place where His talmidim could not follow. He was going behind the veil.

Yochanan [John] 13:36

Shimon Kepha says to Him, "Master, where are you going?" Yeshua answered, "Where I go, you cannot not follow now; but you shall follow afterwards."

While we cannot follow immediately, later on we will be able to follow Him, for:

Yochanan Aleph [1st John] 3:2

Beloved, now are we children of Elohim, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if He shall be manifested, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him even as He is.

I cannot tell you exactly - who is what - in the spiritual Mishkan that YHWH is putting together. I cannot even tell you exactly where we are in that process. Could we be in the process of the furnishings of the outer sanctuary being put into place? Or, have those already been placed and we are further along in the erection of this great edifice for the infilling of His Spirit?

It would seem that YHWH is now in the process of putting up the outer curtains of His spiritual sanctuary. Why? Please consider this passage.

Yechezkel [Ezekiel] 37:14

“And I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land; and you shall know that I, YHWH, have spoken it and performed it,” says YHWH.

Let us recall, that in the process of putting the Mishkan together, it was after it was all together, anointed and ready for service, that YHWH came and filled it with His presence. Could it be that this is a clue for us today, that we are nearing the completion of His spiritual Mishkan in which He will fill us with His Spirit as a whole?

YHWH does nothing by chance or accidentally. Everything YHWH does is with design and purpose. The order in which He commanded Moshe to erect the Mishkan, was done to teach us something about what was to come. What was to come was the erection of the spiritual Mishkan, which would be erected in the same order as the physical Mishkan. It would seem that we are nearing the end of that process.

Colossians 2:3

in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden.

YHWH hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Mashiach. If we desire to know these mysteries, then we must come to Him; and He will reveal them to us, *if* we are open and are able to receive that which He desires to give to us. However, if there is something in our lives that blocks this flow, then we will not receive from Him the fullness that He desires to give to us, until we come and humble ourselves at His feet.

ABBA YHWH, please fill us with your Spirit as individuals, and then finish the work of Your Mishkan so that You can fill us as a Nation of priests; in Yeshua our Mashiach’s name. Amein.

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Chazak! Chazak! Venischazeik!

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