

Parashah 22 Vayak'hel - וַיִּקְהַל
“He assembled”



Torah: Sh'mot (Exodus) 35:1 – 38:20

Aliyah 1 - 35:1 - 20 Shabbat observance, contributions, craftsmen to “make” tabernacle reviewed

Aliyah 2 - 35:21 - 29 Contributions offered, craftsmen begin making tabernacle

Aliyah 3 - 35:30 - 36:7 B'tzal'el and Oholi'av appointed; contributions stopped - too much coming in!

Aliyah 4 - 36:8 - 19 Craftsmen create the tapestries that cover the tabernacle

Aliyah 5 - 36:20-37:16 Tabernacle wall panels, sockets, curtains, The Ark, Table of Showbread

Aliyah 6 - 37:17 - 29 Menorah, Altar of Incense, anointing oil, incense made

Aliyah 7 - 38:1 - 20 Altar of sacrifice, copper wash basin, outer courtyard curtains, beams, pegs

Haftarah: M'lakhim Alef (1 Kings) 7:40-50

B'rit Hadashah: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

1. (35:1) The root of the Hebrew word vayak'hel (וַיִּקְהַל) is qahal (קָהָל); translated into Greek (LXX) is ekklesia; translated to English is “church.” The Hebrew word ‘adat (עֲדָת) translated into Greek (LXX) is sunagogay; translated into English as “synagogue.” How have these translations “colored” our view of the “assembly of the congregation?”
2. Sha'ul uses the metaphor of the ekklesia being the bride of Messiah. Following that metaphor, how does Proverbs 31 describe the role of the people of Israel, the bride of Messiah, and the Tabernacle?
3. (35:2-3) Out of all the commandments, why is Shabbat the only one mentioned here?
4. (35:4) How is the process of the creation of the Tabernacle a pattern for the future?
5. (35:30-35) What characteristics was raised up in B'tzal'el and Oholi'av that prepared them for this job?
6. (36:5) Have you ever heard of a ministry telling it's people to stop giving? Why?

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Questions for reflection and application:

1. (35:1) God is the one who calls and gathers His people. Thank Him today that you are one of His chosen (if indeed you are!)! (Deu 4:20, 26:18-19, Mat 10:6, 28:19, Tit 2:14, 1Pe 2:9-10, Exo 34:8-9, Eph 1:13-14)
2. (35:21) Where the heart leads, the body will follow. Where is your heart leading you? (Exo 25:2, Jer 17:9-10, Mar 7:21-22, Luk 8:12, 15, Rom 10:9, Mat 15:15-20, Mat 12:33-37)
3. (36:22) Making 48 identical planks was repetitive and not glamorous, especially since they would be covered with gold. How do you see the work to which God has called you? (Jer 29:5-6, Mat 10:23, Mat 24:45-46, Luk 12:37-38, Mat 16:27-28, Mar 13:9-13)
4. (37:17, 22) After the Golden Calf incident, the creation of God's dwelling place among His people happens. How does this speak of God's restoration in your walk with Him? (1Ki 19:9-18, Joh 21:15-22)
5. (38:1) God clearly calls for sacrifice as a part of worshipping Him. What role does "sacrifice" play in your life? (Exo 20:24-26, Deu 12:5-6, Jam 1:17, Heb 10:10, Rom 12:1, Phil 4:18, Rev 8:3-4, Eph 5:1-4, Mar 12:32:33)