

Torah: Sh'mot (Exodus) 35:1 – 40:38
Shabbat HaKhodesh: Sh'mot (Exodus) 12:1-20
Haftarah: Yekhez'el (Ezekiel) 45:16 - 46:18
B'rit Hadashah: Yochanan (John) 2:13-22

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1	35:1 – 10	37:17-19	39:22-26
2	35:11 – 20	37:20-24	39:27-32
3	35:21 – 29	37:25-29	39:33-43
4	35:30 – 36:7	38:1-3	40:1-8
5	36:8 – 19	38:4-8	40:9-16
6	36:20 – 38	38:9-15	40:17-27
7	37:1 – 16	38:16-20	40:28-38

and Moses assembled all of the community of the children of Israel / and said to them, these are the words / which ADONAI commanded that you do them

*va'yak'hel Moshé et-khol
 adat b'néy Yis'raél
 va'yómer alehém éleh
 ha'd'variym
 ashér tziváh ADONÁI
 la'asot otam*

וַיַּקְהֵל מֹשֶׁה אֶת-כָּל-עֵדֻת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
 וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם אֱלֹהֵי הַדְּבָרִים
 אֲשֶׁר-צִוָּה יְהוָה לַעֲשׂוֹת אֹתָם:

Two portions are read this week concluding the book of *Sh'mot*: Moshe gathers and instructs all the people regarding *Shabbat* and to voluntarily contribute the material previously described to construct the Tabernacle. They give generously more that is needed. The appointed, skilled and Spirit-filled artisans build the components as HaShem has instructed Moshe.

The Tabernacle is completed as HaShem ordered Moshe and inventoried. It is erected and anointed. The priesthood is installed, and the glory of HaShem filled the Tabernacle. The book of *Sh'mot/Exodus* concludes.

The haftarah reading is for Shabbat HaKhodesh, describing the offerings and preparations for Passover.

Highlights

- Ex. 35:1-10** Moshe assembled all Yis'rael – the construction of the Tabernacle includes *all* Israelites. Just as God's instructions about the Tabernacle concluded with the laws of Shabbat (Ex. 31:12-17), so the theme of Shabbat (holiness in time) precedes the construction (holiness in space). The addition of not kindling a fire in the home infers a comprehensive application wherever one resides. Only man creates fire. Moshe initiates the voluntary contribution of materials as he was previously instructed (Ex. 25:1-9). The skilled craftsmanship (*khakam-lev* – חָכָם-לֵב) was also from the heart. Though not explicitly stated (Ex. 25:8), the purpose for the Tabernacle was already known by the people.
- Ex. 35:11-20** The components of the Tabernacle, including garments, and their purpose are listed. The assembly is dismissed: it is time to get to work.
- Ex. 35:21-29** Men and women of all status respond with generosity and heart, giving precious material possessions and service of skill.
- Ex. 35:30-36:7** Moshe tells the people who HaShem has 'called by name' to lead the construction and why. *B'tzal'el* (in the shadow of God - בְּצַלְאֵל) has been filled with the Spirit of God (*ruakh Elohiym* – רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים) and is a master craftsman. Both he and *Oholi'av* (my tent is my father - אֹהֶל־יֵאָב) are endowed by HaShem with the ability not only to do, but also to instruct others. The gifts of material and skill come together. The people bring more than is needed and Moshe orders them to cease giving.
- Ex. 36:8-19** The work is performed - a repetition of the instructions as completed action, and in reverse order – beginning with the external curtains. The focal point/purpose is the covenant (Ark)
- Ex. 36:20-38** The pragmatic priority of construction begins from the outside inward, according to the exact instructions that *HaShem* had given *Moshe*.

7. **Ex. 37:1-16** The furniture and accessories to be placed inside the tent are manufactured in descending order of holiness beginning with the Ark and its cover (see 25:10-21), and the table (see 25:23-30), menorah (25:31-40), incense altar.

Thought Focus

Renewal of the Heart: After the sin of the Golden Calf, Moshe delivers a second set of tablets containing the Ten Words, inferring forgiveness and a renewal of the covenant between God and Man. The people respond with heartfelt obedience. The Hebrew word for “heart” (lev – לב) occurs, in various forms, thirteen times in our reading (Ex. 35:5, 10, 21, 22, 25, 26, 29, 34, 36:1, 2 [x3], 8)

Holiness of Shabbat – It has been noted that not even the Promised Land is called holy in Tanakh, as it and the holiness of the festivals is dependent upon the actions of the people. But even if the people do not observe Shabbat, it remains holy, as the holiness of Shabbat preceded the existence of Israel (Ge. 2:3). So the holiness of time takes precedence over the construction of the holiest place. It has been said that, more than the people have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the people – more than any other commandment!

Daily Devotional questions for reflection and application

- (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)
- (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)
- (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)
- (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)
- (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)
- (39:2) The people presented their best resources and talents. How do you view what you give to Him? (Rom 12:1, Mal 1:6-14, 1Co 11:20-22)
- (39:33) God’s powerful hand will accomplish His plan. Have you brought what He has given you and laid it before Him so He can work His miracles? (Deu 8:18, Mat 14:17-21, 1Ki 17:8-15, Isa 55:11, Num 11:21-23, Pro 10:22)
- (40:2) Do you put your trust in God’s promise, that He will raise up the “fallen tent of David,” for Israel and all who believe in Him? (Amo 9:11-12, Mar 8:31-32, 1Co 15:4-7, Joh 6:40, Isa 60:1-3, Mal 4:2)
- (40:2) Everyone played a part in the construction of the Tabernacle, and every piece had a purpose. What is your role and where do you fit in? (Mat 17:20, Mar 16:17-18, Joh 14:12, Eph 4:11-13, Act 19:13-16, Rom 15:18-19)