

Exodus 35 - 40
“A Visible Expansion”

~ INTRO ~

TONIGHT...

- We finish the book of (Exodus 35 – 40)...
- As the narrative takes on applicable truths...
 - For every generation of God’s people.

ON THE SURFACE...

- We may consider a narrative...
 - About building the Tabernacle as boring.

BUT...

- The spiritual significance reveals the heart of Gods people.
 - Will His people trust in faith, surrender to His agenda...
 - And worship Him.

CHAPTER #35 – THE CALL TO BUILD

OBEYING GOD DURING THE EXODUS... (vv.1-3)

- Started with obeying spiritual truths (keeping the Sabbath Holy).

A PRINCIPLE OF FAITH...

- Continues for us... will you honor God weekly (Heb. 10:25) NLT.

THE DEMONSTRATION OF FAITH CONTINUED... (vv.4-28)

- With a willing heart to bring a “freewill offering.”
 - This literally was for a construction project...
 - For the place of meeting (The Tabernacle).

STEPS OF FAITH...

- Continued... (v.29)
 - As they contributed generously...
 - Until the project was completed.

GOD APPOINTED SPECIFIC CRAFTSMEN...

- Filled with the Holy Spirit... (vv.30-35)
 - To oversee all the work of the Tabernacle – **Bezalel & Aholiab.**

LET’S CONSIDER A CONTRAST: (Haggai 1:2-3) NKJV

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Sixteen years after the process of re-building the Temple began...

- The people of God had NOT finished the project.
 - Because their personal affairs interfered with God’s plan.

HAGGAI CALLS THE PEOPLE TO THREE THINGS:

- 1) Renewed holiness (Hag. 1:12) NKJV
- 2) Renewed courage (Hag. 1:13) NKJV
- 3) Renewed faith in God (Hag. 2:4) NKJV

ANOTHER EXAMPLE: (2 Chron. 24:4-14) NKJV

- Spiritual work was in collecting money from the people (v.5)
- The priest failed to collect God’s money from God’s people (v.6)

EVENTUALLY...

- They made a box and placed it at the door of God’s house (v.8)
- And... all the people were required to give (v.10)
- Once everyone participated the building project was completed...
 - AND... there was enough money to furnish it as well (vv.13-14)

LESSON = Your part matters!

CHAPTER #36 – CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

A SIMPLE TAKE AWAY FROM THIS CHAPTER...

- 1) The workforce is identified (vv.1-2)
- 2) Generous giving started & fulfilled all the needs (vv.3-7)
- 3) So the construction begins (vv.8-37)

CHAPTER #37 – INTERNAL FURNISHINGS ADDED

HERE’S WHAT THEY ADDED...

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- Ark of the Covenant (vv.1-9)
- Table of Showbread (vv.10-16)
- Menorah (lampstand) (vv.17-24)
- Alter of Incense (vv.25-29)
 - In Leviticus we will cover all these in detail...
 - For now just recognize the items.

CHAPTER #38 – COURTYARD ITEMS

MORE ITEMS FOR MINISTRY WERE BROUGHT IN...

- Alter of burnt offerings (vv.1-7)
- Bronze wash basin (v.8)
- Courtyard dividers & all the materials used (vv.9-31)

CHAPTER #39 – PRIESTLY GARMENTS

(vv.1-31) SHOWS THE PRIESTLY GARMENTS...

- As God designed & required.

NOTICE...

- When everything that God told Moses... to tell the people...
 - Once it was all done.

THEN...

- Moses **inspected** it & **blessed** the people (vv.42-43).

CHAPTER #40 – MOSES FINISHES THE WORK

FINALLY...

- These events followed the departure from Egypt...
 - And took place within a 1-year timeframe.

SO...

- As (Exodus) ends... Moses completed the spiritual work (vv.18-33)...
 - AND... then the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle (vv.34-38).

~ IN CLOSING ~

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I THINK THE LESSON IS CLEAR FOR US.

- We need to finish the work God has given us.
 - 100% of those who call this their church...
 - Should be giving to the building project...
 - Until it's done.
- No matter if you're **rich or poor**...
 - God has called you to **participate**.
- As I teach you these truths tonight...
 - May you learn to honor the Lord...
 - And finish the expansion project God gave you.
 - AMEN!