

The Cloud and the Glory

Lesson 17: Exodus 40

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Exodus Outline

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 - 5-10 The contest with Pharaoh
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 - 16-18 Early days of travel
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 - 19-24 The institution of the Law
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 - 35-40 The tabernacle constructed

Timeline of Exodus

- 430 years in Egypt
- Exodus, first Passover on 14th of Abib (ch. 12)
- Red Sea, Marah, Elim
- Left Elim on the 15th of the second month (16:1)
- Wilderness of Sin, Rephadim
- Arrival in the Wilderness of Sinai in the third month (19:1)
- Moses on the mountain 40 days (24:18)
- Moses on the mountain 40 days (34:28)
- The tabernacle set up on the first day of the first month of the second year (40:1)

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God commands

Exodus 40:1-5

¹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
²“On the first day of the first month you shall set up the **tabernacle** of the tent of meeting. ³You shall **place** the **ark** of the testimony there, and you shall screen off the **ark** with the veil. ⁴Then you shall **bring** in the table and arrange what belongs on it; and you shall **bring** in the lampstand and mount its lamps. ⁵You shall also set the gold altar of incense in front of the **ark** of the testimony, and **set** up the curtain for the doorway to the **tabernacle**.

- Items and locations
- The tabernacle is set up in a specific order
 - Tabernacle
 - Ark
 - Table
 - Lampstand
 - Gold altar
 - Altar of burnt offering
 - Laver
 - Courtyard

God commands Exodus 40:6-10

⁶And you shall **set** the **altar** of burnt offering in front of the doorway of the **tabernacle** of the tent of meeting.

⁷Then you shall **set** the basin between the tent of meeting and the **altar**, and **put** water in it. ⁸You shall also set up the courtyard all around and **hang** up the curtain for the gate of the courtyard.

⁹Then you shall take the anointing oil and **anoint** the **tabernacle** and everything that is in it, and **consecrate** it and all its furnishings; and it shall be holy. ¹⁰You shall also **anoint** the **altar** of burnt offering and all its utensils, and **consecrate** the **altar**, and the altar shall be most holy.

- The altar of burnt offering was near the entrance
- Think how many barriers there are between the people and the ark
- Items are anointed in the same order they are set up
- Everything in the tabernacle needed to be holy for proper worship

God commands Exodus 40:11-15

¹¹And you shall **anoint** the basin and its stand, and **consecrate** it. ¹²Then you shall **bring** Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water. ¹³And you shall **put** the holy garments on Aaron and **anoint** him and **consecrate** him, so that he **may serve as a priest to Me**. ¹⁴You shall also **bring** his sons and **put** tunics on them; ¹⁵and you shall **anoint** them just as you have **anointed** their father, so that they **may serve as priests to Me**; and their anointing will qualify them for a permanent priesthood throughout their generations.”

- Consecration of people
 - Aaron
 - His sons
- Process
 - Wash
 - Holy garments
 - Anoint
 - Consecrate
- Moses' obedience

Moses obeys Exodus 40:16-20

¹⁶So Moses **did** *these things*; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he **did**. ¹⁷Now in the first month of the second year, on the first *day* of the month, the **tabernacle** was erected.

¹⁸Moses **erected** the **tabernacle** and **laid** its bases, and set up its boards, and **inserted** its bars, and **erected** its pillars.

¹⁹And 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. ²⁰Then he took the testimony and **put** *it* into the ark, and attached the poles to the ark, and **put** the atoning cover on top of the ark.

- As the LORD had commanded
 - 16 – Introduction?
 - 19 – Tabernacle
 - 21 – The ark
 - 23 – Table and bread
 - 25 – Lamps
 - 27 – Altar of incense
 - 29 – Altar of burnt offering
 - 32 – Basin for washing

Moses obeys Exodus 40:21-24

²¹He then brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up a veil for the covering, and screened off the ark of the testimony, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²²He also put the table in the tent of meeting on the north **side** of the tabernacle, outside the veil. ²³And he set the arrangement of bread in order on it before the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁴Then he placed the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table, on the south **side** of the tabernacle.

- Moses is obedient each step of the way
- There are two curtains and a gate protecting the ark
- God is a God of order

Moses obeys Exodus 40:25-29

²⁵And he lighted the lamps before the LORD, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁶Then he placed the gold altar in the tent of meeting in front of the veil; ²⁷and he burned fragrant incense on it, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²⁸Then he set up the curtain for the doorway of the tabernacle. ²⁹And he set the altar of burnt offering *in front of* 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.

- The bread and the lamps are “before the LORD”
- Both the holy of holies and the holy place are protected with a curtain

Moses obeys

Exodus 40:30-33

³⁰He placed the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing. ³¹From it Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet. ³²When they entered the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

³³And he erected the courtyard all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the curtain for the gate of the courtyard. So Moses finished the work.

- The washing of the priests
 - What – their hands and feet
 - When – when they entered
- The courtyard is the last thing set up
- The tabernacle is now ready to be consecrated

The cloud

Exodus 40:34-38

³⁴Then the **cloud** covered the **tent of meeting**, and the **glory** of the LORD filled the **tabernacle**. ³⁵And 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**. ³⁶Throughout their journeys, whenever the **cloud** was taken up from over the **tabernacle**, the sons of Israel would set out; ³⁷but if the **cloud** was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up. ³⁸For throughout 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.

- God's glory can prevent access
- The cloud didn't leave them for 40 years
- God directed their movements

Summary

- The LORD told Moses when to set up the tabernacle
- God's commands are to be followed exactly
- For worship to be pure, the items of worship must be holy
- This mode of worship is the culmination of the law
- God's purpose is to dwell among His people
- The Israelites did not set out on their own initiative, but left when the cloud was taken up