

3 People - 3 Stories

Thanksgiving 2022

ARE YOU LIVING IN YOUR SWEET SPOT? (Bezalel and Oholiab)

Exodus 31

A. CALLING AND EQUIPPING OF THE TEAM [1-11]

Part 1: God Calls the Leaders and Workers [1-2, 6]

Part 2: God's Supernatural Work [3-5]

- Spirit of God [ruah] - supernatural insight
- Ability - wisdom [chokmah] - developed skills
- Intelligence - [tebunah] understanding
- Knowledge - [daath] great resume
- Skill in All Craftsmanship [melakah] - diversity

Part 3: The Assignment and Checklist [6-11]

B. COMMAND, RESPONSE & REQUEST [35:4- 36:7]

C. CONSTRUCTION OF THE TABERNACLE [36:8-40:33]

Project 1: The Tent of Meeting [36:8-36:38]

Project 2: Ark of the Covenant/Mercy Seat [37:1-9]

Project 3: The Table [37:10-16]

Project 4: Lampstand [37:17-24]

Project 5: Altar of Incense [37:25-29]

Project 6: Altar of Burnt Offering [38:1-7]

Project 7: Bronze Basin [38:8]

Project 8: Courtyard [38:9]

Project 9: Priestly Garments [39]

D. COMPLETED TABERNACLE/GLORY OF GOD [40]

Discussion Questions

1. Read Exodus 35:30-35. What do we learn about Bezalel and Oholiab in these verses? When have you felt like you were absolutely doing what God created you to do?
2. Read Exodus 36:2-7. What do these verses teach about the Israelites as a community? When has God provided for you in a way that was "more than . . . needed"?
3. When was the last time you felt a strong sense of God's presence with you? What steps can you take to more fully and intentionally appreciate the blessing of entering God's presence?
4. As you pray thank God for the gifts he has given you.

[All Questions from the Connections Study Bible]

EXODUS 31:1-11 The Lord said to Moses: ²“See, I have called by name Bezalel [in the shadow of God’s protection] the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, [descendant of Caleb] ³ and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship, ⁴ to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, ⁵ in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft. ⁶ And behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab [the divine father is my tent], the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And I have given to all able men ability, that they may make all that I have commanded you: ⁷ the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, ⁸ the table and its utensils, and the pure lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, ⁹ and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand, ¹⁰ and the finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests, ¹¹ and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place. According to all that I have commanded you, they shall do.”

EXODUS 36:3b-7 Then Moses said to the people of Israel, “See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; ³¹ and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, ³² to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, ³³ in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. ³⁴ And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. ³⁵ He has filled them with skill to do every sort of work done by an engraver or by a designer or by an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, or by a weaver—by any sort of workman or skilled designed.

EXODUS 36:2-7 And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab and every craftsman in whose mind the Lord had put skill, everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work. ³ And they received from Moses all the contribution that the people of Israel had brought for doing the work on the sanctuary. They still kept bringing him freewill offerings every morning, ⁴ so that all the craftsmen who were doing every sort of task on the sanctuary came, each from the task that he was doing, ⁵ and said to Moses, “The people bring much more than enough for doing the work that the Lord has commanded us to do.” ⁶ So Moses gave command, and word was proclaimed throughout the camp, “Let no man or woman do anything more for the contribution for the sanctuary.” So the people were restrained from bringing, ⁷ for the material they had was sufficient to do all the work, and more.