

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 03 Sept 2017	Exodus 1-4	Reluctance
2) 10 Sept	Exodus 5-10	Confrontation
3) 17 Sept	Exodus 11-12	Liberation
4) 24 Sept	Exodus 13-14	Victory
5) 01 Oct	Exodus 15-18	Sufficient
6) 08 Oct	Exodus 19-24	Commanded
7) 15 Oct	Exodus 25-31	Equipped
8) 22 Oct	Exodus 32-34	Rebellion
9) 29 Oct	Exodus 35-40	His Presence
10) 05 Nov	Leviticus 1-7	Set Before
11) 12 Nov	Leviticus 8-15	Set Apart
12) 19 Nov	Leviticus 16-22	Set Free
13) 26 Nov	Leviticus 23-27	Set Futures

INTRODUCTION

- The Israelites are rejuvenated and recommitted to serve God, and they begin to construct the Tabernacle according to God's design, – but it takes unique materials and unique talent

Passage	Comments
Exodus 35:1-35	<p>Tough Laws, Motivation, & Skill Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv1-3. Sabbath rules are very specific. Even making a fire to warm the house or to prepare a meal were forbidden. Remember – if the Israelites would keep God's commandments, as harsh as they may seem to us, they would reap the following benefits: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No loss of land, only increase Ex 34:22-24 No sickness among their people Deut 7:15 No poor in the land Deut 15:4 No lack of food..... Deut 28:8 No lack of good leadership..... Jer 3:15 vv4-5, 21-22. God commands that an offering be taken up from those who have a willing heart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What's the difference between being motivated or "moved" to serve God and being manipulated? What are some indicators of being manipulated? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 20 stanzas of "Just as I AM" while being coaxed to walk the aisle <input type="checkbox"/> Constant and consistent emotional pleas <input type="checkbox"/> Eloquent speeches with a guilt trip What are some indicators of being properly motivated? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The needs are shared and our responsibilities are highlighted <input type="checkbox"/> The leaders encourage people to do the right things and avoid the wrong things <input type="checkbox"/> The leaders lead by example vv10, 26, 30-35. Skilled men & women came forward to serve, and God endowed a special man (Bezalel) with multiple talents to work with metals, stone, wood, clothing, and to teach his skills to others <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can we tell if someone has been miraculously endowed by God with certain talents or if those talents were naturally or providentially developed over time?
Exodus 36:1-38	<p>More Tabernacle Artifacts Crafted with High Quality Workmanship [curtains, coverings, screens and the veil]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv3-6. A freewill love offering was so successful the people had to be told to STOP GIVING! Should churches today exhibit high quality attention to all their ministries and facilities? What would be the end result?
Exodus 37:1-29	<p>Furnishings Inside the Tabernacle [The Ark, with its solid gold mercy seat, tables, utensils, lampstands, altars, and one-of-a-kind anointing oil and incense]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We may not have solid good artifacts in churches today, but if we skimp on quality what would be the end result? What should a church do if it lacks the servants or funds to adequately clean its facility or to provide quality teaching? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Consider merging with another church <input type="checkbox"/> Do nothing but hope and pray things get better <input type="checkbox"/> Find a new Pastor? <input type="checkbox"/> Change churches <input type="checkbox"/> Sing 20 more stanzas of "Just as I AM" with emotional appeals and a guilt trip? <input type="checkbox"/> Leaders roll up their sleeves

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Exodus 38:1-31	<p>Furnishings for the Courtyard are crafted [Altar of burnt offering, more curtains]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv24-25. The amount of gold, silver, bronze was added up, and in today's \$\$\$ would be multiple millions if not billions v26. Temple Tax. The construction & upkeep cost came from this temple tax (½ shekel (~\$20) per male over 20 years old). The OT Tithe was never used to repair and maintain the temple facility and artifacts. The purpose of the Tithe went solely to support the Levites & their families, who constituted about 10% of the Jewish population. In stark contrast, the NT giving/tithing practice provides funds for church construction and upkeep, staff salaries, and outreach.
Exodus 39:1-43	<p>Priestly Garments and Breastplate Are Crafted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv10-14. What is the significance of the 12 unique stones ascribed to each of the 12 tribes? Probably nothing more than how we view the colors of our favorite sports teams. God is OK with clan loyalty and distinction. Others believe the stones had some kind of electrical conducting properties when in the presence of the ARK to help discern God's will, but this is pure speculation v43. So Moses blessed them. HOW? Probably with a vocal blessing for prosperity. Compare how King David blessed his people by providing "each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins" 2Sam 6:19
Exodus 40:1-38	<p>All Tabernacle Artifacts are Properly Arranged</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv9-15. The temple artifacts & priests are formally anointed or segregated, which qualifies them for perpetual service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does this anointing for service have applications today? Jesus was anointed by God w/ the Holy Spirit.... Acts 10:38 God anoints each of us for service..... 2Cor 1:21; 1Jo 2:20 vv34-38. God is so pleased with what His people accomplished He covers and fills the tabernacle in a cloud so not even Moses can enter in, and for 40 years this cloud covering provided the way for the Israelites to proceed

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- God wants people who want to willingly and cheerfully serve Him, though it may be costly at times.
- We are anointed by God with the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus was, to accomplish great things for His Kingdom, but are we willing to serve with high quality or half-heartedly? [2Cor 1:21](#); [1John 2:20, 27](#)

NEXT WEEK: Leviticus 1-7. The types of purposes of various offerings and ceremonial laws and their application for us



"Dude, blood sacrifices are so old school. Here, if you're going to make an offering, use this. It's much more convenient and a whole lot less messy."