

THE ERECTING OF THE TABERNACLE

Exodus 35: 1 - 40:38

Key Verse 39:32

* Freewill offerings for the tabernacle (35:1 - 36:7)

1. Think about the renewed covenant of God with his stubborn people and about the effect of the intercession of a leader! (ch. 32-34) What can we learn from God who, despite their stubbornness, wanted to live among his people? (34:11-28) Why did Moses re-emphasize the Sabbath law before building the tabernacle? (35:1-3; 31:12-17)
2. What did Moses command his people for the building of the tabernacle? (35:4-9; 25:8,22; 29:45,46) How did the people carry out his command? (35:10-29; 35:30-36:3) What was the significance of their willing attitude to sacrifice? How are the people who offered themselves in chapter 35 for the building of the tabernacle designated? (35:5,10,21,25,26,29) What can we learn from the Israelites and the basic principle of building? (36:1-7)

* As the Lord had commanded (36:8 - 40:38)

3. To what extent are the Lord's instructions to build the tabernacle repeatedly given in great detail? (36:8-39:43) What was the total expenditure for the sanctuary? (38:21,24-31) What is the significance of the repeated expression, "as the Lord commanded Moses"? Why did Moses bless the completed work? (39:32,42,43) Think about how God can dwell among us! (25:40; 26:30b; 39:32,42)
4. Describe the erection and dedication of the tabernacle. (40:1-33) What can we learn from Moses, who completed the whole work according to the commandment of God? What can we learn from the Israelites who sacrificed themselves in spite of their insecure lives in the desert and built God's dwelling place? What does it mean that God's glory filled the tabernacle? (40:34-38)

- * How can God's holy dwelling be built by you in our generation?
How does Exodus describe the raising of a slavish people as a kingdom of priests who serve the Lord and walk with him?