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n. The Court (38:9-20)

Exodus 38:9 Then he made the court: the court was a boundary lest anyone unclean enter the court and die, for the south side the hangings of the court were of fine twisted linen, one hundred cubits (150 feet); ¹⁰their twenty pillars, and their twenty sockets, *made* of bronze; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *were* of silver. ¹¹For the north side *there were* one hundred cubits (150 feet); their twenty pillars and their twenty sockets *were* of bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their bands *were* of silver. ¹²For the west side *there were* hangings of fifty cubits (75 feet) *with* their ten pillars and their ten sockets; the hooks of the pillars and their bands *were* of silver. ¹³For the east side fifty cubits (75 feet). ¹⁴The hangings for the *one side of the gate were* fifteen cubits (22 ½ feet), *with* their three pillars and their three sockets, ¹⁵and so for the other side. On both sides of the gate of the court *were* hangings of fifteen cubits (22 ½ feet), *with* their three pillars and their three sockets. ¹⁶All the hangings of the court all around *were* of fine twisted linen. ¹⁷The sockets for the pillars *were* of bronze, the hooks of the pillars and their bands, of silver; and the overlaying of their tops, of silver, and all the pillars of the court were furnished with silver bands. ¹⁸The screen of the gate of the court was the work of the weaver, of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen. And the length *was* twenty cubits (30 feet) and the height *was* five cubits (7 ½ feet), corresponding to the hangings of the court. ¹⁹Their four pillars and their four sockets *were* of bronze; their hooks *were* of silver, and the overlaying of their tops and their bands *were* of silver. ²⁰All the pegs of the tabernacle and of the court all around *were* of bronze.

6. The Cost of the Tabernacle (38:21-31)

Exodus 38:21 This is the number of the things for the tabernacle, the tabernacle of the testimony, as they were numbered according to the command of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. ²²Now Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD had commanded Moses. ²³With him *was* Oholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and a skillful workman and a weaver in blue and in purple and in scarlet *material*, and fine linen. ²⁴All the gold that was used for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary, even the gold of the wave offering, was 29 talents (~\$232 million) and 730 shekels (~\$2 million), according to the shekel of the sanctuary. ²⁵The silver of those of the congregation who were numbered was 100 talents (~\$80 million) and 1,775 shekels (~\$500,000), according to the shekel of the sanctuary; ²⁶a beka a head (*that is*, half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary), for each one who passed over to those who were numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for 603,550 men. ²⁷The hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary and the sockets of the veil; one hundred sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a socket. ²⁸Of the 1,775 *shekels*, he made hooks for the pillars and overlaid their tops and made bands for them. ²⁹The bronze of the wave offering was 70 talents (~5,250 pounds) and 2,400 shekels (~54 pounds). ³⁰With it he made the sockets to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and the bronze altar and its bronze grating, and all the utensils of the altar, ³¹and the sockets of the court all around and the sockets of the gate of the court, and all the pegs of the tabernacle and all the pegs of the court all around.

7. The Priestly Garments Made (39:1-31)

Now, the priests were fitted with unique garments and their function was to mediate between Israel and God.

a. The Ephod (39:1-7)



Exodus 39:1 Moreover, from the blue and purple and scarlet *material*, they made finely woven garments for ministering in the holy place as well as the holy garments which were for Aaron, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. These garments were somehow intrinsically holy and transmitted holiness to anything they touched. ²He made the ephod of gold, *and* of blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine twisted linen. ³Then they hammered out gold sheets and cut *them* into threads to be woven in *with* the blue and the purple and the scarlet *material*, and the fine linen, the work of a skillful workman. ⁴They made attaching shoulder pieces for the ephod; it was attached at its two *upper* ends. ⁵The skillfully woven band which was on it was like its workmanship, of the same material: of gold *and* of blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and fine twisted linen, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. ⁶They made the onyx stones, set in gold filigree *settings*; they were engraved *like* the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel. ⁷And he placed them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, *as* memorial stones for the sons of Israel, by looking down from heaven God would see the names of the tribes of Israel and remember them as His uniquely chosen people, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

b. The Breastpiece/Pouch (39:8-21)

Exodus 39:8 He made the breastpiece, the work of a skillful workman, like the workmanship of the ephod: of gold *and* of blue and purple and scarlet *material* and fine twisted linen. ⁹It was square; they made the breastpiece folded double, like a pouch, a span long (9 inches) and a span wide (9 inches) when folded double. Inside this pouch were the Urim and the Thummim, meaning “lights” and “perfections”, stones used to discover the will of God. ¹⁰And they mounted four rows of stones on it. The first row *was* a row of ruby, topaz, and emerald; ¹¹and the second row, a turquoise, a sapphire and a

diamond; ¹²and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; ¹³and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper. They were set in gold filigree *settings* when they were mounted. Similar stones were mentioned in the Garden of Eden and in the foundation stones of the New Jerusalem. ¹⁴The stones were corresponding to the names of the sons of Israel; they were twelve, corresponding to their names, *engraved with* the engravings of a signet, each with its name for the twelve tribes. ¹⁵They made on the breastpiece chains like cords, of twisted cordage work in pure gold. ¹⁶They made two gold filigree *settings* and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastpiece. ¹⁷Then they put the two gold cords in the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece. ¹⁸They put the *other* two ends of the two cords on the two filigree *settings*, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod at the front of it. ¹⁹They made two gold rings and placed *them* on the two ends of the breastpiece, on its inner edge which was next to the ephod. ²⁰Furthermore, they made two gold rings and placed them on the bottom of the two shoulder pieces of the ephod, on the front of it, close to the place where it joined, above the woven band of the ephod. ²¹They bound the breastpiece by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue cord, so that it would be on the woven band of the ephod, and that the breastpiece would not come loose from the ephod, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

c. The Robe (39:22-26)

Exodus 39:22 Then he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue; ²³and the opening of the robe was *at the top* in the center, as the opening of a coat of mail, with a binding all around its opening, so that it would not be torn. ²⁴They made pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet *material and twisted linen* on the hem of the robe. The pomegranate was said to be a symbol of fertility and eternal life. ²⁵They also made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the hem of the robe, alternating, tradition says there were 72 bells. The jingling of the bells would alert the King of the universe that the High Priest was entering His presence. ²⁶alternating a bell and a pomegranate all around on the hem of the robe for the service, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

d. The Turban and Accessories (39:27-31)



Exodus 39:27 They made the tunics of finely woven linen for Aaron and his sons, ²⁸and the turban of fine linen, and the decorated caps of fine linen, and the linen breeches of fine twisted linen, ²⁹and the sash of fine twisted linen, and blue and purple and scarlet *material*, the work of the weaver, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. ³⁰They made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and inscribed it like the engravings of a signet, “Holy to the LORD.” The same engraving will be found in the Millennium on the bells of the horses. ³¹They fastened a blue cord to it, to fasten it on the turban above, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

8. The Tabernacle Completed (39:32-43)

Exodus 39:32 Thus all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting was completed; and the sons of Israel did according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses; so they did. ³³They brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent and all its furnishings: its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars and its sockets; ³⁴and the covering of rams’ skins dyed red, and the covering of porpoise skins, and the screening veil; ³⁵the ark of the testimony and its poles and the mercy seat; ³⁶the table, all its utensils, and the bread of the Presence; ³⁷the pure *gold* lampstand, with its arrangement of lamps and all its utensils, and the oil for the light; ³⁸and the gold altar, and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense, and the veil for the doorway of the tent; ³⁹the bronze altar and its bronze grating, its poles and all its utensils, the laver and its stand; ⁴⁰the hangings for the court, its pillars and its sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court, its cords and its pegs and all the equipment for the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting; ⁴¹the woven garments for ministering in the holy place and the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests. ⁴²So the sons of Israel did all the work according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses. ⁴³And Moses

examined all the work and behold, they had done it; just as the LORD had commanded, this they had done. So Moses blessed them. I propose that it took them approximately 7-8 months to build the Tabernacle and have it erected (Exod 40:17). In the meantime Moses met with the Lord in the Tent of Meeting outside the camp.

9. The Tabernacle Erected (40:1-33)

a. Instructions (40:1-16)

Exodus 40:1-16 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²**“On the first day of the first month** Abib was the first month in the Hebrew calendar (cf Exod 12:1ff) **you shall set up the tabernacle.** The tabernacle proper includes the inner curtain and everything within. The tent included the outer coverings which protected the tabernacle proper. This was the place **of meeting** between God and Moses. It had almost been a year since the Exodus from Egypt and now it was time to erect the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. In linear progression the Exodus occurred on Abib 14 (Exod 12:1ff) in the year 1445BC, the journey to Mt Sinai took 50 days (Exod 19:1), Moses spent 80 days and nights on Mt Sinai receiving the Law and the Tabernacle plans (Exod 24:18; 34:28) and so, I gather that it took the remaining seven months of the year to build the Tabernacle. Thus commences the sequence of instructions to follow when assembling the tabernacle. ³**“You shall place the ark of the testimony there,** that is, in the Most Holy Place, **and you shall screen the ark with the veil.** The ark was the only thing in the Most Holy Place. So, the most important piece of furniture enters the tabernacle first. ⁴**“You shall bring in the table** (table of showbread) **and arrange what belongs on it** (the twelve loaves of bread); **and you shall bring in the lampstand** (the seven branched lampstand) **and mount its lamps** (small removable oil lamps). ⁵**“Moreover, you shall set the gold altar of incense before the ark of the testimony** (that is, just outside the veil before the ark of the testimony), it was called the ark of the testimony because it would contain the testimony of God, **and set up the veil for the doorway to the tabernacle** that is, the screen at the entryway, ⁶**“You shall set the altar of burnt offering in front of the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.** ⁷**“You shall set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it.** ⁸**“You shall set up the court all around and hang up the veil for the gateway of the court.** ⁹**“Then you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and shall consecrate it and all its furnishings; and it shall be holy.** ¹⁰**“You shall anoint**

the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar, and the altar shall be most holy. ¹¹“You shall anoint the laver and its stand, and consecrate it. Moses was to do all this. The articles were consecrated first and...¹²“Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting and wash them with water. This pictures their regeneration, the once for all or positional cleansing of the believer. ¹³“You shall put the holy garments on Aaron and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may minister as a priest to Me. ¹⁴“You shall bring his sons and put tunics on them; ¹⁵and you shall anoint them even as you have anointed their father, that they may minister as priests to Me; and their anointing will qualify them for a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations.” ¹⁶Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did. Unswerving obedience as demonstrated in verses 17-33.

b. Instructions Obeyed (40:17-33)

Exodus 40:17-33 Now 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 sockets, and set up its boards, and inserted its bars and erected its pillars. ¹⁹He 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, for the first time the second tablets, both small enough to fit in Moses’ hand are placed in the ark. **and attached the poles to the ark, and put the mercy seat on top of the ark.** It was closed. ²¹He brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up a veil for the screen, and screened off the ark of the testimony, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. ²²Then he put the table in the tent of meeting on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil. Remember, everything had to be arranged on a perfect square with the compass points with the movement from east to west as one entered the courtyard and went toward the throne of God in the Most Holy Place. ²³He 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. ²⁵He 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 veil for the doorway of the tabernacle. ²⁹He set the altar of burnt offering *before* 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. ³⁰He placed the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it for washing. This would be for daily cleansing of the feet and hands which picked up impurities in the sacrificial duties of the priests. It pictured the need for daily cleansing from sin. **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. ³³He erected the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the veil for the gateway of the court. Thus Moses finished the work.**

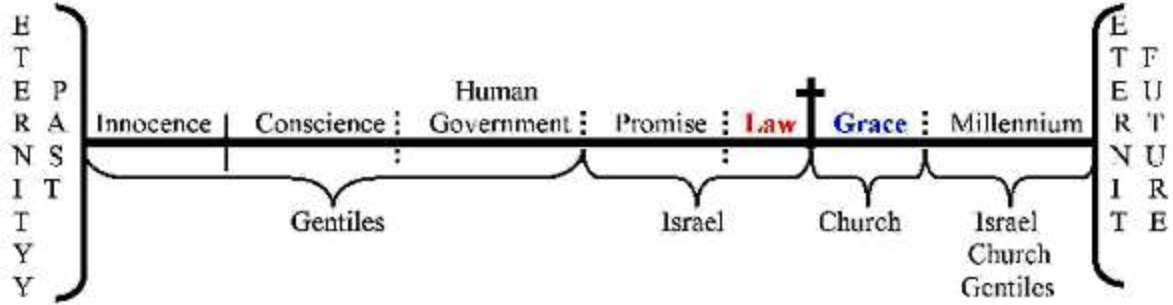
10. The Entrance of Shechinah Glory (40:34-38)

Exodus 40:34-38 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

The **cloud** shrouded **the tent of meeting**. The **glory of the Lord** is the Shechinah Glory. Shechinah Glory is a visible manifestation of God. It is not God but a manifestation of God. The entrance of the Shechinah Glory at this point in Exodus raises a theological question. "When did the Dispensation of Law begin?" There are only three options: 1) It began when God announced the Ten Commandments. 2) It began when Shechinah Glory entered the Tabernacle. 3) It began sometime in between these two events? If we can answer this question then it gives us a precedent for determining other dispensational shifts. Before we answer this question, some of you don't know what a dispensation is so let's review dispensations. For many people learning dispensations helped them understand the Bible more than any other single teaching. A dispensation is a distinct arrangement in the plan of God. In each arrangement God reveals His will. These are not different ways of salvation for there is only one way of salvation from eternal condemnation: by grace through faith, but dispensations are different expressions of His will that correspond to or occur in distinct epochs of time. Traditionally there are seven consecutive arrangements although some have as few as two and as many as thirteen.

1. Dispensation of Innocence
2. Dispensation of Conscience
3. Dispensation of Human Government
4. Dispensation of Promise
5. Dispensation of Law
6. Dispensation of Grace
7. Dispensation of Kingdom

7 Dispensations



The reason for such variance in number is lack of detailed revelation during the early parts of history. With respect to the Law, our question is “When does a new dispensation begin?” A new dispensation begins when God begins to reveal His will regarding a new arrangement. When did this occur with respect to the Dispensation of Law? When did God begin revealing His will with respect to the new arrangement? He did this in Exodus 19:3. Therefore, the people were required to live under the new arrangement from that point forward.

³⁵Moses 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 all their journeys outside the Promised Land, 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 all their journeys, forty years, 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. It’s purpose was to guide Israel (Neh 9:19).

PRINCIPLE: God lifts up and carries the newborn Christian as a mother lifts up and carries her newborn until the child has grown to where he can bear fruit. John 15:1-2 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away [lifts up]; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes [cleanses] it so that it may bear more fruit.

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