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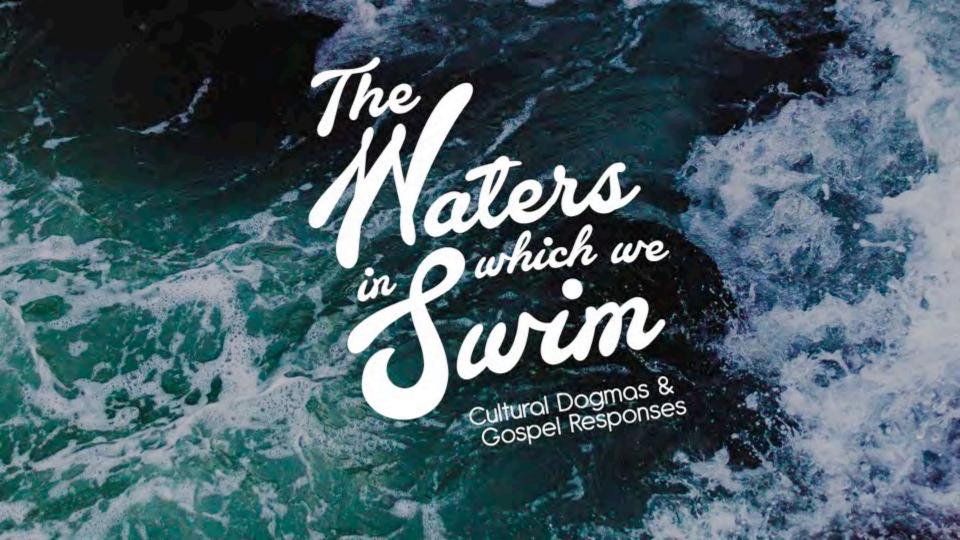
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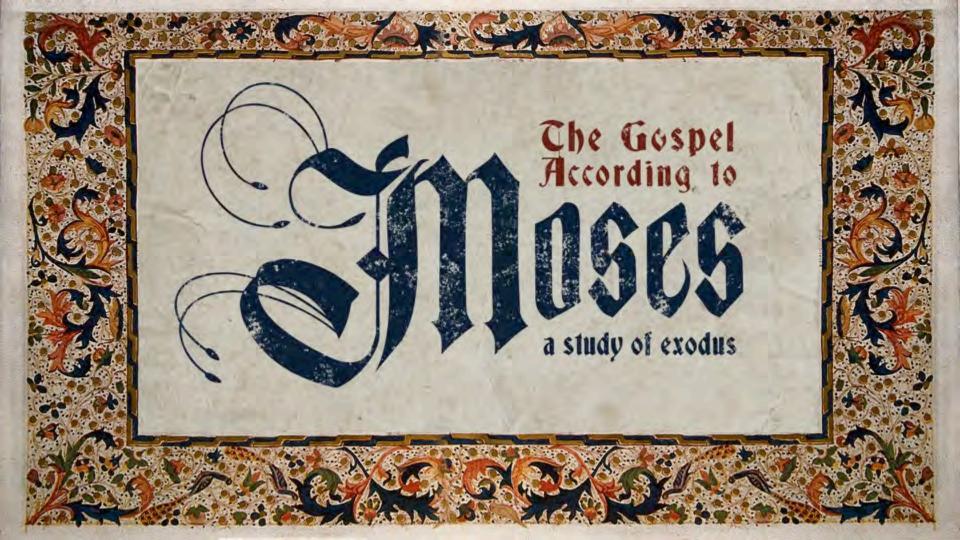
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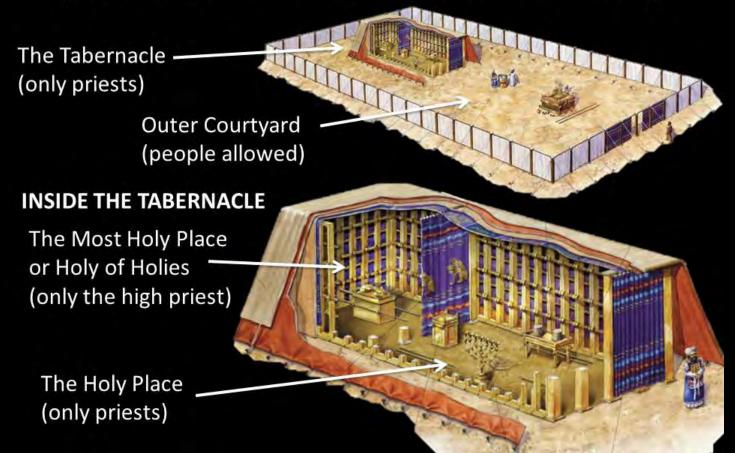




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#### The Tabernacle

(also known as the Sanctuary or Tent of Meeting)



In chapters 25-31 God provided the *instructions* for building the tabernacle...In chapters 35-40 we see the execution of the project. One can see the large amount of repetition (or complement) in these chapters. Though arranged in a different order, and sometimes stated more concisely in one place or the other, the same basic material gets covered. The reason for the different order seems to be based on the fact that chapters 35-40 explain the order in which the tabernacle was constructed. The order was dictated by 'common sense and necessity (Stuart, Exodus, 745). In chapters 25-31, the objects seem to be arranged by order of importance and holiness, moving from the sacred (the ark) to the least sacred (the

~ Tony Merida, Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary: Exalting Jesus in Exodus, page 164, 166

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28:1-5	priests' dress summary	command renewed in 35:19; fulfilled in 39:1, 41; cf. 40:13-14; Lev 8:7-8
28:6-14	ephod	39:2-7
28:15-30	breastpiece	39:8-21; Lev 8:8
28:31-43	remaining priests' garments	39:22-31
29:1-37	consecrating priests	Lev 8:1-36
29:38-43	daily offerings	command renewed in Num 28:1-8
29:44	consecration of tabernacle consecration of altar	command renewed in 40:9 command renewed in 40:10 fulfilled in Lev 8:11
29:44	consecration of priests	command renewed in 40:13
30:1-5	incense altar	37:25-28
30:6	incense altar placement	command renewed in 40:6 fulfilled in 40:26
30:7-9	rules for incense burning	40:27
30:10	atonement for incense altar	command renewed in Lev 4:7
30:17-21	bronze washing basin	38:8; 40:30
30:22-33	anointing oil for objects, priests	35:28; 37:29; 40:9; Lev 8:10-12, 30
30:34-38	incense	35:28; 37:29; 39:38; 40:27
31:1-11	Bezalel and Oholiab/work overview	35:30-35; 36:1-7
31:12-17	Sabbath	command renewed in 35:1-3; Lev 23:3; cf. Num 15:32-36; Deut 5:12-15

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<sup>29</sup> All the men and women, the people of Israel, whose heart moved them to bring anything for the work that the LORD had commanded by Moses to be done brought it as a freewill offering to the LORD.

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#### Exodus 36:3-7

<sup>3</sup> They received from Moses all the offerings the Israelites had brought to carry out the work of constructing the sanctuary. And the people continued to bring freewill offerings morning after morning. <sup>4</sup>So all the skilled workers who were doing all the work on the sanctuary left what they were doing 5 and said to Moses, "The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the LORD commanded to be done." <sup>6</sup>Then Moses gave an order and they sent this word throughout the camp: "No man or woman is to make anything else as an offering for the sanctuary." And so the people were restrained from bringing more, <sup>7</sup> because what they already had was more than enough to do all the

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#### Exodus 35:30-35

<sup>30</sup> 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; <sup>31</sup> 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, <sup>33</sup> in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. <sup>34</sup> 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 designer.

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#### **Exodus 39:42-43**

<sup>42</sup> According to all that the Lord had commanded Moses, so the people of Israel had done all the work. <sup>43</sup> And Moses saw all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the Lord had commanded, so had they done it. Then Moses blessed them.

A large portion of material that appears in Exodus 35-40 repeats either verbatim or almost verbatim the material that is found in Exodus 25-31. This repetition is tedious to the human mind here in the twenty-first century. The modern reader would view Exodus 35-40 and say "why not simply tell us the reader that Moses and the Israelites did all the Lord commanded them to do to construct and furnish the tabernacle?" However, there is a definite purpose for such repetition…



...The repetition that appears in these chapters corresponds to the rules of an honored literary genre, which occurs elsewhere in the ancient Near East. The ancient extra-biblical command-fulfillment accounts containing extensive repetition forced the reader to agree that a set of important instructions was conscientiously executed to the letter. The command-fulfillment repetition is a way of emphasizing the importance of what is commanded and the precision with which it is obeyed. Therefore, the repetition is so that the reader knows for certain that the Israelites conscientiously obeyed the Lord's commands which appear in Exodus 25-31. They conscientiously obeyed the Lord's commands in chapters 35-40.

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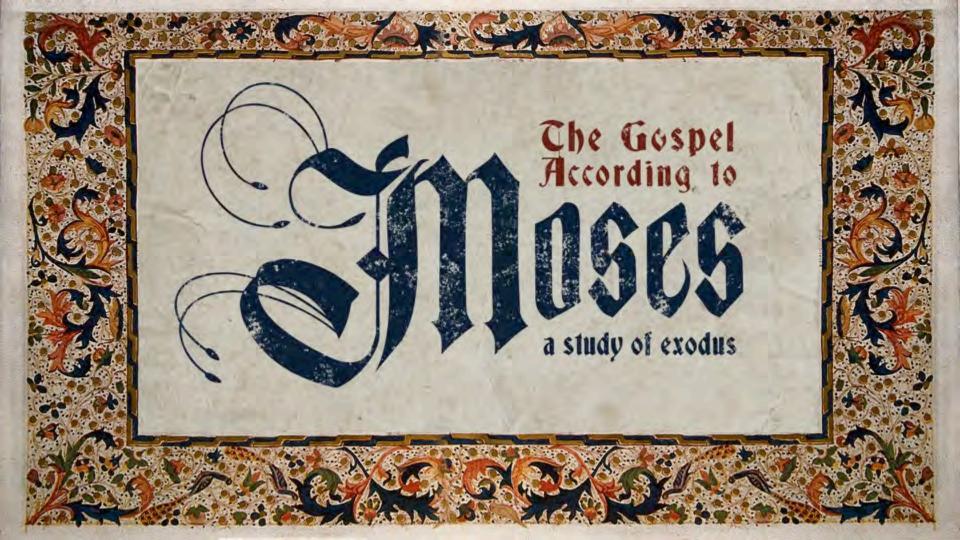
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What is so significant is that Exodus ends with the God of glory present with his redeemed people, Israel. He had brought them out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and now confirmed his approval of the construction of the sanctuary and the assurance of his abiding presence. Later biblical history will record not only the reputed sinfulness of the people but also the continuing faithfulness of their covenantal Lord.

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We are all engaged in some way of pouring our energy and gifts into forwarding the kingdom. And we can become so consumed in the good work that we can forget the good work and worship that is rest. Your good work will only be what it should be when you honor this idea that God is the One who enables you to do all that you do. And that is what Sabbath reminds us again and again.



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#### Luke 2:8-14

<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

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