



A Torah Study Guide
for the Young
& Young at Heart

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Exodus 38:21-40:38

Note to the adult teacher: It will be necessary for you to give the scriptural context and background for each of the points listed below.

Great Discoveries In This Week's Parashah (Torah Portion)

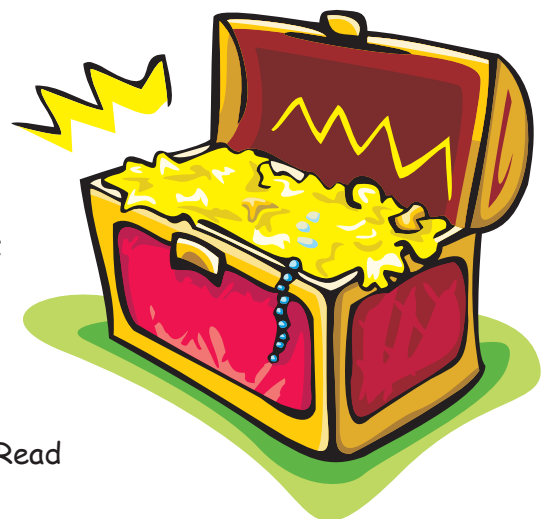
- 38:21 All the Goodies (Gold, Silver and Brass) Used in Constructing the Tabernacle
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Exploring This Week's Parashah

1 Exodus 38:21, The Tabernacle: A Veritable Treasure Chest

Building the Tabernacle was a team effort on the part of all the Israelites.

- ▲ (a) Where did the materials come from to build the tabernacle? (Read Exodus 35:5,21-24,29; 36:3.)
- ▲ (b) Who constructed the tabernacle? (Look at Exodus 35:25,30-31; 36:1,4,8.)
- ▲ (c) Were the Israelites stingy in contributing to YHVH's work of building the tabernacle? (Read Exodus 36:5-7.)



- ▲ (d) How much did the children of Israel give in gold and silver alone? (See Exodus 38:24-25.)

The amount of gold given was approximately 2,175 pounds or more than one ton. If gold is worth \$900 an ounce (as it is today), then the gold the Israelites gave was worth more than \$31 million. They also gave about five tons of silver, which at \$12 an ounce would be worth about \$1.8 million. This did not include all the cloth, wood, bronze, precious stones and everything else used to construct the tabernacle.

- ▲ (e) Have you ever given an offering to YHVH's work? Did you give the least that you could, or did you give the most and best that you could give? How did it make you feel? What kind of blessing did you receive from YHVH for your generosity? What kind of a giver pleases YHVH—a stingy and unhappy giver or a cheerful and generous giver? (Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.)

2 Exodus 39, The High Priest's Splendid Robes

The high priest (or cohen hagadol) wore eight articles of clothing. Read chapter 39 and list them all. Exodus 29 has a list as well.

- ▲ (f) What five colors do you see recurring throughout the priests garments?

These five colors all point to the work and Person of Yeshua the Messiah, who became our heavenly High Priest after his resurrection and ascension to heaven. (Read Hebrews 4:14; 5:1-14; 9:11-15, 23-28; 10:10-12.)

These five colors point to Yeshua's kingship, his divinity (that he came from heaven as God or Elohim in flesh form), his humanity and the fact that he shed his blood to pay for man's sins, that he was sinless and totally righteous, and that his character was pure and divine. Match the colors of the high priests garments with the attributes of Yeshua.

The high priest had special clothing because he had a very special job to do in the tabernacle. He was there to represent the people of Israel before YHVH. He did this when he offered up sacrifices, baked special unleavened bread, burned sweet smelling incense, when he kept the menorah burning and when he talked to Elohim.

- ▲ (g) Do you have certain clothes that you only wear at certain times that when you wear them they make you feel special? List the different types of clothes you wear for different occasions and how they make you feel when you wear them.

If the Israelites wanted to ask YHVH a question, they had to ask the high priest who had to first put on special clothes, perform sacrifices and other tabernacle ceremonies and then go and ask YHVH.

- ▲ (h) Do you need to put on special clothes and perform special ceremonies and rituals to ask YHVH a question? When the high priest did this, what do you suppose YHVH was trying to teach the people? Why don't we have to do that now? What do we call it when we talk to YHVH and ask him questions? How are we able to go directly to our Father in heaven when the Israelites had to go through the high priest to talk to YHVH? (Read John 14:13; 15:16; 16:23-24; Hebrews 4:16; 10:19, 21; Ephesians 2:18; 3:12.)



HIGH PRIEST IN ROBES AND BREASTPLATE.
—Lev. viii. 8.

- ▲ (i) Do you feel special and even important that you can go directly to your Father in heaven if you know Yeshua as your Savior and Redeemer?

3 Exodus 40:1, Setting Up the Tabernacle



The Children of Israel spent about a year making the tabernacle and all of its special and ornate furnishings. It was almost exactly one year to the day from their exodus out of Egypt that they erected this very special tent. There was a whole army of men, called Levites, whose job it was to set up the tabernacle. The tabernacle was a portable house for YHVH and was kind of like a tent you use when you go camping. But this tent was very heavy and required many strong men to carry its parts and pieces, and to set it up and to tear it down whenever YHVH told the Israelites to move to a new place.

- ▲ (j) Have you ever gone camping or backpacking? What's it like to set up a tent?

Each new place you go, you have to set the tent up all over again. If it is a large tent, it can be rather heavy and require the help of your mom or dad to set it up.

Now imagine if that tent contained tons of gold, silver, bronze, wood and material. Imagine that the tent and the cloth fence around it were about 150 feet long by 75 feet wide. This tent was really like a portable treasure chest, or castle for YHVH Elohim to live in and to be with the people of Israel whom he loved. Imagine that!

YHVH, the Creator of the universe actually wanted to live with his people, Israel, because of his love for them. (Read Exodus 25:8,22.)

- ▲ (k) How does YHVH dwell with his people today? Yeshua promised his disciples that something from heaven would come to guide them, help them and to actually live in them. What was this? (Read John 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7,13.)

- ▲ (l) What happened on the Day of Pentecost (Shavuot) when the saints were gathered together in the Upper Room? Did Yeshua's promise to his people come to pass? (Read Acts 2:1-4). After that, how did the Spirit of YHVH come to live in his people? (See Acts 8:4-15; 10:24-46; 19:2,6.)



Now, in order for YHVH to come and to live inside of you, all you have to do is to believe in the Word of Elohim (the Bible), repent of (turn away from) your sins, believe that Yeshua is the Son of Elohim, and that he died to pay the penalty for your sins. You then have to put your faith and trust in him, and to commit to follow and to obey him as your Master for the rest of your life. Once you have done that, Scripture tells us that you must be baptized in water, and then have a servant of YHVH lay hands on you and pray over you to receive the Spirit of Elohim (YHVH's Presence), who will then come and live inside of you.

4 Exodus 40:34, The Glory Cloud of YHVH Fills the Tabernacle

When the children of Israel had finished constructing the tabernacle and had pitched the large tent, Scripture records that the glory cloud of YHVH covered it and that the glory of YHVH filled the tabernacle. The Presence of YHVH was so strong that even Moses, who had been on Mount Sinai with YHVH, who had heard YHVH's voice and seen the backside of YHVH was not able to enter the tabernacle.

- ▲ (m) Was Moses the only person in the Bible to have experienced the Presence of Elohim? Have you ever felt the anointing of YHVH, had a vision or dream that was from YHVH, seen an angel, heard the voice of YHVH or had another supernatural experience that you knew was from YHVH Elohim?
- ▲ (n) What happened to Abraham when he encountered YHVH's Presence? (Read Genesis 17:3.)
- ▲ (o) What happened to the priests when Solomon dedicated the temple he built for Elohim? Did a similar thing happen to them that happened to Moses? (See 2 Chronicles 7:1-3.)
- ▲ (p) Ezekiel had a vision of Elohim on his throne and was overcome by Elohim's glorious Presence (Ezekiel 1:28). He had another vision, this time of the temple of YHVH. What happened to Ezekiel then? (Read Ezekiel 43:3 and 44:4.)
- ▲ (q) What happened to Daniel when he had a vision from YHVH? (Look at Daniel 10:11 [especially note verses 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 16 and 17].)
- ▲ (r) Read what happened to the prophets Jeremiah and Habakkuk (See Jeremiah 20:9 and Habakkuk 3:16.)
- ▲ (s) In the Apostolic Scriptures, the power of Elohim's Spirit fell on a whole congregation of people on the Day of Pentecost (Shavuot). What happened to them? (Read Acts 2:1-4, 8, 13.)
- ▲ (t) What happened to John the Apostle when he saw a vision from YHVH when he was writing the Book of Revelation? (See Revelation 1:17.)
- ▲ (u) Could things like this ever happen again in our day—even to you? (Read Joel 2:27-32.)



YHVH's anointed Presence on the day of Pentecost

5 Exodus 40:36-38, The Glory Cloud Leads the Children of Israel

- ▲ (v) How did YHVH lead the children of Israel through the wilderness? How did they know when to camp and when to move? (Look at Exodus 40:36-38.)
- ▲ (w) How does YHVH lead his servants now? (Read Matthew 4:1; John 10:27; Romans 8:14; Acts 8:29; 13:2; 21:14 and discuss or write how YHVH's Spirit "spoke" to or led his servants in these scriptural examples.)

