
Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Ex. 35:1-29	Sabbath instructions; Contributions for the tabernacle
Tuesday:	Ex. 35:30-36:7	Introducing Betsal'el and Oholiab
Wednesday:	Ex. 36:8-38	Crafting the items for the Dwelling Place; Making the set-apart garments; The list of all the items in the Dwelling Place
Thursday:	Ex. 37:1-29	Making the ark, the table of showbread, lampstand, altar of incense, the anointing oil and incense
Friday:	Ex. 38:1-20	Making the bronze altar, the bronze basin and the courtyard

As we are wrapping up Shemot, we will review the making of the Dwelling Place and connect it with those who Yahweh called by name to oversee its construction and to craft its pieces. We will also look at the materials that went into each furnishing, and introduce those who participated in the contributions, as well as those who were *wise-hearted* or *whose hearts moved them* to help in the making of it. Because Scripture gives us here a little, there a little, we will reference several parshas to give a complete picture. Now, let's read Ex. 25:1-7; 31:1-11; 35:4-35; 36:1-7; 37-39.

Because the parsha cycle changes and may have Vayak'hel and Pekudei combined some years, we suggest you combine our lessons those times.

PARSHA POINTS

- Mosheh spoke to all the congregation of the children of Yisra'el the words which Yahweh commanded him to tell them when he was on the mountain - 25:1; 35:4

The Contributions

- Speak to the children of Yisra'el that they take up a contribution (**terumah**) for Me - 25:2; 35:5



- Everyone whose heart moves them to contribute should bring the following items (25:2-7; 35:5-9):

- gold, silver, bronze
- blue, purple, scarlet materials
- fine linen and goats' hair
- rams' skins dyed red
- fine leather
- acacia wood
- oil for the light
- spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense
- shoham stones and precious stones to be set in the shoulder garment and in the breastplate



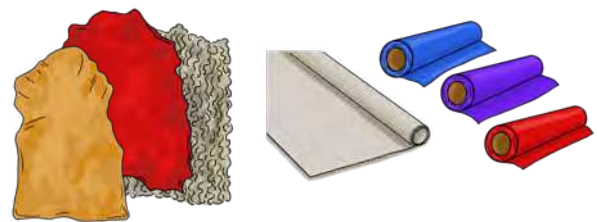
- After the congregation heard Yahweh's words, they departed from the presence of Mosheh - 35:20
- And everyone whose heart or spirit lifted or moved them, brought a contribution to Yahweh - 35:21
- Men and women, all whose hearts moved them brought the following golden items as a wave offering (35:22):

- earrings
- nose rings
- rings
- necklaces



- Every man who had the following items brought these (35:23):

- blue, purple and scarlet material
- fine linen
- goats' hair
- rams' skins dyed red
- fine leather



- Everyone who had the following items brought these (35:24):

- silver
- bronze
- acacia wood

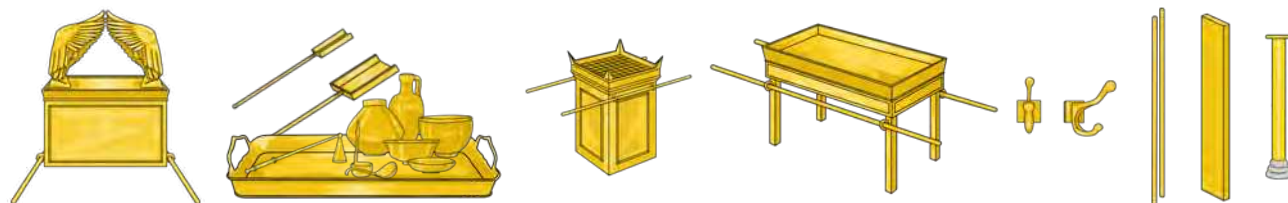


- The rulers brought (35:27-28):

- shoham stones
- stones for the shoulder garment and in the breastplate
- spices and oil for the light
- spices and oil for the anointing oil
- spices and oil for the sweet incense



- The gold contribution was 29 talents and 730 sheqels by weight - 38:24



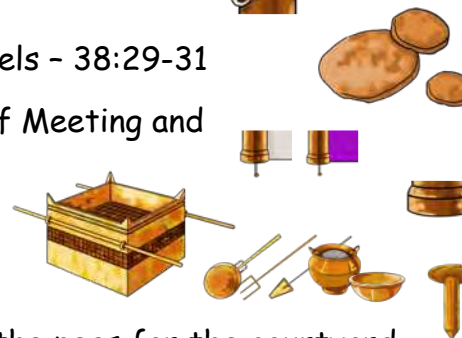
- The silver contribution was 100 talents and 1,775 sheqels from those numbered - 38:25

- 100 talents were specifically for casting the 100 sockets of the set-apart place, and also for the bases of the columns supporting the veil - 38:27
- 1,775 sheqels were used to make hooks for the columns and the overlay for the tops and the bands - 38:28



- The bronze contribution was 70 talents and 2,400 sheqels - 38:29-31

- used to make the sockets for the door of the Tent of Meeting and the sockets for the courtyard
- used to make the bronze altar, and its grating and all the utensils for the altar
- used to make the bases for the courtyard gate
- used to make the pegs for the Dwelling Place and all the pegs for the courtyard



- The children of Yisra'el brought their voluntary offerings and all the men and women whose hearts moved them to bring all kinds of work did as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh to be done - 35:29



- Betsal'el and Oholiab received from Mosheh all the contributions which the children of Yisra'el had brought for the work of the service of making the set-apart place - 36:3

- The craftsmen who were doing the work of the set-apart place told Mosheh that they had more than enough material to do their work - 36:5

- Mosheh then sent word throughout the camp to stop bringing anymore contributions for the Set-apart Place, as they did not need any more materials to do their work - 36:6-7



The Workers

- Yahweh asked that all the wise-hearted (skilled) among the children of Yisra'el would come to help in making the following (35:10-19):
 - Dwelling Place and its tent and covering, its hooks and boards, its bars, columns and sockets
 - ark and its poles, the lid of atonement
 - veil of the covering
 - table of showbread and its poles, its utensils and the showbread
 - lampstand for the light, and its utensils and lamps and the oil for the light

- incense altar and its poles, the anointing oil, the sweet incense
 - covering for the door at the entrance of the Dwelling Place
 - altar of burnt offering with its bronze grating, its poles, all its utensils, the basin and its stand
 - screens of the courtyard, its column and their sockets
 - coverings for the gate of the courtyard
 - pegs of the Dwelling Place, the courtyard and their cords
 - woven garments worn for service in the set-apart place
 - set-apart garments for Aharon the priest
 - garments of his sons to serve as priests
- All the *wise-hearted (skilled)* women and all the women *whose hearts lifted them up in wisdom* did the following (35:25-26):

- spun yarn with their own hands
- spun goats' hair
- brought the blue, purple and scarlet material
- brought the fine linen



Betsal'el and Oholiab

- Yahweh called 2 specific men by name (31:2, 6; 35:30, 34; 36:1-2; 38:22-23):

- Betsal'el, son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Yehudah (meaning, 'in the shadow of')
- Oholiab, son of Ahisamak, of the tribe of Dan (meaning, 'father's tent')



- Yahweh filled them with the Spirit of Elohim (31:3; 35:31, 34; 36:1-2):

- in wisdom (**chokmah**)
- in understanding (**tevunah**)
- in knowledge (**da'at**)
- in all work
- to teach
- to know how to do all the work for the service of the set-apart place

- Betsal'el's skills (31:4-5; 35:32-33):

- chief artisan - worked in all workmanship of design
- metal worker - made designs in gold, silver and bronze materials
- jeweler - cut stones for settings
- woodworker - carved wood



- Oholiab's skills (35:35; 38:23):

- engraver
- designer
- embroiderer (of the blue, purple and scarlet materials and fine linen)
- weaver
- maker of designs



- Betsal'el and Oholiab made the following (37:1-29; 38:1-20; 39:1-31):
 - ark, its rings and poles, the lid of atonement and the kerubim
 - table for the showbread, its rings and poles, and all its utensils which were on the table - its dishes, cups, bowls, and jars
 - lampstand, its snuffers, and its trays
 - incense altar, its rings and poles
 - set-apart anointing oil
 - clean incense of sweet spices according to the work of the perfumer
 - altar of burnt offerings and all its utensils, its horns, rings and poles
 - bronze basin and its stand
 - courtyard and screens
 - woven set-apart garments for Aharon, as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh
- All the work of the Dwelling Place was completed, and they brought the following to Mosheh (39:33-41):
 - tent and all its furnishings: its hooks, its boards, its bars, and its columns, and its sockets
 - covering of rams' skins dyed red, of fine leather, and the veil of the covering
 - ark of the Witness with its poles, and the lid of atonement
 - table of showbread, all its utensils, and the showbread
 - clean lampstand with its lamps, the lamps to be put in order, all its utensils, and the oil for the light
 - bronze altar and its bronze grating, its poles, and all its utensils
 - basin with its stand
 - screens of the courtyard, its columns and its sockets, the covering for the courtyard gate, its cords, its pegs, and all the utensils for the service of the Dwelling Place
 - woven garments, to do service in the set-apart place; the set-apart garments for Aharon the priest, and his sons' garments to serve as priests
- The children of Yisra'el did according to all that Yahweh had commanded Mosheh - 39:32, 42
- Mosheh looked over all the work which was done, and saw that it was done according to the pattern that Yahweh had commanded - 39:43
- Mosheh then blessed the children of Yisra'el - 39:43



DIGGING DEEPER

Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Talk about the importance of a generous or giving heart and find Scriptures that show the result of those who were generous and those who were not.
- Research and discuss the meaning of Betsal'el and Oholiab's names.
- The Proverbs has a lot to say about wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. Find verses in Psalms and Proverbs that have these words. How do we get these qualities?

