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# Pearl Seeking

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## TREASURING HIS WORD

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

Monday:	Ex. 35:1-3	Sabbath instructions
Tuesday:	Ex. 35:4-36:7	Contributions for the Dwelling Place; The calling of Betsal'el and Oholiab
Wednesday:	Ex. 36:8-38	Making the curtains, coverings, boards, veil and columns for the Dwelling Place
Thursday:	Ex. 37:1-39:43	Crafting the items for the Dwelling Place; Making the set-apart garments; The list of all the items in the Dwelling Place
Friday:	Ex. 40:1-38	Setting up the Dwelling Place; Consecration of the priests; The esteem of Yahweh upon the Dwelling Place: cloud and fire

As we conclude the book of Shemot, the children of Yisra'el are going to witness and participate in an amazing event - the raising up of the Tent of Meeting and Yahweh's Dwelling Place. It is now already a year since the children of Yisra'el said good-bye to Mitsrayim, and now all the furnishings and furniture pieces are constructed and ready to be put in their designated places as Yahweh instructs Mosheh. We will also see the establishment of Yahweh's presence over the Dwelling Place, revealed in the pillar of cloud by day and the fire by night - a visible object to lead and guide the children of Yisra'el on their journeys. Next week, we will start the book of Vayikra and learn about the 5 offerings that Yahweh instructed His people to bring to Him at the Dwelling Place. Now, let's read Ex. 40.

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

**Terms to know:** For the following 3 terms, we at MTOI have chosen to use the wording in the earlier edition (98" version) of the ISR Scriptures. Please use this as a resource for your study.

Tent of Meeting = Tent of Appointment

Altar = Slaughter-place

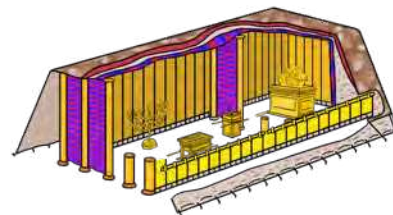
Burnt Offering = Ascending Offering



# PARSHA POINTS

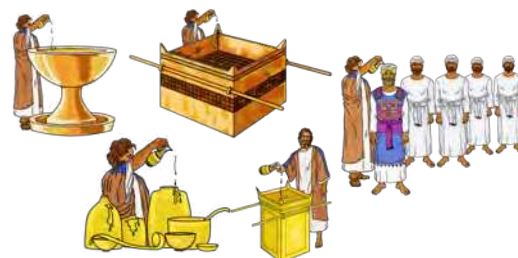
- Yahweh told Mosheh to raise up (**taqim**) the Dwelling Place (**mishkan**) of the Tent of Meeting (**Ohel Mo'ed**) on the first day of the first new moon (**chodesh**) - 40:1-2
- Mosheh was instructed to do the following (40:3-8):

- put the ark of the Witness in the Most Set-apart Place, behind the inner veil
- bring in the table (of showbread) and arrange what belongs on it
- bring in the lampstand and light its lamps
- set the gold altar of incense in the Set-apart Place, before the ark of the Witness
- set the bronze basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water in it
- set up the courtyard all around these items
- set in place the covering of the courtyard gate



- Mosheh was instructed to take the anointing oil and anoint (40:9-12):

- the Dwelling Place and all that was in it, in order to set apart the tent and all its utensils
- the altar of the burnt offerings, in order to set apart the altar and all its utensils
- Aharon and his sons



- Mosheh was to do the following for the priesthood (40:12-15):

- wash Aharon and his sons with water
- put the set-apart garments on Aharon, then anoint him and set him apart to serve Yahweh
- put the long shirts on Aharon's sons, then anoint them to serve Yahweh as priests

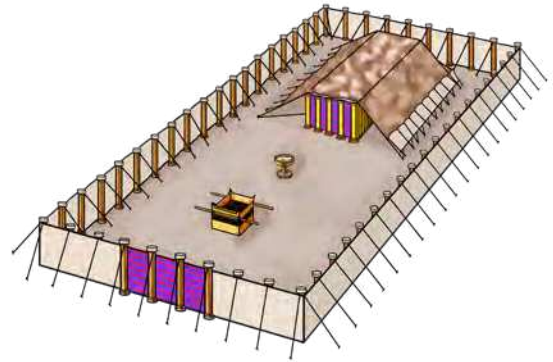


- Mosheh and Aharon, and his sons washed their hands and their feet with the water in the bronze basin - 40:31
- Each time they proceeded to go into the Tent of Meeting, they would pause at the bronze basin near the altar and wash, as Yahweh had commanded Mosheh - 40:32
- Throughout their generations, Aharon and his sons were given an everlasting priesthood - 40:15
- Mosheh did exactly as Yahweh had commanded him to do - 40:16



- On the first day of the first new moon, in the second year, Mosheh raised up the Dwelling Place. He (40:17-30, 33):

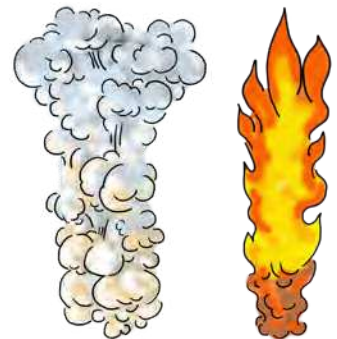
- placed its sockets
- set up its boards
- put in its bars
- raised up its columns
- spread the tent over the Dwelling Place
- put the covering of the tent on top of it
- took the Witness and put it into the ark
- slid the poles into the rings of the ark
- set the lid of atonement on top of the ark
- brought the ark into the Dwelling Place
- placed the inner veil to screen off the ark of the Witness
- set the table inside the Tent of Meeting, on the north side of the Dwelling Place, outside the inner veil
- set the bread in order upon it, before Yahweh
- placed the lampstand in the Tent of Meeting, opposite the table, on the south side of the Dwelling Place
- lit the lamps before Yahweh
- put the incense altar in the Tent of Meeting in front of the inner veil
- burned sweet incense on the incense altar
- set up the covering (outer veil) to the door of the Dwelling Place
- put the altar of burnt offering before the door of the Dwelling Place of the Tent of Meeting, then offered upon it the burnt offering and the grain offering
- put the bronze basin between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing
- raised up the courtyard all around the Dwelling Place and the altar, and hung the covering of the courtyard gate



- And Mosheh completed (**waykal**) all the work - 40:33

### ***Cloud by Day, Pillar of Fire by Night***

- The cloud (**anan**) covered the Tent of Meeting, and the esteem of Yahweh filled the Dwelling Place - 40:34
- Mosheh was not able to come into the Tent of Meeting because the cloud dwelt on it, and the esteem (**kavod**) of Yahweh filled the Dwelling Place - 40:35
- When the cloud was taken up from above the Dwelling Place, the children of Yisra'el would break camp and prepare to set out on their journeys - 40:36
- If the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day it did lift from the Dwelling Place - 40:37
- The cloud of Yahweh was on the Dwelling Place by day, and fire (**aish**) was on it by night, before the eyes of all Yisra'el, in all their journeys - 40:38



# DIGGING DEEPER

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

- As we conclude Shemot, we see lots of repetition regarding the Dwelling Place. Why do you think Yahweh repeated the information regarding the instruction for the Dwelling Place? Could it be that He regards it as the most important construction ever made?
- Discuss the significance of the emphasis upon Mosheh's obedience to do everything just as Yahweh had commanded him.
- How long did it take to complete the Dwelling Place?
- Whenever the cloud lifted, the children of Yisra'el were to gather up their belongings and follow where it led. Explain the importance of structure and organization in their task of assembling and disassembling the entire Dwelling Place with hardly any notice.
- What does it mean when it says that the esteem of Yahweh filled the Dwelling Place?

