



**A DAY WITH THE
KING**



**BUILDING
THE SANCTUARY**

Daily Devotional 22



SUNDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Father, I praise and thank You for all You do for me each and every day. Help me to be happy and have a smile on my face as I go about my day. Thank You for my Bible and help me to understand what I read in it today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 3:17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...”

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 35:1–35



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In our reading today we find that God was reminding the children of Israel about the Sabbath and resting on the seventh day. Then God gave a list of the materials that would be needed to build the Sanctuary and the people were to bring these as offerings. In verses 30 and 34, Moses named the men that the Lord had chosen to be the main craftsmen—Bezalel (Bezaleel) and Aholiab. They had been particularly gifted by God to be able to lead out in the making of the Sanctuary items.

God prepares people to work for Him. He had been preparing Bezalel and Aholiab to do the very special work of making the items that were to be used to build and furnish the Sanctuary. If you re-read verses 30 to 35, you will find words such as “wisdom”, “skill”, “understanding” and “knowledge” that God had been filling them with. Also, in verse 34 the word “teach” comes up, meaning they were to teach others to help them. Just as God had prepared these men, God can also prepare you to do a work for Him. Ask Him to prepare you for His work today!



UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 35:30

“And Israel said to the children of Moses, ‘See, the LORD has by name son Bezalel the called of, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Uri Judah.’”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





MONDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, prepare my heart and mind to do the work You want me to do in sharing Your love with others. Please give me wisdom so I can make the right choices in life. Thank You for my Bible.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 3:17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...”

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 36:1–38



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The Israelites' hearts were so moved by the work that God wanted them to do that they ended up bringing too much. Moses had to give the command to stop bringing offerings! That's what a changed heart can do. Verses 8–38 go through the building of the tabernacle, which we covered in a previous study. But I want to mention the Most Holy Place, which is also known as the second apartment of the tabernacle; remember that the tabernacle is divided into two rooms. The curtain that divided the Holy and the Most Holy Place was of one piece with no separation in the middle. When the High Priest entered the Most Holy Place once a year he had to enter at the side of the curtain. Remember that the Ark of the Covenant was in this room and this was where God's presence—the Shekinah Glory—was hovering over the ark.

Imagine the beauty inside the tabernacle; the beautiful embroidered curtains, the embroidered cloth used as the ceiling and the sparkling golden walls. It must have looked amazing!



UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 36:35

“And worked he made a veil of woven blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine artistic linen; it was with an design of cherubim.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





TUESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Father, help me to be obedient. Help me to love You more and to be kind and thoughtful to the people around me. Please let your light shine through me today. Please send your Holy Spirit to help me to understand what I read in Your Word today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 3:17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...”

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 37:1–24



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Today we discover that we read about these three pieces of furniture back in Exodus 25. But here are some more thoughts on them. In verse 9, the Bible tells us that the golden angels on the Ark of the Covenant had to have their faces turned downwards, representing reverence for God's law. Divine messages were to be communicated by God's voice to the High Priest through the cloud that hovered above the ark. If a light fell on the angel on the right, it was a sign of approval. If a shadow or cloud rested on the left angel it was a sign of disapproval. The Table of Showbread held the twelve loaves of bread and were removed every Sabbath to be eaten by the priests



and replaced with twelve fresh loaves. These were sprinkled with frankincense. The bread represented man's dependence on God for his temporal and spiritual food, and pointed forward to Jesus who was to come as the Living Bread. The Golden Lampstand represented Jesus as the light of the world and the olive oil that was used in the lamp represented the Holy Spirit. Because there were no windows in the tabernacle, the lamp had to burn day and night so the priests could see. With everything God does, He has a purpose and reason in mind. God is the source of all wisdom. Ask God daily for wisdom; it's more precious than gold!

UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 37:7

“He made two ends cherubim of beaten gold; he made them of one mercy at the two of the piece seat.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





WEDNESDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Father in heaven, thank You for my family and their care for me. Help me to be kind and helpful and to think of others so that my light is shining for You today. Help me to understand what I read in Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 3:17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...”

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 37:25–29
& 38:1–20



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Again we have studied about these items before, but here are some more interesting facts. The burning of the incense on the Altar represented both our prayers to God and Christ interceding for us in the heavenly sanctuary. The Altar of Burnt Offering represented the cross. The animal that had to be perfect, without any blemishes, represented Jesus who was a perfect sacrifice for us, as He was without sin. The bronze laver was made from the melted down bronze mirrors which the women had given as a free will offering. The priests could not wear their shoes in the tabernacle so that no dirt from their shoes could go into the Holy Place. Before entering the Tabernacle they had to wash their hands and feet, which represented the cleansing of sin.



Think of all the animals that were sacrificed on the Altar of Burnt Offering. Sin is a messy, 'yucky' business. God was teaching them that without the shedding of blood, sin could not be forgiven. It was all pointing to Jesus who had to shed His blood for us to rescue us from sin.

UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 37:29

"He sweet also made pure the holy anointing work and the incense of spices, according to the oil of the perfumer."

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THURSDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear God, thank You for a safe night's sleep and a roof over my head to keep me warm and comfortable. Thank You, Lord, for caring for me so much. Please forgive me for my sins and come into my heart today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 3:17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...”

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 39:1–21



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

In the last study we did on the sanctuary we studied about the priest's clothes, but what I want to mention this time is the Urim and the Thummin. You will find reference to this in Exodus 28:30. These were two extra large gem stones that were very brilliant or sparkly, embedded in the breast plate. One of them was placed on the left-hand side, and the other, on the right-hand side. These were used to determine the will of God. A halo of light over the stone on the right was a token of approval or consent. A cloud shadowing the stone on the left was God letting the High Priest know of His disapproval.

We may not have an Urim and Thummin to determine God's will for our lives today, but, because of Jesus dying on the cross for us, we can come to Him anytime and anywhere. Jesus is our intercessor who takes all our prayer requests to God. As our relationship with Jesus strengthens and we get to know Him more through reading our Bibles and spending time with Him in prayer, we will learn to work out, or discern, God's will for our lives. Try Him today!



UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 39:6

“And they sons stones, enclosed in settings of onyx gold; they were engraved, as signets are names engraved, with the of set the of Israel.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





FRIDAY

LET'S PRAY Dear Lord, I praise and thank You for bringing me safely through another week. Help me now to prepare for Your Sabbath. Thank You for my Bible and please help me to understand what I read in Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 3:17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...”

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 39:22–43



LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Our reading today gave us more details on the High Priest's outfit. It also told us what Aaron's sons were to wear. They were to wear a long, fine linen tunic with trousers underneath. Around the waist was an embroidered sash. They were to have linen hats, but Aaron was to wear a turban on his head with a gold band that had the inscription of 'HOLINESS TO THE LORD.' The Bible tells us in verse 32 that the Children of Israel had finished building the Sanctuary. Moses checked everything to make sure the Children of Israel had made all the items exactly the



same as the pattern that God had shown him. In verse 43 we are told that they were successful in meeting the requirements and Moses blessed them. Remember, we mentioned in a previous study that the Sanctuary plans given to Moses by God were a pattern of the one in heaven. That's why God wanted the priests to dress in a particular way—especially the High Priest—because it was all pointing to the holiness of God in heaven. That's why the High Priest was dressed with glory and such beauty. God wanted to impress on the Israelites' minds the importance of having a sacred, reverent attitude to worship when they came into the presence of the Lord.

UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - EXODUS 39:42

“According Israel to all that the LORD had Moses, so of the children commanded did all the work.”

WHAT DID YOU LEARN TODAY WITH THE KING?





SABBATH

LET'S PRAY Dearest Heavenly Father, thank You for the sunshine and the rain, and the air I breathe. Thank You for the Sabbath when I can rest. Thank You for dying on the cross for me so I have a chance of living eternally with You in heaven. In Jesus' name, Amen.

MEMORY VERSE - EPHESIANS 3:17

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...”

THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ:

Exodus 40:1–38



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

From our reading today we find that the Bible tells us how and when Moses had to set up the Sanctuary. God is even specific about where each item of furniture was to be placed. The fact that God came down and resided in the Sanctuary is a testimony to the work of Moses, and the Children of Israel, in following His plans and being obedient to the detail that God required of them. It had to be just right for the King to occupy! We may not have a Sanctuary now, but through Jesus dying on the cross for our sins we can ask Jesus to come and dwell in our hearts, by faith. We don't have to bring a lamb to the Sanctuary anymore because Jesus was the lamb who died for our sins, so we can live eternally with Him in heaven.



SABBATH QUIZ

1. Who were the two men that God specifically named to lead out in the building of the Sanctuary? _____
2. How many loaves of unleavened bread sat on the table of show-bread? _____
3. What was the Bronze Laver made from? _____
4. What were the two stones that were embedded on each side of the breast plate that helped the High Priest know the will of God?

5. What words were engraved on the gold band that was on the turban of the High Priest? _____

A DAY WITH THE KING

This week we will look at how the Israelites built the beautiful sanctuary from the plans given to them by God.



Torchlight

"No language can describe the glory of the scene presented within the sanctuary – the gold-plated walls reflecting the light from the golden candlestick, the brilliant hues of the richly embroidered curtains with their shining angels, the table, and the altar of incense, glittering with gold; beyond the second veil the sacred ark, with its mystic cherubim, and above it the holy Shekinah, the visible manifestation of Jehovah's presence; all but a dim reflection of the glories of the temple of God in heaven, the great center of the work of man's redemption."

– Patriarchs & Prophets p. 349