

THAT I MAY DWELL IN THEIR MIDST (The Construction of the Tabernacle)

Exodus 35-40

Key Verse: 40:34,35

1. Why didn't the construction of the tabernacle begin immediately? When did it begin? What instructions were reiterated in 35:1-3? How was preparation for construction made? (35:4-36:7)
2. Compare the order of construction with the order of the patterns. (36-38; 25-27) Why do you think the order is changed?
3. In chapters 38,39,40 find the phrase, "as the Lord commanded Moses." How many times do you find this phrase repeated? What is the significance of this?
4. Skim chapter 40. Fill in the drawing of the court of the tabernacle with the tabernacle, (tent of meeting), ark, table, lampstand, altar of incense, bronze altar, basin. Include the curtain between the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place.
5. Describe what happened after Moses finished setting up the whole tabernacle. How did God become the practical shepherd of his people? What parallels can we find in how we must live our pilgrim life in this world?