

Exodus 37-38

March 12th, 2021

Study Guide

Pray: Ask God to help you see and hear His word rightly and ask Him to reveal himself to you as you read through the designated chapters this week.

Read through **Exodus 37-38**. Then, **reflect** upon what you read as you consider the study questions.

1. The ark was the holiest object in the holiest place of the tabernacle. It was where God would be present with His people! Who was given the responsibility of making the ark and its ornamentation (**Exodus 37:1-9**)?

2. The role of chief craftsman may have been an enviable privilege as he was given the honor of making the most sacred object in the tabernacle.

*Read **Mark 10:35-45**.* Some of Jesus' disciples sought high-visibility assignments in Jesus' kingdom. What was Jesus' response to them regarding the Christ-like attitude toward responsibilities and service?

3. Review **Exodus 27** and compare to **Exodus 38**. What do you notice about the change in verb tense? Why do *you think* these final chapters of Exodus are included when they are a for the most part repeated, sometimes verbatim, from chapters 25-28?

4. a) Look back at **Exodus 30:17-21**. What was the purpose of the bronze basin?

b) What materials did the women surrender to construct the basin? (**Exodus 38:8**)

c) Mirrored glass we use today was still unknown in ancient times, but highly polished bronze was used for reflection. Think about why you may have already used a mirror today. Considering the practical use of mirrors what ability were these women also surrendering with their offering.

Why do *you think* might this be significant? (Remember there is no right or wrong answer.)

5. An exact tally of the Israelites' contributions is provided in **Exodus 38:24-29**. What impresses you about this list?

6. Twenty-nine talents of gold were used in the tabernacle (**verse 24**). Some estimate 29 talents to be equivalent to about 920 kilograms (or 2,030 pounds). Where did the children of Israel obtain such valuable resources? (Look back at **Exodus 11:2-3 and Exodus 12:36**)

7. It can be easy to wonder why certain passages are included in the Bible, especially long, detailed lists. What does Paul say in **2 Timothy 3:16-17** about the overall purpose of what we find in the Bible?