

## Exodus Chapter 39

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- We have the continuation of the review of the implements and garments of the priesthood.

V: 1-43 There is the listing of the things that God commanded Moses to tell the people to make.

- A key phrase throughout this chapter is "... *as the Lord commanded Moses.*"

**1 Samuel 15:22** "And Samuel said, hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

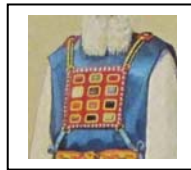
- Re-iterating that it was God who commanded that these things be made.
- Emphasizing that the people were obedient in making the things that Moses commanded.
- Each article is Holy, consecrated unto the Lord, set apart for His use, His exclusive use.

V: 30 "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" – "Ko-desh Yahweh"

HOLINESS: (H-6944). qodesh, ko'-desh; a sacred place or thing; sanctified, consecrated, dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing), holiness.

- The entire chapter up to this point is about the priestly garments, and specifically about the High Priest's garments – all of which reflect the Holiness of the Lord.

V: 1-6 The holiness of the Lord is reflected in the priestly garments, particularly in the colors.

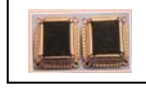


- The colors: gold, blue, purple, and scarlet – mentioned in 8 verses thus far.
  1. Gold: representing deity, God is high and lifted up.
  2. Blue: represents Heaven, and He who is above.
  3. Purple: represents royalty, God is King of kings and LORD of lords.
  4. Scarlet: Sacrifice, blood.

**Isaiah 1:18** "... though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

V: 6-14 The holiness of the Lord is represented in the jewels.

- The description of the two onyx stones, with the names of the children of Israel engraved, 6 on each stone.



- One worn on each shoulder, representing the high priest bearing the names of the children of Israel before the Lord
- Again the breastplate with the 4 rows of 3 stones, each engraved with a name of the children of Israel.



- The children of Israel here are on the heart of the high priest.

**Exodus 39: 14** “And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name according to the twelve tribes.

**Song of Solomon 8:6-7** “<sup>6</sup>Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame. <sup>7</sup>Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.”

- Every detail matters to God, even the material of the priestly garments:

“*Fine linen*” – 7 X's (V: 2, 3, 5, 8, 27, 28, 29)

- It matters to God what we wear, we have to wear the right things:



**Matthew 22:11-14** “<sup>11</sup>And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: <sup>12</sup>And he saith unto him, friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then said the king to the servants, bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**Revelation 19:7-8** “<sup>7</sup>Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. <sup>8</sup>And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”



V: 22 The robe of the Ephod:

V: 30-31 The crown on the mitre / turban reveals the holiness of the Lord.



**Exodus 28:36-38** “<sup>36</sup>And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, **HOLINESS TO THE LORD.** <sup>37</sup>And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre is shall be. <sup>38</sup>And it shall be upon Aaron’s forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the Lord.”

- This was to be a constant reminder to the priest for the need of cleansing from iniquity and sin.

**Psalms 66:18** “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”

V: 33-43 It was brought to Moses, and it was blessed by Moses.

- Moses inspected it, examined it carefully to be sure that it was exactly what God had ordered.

Then Moses blessed the people.

*Moses; this is how you will bless the people:*

**Numbers 6:24-26** “<sup>24</sup>The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: <sup>25</sup>Thy face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: <sup>26</sup>The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.”

**Leviticus 9:23-24** “<sup>23</sup>And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the people. <sup>24</sup>And there came a fire out from before the Lord, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.”

- Holiness to the Lord:
  1. It belongs to the Lord. **Romans 12:1**
  2. It’s separated for the worship of the Lord. “The earth and all it’s fullness belongs to the Lord.”
  3. It’s free from defilement, it is pure. **1 John 1:9**

## Exodus Chapter 40

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- The children of Israel have been in the wilderness for one year. They left on Passover

V: 1-8 The arranging of the furniture was taken care of.

- The veil or curtain doorway was put in place, coving the ark of the testimony – separating the presence of God from men.

**Matthew 27:51** “And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;”

- When Jesus died on the cross, that barrier to the presence of God was removed. Torn from top to bottom in such a way that men could not have done it.

V: 3-8 They were following God’s design, or arrangement:

- Just as with the garments and the furnishings themselves, the glory of the Lord was to be seen even in the arrangement of the furniture.

**Galatians 6:14** “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”

- Viewed from above, we can see that the furnishings are arranged in the shape of a cross – pointing to the One who died on the cross for our sins, pointing to the glory of the Lord.

V: 9-16 Anointing – everything.

- We need the anointing of God to really worship Him.

*We as believers have that anointing:*

**1 John 2:20** “But ye have an unction / anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things.”

**1 Corinthians 3:16** “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you.”

- That anointing is the Holy Spirit himself.

**John 4:24** “God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.”

- We need that anointing to worship God.

V: 9 All of this anointing was an act of consecration, these things became sacred.

V: 12 This anointing was an act of cleansing.

- When Jesus washed the disciples feet, it was much more than an act of humility – He was preparing them to be in the presence of God, and to worship Him.

**John 15:3** “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”

**Ephesians 5:26** “That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.”

**Psalms 24:3-4** “<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place? <sup>4</sup>He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.”

**James 4:8** “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded.”

V: 15 Anointing: It was also an act of commitment.

**1 Peter 2:9** “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light:”

V: 17-33 “*As the Lord commanded*” – when we truly worship the Lord, we do it according to his command.

- We are not free to worship God in just any manner, we can't dictate to God how we'll worship – it's not worship if we do it that way.

**1 Corinthians 14:40** “Let all things be done decently and in order.”

V: 19-21 Here we see the obvious, seemingly intentional separation between God and His people.

- This touches on two things that are very difficult to reconcile:
- The transcendence of God & the incarnation of God.
  1. The transcendence of God is that He is above all things, high and lifted up, the Lord God Almighty.

2. The incarnation of God is when He condescended, lowered Himself and became a man – He became something that we could see and touch, something tangible, discernable.

V: 22-23 The bread is prepared and placed upon the table – the show bread.

**John 6:35** “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.”

- The bread was replaced every day, the priest were the only ones who were to eat it.

V: 24-25 The lighting of the Menorah – representing the glory of our Lord Jesus.

**John 8:12** “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

V: 26-27 The golden altar of incense; the incense representing the prayers of the people – the calling upon God.

**Psalms 141:2** “Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.”

- It was also a model of things to come:

**Revelation 8:3-4** “<sup>3</sup>And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. <sup>4</sup>And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel’s hand.”

V: 28 Now the Tabernacle doorway is hung: and it point to Jesus.

Jesus said:

**John 10:9** “I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.”

V: 29 The altar of burnt offering is set up before the door way.

- The celebration of sacrifice, they began to offer sacrifices on the altar. (Num. 7:1-11).
- Every time someone brought an animal sacrifice as an act of worship, it was also a substitutionary sacrifice, a temporary covering – until the redemption price was paid by Jesus.

- And it was a model of our New Testament sacrifice of ourselves.

**Romans 12:1** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** “<sup>19</sup>Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”

- This is really the ultimate act of worship, just giving ourselves completely to God.

V: 30-32 Again the cleansing of the priest – again...

*This is a continual process.*

**John 15:3** “Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”

V: 33-38 Thus far we've seen:

1. The arranging of the furniture – which pointed to the cross, giving glory to God.
2. The anointing of all the items, consecrating them to God's service and glory.
3. The beginning of the sacrifices, worshipping God – looking for His glory.
4. Now we see the manifestation of the glory of God which fills the Tabernacle.

- It's too much even for Moses.

**Leviticus 9:23-24** “<sup>23</sup>And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and **the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the people.** <sup>24</sup>And there came a fire out from before the Lord, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.”

**Psalms 63:1-3** “<sup>1</sup>O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; <sup>2</sup>to see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.”

- David saw what Moses saw – and I believe he saw it for the same reason.

**John 14:21** “He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.”

V: 35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent....

**Psalm 138:5** “Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord.”

**1 Kings 8:10-11** “<sup>10</sup>And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord, <sup>11</sup>so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord.”

V: 36-37 God provides guidance for His children – in **all** their journeys.

**Isaiah 30:21** “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”

- Lord, I don't know which way to turn.... I don't know what to do.... Should I...?
- Look for His glory! Look for the cloud by day or the pillar by night.

V: 38 We see God's comfort, His re-assurance, and His guarantee.

**Hebrews 13:5** “... for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.”

**Matthew 28:20** “... lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age. Amen.”

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**Exodus 25:8** “And let them make Me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.”

**Exodus 29:45-46** “<sup>45</sup>And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. <sup>46</sup>And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the Lord their God.”

- This book is about deliverance: to the children of Israel, and even though this demonstrates that God keeps His word – it is more than that.
- God wants, has always wanted just to be with His people – He wants fellowship with us!
- Because He loves us!