

P'kudei

Exodus 38:21 - 40:38

This translation was taken from the JPS Tanakh

²¹ These are the records of the Tabernacle, the Tabernacle of the Pact, which were drawn up at Moses' bidding — the work of the Levites under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron the priest. ²² Now Bezalel, son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, had made all that the Lord had commanded Moses; ²³ at his side was Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, carver and designer, and embroiderer in blue, purple, and crimson yarns and in fine linen.

²⁴ All the gold that was used for the work, in all the work of the sanctuary — the elevation offering of gold — came to 29 talents and 730 shekels by the sanctuary weight. ²⁵ The silver of those of the community who were recorded came to 100 talents and 1,775 shekels by the sanctuary weight: ²⁶ a half-shekel a head, half a shekel by the sanctuary weight, for each one who was entered in the records, from the age of twenty years up, 603,550 men. ²⁷ The 100 talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary and the sockets for the curtain, 100 sockets to the 100 talents, a talent a socket. ²⁸ and of the 1,775 shekels he made hooks for the posts, overlay for their tops, and bands around them.

²⁹ The copper from the elevation offering came to 70 talents and 2,400 shekels. ³⁰ Of it he made the sockets for the entrance of the Tent of Meeting; the copper altar and its copper grating and all the utensils of the altar; ³¹ the sockets of the enclosure round about and the sockets of the gate of the enclosure; and all the pegs of the Tabernacle and all the pegs of the enclosure round about.

Chapter 39

¹ Of the blue, purple, and crimson yarns they also made the service vestments for officiating in the sanctuary; they made Aaron's sacral vestments — as the Lord had commanded Moses.

² The ephod was made of gold, blue, purple, and crimson yarns, and fine twisted linen. ³ They hammered out sheets of gold and cut threads to be worked into designs among the blue, the purple, and the crimson yarns, and the fine linen. ⁴ They made for it attaching shoulder-pieces; they were attached at its two Ends. ⁵ The decorated band that was upon it was made like it, of one piece with it; of gold, blue, purple, and crimson yarns, and fine twisted linen — as the Lord had commanded Moses.

⁶ They bordered the lazuli stones with frames of gold, engraved with seal engravings of the names of the sons of Israel. ⁷ They were set on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, as stones of remembrance for the Israelites — as the Lord had commanded Moses.

⁸ The breastpiece was made in the style of the ephod: of gold, blue, purple, an crimson yarns, and fine twisted linen. ⁹ It was square; they made the breastpiece doubled — a span in length and a span in width, doubled. ¹⁰ They set in it four rows of stones. The first row was a row of carnelian, chrysolite, and emerald; ¹¹ the second row: a turquoise, a sapphire, and an amethyst; ¹² the third row: a jacinth, an agate, and a crystal; ¹³ and the fourth row: a beryl, a lapis lazuli, and a jasper. They were encircled in their mountings with frames of gold. ¹⁴ The stones corresponded [in number] to the names of the sons of Israel: twelve, corresponding to their names; engraved like seals, each with its name, for the twelve tribes.

¹⁵ On the breastpiece they made braided chains of corded work in pure gold. ¹⁶ They made two frames of gold and two rings of gold, and fastened the two rings at the two ends of the breastpiece, ¹⁷ attaching the two golden cords to the two rings at the ends of the breastpiece. ¹⁸ They then fastened the two ends of the cords to the two frames, attaching them to the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, at the front. ¹⁹ They made two rings of gold and attached them to the two ends of the breastpiece, at its inner edge, which faced the ephod. ²⁰ They made two other rings of gold and fastened them on the front of the ephod, low on the two shoulder-pieces, close to its seam above the decorated band. ²¹ The breastpiece was held in place by a cord of blue from its rings to the rings of the ephod, so that the breastpiece rested on the decorated band and did not come loose from the ephod — as the Lord had commanded Moses.

²² The robe for the ephod was made of woven work, of pure blue. ²³ The opening of the robe, in the middle of it, was like the opening of a coat of mail, with a binding around the opening, so that it would not tear. ²⁴ On the hem of the robe they made pomegranates of blue, purple, and crimson yarns, twisted. ²⁵ They also made bells of pure gold, and attached the bells between the pomegranates, all around the hem of the robe, between the pomegranates: ²⁶ a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, all around the them of the robe for officiating in — as the Lord had commanded Moses.

²⁷ They made the tunics of fine linen, of woven work, for Aaron and his sons; ²⁸ and the headdress of fine linen, and the decorated turbans of fine linen, and the linen breeches of fine twisted linen; ²⁹ and sashes of fine twisted linen, blue, purple, and crimson yarns, done in embroidery — as the Lord had commanded Moses.

³⁰ they made the frontlet for the holy diadem of pure gold, and incised upon it the seal inscription: "Holy to the Lord." ³¹ They attached to it a cord of blue to fix it upon the headdress above — as the Lord had commanded Moses.

³² Thus was completed all the work of the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. The Israelites did so, just as the Lord had commanded Moses, so they did.

³³ Then they brought the Tabernacle to Moses, with the Tent and all its furnishings: its clasps, its planks, its bars, its posts, and its sockets; ³⁴ the covering of tanned ram skins, the covering of dolphin skins, and the curtain for the screen; ³⁵ the Ark of the Pact and its poles, and the cover; ³⁶ the table and all its utensils, and the bread of display; ³⁷ the pure lampstand, its lamps — lamps in due order — and all its fittings, and the oil for lighting; ³⁸ the altar of gold, the oil for anointing, the aromatic incense, and the screen for the entrance of the Tent; ³⁹ the copper altar with its copper grating, its poles and all its utensils, and the laver and its stand; ⁴⁰ the hangings of the enclosure, its posts and its sockets, the screen for the gate of the enclosure, its cords and its pegs — all the furnishings for the service of the Tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting; ⁴¹ the service vestments for officiating in the sanctuary, the sacral vestments of Aaron the priest, and the vestments of his sons for priestly service. ⁴² Just as the Lord had commanded Moses, so the Israelites had done all the work. ⁴³ And when Moses saw that they had performed all the tasks — as the Lord had commanded, so they had done — Moses blessed them.

Chapter 40

1 And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

² On the first day of the first month you shall set up the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. ³ Place there the Ark of the Pact, and screen off the ark with the curtain. ⁴ Bring in the table and lay out its due setting; bring in the lampstand and light its lamps; ⁵ and place the gold altar of incense before the Ark of the Pact. Then put up the screen for the entrance of the Tabernacle.

⁶ You shall place the altar of burnt offering before the entrance of the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting. ⁷ Place the laver between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water in it. ⁸ Set up the enclosure round about, and put in place the screen for the gate of the enclosure.

⁹ You shall take the anointing oil and anoint the Tabernacle and all that is in it to consecrate it and all its furnishings, so that it shall be holy. ¹⁰ Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils to consecrate the altar, so that the altar shall be most holy. ¹¹ And anoint the laver and its stand to consecrate it.

¹² You shall bring Aaron and his sons forward to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting and wash them with the water. ¹³ Put the sacral vestments on Aaron, and anoint him and consecrate him, that he may serve Me as priest. ¹⁴ Then bring his sons forward, put tunics on them, ¹⁵ and anoint them as you have anointed their father, that they may serve Me as priests. This their anointing shall serve them for everlasting priesthood throughout the ages.

¹⁶ This Moses did; just as the Lord had commanded him, so he did.

¹⁷ In the first month of the second year, on the first of the month, the Tabernacle was set up. ¹⁸ Moses set up the Tabernacle, placing its sockets, setting up its planks, inserting its bars, and erecting its posts. ¹⁹ He spread the tent over the Tabernacle, placing the covering of the tent on top of it — just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

²⁰ He took the Pact and placed it in the ark; he fixed the poles to the ark, placed the cover on top of the ark, ²¹ and brought the ark inside the Tabernacle. Then he put up the curtain for screening, and screened off the Ark of the Pact — just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

²² He placed the table in the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain, on the north side of the Tabernacle. ²³ Upon it he laid out the setting of bread before the Lord — as the Lord had commanded Moses. ²⁴ He placed the lampstand in the Tent of Meeting opposite the table, on the south side of the Tabernacle. ²⁵ And he lit the lamps before the Lord — as the Lord had commanded Moses. ²⁶ He placed the altar of gold in the Tent of Meeting, before the curtain. ²⁷ On it he burned aromatic incense — as the Lord had commanded Moses.

²⁸ Then he put up the screen for the entrance of the Tabernacle. ²⁹ At the entrance of the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting he placed the altar of burnt offering. On it he offered up the burnt offering and the meal offering — as the Lord had commanded Moses. ³⁰ He placed the laver between the Tent of Meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing. ³¹ From it Moses and Aaron and his sons would wash their hands and feet; ³² they washed when they entered the Tent of Meeting and when they approached the altar — as the Lord had commanded Moses. ³³ And he set up the enclosure around the Tabernacle and the altar, and put up the screen for the gate of the enclosure.

When Moses had finished the work, ³⁴ the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the Presence of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud had settled upon it and the Presence of the Lord filled the Tabernacle. ³⁶ When the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle, the Israelites would set out, on their various journeys; ³⁷ but if the cloud did not lift, they would not set out until such time as

it did lift. ³⁸ For over the Tabernacle a cloud of the Lord rested by day, and fire would appear in it by night, in the view of all the house of Israel throughout their journeys.