

A note from Kathy

God has a plan and a purpose for each of us. Is it possible to know what that is for our life? I believe by the end of our study of Exodus 31 we will see that this is something God longs for us to know, and we will have a better idea of how to discover it.

Observation

1. Read Exodus 31 twice. Who are the two men named and chosen by God?
2. These two men were members of which of the twelve tribes? Make a list of their family line seen in this chapter.
3. Make a list of all you learn about these men in verses 1-11. What is the most important of all the things on this list?
4. In what areas were Bezalel and Oholiab skilled?
5. Make a list of the things God commanded these men to make in verses 7-11.
6. What is the command in verses 12-17?
7. What does verse 13 say the purpose is for this remembering?
8. "This will be a _____ between me and you for the _____ to come, so that you may know (*yada*, Hebrew for know by experience) _____, who makes you holy"
9. Where have we seen something similar to this previously in Exodus?

10. Why were the Israelites instructed to keep this day?

What had they been chosen by God to do for the rest of mankind?

The promises God made to Abraham in Gen. 12:2-3 were fulfilled in the nation of Israel. How were the other nations blessed by the Israelites as they kept this day?

Application

- 1. God chose Bezalel and Oholiab to lead in the work of building a tabernacle and all the furnishings. What character qualities would these men need to have in order to carry out the assignments they were given?**

- 2. What has God called you to do? In what ways has God gifted you?**

Read 1 Peter 4:10 and Luke 21:1-3. Summarize what these verse teach concerning what God expects us to do with the gifts, abilities and talents he has given us.

If you do not know, may I suggest to you “The Chazown Experience” (pronounced Khaw-zone, it is the Hebrew word for “vision”) by Craig Groeschel, Senior Pastor of LifeChurch.tv. Chazown helps you discover and pursue your purpose, the reason God placed you on the earth. Check out www.chazown.com

- 3. All the way back to Genesis 2, we see God’s plan for a Sabbath. Read Genesis 2:3; what do you learn about this day?**

Write a short paragraph about this day and what he did on this very first Sabbath?

Gen. 2:3 *And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.*

- 4. How do you view the Sabbath? Is there anything about the way you view the Sabbath that, if changed, might bring God greater glory?**

As believers, what glorious event should we celebrate every week? Sabbath officially ended at sundown on Saturday. The event described in Matthew 28:1-6, Mark 16:1-7, and Luke 24:6 occurred the next morning, at dawn on the first day of the week. Because of this event, how should we celebrate and remember the Sabbath?