

## *A note from Kathy*

*Exodus 35-40 describes the actual building of the tabernacle and its belongings. In this chapter we see the four items that would be in the Holy of Holies and Holy Place. As you study this chapter, ponder each item and consider its meaning as a part of worshiping the LORD. I have added an artist's rendering of the objects at the end of this study guide.*

## *Observation*

1. Once again we see this man, Bezaleel, who had been called and equipped by God to lead the people in the construction of God's tabernacle and the articles that would be associated with it. Bezaleel's name means, "in the shadow of God". With a name like this where do you believe he positioned himself and his heart?
2. After reading the chapter at least twice, list the items that were described.
  - 
  - 
  - 
  -
3. Cherubim were made to sit on the lid of the Ark of the Covenant. Note Cherubim is the plural of cherub, angelic beings. Look up Genesis 3:24; why did God station Cherubim at the gate of the Garden of Eden?
4. This lid was called the "mercy seat"; why do you suppose it was called this? You might want to go back and read Exodus 25:21-22.
5. There are measurements given in this chapter that we do not use today. See if you can find the approximate equivalents for these measurements?
  - a. Cubit -
  - b. Handbreadth -
  - c. Talent -
6. At the end of the study guide, you will find an artist's rendering of the objects we are studying. Add the dimensions so you can get an idea of how they might have looked.

7. What fact did you find missing concerning the lampstand when you were jotting down the measurements? If you would like to do some further research, look up the Arch of Titus. It was built in 81-85 AD to commemorate the capture of Jerusalem; again, this is an artist's rendering.

## *Application*

1. Who did God give the assignment of overseeing the construction of every article of the tabernacle?  
What leadership qualities would have been important in leading this monumental task?

2. Make a list of character qualities that would have been important for everyone involved in order to properly carry out this divine assignment.

3. When God gives you an assignment would you say you share these qualities?  
Which of these qualities have you displayed this week?

4. How would memorizing Colossians 3:23-24 help you accomplish well all that God calls you to do?

**Col. 3:23-24** *Whatever you do, work at it with **all** your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.*

**How would this affect your daily routine and activities?**

5. Have you ever known someone you just didn't want to disappoint? Consider how you felt as you carried out any service for them. Read the following verses, then write a prayer to God expressing your heart concerning your service.

**Matthew 23:11** The greatest among you will be your servant.

**Mark 10:45** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**Luke 6:38** Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

**John 12:26** Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

**Romans 12: 1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

**Romans 12:11-13** Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. **12** Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **13** Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality

**Galatians 5:13** You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

**Hebrews 6:10** God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

6. From the very beginning of the scriptures we can see that God desires a relationship with men and women. How do the articles we have studied in Exodus 37 reveal that desire?
7. Would you say it is true that in order to have a real relationship two individuals must be intentionally moving toward one another?
8. If the sovereign God of the universe, creator and sustainer of all things desires to meet with us and have a deep and meaningful relationship with us, his creation, what are you doing to draw close to him? Shouldn't we also be intentional in drawing close to Him?

These are the best rendering of the objects I could find.



The Ark of the Covenant



The table of bread



The lampstand



The altar of incense