

A note from Kathy

Oh happy day! The tabernacle is ready to be set up for the first time. I can only imagine the joy in the air as this long awaited day has finally arrived. In order to get a clear understanding of the assembly of the tabernacle, please read the chapter twice before starting to answer the study guide questions.

Observation

1. The tabernacle was ready to be set up. The LORD gave Moses clear instructions as to how they were to set it up in verses 1-11. What was the specific day that assembly was to begin?
2. The LORD told Moses to anoint and consecrate the tabernacle. Look up these words and define them in order to gain a greater understanding of what Moses was asked to do.

Anoint

Consecrate

To refresh your memory about this anointing oil, read Exodus 30:31-33

Say to the Israelites, 'This is to be my sacred anointing oil for the generations to come. Do not pour it on men's bodies and do not make any oil with the same formula. It is sacred, and you are to consider it sacred. Whoever makes perfume like it and whoever puts it on anyone other than a priest must be cut off from his people.' "

3. Verse 2 and verse 17 both establish the timeline of this event. List some of the things that had happened in the year of freedom from bondage.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.
 - h.
 - i.

4. Not only was Moses to anoint everything that would be used for the tabernacle, he was also instructed to anoint some men (verses 12-15). Who were these men? What were they to do?
5. After anointing everything, Moses began assembling the Holy of Holies. Fill in the list below showing the order in which Moses set up everything.

a.	i.
b.	j.
c.	k.
d.	l.
e.	m.
f.	n.
g.	o.
h.	
6. Highlight the repeated phrase seen over and over in verses 16-32.
7. What happened immediately after Moses was finished?
8. Can you imagine the thoughts Moses and the people were thinking? What did this cloud represent?
9. The children of Israel would wander for 39 more years in the wilderness. What was the sign that let them know when it was time to pack up and move each time as they travelled?

Application

1. How would you describe Moses in one word?
2. How would you describe the work of the Israelites?
3. Would you say these two descriptions would be accurate in describing your service for the LORD?
4. Are there times when you would say you were only partially obedient? Is that ever good enough for the LORD's work?

5. We must be very careful not to deceive ourselves. Look up 1 Samuel 15:22; what is the truth about obedience?
6. Moses is a great example for us, but often we have examples around us that we have not even noticed. Start looking for people today who are true followers of Christ. They need not be perfect, no one is, but are they obedient even when things are difficult? Can you name someone like this?
7. To consecrate something to God means to set it apart, mark it out for God's service. How might we do this with our home, our car, our money, our time and even our body? Would it change the way we view them?
8. Genesis 6:22 tells us that Noah did as God commanded him. In Genesis 12:4, Abraham did as God commanded him. Now we have seen Moses did as the Lord commanded him. All these men shine as beautiful examples of obedience. Do you suppose they knew at the time how crucial their obedience would be for all of history?
9. Hebrews 11 is often referred to as the roll call of faith. In it we see men and women of faith who stepped out in obedience, with confidence and a persistent hope in the promises of God. You cannot have great faith without obedience. What is your walk of faith declaring?
10. As parents we love it when our child responds with a pleasant attitude and willing obedience. Has God been asking you to do something, but you are still making excuses and putting it off? Delayed obedience is simply disobedience. Why not step out in faith and ask God to bless your obedience to Him?
11. Make a list of things you have learned from studying Israel. Make a list of things learned from studying Moses.
12. How will you apply the things you have seen in your study of Exodus to show your love for the Lord in a new way?