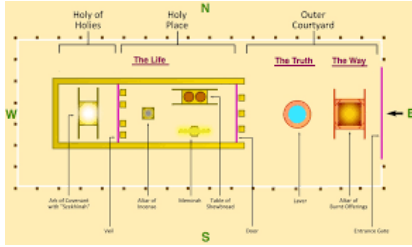


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Exodus CH 39-40.

As we finish the book of Exodus we reflect back and certainly are thankful for the Grace and Knowledge of GOD and we have grown in our relationship with HIM.

Of those many things we saw and learned throughout this study, one thing we note:

/One huge difference between the OT and the NT. In the OT GOD dwells in places; in the NT GOD dwells in people.



The tabernacle of GOD is no longer a building. It is no longer a temple. GOD does not live in a building anymore.

/1COR 6:19-20, Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from GOD, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought for a price: therefore glorify GOD in your body.

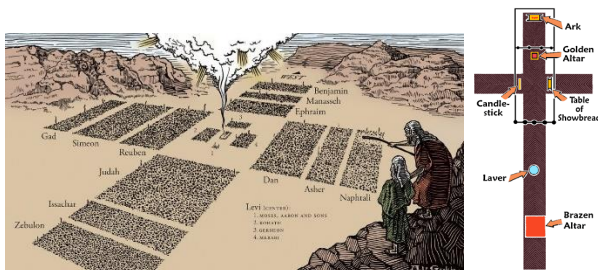
Why the change? Well, as we already noted,

/The Word became flesh and tabernacled among us.

Until Yeshua and HIS earthly Ministry, if GOD was going to dwell on earth with HIS people, HE had to have a building.

Now HE dwells in us, in every believer and follower of Yeshua.

So by looking at the Tabernacle we see Yeshua and the great privilege we have in this dispensation under the new covenant. What a privilege it has been to look into the book of Exodus.



Let's look at CH 39. I know it is a repeat of the commands to do the work, here we see it, that is the work, has been done. Therefore, we will go through it rather quickly. And we will go through CH 40 as well.

So the Tabernacle is completed IAW the commands of GOD, the guidance of the HS all pointing to Yeshua. Everything points to Yeshua

BTW many scholars say that the first tabernacle is built in just over 6 months. More or less.

/The Courtyard and the Holy place and holy of Holies was designed by GOD and completed by man

guided by the H.S. to reflect and tell the message of the Messiah.

The LORD had given the instructions for everything inside the tent of meeting, outside in the courtyard and the boundary of the entire tabernacle.

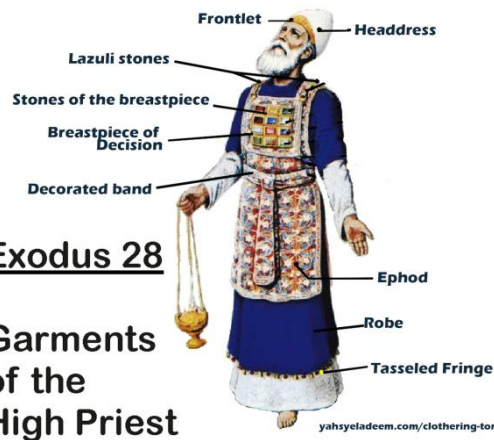
The LORD also gave exact details for the Priestly garments. In CH 39 those garments will be completed.

They were to be worn by the priests who approach the dwelling place of the LORD on earth. More on that in a bit.

So in CH 39 Vs 1-2 cover the blue and purple and scarlet material used for the ephod and the robe. Same material for the covering of

the Tent of Meeting and the gate to the courtyard.

They used gold thread as well (Vs 3) they hammered out gold sheets and cut them into threads to be woven in...all the work of a skillful workman.



6 They made the onyx stones (sho ham = precious), set in gold engraved like the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the sons of Israel.

/7 And he placed them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as memorial stones for the sons of Israel, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.



I will get back to that, but we do see here that the priest was to carry the authority of the people on his

shoulders, a foreshadowing of the Messiah.

There were four layers: linen undergarments, a tunic (lightweight robe), a robe over that, and an ephod a-fod.

The longest descriptions concern the ephod and the breast piece, the most complex and visible articles.



/9 It was square; they made the breastpiece folded double, a span long and a span wide when folded double.

10 And they mounted four rows of stones on it.

Vs 10-13 are the stones.



/These would be the 12 tribes of or sons of Israel, or Yakob. 6 on one and 6 on the other. The breastplate which we will see has the 12 tribes as well. So 24 and $12 \times 12 = 144$.
Not our study...

But these 12 stones are again mentioned in REV 21:18-21.

Many believe they are the same stones. 12 is the number of authority.

/12 You shall put the two stones on the shoulder pieces of the ephod, as stones of memorial for the sons of Israel, and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD on his two shoulders for a memorial.

Reminds us of

/ISA 9:6, For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on HIS shoulders; And HIS name will be called Wonderful

Counselor, Mighty GOD, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

You can see the foreshadowing here of Yeshua. And the detail is really just a glimpse of the detail of the plan and execution of that plan for redemption by the GOD head.

Why did they go to all this business of dressing up in a robe and an ephod and a breastplate and shoulder plates and a turban and a gold plate?

The answer is this: And this is the key to understanding all of these garments, and I will point something out at the end.

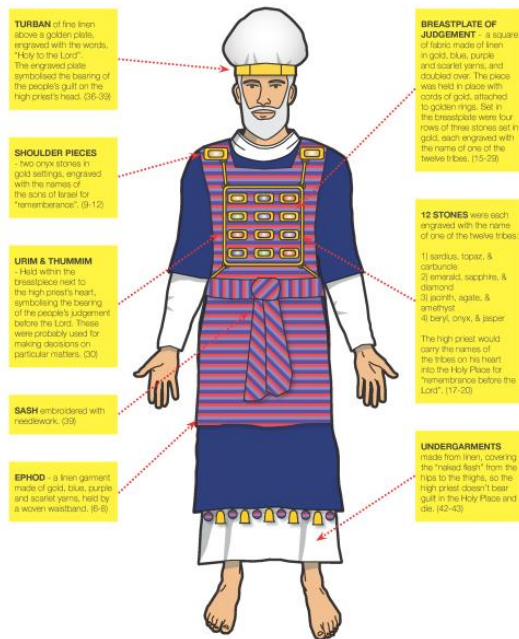
/Because they were not Yeshua; Aaron and his sons were like all the rest of Israelites, and mankind, sinners. So, to make up for his personal inadequacy, he was dressed in those things, which represented the adequacy for that priesthood.

/When the High Priest comes who is adequate (Yeshua) HE would NOT need all those things, HE was all those things, because HE IS what all those items represented.

So here is the order in which the priest would dress.

THE HIGH PRIEST'S GARMENTS

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/First of all he would put on a coat of fine linen, a long under garment coat with sleeves of fine white linen which we know already from the tabernacle curtains is a symbol of righteousness.

/The second thing he would put on would be a robe of Heavenly blue. A heavenly priest is needed for atonement. So, he would put on a blue robe.

/The third thing he would put on would be the ephod, a long strip of cloth with a hole right in the middle and the head goes through the hole and the cloth hangs down back and front.

/The fourth thing that he would put on would be a kind of belt, a strip of material knotted and hanging down to hold everything together so that it didn't flap or blow about.



/Then he would put on the breast piece. This was a square (raw gah) gold plate, double skinned with a hollow in between, and on the front plate of gold there were twelve stones set in. Each was engraved with the name of one of the twelve tribes of Israel.

On the breast plate within the hollow between the two plates, we are not told exactly where but there were two stones kept: black and white called the urim and the thummim.



/When a person was in a quandary, they said to the high priest, “Will you go and pray to GOD and then will you come out to me and will you put your hand inside and pull out a stone.

If it is the white stone, the answer is ‘yes,’ GOD wants me to do this; if it is the black stone the answer is ‘no’.”

In those days GOD guided the hand of the priest to bring out the right stone to give his guidance to his people.

Again I want you to see the contrast between the old and new covenants. We do not need a human priest to give us the answer. Nor do we need him or worse yet her to go to GOD on our behalf. We are all priests:

/1 PET 2:9, 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, GOD's special possession...10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of GOD; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

It is a symbol of the fact that if you want guidance you go to Yeshua for it.

/HEB 4:16, Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

There are questions in our life that the Bible does not answer and it would be wrong to claim it does.

However, we don't need a ouigi board, bad stuff, no fortune tellers, palm readers or horrible scopes, no telephycics. A priest or even a pastor.

A pastor's advice, a fellow believers advice or opinion is one thing, BUT remember:

/We can go to the creator of not only the universe, but of a very

special personal plan that HE has for our life. We can go to HIM and HE will provide.

If we stay in HIS plan, we can't go wrong. I'm not saying we get everything we want, because of a lot of what we want is but folly compared to what GOD the creator of all wants for us.

So, remaining in that plan, HIS plan, we do get everything HE wants for us. Which is what we should be asking for, YOUR WILL BE DONE Father!

/On his forehead there was a gold plate hanging down from the turban and the turban was the last thing put on.



Hanging from it by two chains was the gold plate: “Holiness to the LORD”. This is said to be in case any of the offerings were imperfect.

/The Father looks at our high priest Yeshua and says: HE covers it completely. Our perfect high priest covers our imperfect offerings, the imperfect service of HIS people.

Isn't all that just so incredibly meaningful? It is all in Yeshua, HE did not need to wear an ephod. HE did not need to wear a breastplate.

HE did not need a black and a white stone. HE did not need a turban.

/Yeshua came as HE was and is and always has been: the perfect high priest, and we have got all we need in and through HIM.

That is why we don't dress up now. We don't need to because we know we are imperfect, but HE is perfect, and HE is in us and we are in HIM.

1JOH 4:13, By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.



/The 12 precious stones were set in gold each engraved with one name of one tribe, and mounted in four rows of three on the breast piece.

The breastplate was the most conspicuous of all the 8 priestly garments worn by the high priest.

The fabric was fashioned from five materials (Grace): gold that had been flattened and cut into thread-like strands; wool dyed blue; wool dyed purple; wool dyed scarlet; and linen.

If they represent certain traits of the tribes, we are not told for sure. Could be.

/There is much debate as to the exact identity of the twelve stones and the tribe that was inscribed on which gem and if there were or was any connection to the traits of the tribes.

Some say they were the beginning of the whole idea of birthstones, which I don't believe, I think that is all from clever business people, it is all commercial. Same with anniversary stones.

There are nearly 30 interpretations as to the exact stones in the breastplate.

By tradition, when the Jews traveled through the desert, transporting the Tabernacle in its entirety, the flag transported by each tribe was identical to the color of its stone. Tradition.

For over 400 years the Tabernacle was moved until Solomon built the first Temple.

So, the breastplate of twelve stones symbolizes the complete family of GOD. All those born from above are a part of the Royal Family of GOD.

The twelve names engraved upon the precious stones were also engraved upon the stones of the breastplate.

The priest had a spiritual burden upon both the shoulders and the heart, a sincere care and love for GOD's people as we have seen.

The number twelve points to the ultimate good news destined for all mankind. The ultimate authority, the good news is of course Yeshua Who is the subject of ISA 9.

New Jerusalem is built made up of 12 precious stones that we would make into jewelry. We could, I say could assume that these are the same stones here in EXO.

Here's the fascinating thing which is another proof that the Word of GOD is indeed GOD inspired.

/In the last several decades we have discovered how to make pure light. As pure as we can now comprehend to the human eye, at least at this time.

Most light is bouncing around, light waves crashing into each other going in all directions. That is why the sky is blue.



But now we can send light (as we see it human...) send light in one direction. Laser light is straight and focused...

So under pure light these stones or jewels will shine a brilliance never seen on earth.

/REV 21:23, And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon to shine on it, for the glory of GOD has illumined it, and its lamp is the Lamb.

That is pure light that is pure light.

Some jewels in pure light, whatever their color to begin with they may be red blue or green turn into all the colors of the rainbow.

They have the most fantastic patterns. Other stones lose all their color. Diamonds in pure light go dark, and all the stones in the new Jerusalem are anisotropic.



/There are 12 stones which will be used as the material for the New Jerusalem and everyone of them is anisotropic. No diamonds, no rubies, garnets they are isotropic.

So, I just want to point this out. No one really knows what the stones were on the breast plate. However, consider that they were probably what the stones will be in the New Jerusalem.

15 -21 describe the breastplate and Ephod.

22-26 the robe,



/25 They also made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates all around on the hem of the robe,

26 alternating a bell and a pomegranate all around on the hem of the robe for the service, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.



/There is a contrast here, the high priest was magnificent and colorful in his clothing. The people were not so adorned.



This then gives us a picture of the high priest and the garments that he wore.

/When the high priest went into the holy place to function, the people could not see him; but because they could hear the bells, they knew he was busy ministering on their behalf. No rope

Everything about the high priest speaks to us of Yeshua our High Priest. The white linen speaks of the righteousness of Yeshua!

The only way you and I could possibly stand in GOD's presence is to be clothed in the robe of Yeshua's righteousness which HE gives to those who believe in HIM and trust HIM as Savior!

Pomegranates speak of fruit,



The six—pointed star of David.

Pomegranates and golden bells,
speak of sweet sounds and fragrant
fruit. Some say that the bells speak
of the calling of the believer; the
pomegranates speak of the conduct
of the believer.

We are all preachers. We are to be
preaching in our home, preaching,
sounding, teaching where we
work, school, our neighborhood.

33-42 all was completed,
Tabernacle, furniture, utensils

garments, courtyard, gate, all complete.

/42 So the sons of Israel did all the work according to all that the LORD had commanded Moses.

43 And Moses examined all the work and behold, they had done it; just as the LORD had commanded, this they had done. So Moses blessed them.

10 times in CH 39 section of text that phrase just as the LORD had commanded, is used. 10 represents GOD's perfect completion, Divine order, a Divinely completed cycle, Divine group.

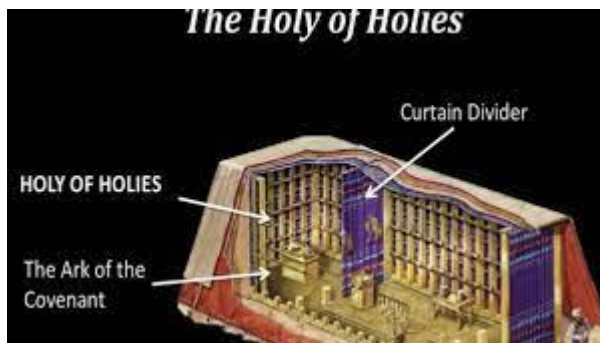
CH 40

1 Then 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.

Koom = raise it, we assume this is the finishing touches of the Tabernacle, on the first day of the first month, Nisan. That would make it one year after the Exodus.

/3 You shall place the ark of the testimony there, and you shall screen the ark with the veil.



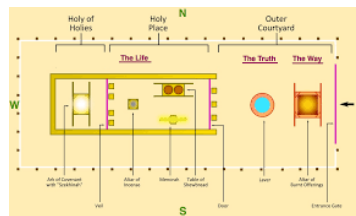
4 You shall bring in the table and arrange what belongs on it; and you shall bring in the lampstand and mount its lamps.



5 Moreover, you shall set the gold altar of incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up

the veil for the doorway to the tabernacle.

/6 You shall set the altar of burnt offering in front of the doorway of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting.



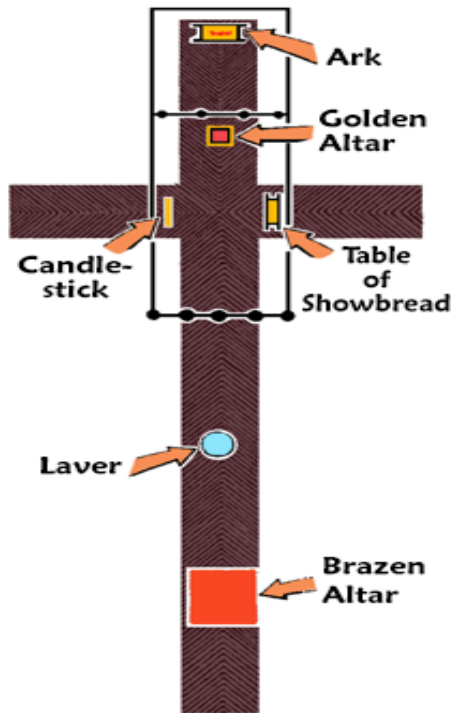
7 You shall set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it.



8 You shall set up the court all around and hang up the veil for the gateway of the court.



Now we have spent a lot of time seeing Yeshua in everything in the Tabernacle. And of course that was the whole point of the Tabernacle.



/In Vs 9-15, everything is anointed with oil. Olive oil which we saw in previous study. Again, the anointing of GOD the H.S.

16 Thus Moses did; according to all that the LORD had commanded him, so he did.

8 times in this section of text that phrase is used, 8 is the number for new beginnings. 18 times in this

last section, 18 is life. $1 + 8 = 9$ the number of truth.

17 – 33 all was accomplished as Moses was commanded.

Completed on the first day of the first month. This would be one year from the exodus.

33 He (Moses) erected the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the veil for the gateway of the court. Thus Moses finished the work.

34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

35 Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the

glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

37 but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up.

38 For throughout all their journeys, the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and there was fire in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel.

From now on only the High Priest would go into the Holy of holies on the day of atonement.

/When the high priest ministered in the holy place (not the Holy of holies) the bells with the

pomegranates would make a pleasant sound and the priest was heard as he carried on his service in the holy place.

However, on the Day of Atonement, the high priest wore only the linen garments into the Holy of holies, and not the full attire of his priestly garments (we see that in LEV 16:4). There were other priests with the high priest ensuring all was done correctly. BUT only the high priest would go through the veil.

There were no bells or pomegranates on the linen garments, which were the innermost garments. No rope.....

/Here we see Yeshua as well, as the high priest laid aside his beautiful garments and wore only linen garments into the presence of GOD, so Yeshua left the glory of heaven and came to earth.

Yeshua laid aside HIS heavenly majesty (not his divine nature) and clothed himself with human weakness. In the flesh, the LORD of glory made atonement (reconciliation) for our sins to bring us to GOD!

The tabernacle, after it had accompanied the Israelites in their wanderings in the wilderness, was most probably first set up in the holy land at Gilgal.

But before the death of Joshua, it was erected at Shiloh. Here it remained as the national sanctuary throughout the time of the Judges.

After the time of Eli it was removed to Nob not far from Jerusalem.

/In the time of David, it was removed to Gibeon. It was brought from Gibeon to Jerusalem by Solomon. After this, it disappears from the narrative of Scripture. This is after the temple was built and then destroyed.

/The original ark of the covenant constructed by Moses was preserved and transferred from the tabernacle to the temple.

The golden altar, the candlestick and the showbread table were renewed by Solomon.

They were subsequently renewed by Zerubbabel, and lastly by the Maccabees.

But the ark was preserved in the temple until Jerusalem was taken by the forces of Nebuchadnezzar.

So we thank you LORD for Your guidance in our study of the book of Exodus and we thank You LORD for preserving it for our benefit, and we thank You Yeshua for all of our so Great a Salvation, forshadowed in the pages of the book of Exodus. We pray for the Orthodox Jewish eyes and all

unbelievers that their spiritual eyes
be opened to the Truth of the
Messiah, Yeshua the One Who
came to provide eternal life to all
who repent and accept and believe
in HIM.