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His Finished Dwelling Place

Shalom,

The Torah Portion we are studying this week is found in **Exodus 38:21-40:38, Pekudei**, or “**Accounts**” or “**Reckonings**.” In this parasha, the reporting of the completion of the **Mishkan** or **Tabernacle** is given in detail and lists every item that they were told to use to construct, equip, and beautify **the appointed place for YHWH**. It was exclusively used to provide an earthly place for God to meet with His people and receive their worship. Each offering from the people was given **as their hearts motivated them to give**, and all the work on the House of God was **through the inspiration and equipping of the people to accomplish a supernatural dwelling place**.

The physical construction of the Tabernacle **utilized every resource and every committed member** in a specific, God-designed purpose. After each step of the installation was completed, we read the words, “**As the LORD commanded Moses,**” indicating that everything was done according to the plan of God, until, on the day of final completion, we read these words:

*And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses **finished the work**. (Exodus 40:33 KJV)*

Moses and the anointed workers finished the work according to the plan of God by utilizing all the raw materials and human resources that were made available to them because of their willingness to follow the instructions of God. It is amazing to consider that the Tabernacle, in all its splendor, was the result of people being led by the Spirit through Moses to a place of supernatural unity. When that happened and the work was accomplished, the appointed time had come; there was no delay, nor could anyone doubt that the work was finished, for **God manifested His presence for all to see as He fulfilled His plan to dwell among His people**.

*Then **the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of Adonai filled the Tabernacle**. Moses was unable to enter into the Tent of Meeting, because the cloud resided there and the glory of Adonai filled the Tabernacle. (Exodus 40:34-35 TLV)*

Don't receive this account of the building of a dwelling place for the glory of YHWH followed by His Shekinah presence appearing right in front of their eyes to be just another Bible story. It is so much more than just a historical record. It is a vivid picture of what YHWH accomplished through committed people in the wilderness, and God is showing it to us that we might recognize, by His revelation to us, the tremendous power of unity placed within those who submit themselves to God and take their place in the Body of Messiah.

Recognize that the **physical Tabernacle was but a temporary place** to teach us of a **much greater glory that is available to all born-again believers in Messiah** as we receive the revelation of the Congregation of God coming together as the Body of the Messiah functioning, not according to what each individual member thinks is right, but **led by the Word and the Holy Spirit, instructed in every word and action, hearing and seeing with the Head of the Body until all that we do and say is directed by Him.**

What an awesome privilege! We are created to be a part of the great end-of-days manifestation that the Lord has promised. We can choose to submit control over our own lives to Yeshua. As we give ourselves, He will direct the intricacies of our lives and, as the fabrics of His Tabernacle were not simply one material but rather many individual parts woven together in beauty, in the same way He is building up His Mishkan from all who will, from their hearts, submit and commit themselves to the truth that **His dwelling place** is made up of all of us. We are the New Creatures that comprise the **Tabernacle, the Body of Messiah.** I believe that as we present ourselves to Him, allowing Him to **finish the work of bringing us into unity and forming us into a corporate and joined congregation speaking and acting in Him,** there will be **an immediate and magnificent manifestation of His glory** that the world, to this point, has never seen. Great and miraculous signs and wonders are coming soon to believers who will let Him take them and fashion them for the work to which He has called them. Submit to His master craftsmanship, as He finishes His work in you, anoints you for service and places you, as it pleases Him, **exactly where you belong in His Body.** He is sanctifying and cleansing us as His bride, with the washing of water by the Word.

*to make her holy, having cleansed her by immersion in the Word. **Messiah did this so that He might present to Himself His glorious community**—not having stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but in order that she might be holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5:26-27 TLV)*

Hu yavo—He's coming soon,
Terry

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