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Exodus 31

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Exodus 31.

(A brief overview of the main topics).

Topics.

- The LORD fills Bezalel with ability, intelligence and all craftsmanship.
- The LORD gives Oholiab the ability to make all that He has commanded.
- The holy garments for Aaron the priest and for his sons are to be made.
- Anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place are made.
- The Sabbaths are to be kept for this is a sign between God and Israel.
- The Sabbath is holy for Israel and must not be profaned
- Whoever works on the Sabbath shall be cut off from among his people.
- Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day shall be put to death.
- The LORD finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai.
- Two tablets of testimony, tablets of stone, written with God's finger.

INTRODUCTION: in the book of Exodus, God fulfilled His promise to Abraham by multiplying Abraham's descendants into a great nation delivering them from slavery in Egypt to journey to the Promised Land, and then binding them to Himself with a covenant at Mount Sinai. Moses, under the direct command of God and as leader of Israel, received the Ten Commandments from God, along with other laws governing Israel's life and worship. He also led the nation in building the Tabernacle, a place where God's presence can dwell among his people and where they can make sacrifices for sin. Most Jews and Christians recognise Moses as the author, writing sometime after the Exodus from Egypt (about 1445 B.C.). Note: the promise God made to Abraham will be perfectly fulfilled when Christ returns in glory and all those (Jews and Gentiles) who belong to God's Kingdom are gathered to him. (See also the introduction to chapter one).

NOTE: for information of people, places and the meaning of words see Map Locations and People of the Bible, and Bible Dictionary on Website Menu.

Bezalel and Oholiab: the LORD told Moses He has called Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah and not only filled him with the Spirit of God, but also filled him with ability, intelligence, knowledge and all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs in every craft and has appointed Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan to work with Bezalel. The LORD also gave men the ability to make the tent and all its fittings, the ark and the mercy seat, the table and the lampstand the altar and all the utensils, garments, spices and anointing oil, thus the LORD gave all able men the ability to make all that He commanded Moses. This chapter shows that the LORD not only inspired men to prophecy, but also gave men the intelligence and knowledge and the talents and ability and the skill needed to do all the artistic designs and work to achieve His plans and purposes.

The LORD'S Sabbath: the LORD told Moses to tell the people that above everything else they must keep the LORD'S Sabbath's. They were for a sign between the LORD and Israel throughout their generations so that Israel would know that it is the LORD, who sanctifies them. They were to keep the Sabbath because it was holy for them. Whoever did any work on

the Sabbath was to be cut off from among Israel. Six days Israel was to work but the seventh day was a Sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever did any work on the Sabbath day was to be put to death. Israel was to keep the Sabbath throughout their generations forever as a covenant and a sign that in six days the LORD made heaven and earth and on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed. The LORD finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai and gave Moses the two Tablets of Stone with the testimony of the LORD written on them by the finger of God.

NOTE: the regular seventh day Sabbath God gave to the nation of Israel was Saturday. There are also other Sabbath Days Israel was to keep, usually the day before or after the ordained feasts that the LORD commanded Israel to keep was a Sabbath Day.

FOOTNOTE: some today maintain that Christians must keep the Sabbath Day since it is a command of God throughout the Old Testament, but this idea is flawed for the following three reasons:

1. The command to keep the Sabbath Day was given to the nation of Israel not Christians (Exod. 31:16-17).
2. Neither Jesus, the apostles or Paul command their followers to keep the Sabbath Day, certainly they teach fellowship together, but this can be on any day and in any place.
3. If we are going to submit ourselves under the law and God's command to keep the Sabbath Day to be truly obedient, we must embrace all the law concerning the Sabbath Day and not just that part of the law that is acceptable to us. This means that whoever submits themselves to the law of the Sabbath must also embrace the punishment for profaning it in anyway and for doing any work during that day and the punishment for this was death (Exodus 31:14-15).

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Obviously, it is not a sin for Christians to set aside a day to be held as a special day for the LORD and for fellowship, in fact this is a spiritually healthy thing to do, but if it is being kept because a Christian minister has taught his followers that it is a command of God that they do so, then it is robbed from its glory and his followers are being brought under unnecessary guilt and fear should they miss a service.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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