

It is finished: How the Completion of the Tabernacle relates to Calvary's Victory

Parashat P'kudei (Shemot/[Exodus 38:21-40:38](#))

Completion of the Tabernacle

This passage starts out where we left off discussing [the Tabernacle's skilled artisans](#), Betzalel and Oholiab. They were the wise-hearted, skilled artisans who were responsible for the craftsmanship associated with the building of the Tabernacle.



BETZALEL & OHOLIAB

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Exodus 38:23



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Betzalel, of the tribe of Judah [“made all that the LORD commanded Moses.” Exodus 38:22.](#) He was like an ideal congregation member. He would hear the pastor/leader’s vision and make it happen.

Likewise, Oholiab, of the tribe of Dan, was [“a craftsman, a skillful workman, and a weaver of colors, in blue, purple, scarlet, and fine linen.” Exodus 38:23.](#)

Tabernacle set-up

The final chapter of Exodus details how Moshe (*Moses*) set up the Tabernacle. He followed the instructions of the LORD very carefully.

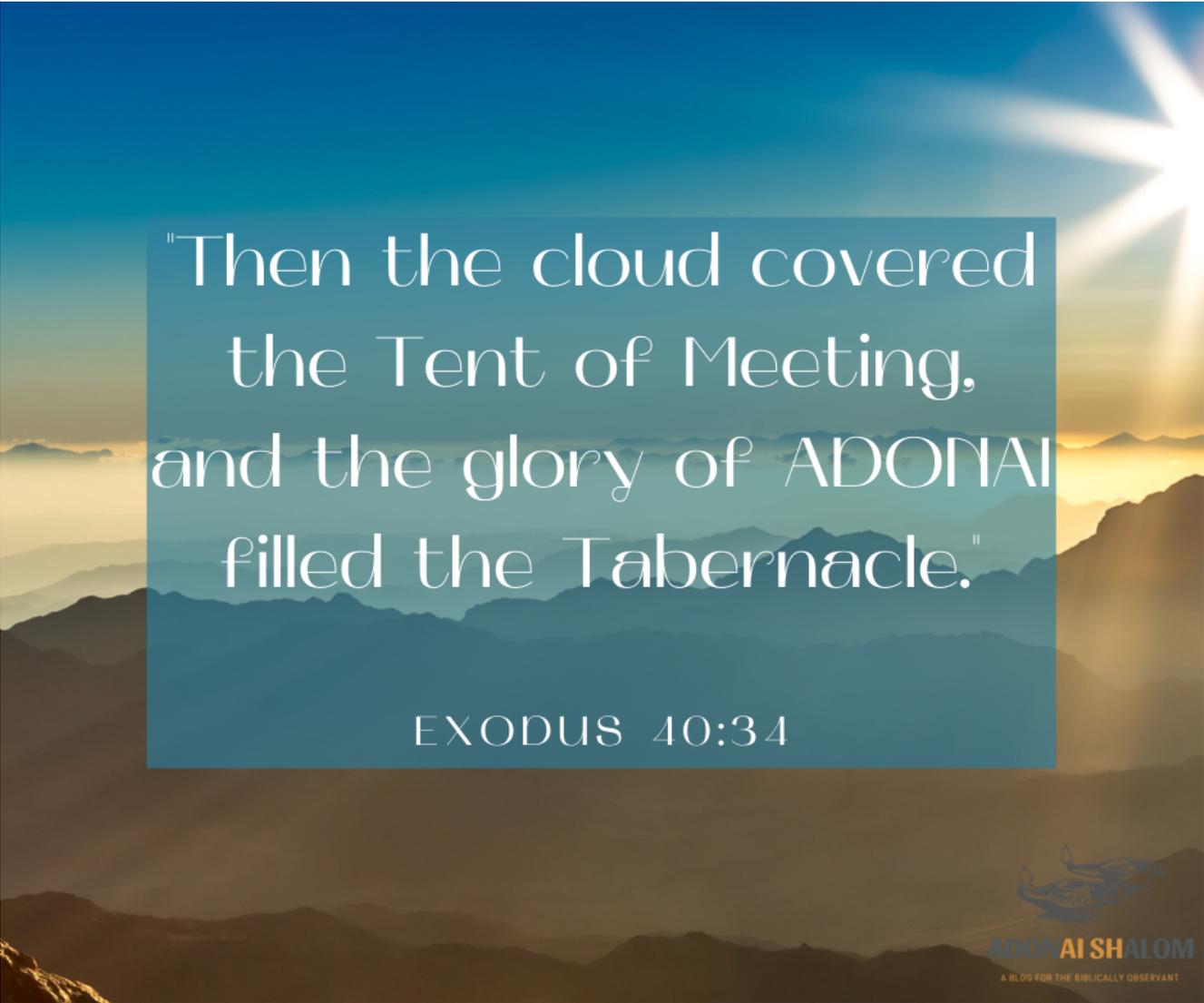
[Exodus 40:33 “He set up the courtyard around the Tabernacle and the altar and set up the screen at the gate of the courtyard. **So Moses finished the work.**”](#) (emphasis added)

Moses finished that work. It was necessary and surely it was arduous, but it was done. The tabernacle was built to foreshadow the unfolding of the story of salvation.

When the work was finished, *then* the glory of the LORD could come and fill that place.

And that’s exactly what happened!

[Exodus 40:34 “Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of ADONAI filled the Tabernacle.”](#)



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filled the Tabernacle."

EXODUS 40:34



It is finished

The glory of the LORD filling the Tabernacle would have been absolutely amazing. Can you imagine being there!? But as awe-inspiring as that was, the salvation story was still being written.

You see, One greater-than-Moses would come: Yeshua haMashiach (Jesus the Christ). He would finish a **greater** work. He would complete the story of salvation. A story which is HIStory – the truest, greatest story ever told.

On the cross at Calvary's hill, Yeshua said, ["It is finished"](#) ([John 19:30](#)).



John 19:30

Now, let me remind you what is truly remarkable.

Yeshua, Himself the Temple of the Holy Spirit, imparts to us His Spirit. He died and rose again, and breathed upon the disciples so that they could receive the Holy Spirit (*Ruach haKodesh*). Our bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit ([1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#)). Just as the Glory of God came to fill the Tabernacle, He is willing to come upon you and to fill you with His Spirit. If you have not yet received the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, please let us know and we will pray for you!

We end our reading of Shemot/Exodus as the Tabernacle is completed and gloriously filled with the Presence of the Most High. The book of Exodus is a book about freedom. The Greatest Freedom you can ever experience is the freedom from sin and

death.

Will you trust Yeshua (Jesus) as your Savior today? He alone can free you from all bondage and give you eternal life.

As you can see, the Bible is full of amazing connections that demonstrate the continuity between the time of Moses and the time of Yeshua! Maybe you have a favorite? Let us know in the comments and please consider subscribing to our newsletter! Are you placing your trust in Messiah Yeshua for the first time? Are you renewing your commitment to Him? Let us know how we can pray with and for you! Shalom!

[The Tabernacle's skilled artisans](#)