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Then the LORD said to Moses: Set Up the Tabernacle 40: 1-16

Then the LORD said to Moses: set up the Tabernacle DIG: How long did it take to set up the Tabernacle? How faithful was Moses to the instructions he had received from ADONAI on Mount Sinai?

REFLECT: How have you responded to what ADONAI has commanded you to set up, or put in order, in your own life? Have you been faithful to do everything just as the LORD commanded?

Then ADONAI commanded **Moses** to **set up the Tabernacle. The** account of the location of the various articles begins with **the Ark of the Covenant**, the most important piece of furniture in the **Tabernacle**, and moves outward to the court. **God** wanted **the Ark of the Covenant set up in the** Most Holy Place behind the **inner veil. He** wanted **the table** of **the bread of the Presence** and **the bread** that belonged on **it set up. Then He** wanted **the golden lampstand and its lamps set up. He** wanted **the golden altar of incense set** up **and the outer veil at the entrance to the Sanctuary** hung**. He** wanted **the bronze altar set up in front of the gate to the Tabernacle. He** also wanted the **bronze basin between the Sanctuary and the bronze altar set up and water put in it.** Lastly, **He** wanted **the courtyard set up and the gate** hung **at the entrance.**

Take the anointing oil and anoint the Tabernacle and everything in it;

dedicate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy. Then anoint the bronze **altar and all its utensils; dedicate the altar, and it will be most holy. Also anoint the** bronze **basin and its stand and consecrate them (40:9-11).**

After all this was done, **Moses** wanted **the** entire **Tabernacle** and the priests to be dedicated (**to see link click Gf – Dedicate Aaron and His Sons So They May Serve Me as Priests**). **Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the Tabernacle and wash them with water. Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and dedicate him so he may serve Me a** high **priest. Bring his sons and dress them in tunics. Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come.** The phrase **for all generations to come** means *until the Dispensation Grace arrived.* **Moses did everything just as the LORD commanded him (40:12-16).**

The Tabernacle was erected about a year after the **Exodus** from Egypt, **on the first day of the month (40:1)**. **The Exodus** occurred on the fourteenth day of the first month **(12:2, 6, 33-34)**, **in the second year (40:17).** Since **the Israelites** arrived at the foot of Mount Sinai three months after the **Exodus**, they were there at Sinai eight and one-half months. Part of that time (at least 80 days) **Moses** was on the mountain **(24:18, 34:28).** Consequently about six and one-half months were required to gather the materials and construct **the Tabernacle**. It took from about mid-September to late March.[727]