

Exodus 34-40

Day 1

God Reveals Himself to Moses. Read Exodus 34:1-26

1. What was Moses to bring up the mountain with him? 34:1 What does this indicate about the restoration of God's relationship with the people?



- Who was he to bring with him? 34:3 (Contrast 24:13)
- How did God meet with Moses? 35:5

2. List the attributes of God given in 34:6,7. (Compare John 1:14,1)

**"THE LORD,
THE LORD GOD..."**

FYI: "The name of YHWH (*LORD*) expresses all that He is and does..." (Cole) 'The highest science, the loftiest speculation, the mightiest philosophy which can ever engage the attention of a child of God, is the name, the nature, the person, the work, the doings, and the existence of the great God whom he calls his Father.' (Spurgeon)

(34:7) "Iniquity and transgression and sin are all mentioned so that no one would think there were some types of sin God is unable to forgive."
- David Guzik

3. What effect did this announcement of God's grace and mercy have on Moses? 34:8

4. List the three requests Moses made. 34:9

5. What did God agree to renew? 34:10 How did God grant Moses' request above and beyond what he has asked for?

- What promise did the Lord give them about the land? 34:11

6. List the warnings and commands God gave. 34:11-14. (Consider how these commands would have sounded after the golden calf incident.)

- 34:12
- 34:13
- 34:14-16
- 34:17

Digging Deeper
 For what happened
 later see Psalms
 106:34-39.

FYI: "Worshipping idols by both pagans and Israelites is characterized as harlotry. Pagan worship is not neutral and is never directed toward the Lord."
 - The Woman's Study Bible (159)

"Unfortunately, the phrase ***to play the harlot*** was probably not just a figure of speech. Unfaithfulness to the Lord was often manifested in sexual rites with temple prostitutes...an act of supposed union with Baal, Asherah, and other pagan deities. ***To eat of his sacrifice*** alludes to the love feast that preceded the orgy, reminiscent of the episode with the golden calf."
 - The Nelson Study Bible (162)

7. What observances did God instruct them about again? 34:18-26 Why would remembering to observe these be so important? What would it indicate about the peoples' attitude/mindset?

8. What promise did God give the men about leaving their homes unattended when they went to celebrate the three feasts each year? 34:23,24 (What would it take for God to give this kind of protection? What kind of trust would it take on the part of the people?)

Applying the Word: *When have you had to plea with the LORD for a second, third,... chance? What was the result? (What did you learn about God?)*

Day 2

Moses' Face Shines. Read Exodus 34:27-35

9. What happened during Moses' time on the mountain? 34:27,28 (Cf. 24:18)

- How do you think you would have felt in Moses' shoes?

10. What was different about Moses when he came down? 34:29 (Cf. Acts 6:15)

- What effect did it have on the people? 34:30,31
- What did he need to do? 34:33-35

11. What ministry did Moses have? 34:32,34b

12. In the chart, record the phrases from the following verses contrasting the ministries of the old way under Moses and the new way through Christ.

"The old way, with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away. ⁸ Shouldn't we expect far greater glory under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life? ⁹ If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God! ¹⁰ In fact, that first glory was not glorious at all compared with the overwhelming glory of the new way. ¹¹ So if the old way, which has been replaced, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever! 2 Cor. 3:7-11 NIV

Moses (old way)	Christ (new way)
3:7 <i>"led to death"</i> <i>"began with glory"</i> <i>"brightness was already fading away"</i>	3:8
3:9a	3:9b
3:10,11	3:10,11

13. According to 2 Corinthians 3:14-16, when we turn to the Lord, what happens to our ability to see God's glory?

- From 2 Corinthians 3:18, how do we share in God's glory here on earth?

14. Underline the ways we become transformed/changed/renewed ("metamorphosed").

- John 15:4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. NASU
- Romans 12:1-2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.NIV
- Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. NASU
- Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, NASU
- Ephesians 4:22-24 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth. NASU
- Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. NASU
- James 1:22-25 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it-he will be blessed in what he does. NIV
- Titus 3:5-6 He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, NIV

Applying the Word: How would you explain the difference between studying/learning the Bible and transformation? Can you do one without the other? What transformation has God been working on with you lately?

Day 3

Offerings and Building the Tabernacle. Exodus 35-39



15. Before work began, what commands did Moses give again? 35:2,3 (Compare 16:23) Why do you think it was necessary to make this reminder so often?

16. Whom did Moses ask to contribute? 35:4,5

IT'S HEBREW TO ME: "willing (35:5, 22) Strong's OT:5081 *nadiyb*; voluntary, i.e. generous; hence, magnanimous

17. In what ways could they contribute?

- 35:5-9
- 35:10

18. From 35:21-35, what groups of people responded? With what attitudes, capabilities or resources did they give? (Mark the word "heart" in this chapter and 36:2)

19. What was all the work to be done "in accordance with?" 36:1 (See also 25:9,40)

20. List whom Moses called in 36:2.

21. What "problem" did they encounter right away? 36:3-5

- How did they solve it? 36:6
- What does this say about the Lord's provisions/sufficiency?

Digging Deeper

How well does the Lord promise to provide for your needs?

2 Corinthians 9:8;

Philippians 4:19

Ephesians 3:20

22. (Exodus 36-39 is a record of the construction of the tabernacle and repeats almost verbatim much of the detailed instruction in Ex. 25-31 that Moses had received on the mountain.) List some of the skills/expertise you see being used in the construction of the tabernacle and its parts. (e.g. Curtains: dyeing, weaving, sewing, artistic design) What part would you have like to have worked on?



23. Why do you think they took an inventory/census (“numbering”) of the “things for the tabernacle” (38:21) and the amount of metals that were used to make it? (38:24-31) (What would that have indicated to the people about the value/honor of God dwelling among them?)

FYI: “The weight of all the gold used in the work may have been about a ton. The talent weight about 70 pounds and equaled 3,000 shekels.”

- The Nelson Study Bible (168)

“By some estimations the present day value of the materials used in the tabernacle would total more than \$13 million (DeWitt)... This was a significant project to manage.”

- David Guzik

24. What phrase did the Lord use repeatedly to describe the work the people did?
39:1,5,7,21,26,29,31,32,42,43

- What does exactness and repetition of all the details about the construction (four chapters of scripture) emphasize about the tabernacle? About the people?

25. What did Moses do? 39:43 How do you think the people felt?

Applying the Word: *What gifts or in what way do you delight in giving to the Lord? What does this account teach you about the worth of those gifts, God’s approval, and or His ability to use those gifts?*

Day 4

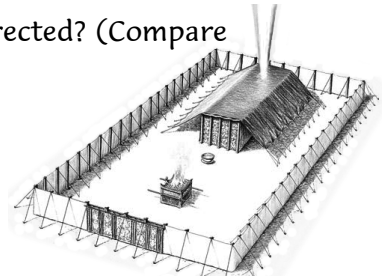
Moses Sets up the Tabernacle. Read Exodus 40

26. What was the first item to be placed in the tabernacle? How was it treated? 40:3

- Do you see any significance to the order in which the tabernacle was set up? 40:3-16

27. How much time passed from the Exodus to when the tabernacle was erected? (Compare 40:17 with 12:2) How long had the people been at Mt. Sinai? (19:1)

28. What phrase is repeatedly used to describe Moses' work in 40:16-32?



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29. How did the Lord show His approval of their work? 40:34 Mark the words “cloud” and “glory” in 40:34-38

30. What does 40:35 say to you about the glory of the Lord? (Compare the dedication of the temple later in 1 Kings 8:10-13.)

FYI: “Throughout this section we encounter two attributes of God. One is His great grace and tender mercy. The King of glory was in the midst of His people! The second is His indescribably holiness. The Lord filled the tent and no one could [enter]!”
- The Nelson Study Bible (172)

31. How did the Lord lead the people? 40:36,37 (For an amazingly detailed description of this see Numbers 9:15-23.)

32. How well were God's promises in 29:43-46 fulfilled? 40:38

- Imagine this cloud by day and fire by night. How do you think that would have made you feel?

33. What would you say about God's answer to Moses' prayer in 33:15-16?

34. How did God manifest His presence later? John 1:14-18

- What privilege do we have? 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 2:21,22

Applying the Word: *Considering the great care and honor God gave to all the parts of the tabernacle, how does that reflect on believers as the dwelling He chooses today? (e.g. What attitude should we have...what responsibilities...what witness...)*

Reflecting on Exodus

- If you were to relate what you learned from the story of the Exodus, what things would you want to stress the most?
- Is there anything from studying Exodus that surprised you?
- (Choose any) What is the most meaningful/important thing you learned about Moses? About the plagues and miracles? About the Ten Commandments and other laws given? About the people of Israel? About God?...