

Exodus 31 - Wisdom in Workmanship; Sabbaths

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1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

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1 The LORD told Moses,

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah.

2 "Look, I've called Uri's son Bezalel, grandson of Hur from Judah's tribe

2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

3 And I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *kinds of* craftsmanship,

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3 and I've filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and all kinds of craftsmanship

3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

4 to create artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze,

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4 to create plans for work in gold, silver, and bronze,

4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

5 and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, so that he may work in all *kinds of* craftsmanship.

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5 and for cutting stones to set them, for carving wood, and for doing all kinds of craftsmanship.

5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

6 And behold, I Myself have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who are skillful I have put skill, so that they may make everything that I have commanded you:

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6 Along with him I'm appointing Ahisamach's son Oholiab from the tribe of Dan, and I've given wisdom to all who are skilled so they can make everything that I've commanded you,

6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

7 the tent of meeting, the ark of testimony, the atoning cover that is on it, and all the furniture of the tent,

7 the tent of meeting, and the ark of testimony, and the mercy seat upon it, and all the furniture of the tent,

7 including the Tent of Meeting, the Ark of the Testimony, the Mercy Seat that is on it, all the furnishings of the tent—

7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

8 the table and its utensils, the pure *gold* lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense,

8 the table also and its utensils, and the pure *gold* lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense,

8 the table and its furnishings, the lamp stand of pure gold, all its furnishings, the altar of incense,

8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense,

9 the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand,

9 the altar of burnt offering also with all its utensils, and the laver and its stand,

9 the altar for burnt offerings, its furnishings, the basin, its base,

9 And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,

10 the woven garments as well: the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, *with which* to carry out their priesthood;

10 the woven garments as well, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, *with which* to carry on their priesthood;

10 the woven garments, the holy garments of Aaron the priest, the garments of his sons as they serve as priests,

10 And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,

11 the anointing oil also, and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place, they are to make *them* according to everything that I have commanded you."

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11 the anointing oil, and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place. They are to make them in accordance with everything that I commanded you."

11 And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

(m) Exhortation to keep the Sabbath (31:12-17)

12 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

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12 The LORD told Moses,

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

13 "Now as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You must keep My Sabbaths; for *this* is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, so that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

13 "But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for *this* is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

13 You are to tell the Israelis: 'You are to certainly observe my Sabbaths because it's a sign between me and you from generation to generation, so you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you.

14 Therefore you are to keep the Sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it must be put to death; for whoever does *any* work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.

14 Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.

14 You are to observe the Sabbath, because it's holy for you. Whoever profanes it is certainly to die; indeed, whoever does work on it is to be cut off from among his people.

14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

15 For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a Sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; whoever does *any* work on the Sabbath day must be put to death.

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15 Work may be done for six days, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does work on the Sabbath is certainly to die.

15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

16 So the sons of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to celebrate the Sabbath throughout their generations as a permanent covenant.'

16 So the sons of Israel shall observe the sabbath, to celebrate the sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.'

16 The Israelis are to keep the Sabbath to make the Sabbath observance a perpetual covenant from generation to generation.

16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant.

17 It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased *from labor*, and **was refreshed.**"

17 It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, but on the seventh day He ceased *from labor*, and was refreshed."

17 It is a sign forever between me and the Israelis, because the LORD made the heavens and the earth in six days, but on the seventh day he rested and was refreshed!"

17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

- "...was refreshed" - new statement, not found in Gen 3:2-3 or Ex 20:8-11

18 When He had finished speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses the two tablets of the testimony, tablets of stone, written by the finger of God.

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18 When he finished speaking with Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him⁸ the two Tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone written by the finger of God."

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

- The Sabbath is mentioned 3x in the book of Exodus (16:23-29); Ex 20 in commandments; here in Ex 31

1. Rest of God - anticipatory of the Millennium
2. Sign of sanctification - symbol of covenant relationship between Jehovah and Israel; only valid for those who keep it
 - Sign of those who positionally have entered into His Rest
 - Israel is to represent their resting in Him by resting on the 7th day
 - We are to enter into His rest in our Christian walk (see the book of Hebrews)
 - The Sabbath typifies entering into His Rest, and prophetically typifies the Millennium
3. "God was refreshed" (Ex 31:17; see Zeph 3:17)
4. Prophetical rest (2 Peter 3:3-8) concept of creation is linked to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ
 - Concept of Evolution releases one from accountability for actions
 - The concept of creation goes together with the concept of a final reckoning (Gen 2:2-3; Rev 20; 21:3-5)
 - God rests for one day (or 1000 years) in the Millennium (Is 65)