

18-19 Bible Study #22

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Exodus 35 -40

Exodus 35-39 (Cont)

- There are two parts to this section
 - **Exodus 35-39** contains the description of the building of the components of the Tabernacle
 - **Exodus 40** depicts the erection of the Tabernacle
- **Exodus 38:8** presents a storage discussion of the “ministering women”
 - Make a note to **1st Samuel 2:22***
 - Although the priests were married, these women were not their wives
 - In fact, when the priest had relations with them they got into big trouble

Exodus 35-39 (Cont)

- These women were the dedicated temple virgins
- This will be very important when we get to the New Testament and look into a story in the *Proto-Evangelium of St. James*
- He describes the Blessed Virgin Mary as a “temple virgin” who was given to the temple when she was a young girl where she lived in the company of this little sisterhood
- This document was not deemed canonical and therefore many do not accept this story

Exodus 40

Erection of the Tabernacle

Exodus 40 (Cont)

- **Exodus 40:1-33**

- As mentioned, this section describes the erection of the Tent of Meeting

Exodus 40 (Cont)

- **Exodus 40:35**

- In this verse (according to the RSV), we hear that the cloud “abode” (or rested) upon it (the tent of meeting)
- The *Greek* word used was “*episkiazo*” which can mean “overshadowed
- The word “to rest” in *Hebrew* is *shekinah*
- This indicates that the “glory cloud” of the Lord rested upon and filled this place

Exodus 40 (Cont)

- Additionally, the English word “tabernacle” is a translation of the *Hebrew* word for “resting place”
- The *Greek* word is *skene* meaning “tent”
- The *Hebrew* is telling us that it was the “resting place of God”
- The purpose of the tabernacle and the Ark were to provide a resting place for God among His people
- Father pointed out that this will be very important when we get to the New Testament

Exodus 40 (Cont)

- Those who translated the *Hebrew* into the *Greek Septuagint* reserved the word *episkiazo* to reflect the “Glory Cloud” of God resting on the ark
- The only place in all of the Old Testament where we find this *Greek* word was when the “Glory Cloud” rested upon the Ark
- Now look at **Luke 1:35** where the power of the Most High will overshadow (*episkiazo*) the Blessed Mother

Exodus 40 (Cont)

- Luke was showing that the “Glory Cloud” was going to rest on the Virgin Mary because the 10 Commandments in the flesh would live in her womb
- He was telling us that this boy who will inherit the throne of his father David, was not just any old Messiah, but He was the king of Israel from before they even had a human king
- This is the word of God in the flesh
- This marks the end of our study of the book of **Exodus**

Leviticus

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- Moses, and the people of Israel, remained on *Mt. Sinai*
- It is not until we get to the **Book of Numbers** before we see Israel leave *Mt. Sinai* and spend 40 years in the wilderness
- The people had just completed building the Tabernacle which was filled by the Glory Cloud (Shekinah)
- Although the covenant had been restored, it was a bit more brittle and weaker than before the Golden Calf incident

Leviticus (Cont)

- At this point, the tribe of *Levi* had been set apart from the other tribes because of what they had accomplished during the Golden Calf incident
- Their special role is discussed in the **Book of Leviticus**, which can be seen as the “sacramentary” for the Levitical priesthood
- Most likely, this would not have been given, or at least not in this much detail, had it not been for the Golden Calf incident
- They had already been given the entire sacrificial system in **Exodus 29 and 30**

Sacramentary

- Let us briefly look at how we use the sacramentary in the Catholic Church (particularly in relationship with the sacraments)
 - The Roman Missal
 - The Liturgy of the Hours
 - The Liturgy for each of the other Sacraments

The Marks and Attributes of the Church

- The **Four Marks of the Church**

- **One *or unity*** – we are all united in all beliefs and under the same spiritual leadership
- **Holy** – founded by Jesus Christ who is all holy
- **Catholic** or universal – has been in existence uninterrupted since Pentecost and contains one doctrine in the world for all men
- **Apostolic** – founded by Peter and the apostles

The Catholic Church (Cont)

- Pope
- Bishop
- Priest
- Deacon
- Lay person
- Holy Orders
- Confirmation
- Penance
- Eucharist
- Sacrament of the Sick
- Matrimony
- Baptism

Leviticus (Cont)

- **Leviticus 1-2**

- This very brief introduction to the sacramental system was followed (in the following chapters) by all of the necessary details in the rest of **Leviticus** to include various sins and sacrifices required for their reconciliation

- **Leviticus 3** provides the details for *Peace Offerings*

- **Leviticus 4** discusses remedies for sins that were committed “unwittingly”