

Immerse Day 40 :: March 26 (excerpted by Jackie Splinter)

The priestly garments are finished . . .



And the Delivery is made . . .

You know that feeling of dread you have when you receive a piece of furniture that is tightly compacted into a flat box labeled "**Some assembly required**"? Imagine how Moses must have felt when the contractors roll up to his tent door with the news that they're all done, "And here's your Tabernacle." Assembled? No! There it is in ready-to-assemble pieces all over his front yard. The delivery included the furniture as well as the priests' clothing...everything. Not a problem for Moses though; look at Exodus 39:43, "Then Moses inspected all their work. When he found it had been done just as the Lord had commanded him, he blessed them."



Setup instructions included separately . . .

So, how long does it take to build a Tabernacle like this? Here's what we know. God told Moses to assemble the Tabernacle on a date that marked their one-year anniversary of freedom from Egypt. Well, technically, the Passover and release didn't take place until the 14th day of the month and this assembly date is on the first day of the first month of the second year. It took them three months to reach their current location at Sinai. Moses spent 80 days up on the mountain talking with God. **That left about six months to do the work.**

I don't know how long it stayed in Moses' yard before assembly, but with the assembly orchestrated to take place fourteen days before the Passover, it would appear that the workers must have been on a carefully-timed schedule for finishing the project. We aren't told who helped erect the tabernacle, but since it only took one day to assemble, Moses certainly had laborers to assist him.

The final component: God's presence . . .

So what makes this Tabernacle so special? Here it is - the presence of God. Nobody goes in (including Moses) when God is there. His appearance was in the form of a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. When it (God's glory) would stay, Israel would stay; when it would move, Israel would move. Israel was never lost in the wilderness. **They were always in the exact location where God wanted them; his presence among them proves that.**

True confessions . . .

I was having a hard time knowing what to write for today, so I clicked on the link below for some help, and it was too good not to share! So the "I" above is not actually Jackie Splinter, but I hope it enlightens you as much as it enlightened me!

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