Session 21

Ch 34: replacement tablets were needed. Moses broke the first set. This time Moses cut the tablets of stone.

Law in Covenant. Mountain is sealed off again.

LORD descends in the Cloud and proclaims His Name. Lengthy description of Himself. He has just forgiven Israel for the apostasy with the Golden Calf.

Moses falls down in worship. He tells God to accompany them and they will be His inheritance. Type of Christ.

V10: God makes a covenant- He will do wonders never done before anywhere. He will drive the other people out of the Land.

But the Israelites have to not make covenants with them; they must destroy their altars and sacred pillars, cut down their wooden images. Jealous God.

Do not intermarry with them.

No idols. Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread. All that open the womb are Mine.

Some rules: Sabbath is AGAIN emphasized. Feast of Weeks. Later becomes Shavaot or Pentecost. Men must appear 3 times a year before the Lord. Do not offer blood sacrifice with leaven.

God tells Moses to write these words because they are Covenant or Law.

On the mountain 40 days and 40 nights.

Comes down from the mountain and his face glows with the Divine Glory. People cannot look at him so he covers his face with a veil. Takes it off when he talks with God then puts it back on when he returns to the people.

Ch 35: Moses gathers the whole people and tells them to make an offering, if they are moved, of jewels, stones, acacia wood, dyed cloth, thread. Skilled workers will make all the things that were ordered before in Exodus 25. Shows that God was going to stay with the people.

God has called Bezalel by name to be a craftsman. Filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ch 36 :Craftsmen and artisans begin to work. Make all the curtains with their designs and in exact measurements. Everything is made in reverse order....coverings, curtains, tabernacle, veil, then Ark. Everything has been stated before.

Bezalel makes the Ark. Makes the Mercy Seat with the cherubim.

Bezalel makes the table for the Show Bread and all the sacred vessels.

Makes the lampstand of pure gold. Incense altar. Makes the anointing oil. Altar for burned offerings, laver.

Account of all the gold, silver and bronze used in all the construction. Just over 1 ton of gold. 4 tons of silver 3 tons of copper

Ch 39 Then they made priestly vestments and the ephod. Set precious stones for all the tribes; all the sons of Israel.

Brought everything to Moses and he blessed it.

Ch 40: God explains to Moses how and when to set everything up according to the previous instructions. Then anoint everything with the holy oil. All these things will be holy.

The bring Aaron and wash him and put the vestments on him and anoint him for priestly service. Then his sons in the same way. Everlasting priesthood through all generations.

Moses did all that the LORD commanded.

Everything was set up in the first month of the second year.

Then he put the Tablets into the Ark, put the Mercy Seat on top of it, put the veil in front of it according to the LORD's commands.

Placed everything in position, lit the lamps, put water in the laver. Water for the priests to wash before ministering.

Glory fills the tabernacle. Moses unable to go in. Cloud by day, fire by night.

Cloud is above the Mercy Seat. God's Presence.

When Cloud rests, the people stay. When Cloud rises and moves, people begin the journey. Correlated with Spirit leading the Church and lives.

God's very Presence with His people in a very physical form.

Cloud stays with the Tent throughout the wanderings in the wilderness, then in Canaan before the Temple is built, then in the Temple when it is dedicated (II Chr 7). Stays until just before the Babylonians destroy the Temple and the city.