

Exodus 35:4-19 **Offerings for Tabernacle Materials**

Call for freewill offerings of materials for the Tabernacle

4 And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, "This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying: 5 'Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the LORD: gold, silver, and bronze; 6 blue , purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair; 7 ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and acacia wood; 8 oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense; 9 onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate. [Exodus 25:1-7]

Call for gifted artisans

10 'All who are gifted artisans among you shall come and make all that the LORD has commanded: 11 the tabernacle, its tent, its covering, its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; 12 the ark and its poles, with the mercy seat, and the veil of the covering; 13 the table and its poles, all its utensils, and the showbread; 14 also the lampstand for the light, its utensils, its lamps, and the oil for the light; 15 the incense altar, its poles, the anointing oil, the sweet incense, and the screen for the door at the entrance of the tabernacle; 16 the altar of burnt offering with its bronze grating, its poles, all its utensils, and the laver and its base; 17 the hangings of the court, its pillars, their sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court; 18 the pegs of the tabernacle, the pegs of the court, and their cords; 19 the garments of ministry, for ministering in the holy place--the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests.' " [Exodus 31:1-11]

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Response of the people

Exodus 35:20-35

20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. 21 Then everyone came whose heart was stirred, and everyone whose spirit was willing, and they brought the LORD's offering for the work of the tabernacle of meeting, for all its service, and for the holy garments. 22 They came, both men and women, as many as had a willing heart, and brought earrings and nose rings, rings and necklaces, all jewelry of gold, that is, every man who made an offering of gold to the LORD. 23 And every man, with whom was found blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine linen, and goats' hair, red skins of rams, and badger skins, brought them. 24 Everyone who offered an offering of silver or bronze brought the LORD's offering. And everyone with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it. 25 All the women who were gifted artisans spun yarn with their hands, and brought what they had spun, of blue , purple, and scarlet, and fine linen. 26 And all the women whose heart stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats' hair. 27 The rulers brought onyx stones, and the stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate, 28 and spices and oil for the light, for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. 29 The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the LORD, all the men and women whose hearts were willing to bring material for all kinds of work which the LORD, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done.

Those God specifically called by name and filled with the Holy Spirit

30 And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, 32 to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, 33 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship. 34 And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. 35 He has filled them with skill to do all manner

of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue , purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver--those who do every work and those who design artistic works.
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Gifting of the workmen

Exodus 36:1-7

¹ "And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the LORD has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the LORD has commanded."

Moses called the workmen and they took inventory of the materials being donated freely by the people

² Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work. ³ And they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning. ⁴ Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing, ⁵ and they spoke to Moses, saying, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded us to do." ⁶ So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, "Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." And the people were restrained from bringing, ⁷ for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done--indeed too much.

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Facts Revealed:

For a breakdown on the material items and their significance see notes under [\[Exodus 25:1-9\]](#)

- ✧ The call for offerings for the tabernacle was only from those who had a heart to give freely.
- ✧ The response was overwhelming to the point that they had to command the people to stop because they had freely given more than was needed for the Tabernacle construction.

Moses called for all who are skillful among you shall come and make all Yehowah has commanded and he gave them an itemized list of the things to be made. [\[Exodus 35:10-19\]](#)

- ✧ Those specifically named by God were Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur of the tribe of Judah, and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. [\[Exodus 35:30-35, 31:1-11\]](#)
- ✧ Their ability was a special gifting of the Holy Spirit for all the work needed to be done.
- ✧ They were filled with the Holy Spirit in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship and skill.
- ✧ All the gifted Artisans were filled with the Holy Spirit with wisdom and understanding to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the Sanctuary, to do according to all that Yehowah had commanded. [\[Exodus 36:1-7\]](#)