



# EXODUS 37

IN 5 MINUTES

## When:

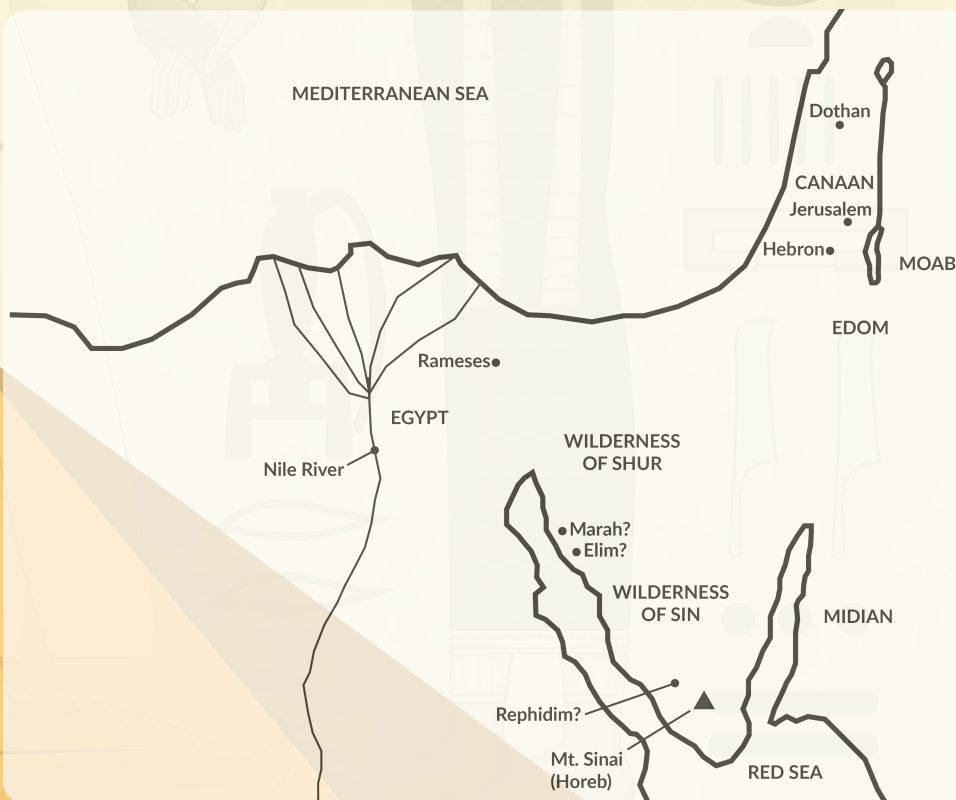
- God delivered the Israelites from slavery in approximately 1491 B.C.
- Chapter 40 verse 2 tells us the Tabernacle was finished and erected for the first time 1 year after the Israelites left Egypt.

## Characters:

- **Moses** – Moses was selected by God to lead the Israelites to Canaan. God spoke directly to Moses and Moses communicated God's words to the people.
- **Israelites (Hebrews)** – The descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God granted them freedom after several hundred years in slavery in Egypt.
- **Bezalel and Oholiab** – Two men specially gifted with the Spirit of God to help in the construction of the Tabernacles and the holy items within it.

## Where:

- When Moses relayed God's instructions regarding the Tabernacle to the Israelites, the people were camped at Mount Sinai.



Outline:

- MAKING THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (37:1-9):
  - + Bezalel made the Ark of the Covenant from acacia wood and covered it with gold.
  - + The ark was 2.5 cubits long by 1.5 cubits wide.
  - + A ring was fixed to each of its 4 feet so the ark could be carried with two poles.
  - + The poles were made of acacia wood and covered with gold.
  - + Next, Bezalel made a mercy seat of pure gold which was to sit on top of the ark.
  - + On top of the mercy seat, he built two cherubim figures whose wings spread across the ark and touched in the middle.
- MAKING THE TABLE FOR THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE (37:10-16):
  - + Bezalel made a gold table for the Holy Place in the Tabernacle.
  - + The table was made of acacia wood and overlaid with gold.
  - + It was 2 cubits long, 1 cubit wide, and 1.5 cubits tall.
  - + A ring was attached to the corner of each leg so the table could be carried with poles similar to those used for the Ark of the Covenant.
  - + The plates and vessels for the table were made of pure gold.
- MAKING THE GOLDEN LAMPSTAND (37:17-24):
  - + Bezalel made the lampstand for the tabernacle from one solid piece of gold.
  - + It had a center column and three branches on each side.
  - + Each branch was decorated with gold cups shaped like almond blossoms.
  - + The center column was adorned with 4 cups shaped like almond blossoms.
  - + All the utensils for the lampstand were made from pure gold.
- MAKING THE ALTAR OF INCENSE (37:25-29):
  - + Bezalel made the altar of incense that was to sit in front of the veil in the tabernacle.
  - + The altar was acacia wood overlaid with gold.
  - + It was 1 cubit long, 1 cubit wide, and 2 cubits tall with horns of gold.
  - + It had 4 rings, 2 on each side, so it could be carried with 2 poles.
  - + Finally, Bezalel made the anointing oil and incense for burning in the Tabernacle.

