

## AMBASSADORS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

### EXODUS 35:1-19

May 31, 2026

**Theme:** It was God who told humans how he wished to be worshiped, not humans who told God what they had decided to do by way of worship.

- I. Review
  - A. Israel in Egypt (1:1–12:36)
  - B. Israel Enroute to Sinai (12:37–18:27)
  - C. Israel Encamped at Sinai (19:1–40:38)
- II. Exodus 35–39 This section marks the beginning of the lengthy description of how the Israelites fulfil YHWH's instructions for the building of the portable sanctuary.
  - A. Chapters 25–31 God told the Israelites how to build the tabernacle (Command Section)
  - B. Chapters 35–39 They actually built it (Fulfillment Section)
  - C. Main comparisons
  - D. When God repeats himself, he does it for a reason
    1. Repetition was common in ancient literature
    2. Repetition also reinforces the memory
    3. To display Israel's obedience
    4. Shows how faithful God is
  - E. Application: We can apply these truths to our own spiritual experience. (Ps 119:103ff; 2 Tim 3:16; see Neh 9:3)
- III. The Importance of the Sabbath (35:1–3) [Fulfillment of 31:12–18]
  - A. Vs. 1 The essential prerequisites for the construction of the tabernacle are now in place
  - B. Why does God mention the Sabbath again in this context?
    1. the Sabbath was the sign of the covenant
    2. worship honored the Covenant Giver
    3. keeping a weekly day of rest nourishes our love for the one true God
    4. emphasizes the fourth commandment
    5. the summation combines the teaching
    6. adds additional amplification
    7. the Old points to the New
    8. *Three Hallmarks of a Biblical Church Member*, Tom Pennington, pages 19-24

- IV. Offerings of Tabernacle Materials (35:4–29) [Fulfillment of 25:1–7] Giving what you have.
- A. All the congregation (1, 4)
  - B. God supplied the materials (see Ex 12:36)
  - C. They gave with a willing heart (5)
  - D. All the materials were needed somewhere in the tabernacle (see 25 1-9)
  - E. God made the plans, but the people did the work
  - F. Application: In the church we have a similar opportunity to give something to God (Phil 2:13)
- V. God's Call for Skilled Workers (35:10–19) [Summarizes Parts of 26–28; 30 with Further Fulfillment Especially in 37; 39–40]
- A. Giving what you do
  - B. Building the tabernacle required the energetic use of people's gifts and talents
  - C. This inventory reminds us of how the tabernacle was made.
  - D. Making all these things requires a large number of people with a wide range of skills
  - E. But it was not a job for everyone
  - F. Application: This means that we should do what God has called us to do (Rom. 12:6–8)  
God uses the whole team to worship Him, His way (1 Peter 4:10)
- VI. **NEXT WEEK** The Lord willing
- A. June 7
  - B. Exodus 35: 20-35
  - C. Israel's Contribution