Exodus 31

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Bezalel and Oholiab

(Exodus 35:30–35)

¹And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: ²See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; ³and I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, ⁴to devise skilful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, ⁵and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all manner of workmanship. ⁶And I, behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee: ⁷the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the ark-cover that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the Tent; ⁸and the table and its vessels, and the pure candlestick with all its vessels, and the altar of incense; ⁹and the altar of burnt-offering with all its vessels, and the laver and its base; ¹⁰and the plaited garments, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office; ¹¹and the anointing oil, and the incense of sweet spices for the holy place; according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.'

The Sign of the Sabbath

(Numbers 15:32–36)

¹²And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: ¹³Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying: Verily ye shall keep My sabbaths, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that ye may know that I am the LORD who sanctify you. ¹⁴Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore, for it is holy unto you; every one that profaneth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁵Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD; whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. ¹⁷It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel for ever; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He ceased from work and rested.'

Moses Receives the Tablets

¹⁸And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of speaking with him upon mount Sinai, the two tables of the testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.