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Construction Party

Exodus 35:1 Gathering everyone together.

Exodus 35:2-9 Why is Shabbat observance tied to the construction of the Temple (verses 3-19)?

Exodus 35:20-21 Willing hearts.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 The cheerful giver.

Exodus 36:6-7 Could any of this have been motivated by guilt?

The Presence of God

Exodus 39:33 Moses inspects the work.

Exodus 39:42-43 Moses approves. The work is done exactly as God commanded it to be done.

Exodus 40:17-19 Moses constructs the Tabernacle, apparently single-handedly. What message is there here for us?

Exodus 40:34-38 The Divine Presence descends upon the Tabernacle and God lives among His people for the first time since Eden.

I Kings 7:51 All of the work to build Solomon's Temple is done.

I Kings 8:10-13 The Shekhinah descends upon Solomon's Temple.

Why doesn't the Bible record the Shekhinah inhabiting Herod's Temple?

Leviticus 16:20-22 The Azazel goat.

On the Day of Atonement, a scarlet wool thread was placed on the door of the sanctuary. It was said that this thread turned white when the live goat was set free. But, beginning on the Day of Atonement in 30 A.D., this thread never turned white again. See Yoma 39b, Babylonian Talmud and pages 166, 170 Mishnah, by Danby. From: <http://www.bibleresearch.org/articles/a11pws.htm>

Was God there or not?

The Shekhinah

Revelation 15:5-8 The Shekhinah in the Heavenly Tabernacle.

Revelation 21:1-3 The Shekhinah in New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:22-24 The nations of the Earth walk by the light of the Shekhinah.

Revelation 22:1-5 God living among His people forever.