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Exodus 40

Exodus is connected both to Genesis and Numbers and makes little sense without them.

Gen. 24-25 Joseph re-assures his brothers of God's faithfulness in keeping his promises. He repeats, "God will surely (lit., visit), take care of you.

Vs 26 So Genesis ends with death! Promises still pending! "You shall carry my bones up from here," clearly demonstrated Joseph faith in God's faithfulness as well. But believers are challenged to live by faith in God's sovereignty and faithfulness.

The "Now" of **Exodus 1:1** can be translated "And;" continuing the Genesis narrative.

Exodus reveals man's failures but more importantly God's active role in achieving His plan to bless *the world*. Human progress has always been the gracious work of God and not man's work.

Exodus reveals God bringing about justice, judgments, righteousness and sorts out good and bad. All is illustrated by His dealings with the people and is characterized by wisdom.

Worship (see details in Leviticus) and obedience (see details in Numbers), were to be the results of God's work revealed in Exodus. The new nation of Israel was to put God in the center of their life illustrated by the tabernacle. The new nation was to live under obedience to God, illustrated by Law (testimony 25:16; 40:21).

Message: *The Lord sets up His plan and when obeyed, His power to save is observable .*

1-16, God spoke/commanded Moses to set up /initiate the tabernacle ministry.

Vs 9 The "anointing," here is first, a command from the Lord, signifying it was God who was authorizing the whole worship / tabernacle operation. Second, it was an authorized separation for God's service. And third, it was the induction or startup of the tabernacle complex. (on "anointing" see *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*, Harris, Archer, Waltke, vol. 1, p. 530).

So everything concerning the worship and fellowship with God, including the personal, were authorized and set apart for God's use.

17-33, Moses followed instructions, "...just as the Lord had commanded..."

Moses was the chosen mediator and thus his obedience was key for guidance, fellowship and power from God.

In vss. 16-32, 8 times we read that The Lord commanded and Moses obeyed.

34-38, The Lord showed up and guides His redeemed people

Note: when things are done in God's prescribed way, power and guides are observable!

2Timothy 3:1-9, When God is set aside spiritual power *for holiness* will be absent.

1Peter 2:1-5, believers / Christians are separated for God's use

Matthew 26: 39; 42; 44, Jesus, obeyed God Perfectly to setup the church with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit! Read the book of Acts for an account of God's power to save.