

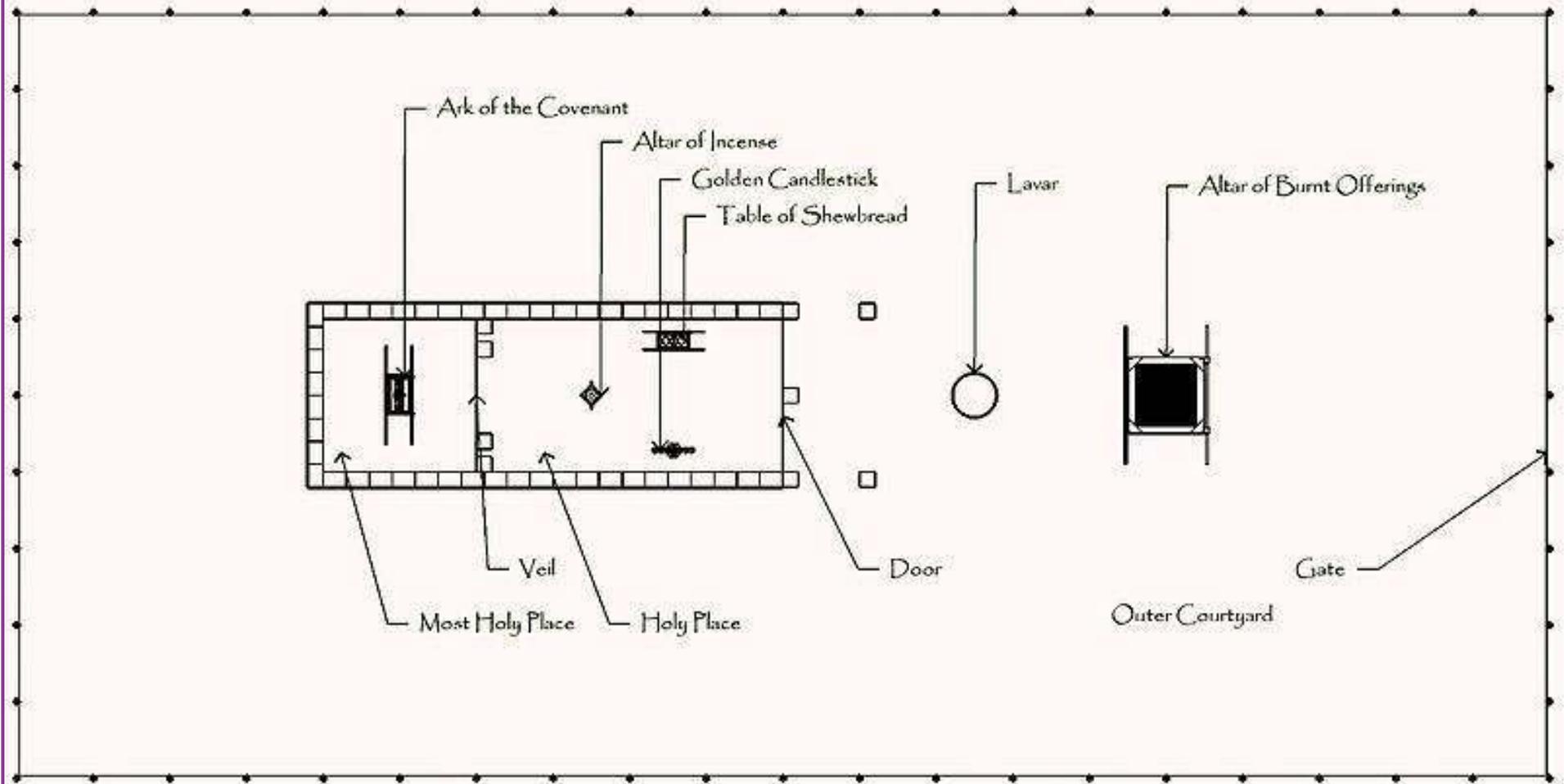
God's Craftsmen

Exodus 31

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- God commanded Moses to build the tabernacle and put the Ark of the Covenant inside.
- Who did the work?
- Exodus 31:1-11, 35:30-35
- What was the tabernacle?



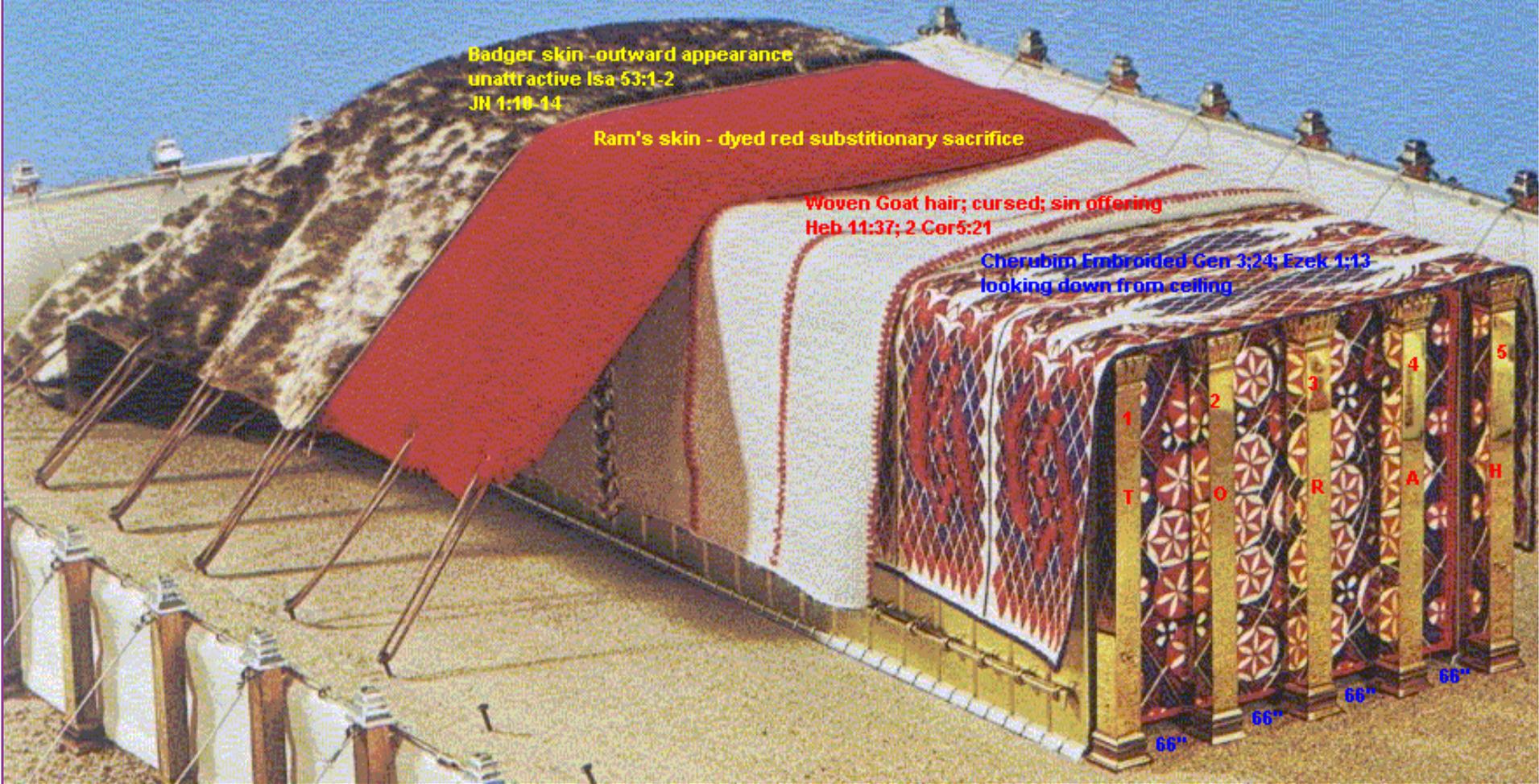


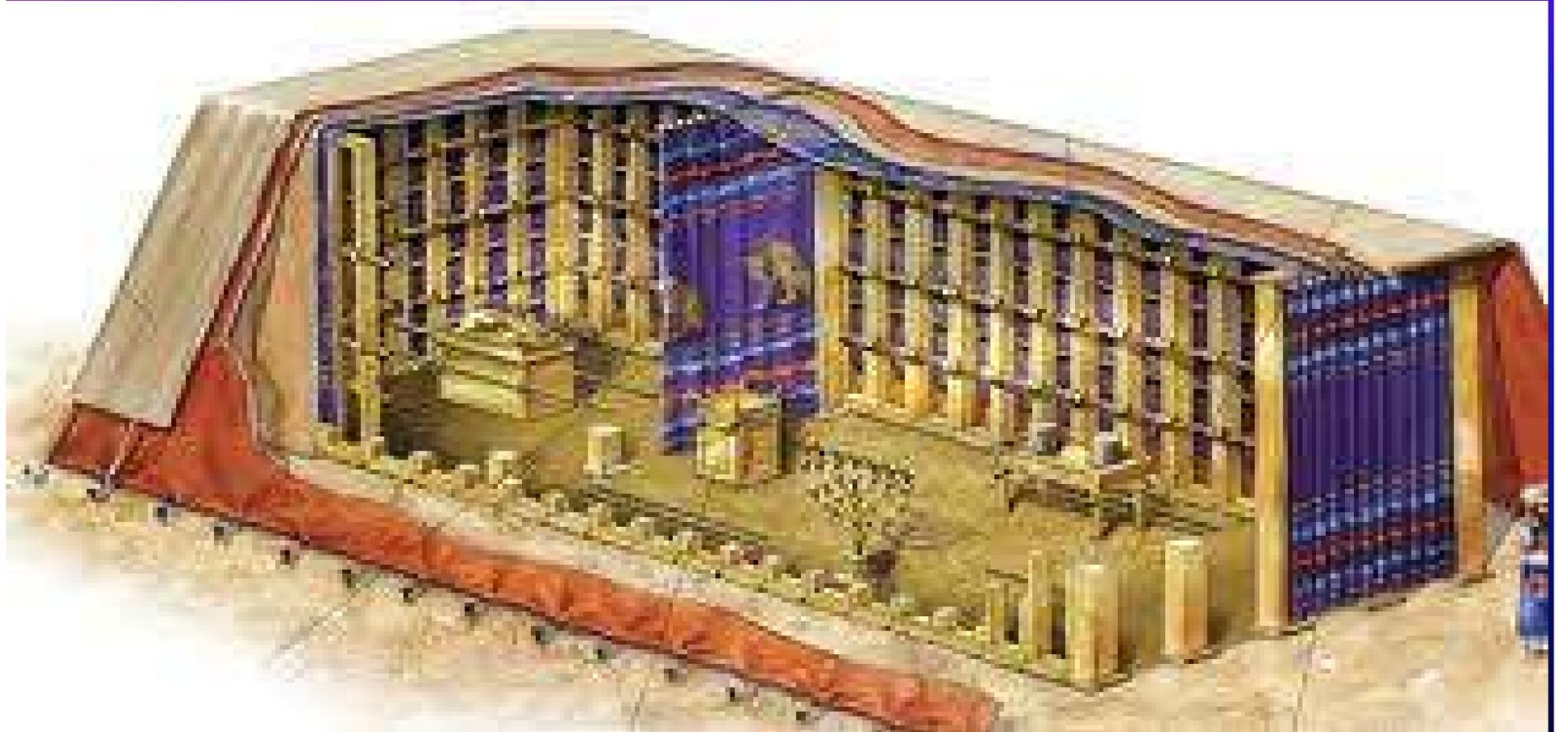
Badger skin - outward appearance
unattractive Isa 53:1-2
JN 1:18-14

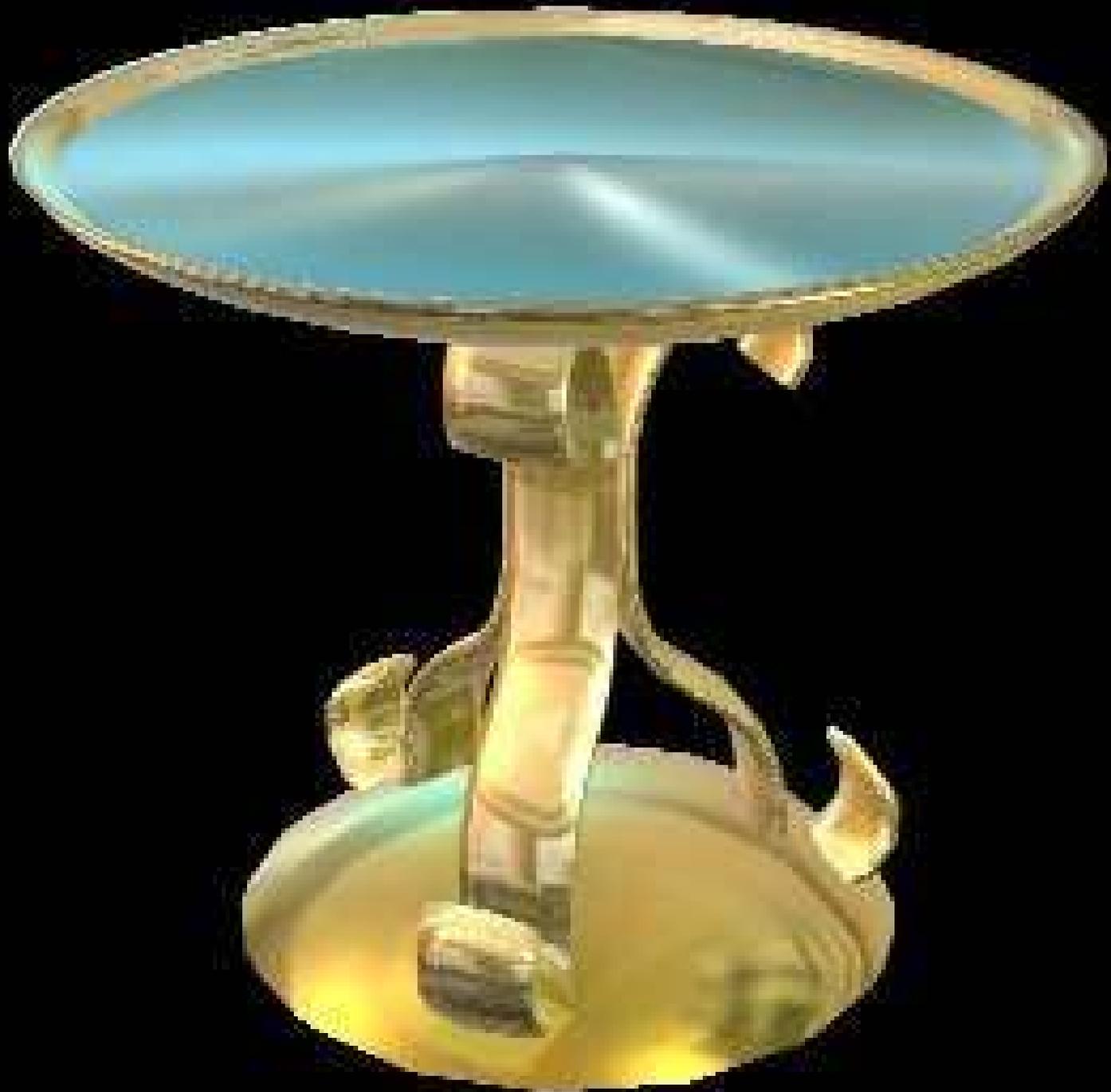
Ram's skin - dyed red substitutionary sacrifice

Woven Goat hair; cursed; sin offering
Heb 11:37; 2 Cor 5:21

Cherubim Embroided Gen 3:24; Ezek 1:13
looking down from ceiling

















The Craftsmen

- Bezalel, (bit' zell ell') which means "In the shadow of God" or "under the protection of God."
 - He was the son of Uri, which means "light"
 - The grandson of Hur, the man who helped Aaron hold up Moses hands so that Israel would prevail against Amalek
 - May have been a student of those who were the architects and builders of Raamses and Pithom, the treasure cities the children of Israel built while enslaved in Egypt (Ex. 1:11).

The Craftsmen

- Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. Aholiab signifies “The Tent of the Father.”
 - Ahisamach means “Brother of Support.”
- Bezalel was of the tribe of Judah, and Aholiab was of the tribe of Dan.
 - Judah was often in the lead, and Dan often brought up the rear. Craftsmen from both ends of the nation

The Calling

- Qualifications and standards were set by the Lord.
- They were to do what God had commanded Moses
- They needed to do it according to all that He commanded
- Ex. 31:3, 6 - “And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship... 6 And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all who are gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you”

The Calling

- They were chosen and empowered by God
 - They did not put themselves forward
 - Nor did their personal skills qualify them for the work God planned for them
 - Nor did Moses choose them

The Calling

- Ex. 31:3-6 - ***“And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 5 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship. 6 And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all who are gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you”***

The Calling

- Luke 24:44-45 - “Then He said to them, These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me. 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.”
- Gal. 1:15-16 - “But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood”
- God never calls someone to the work without outfitting him

The Calling

- They were to share the work with others
- They were to teach others
 - Ex. 35:34 - “And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan.”

The Completion

- Moses got the credit.
 - It is said eight times, “As the Lord commanded Moses,” or “So Moses finished the work”
 - Ex. 40:33 - “And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.”

The Completion

- The essence of true service is in obedience, not reward
 - Ex. 31:11 - “According to all that I have commanded you they shall do.”
- Bezalel and Ahoilab were not permitted to choose what instructions they would keep; they did what they were told
 - John 6:38 - “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

The Completion

- They worked together
 - Ex. 38:22-23 - “Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD had commanded Moses. 23 And with him was Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and designer, a weaver of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine linen.”

The Completion

- While all gifts are not alike, the gifted must be likeminded
- Not all gifts are alike, but God uses the gifted in like manner
 - Acts 9:39 - “hen Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them.”

The Completion

- Some have leadership, others followship, but all must remember their discipleship
- We glorify God most when we are unambitiously content to fill our own place, when we are not envious of the gifts given to others.

The Completion

- They were honest workers
 - Ex. 36:1-7

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- Did you know the works of Bezalel and Aholiah before this lesson?
- Would you serve the Lord with such integrity when it is likely that no one will know and that very few will care?
- Many leave a legacy of works, good or bad, and are remembered for it
 - Luke 17:32 - Remember Lot's wife
 - Heb. 11:4 - (Abel) He being dead still speaks

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- But what if you do a good or even great work, and no one knows?
 - Heb. 6:10 - “For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”
 - Mark 9:41 - “For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”