

BIBLE STUDY

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Tabernacle and Creation

Creation: Genesis 1-2:4

In six days God speaks ("And God said...") and creates the world. 1:31

God saw all that He had made and behold, it was very good."

On the seventh day it says, "Thus the heavens and the earth were **finished**, and all their hosts. By **the seventh day** God **finished His work** which **He had done**, and He rested (shabat) on the seventh day from **all the work which He had done**. Then God **blessed** the seventh day and **sanctified** it, because in it He rested (shabat) from all His work which God had created and **made**."

Tabernacle Instructions: Exodus 25-31

25:1 "And the LORD said to Moses..."

30:11 "And the LORD said to Moses..."

30:17 "And the LORD said to Moses..."

30:22 "And the LORD said to Moses..."

30:34 "And the LORD said to Moses..."

31:1 "And the LORD said to Moses..."

31:12 "The LORD said to Moses, 'You shall surely observe My Sabbaths (shabat), for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who **sanctifies** you. Therefore you are to observe the Sabbath (shabat) for it is holy to you...It is a sign between Me and the sons of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD **made heaven and earth**, but on **the seventh day** He ceased and was refreshed."

Exodus 39:43 [At the end of building the Tabernacle] And Moses **saw all the work and behold, they had done** it; just as the LORD had commanded, this they had **done**. So Moses **blessed** them.

Exodus 40:33 "Thus Moses **finished the work**."

(From a YouTube video by Ray Vanderlaan)

Luke 4:1-14
Temptation Play

Narrator: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry. And the devil spoke to Him.

Devil: If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.

Jesus: It is written, "Man shall not live on bread alone."

Narrator: And the devil led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

Devil: I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if you worship before me, it shall all be Yours.

Jesus: It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only."

Narrator: And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple.

Devil: If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here; for it is written, "He will command His angels concerning You to guard You," and "On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone."

Jesus: It is said, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God."

Narrator: When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time. And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.

Wilderness Trek: Inclusio

Golden calf incident
Exodus 32:1-6 (first
generation)

1 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." 2 Aaron said to them, "Tear off the gold rings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." 3 Then all the people tore off the gold rings which were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took this from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt." 5 Now when Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to Yahweh. 6 So the next day they rose early and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play (yitzhoq).

Baal of Peor Debacle
Numbers 25:1-3 (second
generation)

1 While Israel remained at Shittim, the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab. 2 For the [Moabites] invited the Israelites to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. 3 So Israel joined themselves to Baal of Peor (the Moabite god), and Yahweh was angry against Israel... 6 Then behold, one of the sons of Israel came and brought to his brothers a Midianite woman, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of all the congregation of the sons of Israel, while they were weeping at the doorway of the tent of meeting. 7 When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he arose from the midst of the congregation and took a spear in his hand, 8 and he went after the man of Israel into the tent and pierced both of them through...So the plague on the sons of Israel was checked.

Commentary from
Psalms
Psalm 106:28-30

28 They joined themselves also to Baal-peor,
And ate sacrifices offered to the dead (lifeless idols).
29 Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds,
And the plague broke out among them.
30 Then Phinehas stood up and interposed,
And so the plague was stayed.

Deuteronomy 32:15-18
(Moses' speech at the end of the wilderness years)
15 But Jeshurun (God's affectionate name for Israel) grew fat and kicked—
You are grown fat, thick, and sleek—
Then he forsook God who made him,
And scorned the Rock of his salvation.
16 They made Him jealous with strange gods;
With abominations they provoked Him to anger.
17 They sacrificed to demons who were not God,
To gods whom they have not known,
New gods who came lately,
Whom your fathers (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) did not dread.
18 You neglected the Rock who begot you,
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Do not Harden Your Hearts...

At the Beginning of the Wilderness Trek

Exodus 17:1-7

1 Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel journeyed by stages from the wilderness of Syn, according to the command of Yahweh, and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water that we may drink."

And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test Yahweh?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water; and they grumbled against Moses and said, "Why, now, have you brought us up from Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried out to Yahweh, saying, "What shall I do to this people? A little more and they will stone me." 5 Then Yahweh said to Moses, "Pass before the people and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand your staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 He named the place Massah (test) and Meribah (quarrel) because of the quarrel of the sons of Israel, and because they tested Yahweh, saying, "Is Yahweh among us, or not?"

At the End of the Wilderness Trek Numbers 20:1-13

1 Then all the congregation of the sons of Israel . . . came to the wilderness of Tzyn...; and the people stayed at Kadesh. Now Miriam died there and was buried there.

2 There was no water for the congregation, and they assembled themselves against Moses and Aaron. 3 The people thus quarreled with Moses and spoke, saying, "If only we had perished when our brothers perished before Yahweh! 4 Why then have you brought Yahweh's assembly into this wilderness, for us and our beasts to die here? 5 Why have you made us come up from Egypt, to bring us in to this wretched place? 6 Then Moses and Aaron came in from the presence of the assembly to the doorway of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. Then the glory of Yahweh appeared to them; 7 and Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying,

8 "Take the rod; and you and your brother Aaron assemble the congregation and speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water. You shall thus bring forth water for them out of the rock and let the congregation and their beasts drink." 9 So Moses took the rod from before Yahweh, just as He had commanded him; 10 and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?" 11 Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank. 12 But Yahweh said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." 13 Those were the waters of Meribah (quarrel), because the sons of Israel quarreled with Yahweh, and He proved Himself holy among them.

Hebrews 3:7-11 (from Psalm 95)

Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says,
 “Today if you hear His voice,
 Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah/quarrel,
 As in the day of Massah/test in the wilderness,
 Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me,
 And saw My words for forty years.
 Therefore I was angry with this generation,
 And said, ‘They always go astray in their heart,
 As I swore in My wrath,
 ‘They shall not enter My rest’”