

**The Assembly and Dedication of the Tabernacle,
the Center of Worship:
Experiencing the Presence of the Lord
Exodus 40: 01 – 15**

<p><i>The instructions of the Lord</i></p> <p>1. The Tabernacle: To be assembled on the 1st day of the first month</p> <p>2. The furnishings to be set in place</p> <p>1) The Ark of the Covenant</p> <p>2) The curtain to shield the Ark</p> <p>3) The Table of Showbread and its utensils</p> <p>4) The Lamp stand and its lamps</p> <p>5) The Gold Altar of Incense: Put in front of the Ark</p> <p>6) The curtain for the entrance to the Tabernacle</p> <p>7) The Altar of Burnt Offering: Put in front of the entrance</p> <p>8) The Wash Basin: Put between the Tent of Meeting and the Altar and fill with water</p> <p>9) The Courtyard</p> <p>10) The curtain at the entrance to the Courtyard</p>	<p>1 Then the LORD said to Moses:</p> <p>2 “Set up the tabernacle, the tent of meeting, on the first day of the first month.</p> <p>3 Place the ark of the covenant law in it and shield the ark with the curtain.</p> <p>4 Bring in the table and set out what belongs on it. Then bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps.</p> <p>5 Place the gold altar of incense in front of the ark of the covenant law and put the curtain at the entrance to the tabernacle.</p> <p>6 Place the altar of burnt offering in front of the entrance to the tabernacle, the tent of meeting;</p> <p>7 place the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar and put water in it.</p> <p>8 Set up the courtyard around it and put the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard.</p>
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<p>3. <i>The dedication of the Tabernacle and its furnishings</i></p> <p>1) Anoint the Tabernacle and its furnishings: Make them holy (set apart to God)</p> <p>2) Anoint the Altar of Burnt Offering and its utensils: Make them holy</p> <p>3) Anoint the Wash Basin and pedestal: Consecrate them</p> <p>4. <i>The consecration of the priests</i></p> <p>1) Bring the priests to the entrance of the Tabernacle and wash them</p> <p>2) Dress the High Priest in sacred clothing: Anoint and consecrate him</p> <p>3) Bring his sons and dress them in tunics</p> <p>4) Anoint his sons</p> <p>5) The purpose: To anoint the priesthood for all generations (set apart)</p>	<p>9 “Take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and everything in it; consecrate it and all its furnishings, and it will be holy.</p> <p>10 Then anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils; consecrate the altar, and it will be most holy.</p> <p>11 Anoint the basin and its stand and consecrate them.</p> <p>12 “Bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance to the tent of meeting and wash them with water.</p> <p>13 Then dress Aaron in the sacred garments, anoint him and consecrate him so he may serve me as priest.</p> <p>14 Bring his sons and dress them in tunics.</p> <p>15 Anoint them just as you anointed their father, so that they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue throughout their generations.</p>
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