

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

February 18, 2026

Exodus 40:1-33

Introduction:

1. It has been nine months since the Israelites left Egypt.
 - a) The beginning of the Jewish calendar. (Ex. 12.2; cf. Num. 33.3)
 - b) Their arrival at the mountain at Sinai. (Ex. 19.1)
 - c) **Exodus 40.1,2:** “*On the first day of the month...*”
2. In the next twenty days spanning from Exodus 40 through Numbers 10, there is the climax of raising the tabernacle, consecrating the priests before their departure.

I. THE FIRST TWENTY DAYS

- A. Day One: The tabernacle raised.
 1. **Exodus 40.1,2,17:** On day one “*the tabernacle was raised up.*”
 2. From this point, there is a shift in communication. (Ex. 25.22; Lev. 1.1)
 3. **Numbers 1.1:** On the first day of the second month, there was a consensus.
- B. Days One to Twelve: Consecration and Dedication.
 1. **Numbers 7:** The first twelve says, the dedication sacrifices were offered.
 2. **Leviticus 8.33:** The first seven days, the priests were consecrated.
 3. **Leviticus 9.1:** On the eighth day, the first official service begins.
- C. Day Fourteen: The second Passover is observed.
 1. **Numbers 9.1-3:** “*On the fourteenth day of this month...*”
 2. How long was the Passover? (Ex. 12.18,19)
- D. **Numbers 10.11:** On the twentieth day of the second month, they departed.

II. SETTING UP THE TABERNACLE

- A. **Exodus 40.3-8:** Everything is arranged.
 1. The furnishing inside the Holiest of all. (Ex. 40.3)
 2. The furnishing inside the sanctuary. (Ex. 40.4,5)
 3. The furnishings in the courtyard. (Ex. 40.6-8)
- B. **Exodus 40.9-15:** Everything is consecrated.
 1. The tabernacle is consecrated. (Ex. 40.9-11)
 2. Aaron and his sons are consecrated. (Ex. 40.12-15)
- C. **Exodus 40.16-33:** Everything is done as commanded.
 1. Who raised up the tabernacle?
 - a) **Exodus 40.16:** “*Thus Moses did...*”
 - b) **Exodus 40.33:** “*So Moses finished the work.*”
 2. Why was Moses performing the service? (Ex. 40.25,27,29,31)
 - a) The priesthood had not yet been established. (Lev. 8.33; 9.1)
 - b) During these eight days, there is a transition from Moses to Aaron.
 3. Application: Before we became priests, Christ went before us. (Heb. 6.19,20)