

# A CUNNING WORKER

## EXODUS 31

Text: Exodus 31:4

**Exodus 31:4** <sup>4</sup>To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

Introduction:

We have a man whom we know very little about. But this little known hero was responsible for the building of the dwelling place of God and the altar used for worship.

Note:

### 1. CHARACTER

His name means “in the shadow of God.” This gives a little insight into his character.

- A. Received his name from parents who knew the importance of dwelling beneath the shadow of God.
- B. He must have lived a life in the will of God.

## 2. COMMISSION

### Exodus 31:2-11

<sup>2</sup> See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: <sup>3</sup> And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, <sup>4</sup> To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, <sup>5</sup> And in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. <sup>6</sup> And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; <sup>7</sup> The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that *is* thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, <sup>8</sup> And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense, <sup>9</sup> And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot, <sup>10</sup> And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, <sup>11</sup> And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy *place*: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

A. He was to build the Tabernacle

B. He was to build the pieces used for worship.

## 3. COMPLETION

### Exodus 36:1

<sup>1</sup> Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

**Exodus 37:1**

<sup>1</sup> And Bezaleel made the ark *of* shittim wood: two cubits and a half *was* the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it:

**Exodus 38:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> And he made the altar of burnt offering *of* shittim wood: five cubits *was* the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; *it was* foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof. <sup>2</sup> And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with brass. <sup>3</sup> And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, *and* the fleshhooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he *of* brass. <sup>4</sup> And he made for the altar a brasen grate of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it. <sup>5</sup> And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, *to be* places for the staves. <sup>6</sup> And he made the staves *of* shittim wood, and overlaid them with brass. <sup>7</sup> And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

**Exodus 38:22**

<sup>22</sup> And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses.

A. Was obedient

B. Was complete