



Notes on Parshah Vayakhel Exodusn35:1- 38:20

ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE

Once again Moses assembles the people to go over the laws of God for the people.

Moses goes over the rules of Shabbat, including to not kindle lights on the Shabbat.

Moses repeats the story of the collection of gifts to build the sanctuary including getting more than needed and telling people to stop giving.

Details of the sanctuary building is repeated here. Including the appointment of Betzalel and Oholiav as the chief artisans.

Everyone who can is asked to help in the building the sanctuary.

The Torah portion continues with more detail of the building of the furniture inside the enclosure, the way the enclosure will be constructed and erected, and the sizes of each item and the size of each.

This detail helped make it easy to imagine what the sanctuary would have looked like when built.

Again, the portable nature of the entire sanctuary is made clear.