

# Exodus 33:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp.

## Analysis

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**And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off—** This is the 'tent of meeting' (טֹהֵל מוֹעֵד, ohel mo'ed), distinct from the later tabernacle (mishkan) not yet constructed. Moses establishes it outside the camp, symbolizing God's separation from sinful Israel. The distance emphasizes estrangement. Yet God still meets with those who seek Him—anyone could go out to the tent, showing that access remains through mediation. This temporary arrangement prefigures Christ outside the camp (Hebrews 13:11-13).

## Historical Context

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This tent of meeting preceded the elaborate tabernacle constructed in chapters 35-40. It served as a temporary meeting place during the crisis period after the golden calf incident and before reconciliation was fully established.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does this physical separation illustrate the spiritual reality of sin's effect on fellowship with God?
2. In what ways does Moses' tent of meeting point forward to Christ, who bore our separation outside the camp?

## Interlinear Text

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וּמֹשֶׁה	אֶת יֶקֶד ח	אֶל הָאֹהֶל	וַיִּנָּתֶה	לֹא וְ	מִחוּץ
And Moses	took	it the Tabernacle	and pitched		it without
H4872	H3947	H853	H5186	H0	H2351
לְמַחֲנֶה:	הַרְחֵק	מִן	לְמַחֲנֶה:	וַיִּקְרָא	אֶל הָאֹהֶל
from the camp	afar off	H4480	from the camp	and called	it the Tabernacle
H4264	H7368		H4264	H7121	H168
מִזֶּד	וְהָיָה	כָּל	מִבֶּקֶשׁ שׁ		
of the congregation	H1961	H3605	And it came to pass that every one which sought		
H4150			H1245		
יְהוָה	יָצָא	אֶל הָאֹהֶל	מִזֶּד	אֲשֶׁר	
the LORD	went out	H413	of the congregation	H834	
H3068	H3318	H168	H4150		
מִחוּץ	לְמַחֲנֶה:				
it without	from the camp				
H2351	H4264				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 59:2** (Parallel theme): But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

**Proverbs 15:29** (References Lord): The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

**Deuteronomy 4:29** (References Lord): But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

**2 Samuel 21:1** (References Lord): Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites.

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