

Exodus 39:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

Analysis

This verse marks completion: 'Thus was all the work of the tabernacle...finished' (וַתֵּכֵל, vatekhel, was completed—same verb as Genesis 2:1-2, creation's completion). The emphasis 'the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses' (matching Exodus 39:42-43; 40:16) teaches that faithful obedience brings completion. After the golden calf apostasy (ch 32), Israel's obedience here demonstrates restoration. This completion prefigures Christ's 'It is finished' (John 19:30)—redemption accomplished. The pattern followed exactly (no deviation) shows that God's design, not human innovation, governs worship.

Historical Context

The tabernacle's completion came nearly a year after Sinai (Exodus 19:1 to 40:17), including the golden calf incident's interruption. This completion vindicated the artisans' Spirit-empowered work (31:1-6; 35:30-35) and demonstrated that corporate repentance restored blessing.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Israel's complete obedience after the golden calf apostasy illustrate the possibility of restoration?
2. What does 'finished' in Exodus 39:32 and John 19:30 teach about God's completed redemptive work?

Interlinear Text

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| כָּל | כָּל | עֲבֹדָתָה | מִשְׁכַּן | אֵלֶּה |
| finished | H3605 | Thus was all the work | of the tabernacle | of the tent |
| H3615 | | H5656 | H4908 | H168 |
| מִזֶּדֶד | עָשָׂה: | בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל | כָּל | אֵשֶׁת |
| of the congregation | did | and the children | of Israel | |
| H4150 | H6213 | H1121 | H3478 | H3605 H834 |
| צִוָּה | יְהוָה | אֶת | מֹשֶׁה | יְנִי |
| commanded | according to all that the LORD | | Moses | did |
| H6680 | H3068 | H853 | H4872 | H3651 H6213 |

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 25:40 (Parallel theme): And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the mount.
