

Moses Sets Up the Tabernacle

and

The Levitical Priesthood Begins

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By the time the Tabernacle is erected, in Exodus 40, Israel has camped at Mount Sinai for roughly six months.

Leviticus 8	God tells Moses what to do to prepare Aaron and his sons to minister at the tabernacle.
Exodus 40	Moses rears up the tabernacle of the LORD at the base of Mount Sinai on the first day of the first month of the second year after Israel escapes from Egyptian slavery.

On that same day,

Numbers 9:15-23	The cloud takes up residence upon the tabernacle.
Numbers 7:1-17	The tribes begin to bring their offerings for the consecration of the tabernacle.

On the following days,

Numbers 7:18-59	Seven more tribes, one each day for a week, bring their offerings for the consecration of the tabernacle.
Leviticus 9	On the eighth day of the first month, Aaron and his sons begin their ministry (the Levitical priesthood begins).
Leviticus 10	Aaron's two oldest sons decide to honor Jehovah with some of their own incense and are burned alive by God.
Numbers 7:60-89	The other four tribes continue, one each day, to bring their offerings for the consecration of the tabernacle.
Numbers 9:1-14	Two days later, on the fourteenth day of the month, the first Passover ceremony is observed.

Read Psalms 119 and, first, notice David's excitement and joy that God gave to Israel the Law. Then, number the times each of the following words is used:

law _____

testimony _____

way(s) _____

precept(s) _____

statutes _____

commandments _____

word(s) _____

judgment(s) _____

David uses all these words as synonyms for the Law. Do you think that David felt oppressed and burdened by the Law of God? Did David believe that the Law was of men? or that it was harsh and impossible to keep?