

## The Numerical Features of the Book of Exodus

### A New Approach to its Compositional Structure

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#### Part VII Exod 35,1-40,38 The Fulfilment of YHWH's Instructions Concerning the Tabernacle

The division of the text can of course be based on the arrangement of the material content, but this inevitably involves a great measure of subjectivity. An objective division can only be achieved when it is based on the Masoretic **Petuchahs** and **Setumahs**, on condition that we distinguish between, on the one hand, their *demarkating* function in delimiting a literary unit, and on the other, their function as a device for *drawing attention* to the verse or passage in question. Having detected and registered them, I came to the conclusion that **ten Setumahs** and **one Petuchah** clearly have the latter function. The rest of them all function as delimiting devices (marked **P** and **S** in the table below). For practical purposes I have positioned these **Ps** and **Ss** at the *end* of the preceding passages. Here are the non-delimiting devices:

the **S** before 38,8  
 the **S** before 38,24  
 the **S** before 39,30  
 the **S** before 39,32  
 the **S** before 40,20  
 the **S** before 40,22  
 the **S** before 40,24  
 the **S** before 40,26  
 the **P** before 40,28  
 the **S** before 40,30  
 the **S** before 40,33.

On this basis, the text divides into **20 (2x10)** paragraphs, which is supported by the fact that they coincide perfectly with the material content:

§1	Exod 35,1-3	<b>P</b>	40 words	Moses speaks about the keeping of the Sabbath
§2	Exod 35,4-29	<b>P</b>	330 words	Moses speaks about the Contributions and their effect
§3	Exod 35,30-36,7	<b>S</b>	195 words	Moses' speech about the Craftsmen and their work
§4	Exod 36,8-13	<b>S</b>	97 words	The Craftsmen make the Tabernacle
§5	Exod 36,14-19	<b>S</b>	70 words	The Craftsmen make the Curtains
§6	Exod 36,20-38	<b>P</b>	222 words	The Craftsmen make the Upright Frames and the Veil
§7	Exod 37,1-9	<b>P</b>	113 words	The Craftsmen make the Ark
§8	Exod 37,10-16	<b>P</b>	84 words	The Craftsmen make the Table
§9	Exod 37,17-24	<b>P</b>	100 words	The Craftsmen make the Lampstand
§10	Exod 37,25-29	<b>P</b>	69 words	The Craftsmen make the Altar of Incense and the Oil
§11	Exod 38,1-8	<b>S</b>	<b>102 (6x17)</b>	The Craftsmen make the Altar of Whole-offering and the Basin
§12	Exod 38,9-20	<b>S</b>	<b>136 (8x17)</b>	The Craftsmen make the Court
§13	Exod 38,21-39,1	<b>P</b>	195 words	Things for the Tabernacle and its Costs
§14	Exod 39,2-7	<b>P</b>	83 words	The Craftsmen make the Ephod and its Shoulder-pieces
§15	Exod 39,8-26	<b>S</b>	236 words	The Craftsmen make the Breastpiece and the Mantle
§16	Exod 39,27-32	<b>P</b>	79 words	The Craftsmen make the Tunics and the Medallion
§17	Exod 39,33-43	<b>P</b>	149 words	They bring the Tabernacle and its Furnishings to Moses
§18	Exod 40,1-16	<b>S</b>	172 words	YHWH orders Moses to carry out his instructions
§19	Exod 40,17-33	<b>P</b>	<b>208 (8x26)</b>	Moses erects the Tabernacle and furnishes it
§20	Exod 40,34-38	<b>P</b>	<b>60 (26+34)</b>	YHWH occupies the Tent of Meeting and the Tabernacle.

### Overview of Exod 35,1-40,38 in Terms of Words, Paragraphs, and Stereotyped Formulae

	Text	Words	Let.	יהוה	SumW	Sum-L	§1 Moses speaks about the Sabbath
1	Exod 35,1	16	58	1	16	58	He calls the people together <b>1 אשר צוה יהוה</b>
2	<b>Exod 35,2</b>	<b>17</b>	67	2	33	125	<b>Work 6 days and keep the 7<sup>th</sup> as a Sabbath.</b>
3	Exod 35,3	7	27		40	152	<b>P</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>35,1-3</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>152</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>152</b>	
							<b>§2 Moses speaks about the Contributions</b>
4	<b>Exod 35,4</b>	<b>14+</b>	47	3	54	199	He mentions another command: <b>2 אשר צוה יהוה</b>
5	<b>Exod 35,5</b>	<b>14+</b>	55	4 5	68	254	Set a contribution aside for YHWH:
6	<b>Exod 35,6</b>	<b>6=34</b>	28		74	282	Gold <sup>1</sup> , silver <sup>2</sup> , copper <sup>3</sup> , yarn <sup>4</sup> , linen <sup>5</sup> , goats' hair <sup>6</sup> ,
7	Exod 35,7	7	31		81	313	ram skins <sup>7</sup> , dolphin skins <sup>8</sup> , acacia wood <sup>9</sup> ,
8	Exod 35,8	7	35		88	348	lamp oil <sup>10</sup> , spices <sup>11</sup> for anointing oil and for incense,
9	<b>Exod 35,9</b>	<b>6+</b>	28		94	376	stones <sup>12</sup> for the ephod and the breastpiece.
10	<b>Exod 35,10</b>	<b>11=17</b>	34	6	105	410	Let the craftsmen come forward <b>3 אשר צוה יהוה</b>
11	Exod 35,11	16	58		121		<b>(12 kinds representing the 12 tribes)</b>
12	Exod 35,12	9	31		130	499	Compare the <b>17</b> contributions in 25,1-6!
13	Exod 35,13	10	34		140	533	
14	<b>Exod 35,14</b>	<b>10+</b>	38		150	571	The Lampstand, its fittings, lamps, and oil.
15	<b>Exod 35,15</b>	<b>16=26</b>	61		166	632	The Altar of Incense, its poles and oil.
16	<b>Exod 35,16</b>	<b>17</b>	54		183	686	The Altar of Whole-offering and its utensils.
17	Exod 35,17	11	38		194	724	
18	Exod 35,18	8	32		202	756	
19	Exod 35,19	14	52		216	808	
20	<b>Exod 35,20</b>	<b>7+</b>	26		223	834	The Israelites disperse to bring contributions.
21	<b>Exod 35,21</b>	<b>22+</b>	85	7	245	919	They bring their contributions willingly:
22	<b>Exod 35,22</b>	<b>22=51</b>	81	8	267	1000	Precious things and an offering of gold,
23	<b>Exod 35,23</b>	<b>17</b>	71		284	1071	as well as all sorts of materials.
24	Exod 35,24	19	73	9	303	1144	
25	<b>Exod 35,25</b>	<b>17</b>	63		320	1207	The skilled women bring what they have spun.
26	Exod 35,26	10	36		330	1243	
27	Exod 35,27	10	44		340	1287	
28	Exod 35,28	9	40		349	1327	
29	Exod 35,29	21	78	10 11	370	1405	<b>4 אשר צוה יהוה</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>35,4-29</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>1253</b>				
							<b>§3 Moses speaks about the Craftsmen</b>
30	Exod 35,30	16	56	12	386	1461	
31	Exod 35,31	9	41		395	1502	
32	Exod 35,32	6	29		401	1531	
33	Exod 35,33	9	40		410	1571	
34	Exod 35,34	9	37		419	1608	
35	Exod 35,35	21	85		440	1693	
36	<b>Exod 36,1</b>	<b>24+</b>	89	13 14	464	1782	The craftsmen commissioned <b>5 אשר צוה יהוה</b>
37	<b>Exod 36,2</b>	<b>25+</b>	87	15	489	1869	Moses summons Bezalel and Aholiab and others.
38	<b>Exod 36,3</b>	<b>22+</b>	87		511	1956	They collect the contributions. The people keep
39	<b>Exod 36,4</b>	<b>14=85</b>	54		525	2010	on giving, so they ask Moses what to do.
40	Exod 36,5	15	59	16	540	2069	<b>6 אשר צוה יהוה</b>
41	<b>Exod 36,6</b>	<b>17</b>	70		557	2139	Moses lets the people stop with gifts. <b>7 &gt; 38,22</b>
42	Exod 36,7	8	36		565	2175	<b>S</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>35,30-36,7</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>770</b>				

							<b>§4 Fabrication of the Tabernacle</b>
43	Exod 36,8	21	81		586	2256	
44	Exod 36,9	15	64		601	2320	
45	Exod 36,10	13	44		614	2364	
46	<b>Exod 36,11</b>	<b>16+</b>	70		630	2434	The fabrication of loops for the Curtains:
47	<b>Exod 36,12</b>	<b>18=34</b>	78		648	2512	fifty loops for each curtain.
48	Exod 36,13	14	54		662	2566	<b>S</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>36,8-13</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>391</b>				
							<b>§5 Fabrication of the Curtains</b>
49	<b>Exod 36,14</b>	<b>11+</b>	43		673	2609	The fabrication of curtains for a tent.
50	<b>Exod 36,15</b>	<b>15=26</b>	64		688	2673	The 11 curtains measure 30x4 cubits.
51	<b>Exod 36,16</b>	<b>9+</b>	33		697	2706	5 are joined together and similarly the other 6.
52	<b>Exod 36,17</b>	<b>16+</b>	70		713	2776	Fifty loops are made for every curtain.
53	<b>Exod 36,18</b>	<b>9=34</b>	34		722	2810	Fifty bronze clasps are made for the tent.
54	Exod 36,19	10	44		732	2854	<b>S</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>36,14-19</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>288</b>				
							<b>§6 The Frames and the Veil</b>
55	<b>Exod 36,20</b>	<b>7+</b>	29		739	2883	Frames are made for the Tabernacle:
56	<b>Exod 36,21</b>	<b>10=17</b>	36		749	2919	10 cubits long and a cubit and a half wide.
57	<b>Exod 36,22</b>	<b>13+</b>	44		762	2963	Two tenons for each frame joined to each other.
58	<b>Exod 36,23</b>	<b>9+</b>	39		771	3002	20 frames for the south side,
59	<b>Exod 36,24</b>	<b>21+</b>	88		792	3090	with 40 sockets under them.
60	<b>Exod 36,25</b>	<b>8=51</b>	36		800	3126	20 frames for the northern side.
61	Exod 36,26	13	55		813	3181	
62	Exod 36,27	6	26		819	3207	
63	Exod 36,28	6	30		825	3237	
64	Exod 36,29	16	65		841	3302	
65	Exod 36,30	15	61		856	3363	
66	Exod 36,31	9	37		865	3400	
67	Exod 36,32	12	58		877	3458	
68	Exod 36,33	11	42		888	3500	
69	Exod 36,34	14	54		902	3554	
70	<b>Exod 36,35</b>	<b>14+</b>	55		916	3609	The Veil is made of finely woven linen.
71	<b>Exod 36,36</b>	<b>14+</b>	55		930	3664	And 4 posts of acacia-wood overlaid with gold.
72	<b>Exod 36,37</b>	<b>12+</b>	48		942	3712	And a Screen for the entrance of the tent.
73	<b>Exod 36,38</b>	<b>12=52</b>	56		954	3768	And its 5 posts with their hooks.
<b>19</b>	<b>36,20-38</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>914</b>				
							<b>§7 Fabrication of the Ark</b>
74	Exod 37,1	15	59		969	3827	
75	Exod 37,2	10	37		979	3864	
76	Exod 37,3	18	67		997	3931	
77	<b>Exod 37,4</b>	<b>7+</b>	24		1004	3955	Also poles of acacia-wood overlaid with gold,
78	<b>Exod 37,5</b>	<b>10=17</b>	36		1014	3991	to be inserted into the rings of the ark to carry it.
79	<b>Exod 37,6</b>	<b>10+</b>	40		1024	4031	And a cover of pure gold measuring 2 <sup>½</sup> x 1 <sup>½</sup> .
80	<b>Exod 37,7</b>	<b>10+</b>	38		1034	4069	And two Cherubim of beaten gold.
81	<b>Exod 37,8</b>	<b>15-52</b>	57		1049	4126	One at each end of the cover.
82	Exod 37,9	18	78		1067	4204	<b>P</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>37,1-9</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>436</b>				

							<b>§8 Fabrication of the Table</b>
83	Exod 37,10	12	47		1079	4251	
84	Exod 37,11	9	29		1088	4280	
85	Exod 37,12	10	38		1098	4318	
86	Exod 37,13	14	51		1112	4369	
87	Exod 37,14	9	38		1121	4407	
88	Exod 37,15	11	39		1132	4446	
89	Exod 37,16	19	71		1151	4517	P
7	37,10-16	84	313				
							<b>§9 Fabrication of the Lampstand</b>
90	Exod 37,17	16	65		1167	4582	
91	Exod 37,18	14	57		1181	4639	
92	Exod 37,19	20+	86		1201	4725	There are 3 cups like almonds for each branch.
93	Exod 37,20	6=26	34		1207	4759	The main stem has 4 cups shaped like almonds.
94	Exod 37,21	19	79		1226	4838	
95	Exod 37,22	9+	36		1235	4874	The calyxes and branches are of one piece with it.
96	Exod 37,23	8=17	36		1243	4910	Its 7 lamps, tongs and firepans are made of gold.
97	Exod 37,24	8	25		1251	4935	P
8	37,17-24	100	418				
							<b>§10 The Altar of Incense and the Oil</b>
98	Exod 37,25	16	64		1267	4999	
99	Exod 37,26	16+	56		1283	5055	It is overlaid with gold and gets a gold band
100	Exod 37,27	18=34	64		1301	5119	and gold rings to receive the poles to carry it.
101	Exod 37,28	8+	28		1309	5147	The poles of acacia-wood are overlaid with gold.
102	Exod 37,29	11+	40		1320	5187	P The anointing oil and incense are prepared.
5	37,25-29	69	252				
							<b>§11 The Altar of Whole-offering</b>
103	Exod 38,1	16+	60		1336	5247	He makes it of acacia-wood: 5x5 cubits,
104	Exod 38,2	11+	45		1347	5292	its horns at the corners are overlaid with bronze.
105	Exod 38,3	19+	69		1366	5361	He makes the utensils and firepans of bronze,
106	Exod 38,4	11+	43		1377	5404	a grating of bronze network under the ledge,
107	Exod 38,5	9=85	41		1386	5445	and 4 rings at the corners for the poles.
108	Exod 38,6	8	29		1394	5474	
109	Exod 38,7	14	50		1408	5524	S
110	Exod 38,8	14	52		1422	5576	S He makes the basin and its stand of bronze.
8	38,1-8	1026x17	389				
							<b>§12 Fabrication of the Court</b>
111	Exod 38,9	12	43		1434	5619	
112	Exod 38,10	9	47		1443	5666	
113	Exod 38,11	13+	64		1456	5730	Hangings of 100 cubits in the north side.
114	Exod 38,12	13=26	63		1469	5793	Hangings of 50 cubits on the west side.
115	Exod 38,13	5+	22		1474	5815	Hangings of 50 cubits on the east side.
116	Exod 38,14	10+	43		1484	5858	Hangings of 15 cubits for the one flank
117	Exod 38,15	14+	61		1498	5919	and also for the other flank.
118	Exod 38,16	6+	20		1504	5939	The hangings of the Court are of fine linen.
119	Exod 38,17	16=51	74		1520	6013	The bases for the posts are of bronze.
120	Exod 38,18	21	84		1541	6097	
121	Exod 38,19	11+	57		1552	6154	There are 4 posts with bronze bases.
122	Exod 38,20	6=17	26		1558	6180	S All the pegs for the Tabernacle are of bronze.
12	38,9-20	1368x17	604				

							<b>§13 Things for the Tabernacle and its Costs</b>
123	<b>Exod 38,21</b>	<b>17</b>	61		1575	6241	These are the appointments for the Tabernacle:
124	Exod 38,22	15	48	<b>17</b>	1590	6289	For 1-6 see above <b>35,1-36,5</b> <b>7 כאשר צוה יהוה</b>
125	Exod 38,23	14	62		1604	6351	<b>S</b>
126	Exod 38,24	19	79		1623	6430	The gold amounts to 29 talents and 730 shekels.
127	Exod 38,25	13	53		1636	6483	The silver amounts to 100 talents and 775 shekels.
128	Exod 38,26	22	91		1658	6574	
129	<b>Exod 38,27</b>	<b>17</b>	63		1675	6637	Hundred talents of silver for hundred bases.
130	Exod 38,28	13	58		1688	6695	
131	Exod 38,29	8	37		1696	6732	
132	Exod 38,30	19	64		1715	6796	
133	<b>Exod 38,31</b>	<b>17</b>	60		1732	6856	That is for all the bases and all the pegs.
134	Exod 39,1	21	82	<b>18</b>	1753	6938	<b>P</b> <b>1 כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>38,21-39,1</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>758</b>				
							<b>§14 Making of the Ephod and Shoulderpieces.</b>
135	Exod 39,2	10	39		1763	6977	
136	<b>Exod 39,3</b>	<b>18+</b>	78		1781	7055	The gold for the Ephod is beaten into thin plates.
137	<b>Exod 39,4</b>	<b>8=26</b>	27		1789	7082	They make for it shoulder-pieces.
138	Exod 39,5	19	74	<b>19</b>	1808	7156	<b>2 כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה</b>
139	Exod 39,6	14	55		1822	7211	
140	Exod 39,7	14	51	<b>20</b>	1836	7262	<b>P</b> <b>3 כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>39,2-7</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>324</b>				
							<b>§15 The Breastpiece and Mantle</b>
141	Exod 39,8	14	54		1850	7316	
142	Exod 39,9	11	39		1861	7355	
143	Exod 39,10	11	43		1872	7398	
144	Exod 39,11	5	21		1877	7419	
145	Exod 39,12	5	23		1882	7442	
146	<b>Exod 39,13</b>	<b>9+</b>	44		1891	7486	The 4th row has a beryl, an onyx, and a jaspir.
147	<b>Exod 39,14</b>	<b>18+</b>	64		1909	7550	The 12 stones correspond to Israelite names.
148	<b>Exod 39,15</b>	<b>9+</b>	34		1918	7584	The breastpiece chains are made of pure gold.
149	<b>Exod 39,16</b>	<b>15=51</b>	55		1933	7639	They make 2 gold rosettes and 2 gold rings.
150	<b>Exod 39,17</b>	<b>10+</b>	37		1943	7676	They fasten the 2 gold cords to the 2 rings.
151	<b>Exod 39,18</b>	<b>16=26</b>	57		1959	7733	They bind the other ends to the shoulderpieces.
152	Exod 39,19	16	56		1975	7789	
153	<b>Exod 39,20</b>	<b>17+</b>	68		1992	7857	They make 2 rings of gold for the shoulderpieces.
154	<b>Exod 39,21</b>	<b>23+</b>	84	<b>21</b>	2015	7941	The breastpiece is <b>4 כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה</b>
155	<b>Exod 39,22</b>	<b>8+</b>	29		2023	7970	held by a violet braid; the mantle is violet stuff.
156	<b>Exod 39,23</b>	<b>10+</b>	37		2033	8007	It has an opening with a binding around it.
157	<b>Exod 39,24</b>	<b>10=68</b>	44		2043	8051	On the hem are pomegranates of violet stuff.
158	Exod 39,25	15	66		2058	8117	
159	Exod 39,26	14	51	<b>22</b>	2072	8168	<b>S</b> <b>5 כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>39,8-26</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>906</b>				
							<b>§16 The Tunics and Medallion</b>
160	Exod 39,27	8	32		2080	8200	
161	Exod 39,28	12	43		2092	8243	
162	Exod 39,29	15	57	<b>23</b>	2107	8300	<b>S</b> <b>6 כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה</b>
163	Exod 39,30	14	55	<b>24</b>	2121	8355	The medallion has a seal: "Holy to YHWH".
164	Exod 39,31	13	50	<b>25</b>	2134	8405	<b>S</b> <b>7 כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה</b>
165	<b>Exod 39,32</b>	<b>17</b>	57	<b>26</b>	2151	8462	<b>P</b> All work is completed exactly as YHWH ordered.
<b>6</b>	<b>39,27-32</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>294</b>				

							<b>§17 The Tabernacle Brought to Moses</b>
166	Exod 39,33	15+	60		2166	8522	They bring the Tabernacle to Moses: the Tent
167	Exod 39,34	12+	50		2178	8572	and all its furnishings and the covering,
168	Exod 39,35	7+	24		2185	8596	the Ark and its poles and the cover,
169	Exod 39,36	8+	26		2193	8622	the Table and its vessels, the Bread of Presence,
170	Exod 39,37	13+	48		2206	8670	the Lampstand of pure gold, its lamps and oil,
171	Exod 39,38	13+	47		2219	8717	the gold Altar, the Anointing Oil, the Incense,
172	Exod 39,39	17=85	55		2236	8772	the bronze Altar with its utensils and the Basin.
173	Exod 39,40	21	80		2257	8852	
174	Exod 39,41	14	52		2271	8904	39 objects mentioned in total.
175	Exod 39,42	13+	40	27	2284	8944	The people carried out the work as God ordered.
176	Exod 39,43	16+	54	28	2300	8998	P Moses inspects it: it is as God had commanded!
11	39,33-43	149	536				
							<b>§18 YHWH Puts Moses to Work</b>
177	Exod 40,1	5=34	18	29	2305	9016	1-4 Moses must perform 7 acts
178	Exod 40,2	10	39		2315	9055	pertaining to the Tabernacle up to the
179	Exod 40,3	10	34		2325	9089	mounting of the Menorah Lamps.
180	Exod 40,4	12	48		2337	9137	
181	Exod 40,5	13	50		2350	9187	5-8 Moses must perform 7 acts
182	Exod 40,6	9	33		2359	9220	regarding the Ark, the Altar,
183	Exod 40,7	11	38		2370	9258	the Basin and its water,
184	Exod 40,8	9	30		2379	9288	and the Court's Screen.
185	Exod 40,9	18+	61		2397	9349	9-11 Moses must perform 7 acts:
186	Exod 40,10	14+	53		2411	9402	Consecration of the Tabernacle
187	Exod 40,11	7+	25		2418	9427	12-15 Moses must perform 8 acts:
188	Exod 40,12	12=51	43		2430	9470	the washing of Aaron and his sons
189	Exod 40,13	12+	44		2442	9514	his clothing and his consecration.
190	Exod 40,14	6+	25		2448	9539	The clothing and anointing
191	Exod 40,15	15+	61		2463	9600	of Aaron's sons as priests.
192	Exod 40,16	9+	28	30	2472	9628	S Moses does exactly as YHWH ordered him.
16	40,1-16	172	630				
							<b>§19 Moses Erects the Tabernacle</b>
193	Exod 40,17	9=51	40		2481	9668	The Tabernacle erected as ordered by YHWH.
194	Exod 40,18	16	60		2497	9728	
195	Exod 40,19	16	58	31	2513	9786	S כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה 1
196	Exod 40,20	17	60		2530	9846	Moses puts the Testimony into the Ark.
197	Exod 40,21	18	62	32	2548	9908	S כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה 2
198	Exod 40,22	11	42		2559	9950	He puts the Table in the Tent of Meeting.
199	Exod 40,23	11	39	33 34	2570	9989	S כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה 3
200	Exod 40,24	11	41		2581	10030	He puts the Lampstand in the Tent of Meeting.
201	Exod 40,25	9	32	35 36	2590	10062	S כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה 4
202	Exod 40,26	8+	31		2598	10093	He puts the Gold Altar in the Tent of Meeting and
203	Exod 40,27	9=17	33	37	2607	10126	P burns incense on it. 5 כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה
204	Exod 40,28	5	18		2612	10144	He puts the Screen at the Tabernacle's entrance.
205	Exod 40,29	19	65	38	2631	10209	S כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה 6
206	Exod 40,30	12+	44		2643	10253	He puts the Basin in place and puts water in it for
207	Exod 40,31	9+	38		2652	10291	Moses and Aaron to wash their hands and feet
208	Exod 40,32	13=34	48	39	2665	10339	S when entering. 7 כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה
209	Exod 40,33	15	56		2680	10395	P
17	40,17-33	208x26	767				

§20 YHWH Occupies Tent and Tabernacle						
210	Exod 40,34	10+	36	40	2690	10431
211	Exod 40,35	16=26	54	41	2706	10485
212	Exod 40,36	9+	40		2715	10525
213	Exod 40,37	9+	30		2724	10555
214	Exod 40,38	16=34	57	42	2740	10612
5	40,34-38	6026+34	217			
	35,1-40,38	2740	10612			

**Observation 1** Paragraph 11 (102 words) and §12 (136 words), as well as §19 (208 words) stand out as having a number of words that are a multiple of one or both of the divine name numbers. This was intentionally designed to highlight them. This also holds true for the numerous passages consisting of 17 or 26 (or their multiples) in their number of words (65% of the text!). Last but not least, this also applies to the impressive apogee of the book in §20 with its 60 = 26 + 34 words. See Part I, Observation 36.

**Observation 2** The words אשר צוה יהוה occur 7x in 35-38 to assert that the entire project was ordered by YHWH. The stereotyped phrase כאשר צוה יהוה את-משה appears 7x in 40,1-16 to express the completeness of Moses' fulfilling of YHWH's instructions. The shortest form כאשר צוה יהוה also occurs 7x earlier in the book (7,6.10.20; 12,28.50; 16,34; 34,4).

The name יהוה occurs 42x (6x7) in total. This is in line with the profuse use of the number 7 in the text.

**Words Spoken by Moses to the Israelites in Exod 35,1-36,7**

<p>1 וַיִּקְהַל מֹשֶׁה אֶת־כָּל־עַדְת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵהֶם          אֱלֹהֵי הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר־צִוָּה יְהוָה<sup>1</sup> לַעֲשׂוֹת אִתְּכֶם:          2 שֵׁשֶׁת יָמִים תַּעֲשֶׂה מְלָאכָה וּבַיּוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי יִהְיֶה לָכֶם קֹדֶשׁ שַׁבָּת שַׁבְתּוֹן לַיהוָה          כָּל־הָעֹשֶׂה בּוֹ מְלָאכָה יוּמָת׃          3 לֹא־תַבְעִירוּ אֵשׁ בְּכָל מִשְׁכַּבְתֵּיכֶם בַּיּוֹם־הַשַּׁבָּת׃          4 וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל־כָּל־עַדְת בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר זֶה הַדְּבָר אֲשֶׁר־צִוָּה יְהוָה<sup>2</sup> לֵאמֹר׃          5 קָחוּ מֵאִתְּכֶם תְּרוּמָה לַיהוָה כָּל־נָדִיב          לִבּוֹ וּבִיָּאֵה אֶת תְּרוּמַת יְהוָה וְהָבִי וְכֶסֶד<sup>2</sup> וְנִחְשֶׁר׃<sup>3</sup>          6 וְהַכֵּלֶת וְאֶרְגְּמוּ וְתוֹלַעַת שֵׁנִי<sup>4</sup> וְשֵׁשׁ<sup>5</sup> וְעִזִּים׃<sup>6</sup>          7 עֹרֹת אֵילִם מֵאֲדָמִים<sup>7</sup> וְעֹרֹת תַּחְשִׁים<sup>8</sup> וְעֹצֵי שִׁטִּים׃<sup>9</sup>          8 וְשֵׁמֶן לְמָאִיר<sup>10</sup> וְבִשְׂמִים לְשֵׁמֶן הַמִּשְׁחָה וְלִקְטֹרֶת הַסַּמִּים׃<sup>11</sup>          9 וְאֲבִי־שֵׁהֶם וְאֲבֵי מוֹלָאִים לְאֹפֹד וְלַחֹשׁ׃<sup>12</sup>          10 וְכָל־חֹכֶם לֵב בְּכֶם יָבֹאוּ וַיַּעֲשׂוּ אֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה׃<sup>3</sup>          11 אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן אֶת־אֹהֶלֹו וְאֶת־מִכְסֹהוּ          אֶת־קַרְסָיו וְאֶת־קַרְשָׁיו אֶת־בְּרִיתּוֹ אֶת־עַמֻּדָיו וְאֶת־אֲדָנָיו׃          12 אֶת־הָאֹרֶן וְאֶת־בִּדְיוֹ אֶת־הַכַּפָּרֶת וְאֶת פְּרֹכֶת הַמִּסָּד׃          13 אֶת־הַשְּׁלֹחַן וְאֶת־בִּדְיוֹ וְאֶת־כָּל־כֵּלָיו וְאֶת לֶחֶם הַפָּנִים׃          14 וְאֶת־מִנְרֶתֶת הַמֵּאֹר וְאֶת־כָּלֶיהָ וְאֶת־נִרְתִייהָ וְאֶת שֵׁמֶן הַמֵּאֹר׃          15 וְאֶת־מִזְבַּח הַקְּטֹרֶת וְאֶת־בִּדְיוֹ וְאֶת שֵׁמֶן הַמִּשְׁחָה וְאֶת קְטֹרֶת הַסַּמִּים          וְאֶת־מִסְדָּה הַפֶּתַח לַפֶּתַח הַמִּשְׁכָּן׃          16 אֶת־וּמָזְבַּח הָעֹלָה וְאֶת־מִכְבַּר הַנְּחֹשֶׁת אֲשֶׁר־לּוֹ אֶת־בִּדְיוֹ וְאֶת־כָּל־כֵּלָיו          אֶת־הַכִּיֹּר וְאֶת־כַּנּוֹ׃          17 אֶת קַלְעֵי הַחֹצֵר אֶת־עַמֻּדָיו וְאֶת־אֲדָנֶיהָ וְאֶת מִסְדָּה שַׁעַר הַחֹצֵר׃          18 אֶת־יִתְדֵי הַמִּשְׁכָּן וְאֶת־יִתְדֵי הַחֹצֵר וְאֶת־מִיתְרֵיהֶם׃          19 אֶת־בְּגָדֵי הַשָּׂרָד לְשָׂרְתָהּ בְּקֹדֶשׁ</p>	<p>Moses: 1          9 + 31 = 40          V. 2 17 words          V. 3 7 words          Moses: 2          8 + 168 = 176          12 different kinds of contributions representing the 12 tribes.</p>
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את־בגדיו הקדש לאהרן הפהון ואת־בגדיו בניו לכהן:  
 20 ויצאו כל־עדת בני־ישראל מלפני משה:  
 21 ויבאו כל־איש אשר־נשא לבו  
 וכל אשר נדבחה ריחו אתו הביאו את־תרומת  
 יהוה למלאכת אהל מועד ולכל־עבדתו ולבגדיו הקדש:  
 22 ויבאו האנשים על־הנשים כלו נדיב לב הביאו תח וגזם וטבעת וכומז  
 כל־כלי זהב וכל־איש אשר הניף תנופת זהב ליהוה:  
 23 וכל־איש אשר־נמצא אתו תכלת וארגמן ותולעת שני ושש ועזים וערת  
 אילים מאדמים וערת תחשים הביאו:  
 24 כל־מרים תרומת כסף ונחשת הביאו את תרומת יהוה  
 וכל אשר נמצא אהו עצי שטים לכל־מלאכת העבודה הביאו:  
 25 וכל־אשה חכמת־לב בידיה טוו  
 וביאו מטוה את־התכלת ואת־הארגמן את־תולעת השני ואת־השש:  
 26 וכל־הנשים אשר נשא לבן אתנה בחכמה טוו את־העזים:  
 27 והנשאים הביאו את אבני השהם ואת אבני המלאים לאפוד ולחשן:  
 28 ואת־הבשם ואת־השמן למאור ולשמן המשחה ולקטורת הסמים:  
 29 כל־איש ואשה אשר נדב לבם אתם להביא  
 לכל־המלאכה אשר צוה יהוה לעשות ביד־משה  
 הביאו בני־ישראל נדבחה ליהוה: פ  
 30 ויאמר משה אל־בני ישראל ראו קרא יהוה בשם בצלאל  
 בן־אורי בן־חור למטה יהודה:  
 31 וימלא אתו רוח אלהים בחכמה בתבונה וברעת ובכל־מלאכה:  
 32 ולחשב מחשבת לעשת בזהב ובכסף ובנחשת:  
 33 ובחרשת אבן למלאת ובחרשת עין לעשות בכל־מלאכת מחשבת:  
 34 ולהורת נתן בלבן הוא ואהליאב בן־אחיסמר למטה־הן:  
 35 מלא אתם חכמת־לב לעשות כל־מלאכת חרשו  
 ודשב ורקם בתכלת ובארגמן בתולעת השני ובשש וארג  
 עשי כל־מלאכה וחשבי מחשבת:  
 36.1 ועשה בצלאל ואהליאב וכלו איש חכם־לב  
 אשר נתן יהוה חכמה ותבונה בהמה להדעת  
 לעשת את־כל־מלאכת עבדת הקדש לכל אשר־צוה יהוה: 5  
 2 ויקרא משה אל־בצלאל ואל־אהליאב ואל כל־איש חכם־לב  
 אשר נתן יהוה חכמה בלבן כל אשר נשא לבו לקרבה אל־המלאכה לעשת אתה:  
 3 ויקחו מלפני משה את כל־התרומה אשר הביאו בני ישראל למלאכת עבדת הקדש  
 לעשת אתה והם הביאו אליו עוד נדבחה בבקר בבקר:  
 4 ויבאו כל־תחכמים העשים את כל־מלאכת הקדש  
 איש־איש ממלאכתו אשר־המה עשים:  
 5 ויאמרו אל־משה לאמר מרבים העם להביא  
 מדי העבודה למלאכה אשר־צוה יהוה לעשת אתה:  
 6 ויצו משה ויעבירו קול במחנה לאמר  
 איש ואשה אל־יעשו עוד מלאכה לתרומת הקדש  
 ויפקא העם מהביא:  
 7 והמלאכה היתה דים לכל־המלאכה לעשות אתה והותר: 6

Vs. 20-29  
 Narrative:  
 154 (22x7)

Moses: 3  
 5 + 89 = 94

36.2-7  
 Narrative:  
 101

Nr. 7 > 38,22

35.1-36.7  
 Narrative:  
 255 (15x17)



**Observation 3** Section I, Exod 35,1-36,7, has altogether 565 words, of which 310 are devoted to Moses' three speeches including their introductions (40 + 176 + 94), and altogether 255 (15x17) to the narrative passages (154 + 101). This means that we may conclude that the author/editor gave special prominence to the narrative passages, since there is nothing significant about the 310 words in the speeches of Moses.

It is interesting to note that the 24 divine words regarding the Sabbath cited by Moses in vs. 2-3 divide into 17 and 7, obviously in order to emphasize the Sabbath as a divine institution. What is also remarkable, and certainly not a matter of coincidence, is that these 24 words together with the 158 words spoken by YHWH in 40,2-15 amount to 182 (7x26), the total number of words attributed to YHWH in Part VII.

**Observation 4** Logotechnically, there is no need to display the Hebrew text of 36,8-39,43 after what has been said in Observation 1 about the work of the craftsmen. Its features are displayed in the table above showing to what an extent the text is governed by the divine name numbers.

Let us now explore Chapter 40 which is a marvellous showpiece of numerical composition.

**§18 Exod 40,1-16 YHWH Puts Moses to Work**

1	Exod 40,1	וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר: 1
2	Exod 40,2	בְּיוֹם־הַחֲדָשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן בְּאַחַד לַחֲדָשׁ תִּקְיִם <sup>1</sup> אֶת־מִשְׁכַּן אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד: 2
3	Exod 40,3	וְשָׂמְתָ <sup>2</sup> שָׁם אֶת אַרְוֹן הָעֵדוּת וְסִפְתָּ <sup>3</sup> עַל־הָאָרֶץ אֶת־הַפְּרֹכֶת: 3
4a	Exod 40,4a	וְהִבֵּאתָ <sup>4</sup> אֶת־הַשְּׁלֵחָן וְעָרַכְתָּ <sup>5</sup> אֶת־עַרְכוֹ 4
4a	Exod 40,4b	וְהִבֵּאתָ <sup>6</sup> אֶת־הַמִּנְחָה וְהִעַלְתָּ <sup>7</sup> אֶת־גִּרְתֵיהֶּ: Vs. 1-4 7 acts
5a	Exod 40,5a	וְנִתְּחָה <sup>1</sup> אֶת־מִזְבַּח הַזָּהָב לְקַטְרֵת לִפְנֵי אַרְוֹן הָעֵדוּת 5
5b	Exod 40,5b	וְשָׂמְתָ <sup>2</sup> אֶת־מִסְךְ הַפֶּתַח לְמִשְׁכַּן: 2
6	Exod 40,6	וְנִתְּחָה <sup>3</sup> אֶת מִזְבַּח הָעֹלָה לִפְנֵי פֶתַח מִשְׁכַּן אֹהֶל־מוֹעֵד: 6
7	Exod 40,7	וְנִתְּחָה <sup>4</sup> אֶת־הַכִּיֹּר בֵּין־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וּבֵין הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְנִתְּחָה <sup>5</sup> שָׁם מַיִם: 7
8	Exod 40,8	וְשָׂמְתָ <sup>6</sup> אֶת־הַחֹצֵר סָבִיב וְנִתְּחָה <sup>7</sup> אֶת־מִסְךְ שַׁעַר הַחֹצֵר: Vs. 5-8 7 acts
9a	Exod 40,9a	וְלָקַחְתָּ <sup>1</sup> אֶת־שֶׁמֶן הַמִּשְׁחָה וּמְשַׁחְתָּ <sup>2</sup> אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן וְאֶת־כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־בּוֹ 9a
9b	Exod 40,9b	וְקִדַּשְׁתָּ <sup>3</sup> אֹתוֹ וְאֶת־כָּל־כֵּלָיו וְהָיָה קֹדֶשׁ: 9b
10a	Exod 40,10a	וּמְשַׁחְתָּ <sup>4</sup> אֶת־מִזְבַּח הָעֹלָה וְאֶת־כָּל־כֵּלָיו 10
10b	Exod 40,10b	וְקִדַּשְׁתָּ <sup>5</sup> אֶת־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְהָיָה הַמִּזְבֵּחַ קֹדֶשׁ קֹדָשִׁים: 10
11	Exod 40,11	וּמְשַׁחְתָּ <sup>6</sup> אֶת־הַכִּיֹּר וְאֶת־כַּנּוֹ וְקִדַּשְׁתָּ <sup>7</sup> אֹתוֹ: Vs. 9-11 7 acts
12	Exod 40,12	וְהִקְרַבְתָּ <sup>1</sup> אֶת־אַהֲרֹן וְאֶת־בָּנָיו אֶל־פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וְרַחַצְתָּ <sup>2</sup> אֹתָם בַּמַּיִם: 12
13	Exod 40,13	וְהִלַּבְשְׁתָּ <sup>3</sup> אֶת־אַהֲרֹן אֶת בְּגָדֵי הַקֹּדֶשׁ וּמְשַׁחְתָּ <sup>4</sup> אֹתוֹ וְקִדַּשְׁתָּ <sup>5</sup> אֹתוֹ וְכִתְוָה לִי: 13
14	Exod 40,14	וְאֶת־בָּנָיו תִּקְרִיב <sup>6</sup> וְהִלַּבְשְׁתָּ <sup>7</sup> אֹתָם כְּתֹנֹת: 14
15a	Exod 40,15a	וּמְשַׁחְתָּ <sup>8</sup> אֹתָם כַּאֲשֶׁר מְשַׁחְתָּ אֶת־אַבְיָהֶם וְכִהְנוּ לִי 15
15b	Exod 40,15b	וְהָיְתָה לְהִיט לָהֶם מְשַׁחְתָּם לְכַהֲנַת עוֹלָם לְדֹרֹתָם: Vs. 12-15 8 acts
16	Exod 40,16	וַיַּעַשׂ מִזְשָׁה כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֹתוֹ כִּן עָשָׂה: 16

**Observation 5** The two occurrences of the name יהוה in v. 1 and v. 16 function as a device for inclusion to delimit the passage as a distinct literary unit. It has altogether 172 words: 5 words introducing YHWH's speech, which has 158 words, and 9 words in the narrative in v. 16.

The three sets of 7 acts performed by Moses in vs. 1-11 are perfectly in line with the 7 instances of the stereotyped phrase כאשר צוה יהוה את־משה in 40,17-33. The first series of 7 deal with the erection of the Tabernacle and the positioning of its furnishings up to the mounting of the Lampstand's Lamps (vs. 1-4), the second series of 7 (vs. 5-8) are about the Ark, the Basin and the Court's screen, while the third series of 7 are concerned with the consecration of the Tabernacle, the Altar and the Basin. The group of 8 acts (vs. 12-15) have to do with the washing, clothing, and consecration of Aaron and his sons.

**§19 Exod 40,17-33 Moses Erects the Tabernacle**

What follows is part of my earlier analysis of Exod 40,17-38 and Num 9,15-23 which I have adapted slightly to suit the present context. The numbers in the right hand column represent the number of words of the verses in question before and after the *atnach*. The use of the verse divider to create additional divine name numbers is a widely practised technique in O.T. literature.

<p>17 וַיְהִי בַחֹדֶשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן בְּשֵׁנַת הַשְּׁנִיָּת בְּאַתֶּר לַחֹדֶשׁ הַזֶּה <b>הַמִּשְׁכָּן</b>׃</p> <p>18 וַיִּקַּם מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־אֲדָנָיו וַיִּשֶׂם אֶת־קַרְשָׁיו וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־בְּרִיתָיו וַיִּקַּם אֶת־עַמֻּדָיו׃</p> <p>19 וַיִּפְרֹשׂ אֶת־הָאֹהֶל עַל־הַמִּשְׁכָּן וַיִּשֶׂם אֶת־מַכְסֵה הָאֹהֶל עָלָיו מִלְמַעְלָה <b>כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה</b>׃</p> <p>20 וַיִּקַּח וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־הָעֵדוּת אֶל־<b>הָאָרֶן</b> וַיִּשֶׂם אֶת־הַבְּרָדִים עַל־הָאָרֶן וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־הַכַּפָּרֶת עַל־הָאָרֶן מִלְמַעְלָה׃</p> <p>21 וַיָּבֵא אֶת־הָאָרֶן אֶל־הַמִּשְׁכָּן וַיִּשֶׂם אֶת פְּרֻכַת הַמָּסָךְ וַיִּסֹּד עַל אַרְוֵן הָעֵדוּת <b>כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה</b>׃</p> <p>22 וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־<b>הַשְּׁלֵחָן</b> בְּאֹהֶל מוֹעֵד עַל יָרֵךְ הַמִּשְׁכָּן צִפְנָהּ מִחוּץ לַפְּרֻכַת׃</p> <p>23 וַיַּעַרְךָ עָלָיו עֵרֶךְ לֶחֶם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה <b>כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה</b>׃</p> <p>24 וַיִּשֶׂם אֶת־<b>הַמְנֹרָה</b> בְּאֹהֶל מוֹעֵד זָכַח הַשְּׁלֵחָן עַל יָרֵךְ הַמִּשְׁכָּן נֹגֵבָה׃</p> <p>25 וַיַּעַל הַנֵּרֹת לִפְנֵי יְהוָה <b>כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה</b>׃</p> <p>26 וַיִּשֶׂם אֶת־<b>מִזְבַּח הַזָּהָב</b> בְּאֹהֶל מוֹעֵד לִפְנֵי הַפְּרֻכַת׃</p> <p>27 וַיִּקְטֹרַע עָלָיו קְטֹרֶת סָמִים <b>כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה</b>׃</p> <p>28 וַיִּשֶׂם אֶת־מִסְךְ הַפֶּתַח לַמִּשְׁכָּן׃</p> <p>29 וְאֵת <b>מִזְבַּח הָעֹלָה</b> שֵׁם פֶּתַח מִשְׁכָּן אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וַיַּעַל עָלָיו אֶת־הָעֹלָה וְאֶת־הַמִּנְחָה <b>כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה</b>׃</p> <p>30 וַיִּשֶׂם אֶת־<b>הַבַּיִת</b> בֵּין אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וּבֵין הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וַיִּתֵּן שְׁמָה מַיִם לְרַחֲצָה׃</p> <p>31 וַיַּרְחֲצוּ מַמְנוֹ מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן וּבָנָיו אֶת יְדֵיהֶם וְאֶת רַגְלֵיהֶם׃</p> <p>32 כִּבְבֹּאִם אֶל אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וּבִקְרַבְתָּם אֶל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וַיַּרְחֲצוּ <b>כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה</b>׃</p> <p>33 וַיִּקַּם אֶת־הַחֲצֵר סָבִיב לַמִּשְׁכָּן וְלַמִּזְבֵּחַ וַיִּתֵּן אֶת־מִסְךְ שַׁעַר הַחֲצֵר וַיִּקַּל מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הַמְּלֹאכָה׃</p>	<p>17-19 The Tabernacle<sup>1</sup> 41=31a+10b</p> <p>20-21 The Ark<sup>2</sup> 35=24a+11b</p> <p>22-23 The Table<sup>3</sup> 22=15a+7b</p> <p>24-25 The Lampstand<sup>4</sup> 20=11a+9b</p> <p>26-27 The Gold Altar<sup>5</sup> 17=10a+7b</p> <p>28-29 The Altar of Whole-offering<sup>6</sup> 24=13a+11b</p> <p>30-32 The Basin for washing<sup>7</sup> 34=21a+13b</p> <p>33 The Court and the Screen 15=11a+4b</p> <p>17-33 208 = 136a + 72b</p>
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**Observation 6** This paragraph is made up of **17** verses and **208** (8x26) words, with **136** (8x17) before, and 72 after the *atnach*. There are **7** holy objects which Moses puts in place in and at the Tabernacle, of which the **Lampstand** has pride of place at the centre. Compare its positioning in [Exod 30:26-28](#) (p. 6).

The **7** instances of the phrase **כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה**, ‘as YHWH had commanded Moses’, conclude the **7** acts performed by him (in Codex L aptly indicated by **S** and **P**): 40,19.21.23.25.27.29.32. This is also the case in Exod 39,1.5.7.21.26.29.31. The middle instance, in 40,25, in pride of place at the centre of the heptad, deals with Moses’ act of ‘mounting the lamps before YHWH’. Symbolically, this means “Let there be light! And there was light”.

**§20 Exod 40,34-38 YHWH Occupies Tent and Tabernacle**

<p>34 וַיִּכֶס הָעֶנָן אֶת־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וַיִּכְבֹּד יְהוָה מְלֵא אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן:</p> <p>35 וְלֹא־יָכֹל מֹשֶׁה לְבֹא אֶל־אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד כִּי־שָׁכַן עָלָיו הָעֶנָן וַיִּכְבֹּד יְהוָה מְלֵא אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן:</p>	<p>34-35    <b>26</b> = 16a + 10b</p>
<p>36 וַיְבַהֲעֵלוֹת הָעֶנָן מֵעַל הַמִּשְׁכָּן וַיִּסְעוּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל־מַסְעֵיהֶם:</p> <p>37 וְאִם־לֹא יֵשַׁעַח הָעֶנָן וְלֹא יִסְעוּ עַד־יוֹם הַשְּׁלֵתוֹ:</p> <p>38 כִּי־עָנָן יְהוָה עַל־הַמִּשְׁכָּן יוֹמָם וְאִשׁ תִּהְיֶה לַיְלָה בּוֹ לְשִׁינֵי כָל־בֵּית־יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל־מַסְעֵיהֶם:</p>	<p>36-38    <b>34</b> = 26a + 8b</p>

**Observation 7** This paragraph is in two parts, determined by their significant number of words:

- 40,34-35: The Cloud covers the Tent filled with YHWH’s Glory    **26**
- 40,36-38: The Cloud regulates the journeys of the Israelites    **34** (2 x 17).

The **Cloud**, **הענן**, and YHWH’s **Glory**, **כבוד יהוה**, occur altogether **7x**.  
 The **Tent** **אהל**, the **Tabernacle** **המשכן**, and the **verb** **שכן**, occur **7x**, with **שכן** at the centre.  
 The roots **עלה**, ‘go up’, and **נסע**, ‘break up’, also occur altogether **7x**.

**Overview of the Narratives and the Speeches in Part VII**

Narratives	YHWH’s Speech	Moses’ Speeches
154+		9 + 31 = 40
101= <b>255</b> (15x17)	5 + 158 = 163	8 + 168 = 176
1744		5 + 89 = 94
<b>208</b> (8x26)		22 + 288 = 310
<u>60</u>		
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**Observation 8** For an overview of YHWH’s speeches and the occurrences of the divine name in the book as a whole, see the [Conclusions and a Review of the Results](#).