

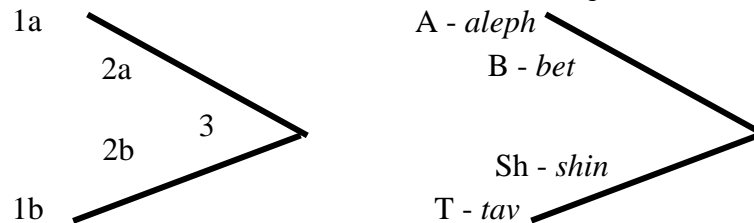
1. Review: **Awakening from Above/Awakening from Below:**¹

- Exodus shows us Redemption as a two-step process.
- Humanity is transformed when we participate with God.

“Some actions simply cannot be understood (or heard) until they are performed (or done). By doing, we understand...In this way, performing a *mitzvah* (commandment) **changes us** and **brings us closer** to God.”²

2. **Chiastic Structure:**

- A literary device that adds depth (structure) to a narrative or poetic section of the Bible.
- The structure helps the reader understand the main idea of the text in question.



3. **Chiastic Structure of Exodus 25 – 40** (see page 2)

- Turning point: Golden Calf / God’s Divine Attributes

¹ Jonathan Sacks (2010). *Covenant and Conversation, Exodus: The Book of Redemption*. London (Maggid Books), pp. 271-276.

² Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, (2001). *Jewish Spirituality: A Brief Introduction for Christians*. Nashville (Jewish Lights Publishing), pp. 55-58.

4. Creation Revisited:

- We find a **seven-fold** repetition of the phrase “The LORD said to Moses” that ends with the command to keep the Sabbath (Ex. 31:12).

Exodus 25:1	“The LORD said to Moses”
Exodus 30:11	“The LORD said to Moses”
Exodus 30:17	“The LORD said to Moses”
Exodus 30:22	“The LORD said to Moses”
Exodus 30:34	“The LORD said to Moses”
Exodus 31:1	“The LORD said to Moses”
Exodus 31:12	Command for Sabbath

- The tabernacle is compared to creation in Genesis 1.
- The result of God’s creation in Genesis? Adam’s sin.
- The result of God’s tabernacle in Exodus? Israel’s sin.

5. Moses speaks, and the Israelites build:

- The inversion of the Chiasmatic structure is Moses directing the Israelites
 - The narrative begins (Exodus 35:1) with “Moses...said to the Israelites” (3x)

Exodus 35:1	“Moses said...”
Exodus 35:4	“Moses said...”
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Exodus 39:43	“Moses saw” & “Moses blessed.”

- Finally, when the Tabernacle is complete, Moses “saw” and “blessed them” (Gen. 1:28, 31)

6. Chapter 40 – A New Beginning:

- New Year's Day – first day of the first month.
 - Renewal, rebirth, the time has grown old (Father time), we need a renewal (Baby New Year)
- Creation is renewed. God’s presence is once again dwelling with his people.

