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Hebrew Bible

Exodus 31:1-11

1 The Lord spoke to Moses: 2 See, I have singled out by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. 3 I have endowed him with a divine spirit of skill, ability, and knowledge in every kind of craft; 4 to make designs for work in gold, silver, and copper, 5 to cut stones for setting and to carve wood — to work in every kind of craft. 6 Moreover, I have assigned to him Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have also granted skill to all who are skillful, that they may make everything that I have commanded you: 7 the Tent of Meeting, the Ark for the Pact and the cover upon it, and all the furnishings of the Tent; 8 the table and its utensils, the pure lampstand and all its fittings, and the altar of incense; 9 the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and the laver and its stand; 10 the service vestments, the sacral vestments of Aaron the priest and the vestments of his sons, for their service as priests; 11 as well as the anointing oil and the aromatic incense for the sanctuary. Just as I have commanded you, they shall do.

English Translation: JPS 1985

א וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר. ב רְאֵה קָרָאתִי בְשֵׁם
בְּצַלְאֵל בֶּן אוּרִי בֶן חוּר לְמִטֵּה יְהוּדָה. ג וְאִמְלֵא אֹתוֹ
רוּחַ אֱלֹקִים בְּחָכְמָה וּבְתוּבוֹנָה וּבְדַעַת וּבְכָל מְלָאכָה.
ד לְחֹשֶׁב מַחְשְׁבֹת לַעֲשׂוֹת בְּזָהָב וּבְכֶסֶף וּבְנֹחַשׁ.
ה וּבְחֹרֶשֶׁת אָבֹן לְמַלְאֵת וּבְחֹרֶשֶׁת עֵץ לַעֲשׂוֹת בְּכָל
מְלָאכָה. ו וְאֶנִּי הִנֵּה נָתַתִּי אֹתוֹ אֶת אֶהֱלִיאָב בֶּן אַחִיסָמָךְ
לְמִטֵּה דָן וּבָלָב כָּל חָכָם לֵב נָתַתִּי חָכְמָה וְעָשׂוּ אֵת כָּל
אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִךָ. ז אֵת אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וְאֵת הָאָרוֹן לַעֲדֹת וְאֵת
הַכַּפֹּרֶת אֲשֶׁר עָלָיו וְאֵת כָּל כְּלֵי הָאֹהֶל.
ח וְאֵת הַשֻּׁלְחָן וְאֵת כְּלָיו וְאֵת הַמִּנְבֵּחַ הַטָּהוֹרָה וְאֵת כָּל
כְּלֵיהָ וְאֵת מִזְבַּח הַקְטֹרֶת. ט וְאֵת מִזְבַּח הָעֹלָה וְאֵת כָּל
כְּלָיו וְאֵת הַכִּיּוֹר וְאֵת כַּנּוֹ. י וְאֵת בַּגְּדֵי הַשָּׂרָד וְאֵת בַּגְּדֵי
הַקֹּדֶשׁ לְאַהֲרֹן הַכֹּהֵן וְאֵת בַּגְּדֵי בָנָיו לְכַהֵן. יא וְאֵת שֶׁמֶן
הַמִּשְׁחָה וְאֵת קְטֹרֶת הַסַּמִּים לְקֹדֶשׁ כָּל אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִךָ
יַעֲשׂוּ.



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New Testament

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw--¹³ the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done.¹⁴ If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward.¹⁵ If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire.

English Translation: NRSV

¹⁰Κατὰ τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ τὴν δοθεῖσάν μοι ὡς σοφὸς ἀρχιτέκτων θεμέλιον ἔθηκα, ἄλλος δὲ ἐποικοδομεῖ. ἕκαστος δὲ βλεπέτω πῶς ἐποικοδομεῖ: ¹¹θεμέλιον γὰρ ἄλλον οὐδεὶς δύναται θεῖναι παρὰ τὸν κείμενον, ὅς ἐστιν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός. ¹²εἰ δέ τις ἐποικοδομεῖ ἐπὶ τὸν θεμέλιον χρυσόν, ἄργυρον, λίθους τιμίους, ξύλα, χόρτον, καλάμην, ¹³ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον φανερὸν γενήσεται, ἢ γὰρ ἡμέρα δηλώσει: ὅτι ἐν πυρὶ ἀποκαλύπτεται, καὶ ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον ὅποῖόν ἐστιν τὸ πῦρ [αὐτὸ] δοκιμάσει. ¹⁴εἴ τις τὸ ἔργον μενεῖ ὁ ἐποικοδόμησεν, μισθὸν λήμψεται: ¹⁵εἴ τις τὸ ἔργον κατακαήσεται, ζημιωθήσεται, αὐτὸς δὲ σωθήσεται, οὕτως δὲ ὡς διὰ πυρός.



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Quran

Sheba 34:10-13

10 We graced David with Our favour. We said, 'You mountains, echo God's praises together with him, and you birds, too.' We softened iron for him, 11 saying, 'Make coats of chain mail and measure the links well.' 'Do good, all of you, for I see everything you do.' 12 And [We subjected] the wind for Solomon. Its outward journey took a month, and its return journey likewise. We made a fountain of molten brass flow for him, and some of the jinn worked under his control with his Lord's permission. If one of them deviated from Our command, We let him taste the suffering of the blazing flame. 13 They made him whatever he wanted — palaces, statues, basins as large as water troughs, fixed cauldrons. We said, 'Work thankfully, family of David, for few of my servants are truly thankful.'

English Translation: Abdel Haleem

﴿١٠﴾ وَلَقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا دَاوُدَ مِنَّا فَضْلًا ۖ يَجِبَالٌ ءُوتِي مَعَهُ
وَالطَّيْرَ ۗ وَآلْنَا لَهُ الْحَدِيدَ ﴿١١﴾ أَنْ أَعْمَلَ سَبْعَتِ وَقَدَّرَ
فِي السَّرْدِ ۗ وَأَعْمَلُوا صَٰلِحًا ۗ إِنَّي بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١٢﴾
وَلَسَلِمْنَ الرِّيحَ غُدُوها شَهْرٌ وَرَوَاحُها شَهْرٌ ۗ وَأَسَلْنَا
لَهُ عَيْنَ الْقَطْرِ ۗ وَمِنَ الْجِنِّ مَن يَعْمَلُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ بِإِذْنِ
رَبِّهٖ ۗ وَمَن يَزِغْ مِنْهُم عَن ءَأْمَرِنَا نُدِقْهُ مِن عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ
﴿١٣﴾ يَعْمَلُونَ لَهُ مَا يَشَاءُ مِن مَّحْرِبٍ وَتَمَثِيلٍ
وَجِفَانٍ كَالْجَوَابِ وَقُدُورٍ رَّاسِيَتٍ ۗ أَعْمَلُوا ءَالَ دَاوُدَ
شُكْرًا ۗ وَقَلِيلٌ مِّنْ عِبَادِي الشَّاكِرُونَ ﴿١٤﴾