Synopsis of the Design, Making, and Use of the Brazen Laver

Exodus 30:18-21 – Basic design of a basin on a pedestal was given by God to Moses in Mt. Sinai, with the eternal command that the priests must wash their hands and feet in it when entering the Tabernacle or using the Brazen Altar, so that they would not die. It was the last of the furnishings that God commanded.

Exodus 30:22-30 – God commanded that a unique anointing oil be compounded and the Tabernacles furnishings and the priests be anointed with it, that would be most holy. Whoever touched these things must also be holy. (Laver v. 28)

Exodus 31:1-11 – All necessary abilities were given to Bezaleel to make all the furnishings, with the assistance of Aholiab and others. (Laver v. 9)

Exodus 35:1-19 – The offering of materials was taken up from the people to make all the furnishings. (Laver – v. 16)

Exodus 38:8 & 22 – Bezaleel made Laver from the looking glasses offered by the women according to God's commandment to Moses.

Exodus 39:32-43 – When the Laver completed along with all the rest, it was brought to Moses (v. 39). He saw that they had done all as the Lord had commanded, and he blessed all of it.

Exodus 40:1-8 – Moses was instructed to set up all things pertaining to the Tabernacle, which he faithfully did. (Laver v. 7)

Exodus 40:9-16 – Moses was instructed to anoint all things pertaining to the Tabernacle, including the priests (Laver v. 11).

Exodus 40:17- 30 – Moses set up all things pertaining to the Tabernacle according to God's command, and the Laver is the last item to be placed (v. 30). He put water in the Laver.

Exodus 40:31-32 – The Laver is used according to God's command for the first time when Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's sons washed their hands and feet there.