

Parashah 19 T'rumah (Contributions)

T'rumah (Contributions) Sh'mot {Exodus 25:1 – 27:19}

Haftorah: *M'lakhim Alef (1 Kings 5:12 – 6:13)*

B'rit Hadashah suggested readings for Parashah

Mark 12:41-44; Hebrews 8:1-6; 9:18-26; 10:1-10

This week's portion is from Exodus 25:1 – 27:19

(Bold, Underlining and Italics added for emphasize) {NKJV-New King James Version, CJB-Complete Jewish Bible, TEV-Today's English Version

Our Prayer today, for understanding of G-d's word with His promises and requirements for us:

Psalm 86:11,6 (NKJV) "⁶ ***Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer***; and attend to the voice of my supplications...
¹¹ ***teach me your way, O LORD***; I will walk in your truth; ***unite my heart*** to fear your name."

Now camped at Mount Sinai, the people of Israel experienced an all consuming, yet brief, revelation of G-d. Now, they are instructed to build a *mishkan* or "dwelling" (also called a *mikdash*, "Sanctuary," and commonly referred to as "the Tabernacle") in which G-d will "dwell amidst them" as a perpetual presence in the Israelite camp. The people of Israel are called on to contribute thirteen materials – gold, silver and copper; blue, purple and red dyed wool; flax, goat hair, animal skins, wood, olive oil, spices and gems for the construction of the Sanctuary/Tabernacle of G-d. The instructions given by G-d are so the Tabernacle could be readily dismantled, transported and reassembled as the nation of Israel journeyed to the Promised Land.

Backing up just a bit, we learned last week how G-d presented His covenant as a choice, a choice of free will. G-d Almighty, Elohim, has presented his covenant for Israel to become his chosen people, His "specially separated people". Israel responds as we see in:

Exodus 24:3-8 (NKJV) ³ So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do." ⁴ And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵ Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶ ***And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.*** ⁷ ***Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient."*** ⁸ ***And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said; "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."***

3. So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the ordinances, and all the people answered in unison and said, "All the words that the Lord has spoken we will do."

4. And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and he arose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain and twelve monuments for the twelve tribes of Israel.

ג. וַיְבֹא מֹשֶׁה וַיְסַפֵּר לָעָם אֵת כָּל דְּבָרֵי יְהוָה וְיָאֵת כָּל הַמְשָׁפְטִים וַיַּעַן כָּל הָעָם קוֹל אֶחָד וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָּל הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה נַעֲשֶׂה:

ד. וַיִּכְתֹּב מֹשֶׁה אֵת כָּל דְּבָרֵי יְהוָה וַיִּשְׁכַּם בַּבֹּקֶר וַיִּבֶן מִזְבֵּחַ תַּחַת הָהָר וּשְׁתַּיִם עֲשָׂרָה מִצֵּבֹת לְשִׁנַּיִם עֲשָׂר שְׁבֹטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

5. And he sent the youths of the children of Israel, and they offered up burnt offerings, and they slaughtered peace offerings to the Lord, bulls.

ה. וַיִּשְׁלַח אֶת נְעָרֵי בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיַּעֲלוּ עֹלֹת וַיִּזְבְּחוּ זִבְחֵי שְׁלָמִים לַיהוָה פָּרִים:

6. And Moses took half the blood and put it into the basins, and half the blood he cast onto the altar.

ו. וַיִּקַּח מִשֵּׁה חֲצֵי הַדָּם וַיִּשֶׂם בְּאַגְנֹת וְחֲצֵי הַדָּם זָרַק עַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ:

7. And he took the Book of the Covenant and read it within the hearing of the people, and they said, "All that the Lord spoke we will do and we will hear."

ז. וַיִּקַּח סֵפֶר הַבְּרִית וַיִּקְרָא בְּאָזְנֵי הָעָם וַיֹּאמְרוּ כָּל אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה נַעֲשֶׂה וְנִשְׁמָע:

8. And Moses took the blood and sprinkled [it] on the people, and he said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord has formed with you concerning these words."

ח. וַיִּקַּח מִשֵּׁה אֶת הַדָּם וַיִּזְרַק עַל הָעָם וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה דַם הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר כָּרַת יְהוָה עִמָּכֶם עַל כָּל הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה:

G-d moves forward with His plan and purpose. He now makes another request and again qualifies the request with free choice. As we have seen, G-d instructed Moses to ask Israel for a CONTRIBUTION. G-d wants Israel to make a sanctuary, so that He may "live among them". It is a very physical manifestation of G-d Almighty's presence with Israel {Exodus 25:8}. How G-d instructs Moses on accepting the contributions, speaks volumes about what Elohim expects from those who say yes to Him.

Exodus 25:1-2 (NKJV) ¹ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ² "Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering. From everyone **who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering.**

Exodus 25:1-2 (CJB) ¹ Adonai said to Moshe, ² "Tell the people of Isra'el to take up a collection for me — **accept a contribution from anyone who wholeheartedly wants to give.**

1. "The Lord spoke to Moses saying:

א. וַיְדַבֵּר יְהוָה אֶל מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:

2. "Speak to the children of Israel, and have them take for Me an offering; from every person whose heart inspires him to generosity, you shall take My offering.

ב. דַּבֵּר אֶל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּקְחוּ לִי תְרוּמָה מֵאֵת כָּל אִישׁ אֲשֶׁר יִדְבְּנֻ לְבוֹ תְּקִחוּ אֶת תְּרוּמָתִי:

A. It is understood the contribution/offering is voluntary and to be given with the **PROPER MOTIVE**. The contribution/offering is to be accepted from those who give willingly, from their heart, from those who want to give.

B. This speaks for itself as to whether G-d almighty will accept our contributions/offerings. It depends on the reason we give it. While men may not know the reason for someone's contribution/offering and accept it, G-d Almighty the one who knows the heart and the reasons of the heart will know.

C. Continuing, G-d deals with many issues related to "fighting" among ourselves, which results in physical violence, injury, crippling and or death. God allows the consequences for such actions, consequences for lack of self-control and the random violence it brings.

D. Yes man may accept our contributions/offerings, but whether G-d recognizes and accepts our contributions/offerings or not, will depend on our reason for giving. **Are we giving out of love from our heart and is it given wholeheartedly without reservation or is it given for selfish reasons, such as what we think we get out of it from man or even from G-d or just to be seen!**

E. For keeping His promises, G-d expects nothing less, nothing short of total faithfulness. However **G-d**

does NOT force love and obedience from us. G-d is not an oppressor, beating us into submission and obedience out of the “afraid” type of fear. Rather G-d accepts and receives our contribution/offering from the heart, given out of love and adoration for Him.

F. Take note, the reason for the contributions/offerings was to construct the Tabernacle of G-d. This was to be the physical place where He would stay, "tabernacle" with His people and have His visible, demonstrative presence.

Exodus 25:8 (NKJV) ⁸ And let them **make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.**

Exodus 25:8 (CJB) ⁸ “They are to **make me a sanctuary, so that I may live among them.**

8. And they shall make Me a sanctuary and I will dwell in their midst

ח. וַעֲשׂוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְּתוֹכְכֶם:

The rest of today's lesson has the exacting specifics, the blueprint if you will, concerning the construction of the Tabernacle of G-d. G-d is very, very specific as to the dimensions, the layout, the materials and the colors of items to be used for the Tabernacle and all the items of worship to be housed within it, including the Ark of the Covenant.

Exodus 25:8-9 (NKJV) ⁸ And let them **make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.** ⁹ According to all that I show you, *that is*, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, **just so you shall make it.**

Exodus 25:8-9 (CJB) ⁸ “**They are to make me a sanctuary, so that I may live among them.**” ⁹ You are to make it according to everything I show you — the design of the tabernacle and the design of its furnishings. **This is how you are to make it.**

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9. according to all that I show you, the pattern of the Mishkan and the pattern of all its vessels; and so shall you do.

ט. כָּל אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְרַאֶה אוֹתְךָ אֵת תְּבִנֹת הַמִּשְׁכָּן וְאֵת תְּבִנֹת כָּל כֵּלָיו וְכֵן תַּעֲשׂוּ:

In the Sanctuary’s inner chamber, behind an artistically woven curtain, was the ark containing the tablets of testimony engraved with the Ten Commandments; on the ark’s cover stood two winged cherubim hammered out of pure gold. In the outer chamber stood the seven-branched menorah, and the table upon which the “showbread” was arranged.

The Sanctuary’s three walls were fitted together from 48 upright wooden boards, each of which was overlaid with gold and held up by a pair of silver foundation sockets. The roof was formed of three layers of coverings: (a) tapestries of multicolored wool and linen; (b) a covering made of goat hair; (c) a covering of ram and animal skins. Across the front of the Sanctuary was an embroidered screen held up by five posts.

Surrounding the Sanctuary and the copper-plated altar which fronted it was an enclosure of linen hangings, supported by 60 wooden posts with silver hooks and trimmings, and reinforced by copper stakes.

All this as a part of G-d's preparing Israel to enter the Promised Land and be prepared for proper

worship and guidance for their relationship and walk with Him, G-d almighty.

Haftorah - Prophets
M'lakhim Alef (1 Kings 5:12 – 6:13)

This week's Haftorah describes the construction of the Holy Temple under the direction of King Solomon, echoing this week's Torah portion, which discusses the construction of the Desert Tabernacle. The Haftorah discusses the manpower -- both Jewish and non-Jewish -- that Solomon recruited for the building of the Holy Temple. Also discussed are the hewing and transportation of the stone, the laying of the foundation, as well as the dimensions of the Holy Temple, its components and materials.

1 Kings 6:1-10 (NKJV) ¹ And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month of Ziv, which *is* the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD. ² Now the house which King Solomon built for the LORD, its length *was* sixty cubits, its width twenty, and its height thirty cubits. ³ The vestibule in front of the sanctuary of the house *was* twenty cubits long across the width of the house, *and* the width of *the vestibule extended* ten cubits from the front of the house. ⁴ And he made for the house windows with beveled frames. ⁵ Against the wall of the temple he built chambers all around, *against* the walls of the temple, all around the sanctuary and the inner sanctuary. Thus he made side chambers all around it. ⁶ The lowest chamber *was* five cubits wide, the middle *was* six cubits wide, and the third *was* seven cubits wide; for he made narrow ledges around the outside of the temple, so that *the support beams* would not be fastened into the walls of the temple. ⁷ And the temple, when it was being built, was built with stone finished at the quarry, so that no hammer or chisel *or* any iron tool was heard in the temple while it was being built. ⁸ The doorway for the middle story *was* on the right side of the temple. They went up by stairs to the middle *story*, and from the middle to the third. ⁹ So he built the temple and finished it, and he paneled the temple with beams and boards of cedar. ¹⁰ And he built side chambers against the entire temple, each five cubits high; they were attached to the temple with cedar beams.

The Haftorah ends with G-d's word to King Solomon:

1 Kings 6:11-14 (NKJV) ¹¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying: ¹² "*Concerning* this temple which you are building, if you walk in My statutes, execute My judgments, keep all My commandments, and walk in them, then I will perform My word with you, which I spoke to your father David. ¹³ And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel." ¹⁴ So Solomon built the temple and finished it.

B'rit Hadashah – New Testament
Mark 12:41-44; Hebrews 8:1-6; 9:18-26; 10:1-10

Time to review and summarize this week's teaching and study.

Being disciples of Yeshua HaMashiach we should be giving of ourselves to G-d, Adonai without concern or expecting any thing in return. Our giving absolutely should not be tainted and unacceptable by our expectations of G-d's generosity with us. Our giving absolutely should not be tainted and unacceptable

due to obedience out of fear of oppression. Our giving of ourselves should be unselfishly done and given from our hearts out of love for our Creator.

While at the Temple, Yeshua, Jesus used this principal to show the unselfishness of one particular individual compared to many others. In this case he was referring to the actual physical giving or tithing. See how Yeshua teaches with this very real life example:

Mark 12:41-44 (CJB) ⁴¹ Then Yeshua sat down opposite the Temple treasury and watched the crowd as they put money into the offering-boxes. Many rich people put in large sums, ⁴² but **a poor widow came and put in two small coins.** ⁴³ He called his *talmidim* to him and said to them, **“Yes! I tell you, this poor widow has put more in the offering-box than all the others making donations. ⁴⁴ For all of them, out of their wealth, have contributed money they can easily spare; but she, out of her poverty, has given everything she had to live on.”**

GIVING OUT OF LOVE, FROM HER HEART, NOT JUST WHAT SHE THOUGHT SHE COULD SPARE!!

Consider the consequences of not giving of ourselves to G-d from our heart with love and the examples used by the Apostles and Disciples to teach about Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ. Consider the writings to the Jewish Believers in Hebrews. Pay attention as we will find how the Tabernacle, the Priests, the Holy and Most Holy of the Tabernacle is recognized as foreshadowing the Messiah and his first task in coming to mankind. Also notice the outcome shown.

HaG'dulah – Majesty Cohen gadol – High Priest Cohen – priest Talmidim – disciples

Hebrews 8: 1-6 (CJB) ¹ Here is the whole point of what we have been saying: ***we do have just such a cohen gadol as has been described. And he does sit at the right hand of HaG'dulah in heaven.*** ² There he serves in the Holy Place, that is, in the true Tent of Meeting, ***the one erected not by human beings but by Adonai.*** ³ For every *cohen gadol* is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; ***so this cohen gadol too has to have something he can offer.*** ⁴ Now if he were on earth, he wouldn't be a *cohen* at all, since there already are *cohanim* offering the gifts ***required by the Torah.*** ⁵ But what they are serving ***is only a copy and shadow of the heavenly original;*** for when Moshe was about to erect the Tent, God warned him, ***“See to it that you make everything according to the pattern you were shown on the mountain.”*** ⁶ But now the ***work Yeshua has been given to do is far superior to theirs, just as the covenant he mediates is better. For this covenant has been given as Torah on the basis of better promises.***

Hebrews 9:18-26 (CJB) ¹⁸ This is why ***the first covenant too was inaugurated with blood.*** ¹⁹ After Moshe had proclaimed every command of the *Torah* to all the people, he took the blood of the calves with some water and used scarlet wool and hyssop to sprinkle both the scroll itself and all the people; ²⁰ and he said, ***“This is the blood of the covenant which God has ordained for you.”*** ²¹ Likewise, he sprinkled with the blood both the Tent and all the things used in its ceremonies. ²² ***In fact, according to the Torah, almost everything is purified with blood; indeed, without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.*** ²³ ***Now this is how the copies of the heavenly things had to be purified, but the heavenly things themselves require better sacrifices than these.*** ²⁴ ***For the Messiah has entered a Holiest Place which is not man-made and merely a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, in order to appear***

now on our behalf in the very presence of God. ²⁵ Further, he did not enter heaven to offer himself over and over again, like the *cohen hagadol* who enters the Holiest Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer death many times — from the founding of the universe on. **But as it is, he has appeared once at the end of the ages in order to do away with sin through the sacrifice of himself.**

Hebrews 10:1-10 (CJB) ¹ **For the Torah has in it a shadow of the good things to come,** but not the actual manifestation of the originals. Therefore, it can never, by means of the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, bring to the goal those who approach the Holy Place to offer them. ² Otherwise, wouldn't the offering of those sacrifices have ceased? For if the people performing the service had been cleansed once and for all, they would no longer have sins on their conscience. ³ No, it is quite the contrary — in these sacrifices is a reminder of sins, year after year. ⁴ For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. ⁵ **This is why, on coming into the world, he says, "It has not been your will to have an animal sacrifice and a meal offering; rather, you have prepared for me a body.** ⁶ No, you have not been pleased with burnt offerings and sin offerings. ⁷ Then I said, 'Look! In the scroll of the book **it is written about me. I have come to do your will.**'" ⁸ In saying first, "You neither willed nor were pleased with animal sacrifices, meal offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings," things which are offered in accordance with the Torah; ⁹ and then, **"Look, I have come to do your will"; he takes away the first system in order to set up the second.** ¹⁰ **It is in connection with this will that we have been separated for God and made holy, once and for all, through the offering of Yeshua the Messiah's body.**

In these teachings and explanations to the Jewish Believers, we are taught the foreshadowing of tabernacle, the sacrifices, the priests and the Most Holy in the Tabernacle.

What if Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ had not given of himself, with love from the heart and obedience from the heart to G-d the Father? Where would Jews and Gentiles be in G-d's plans now? Where would the completion of the New Covenant be? Where would we be in G-d's plans right now?

Closing

Consider how G-d's plans and purpose have been a step at a time and each step brings us closer to Him and prepares us for His Kingdom to return to earth, as it is in Heaven, with our King and Savior, Yeshua HaMashiach, at the helm. Consider, G-d does not oppress, bully or threaten us to get our yes answer to His offer in covenant for us. We have free will to choose!!

If we answer yes to the offer of salvation through the New Covenant, accepting Yeshua HaMashiach as our personal savior, the only begotten Son of G-d, which G-d gave to fulfill the covenant of a spotless sacrifice we could not, then we better be doing it with and for the proper reason.

Our hearts, as disciples of Yeshua HaMashiach, should prompt, should drive us to freely, without hesitation give ourselves to G-d.

It should drive us to do so, from our heart with love, unselfishly, Without reservation or expectations of what we could get in return from G-d.

*YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE WORD,
FOR THE WORD TO BE IN YOU!*

Shabbat Shalom, G-d Bless and Keep you!

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