

Parashah 20 Tetzaveh (You are Ordered)

Tetzaveh (You are Ordered) Sh'mot {Exodus 27:20 – 30:10}

Haftorah: *Yechezk'el (Ezekiel 43:10-27)*

B'rit Hadashah suggested readings for Parashah

1 Peter 2:5-10; Ephesians 6:11-18; Matthew 3:11; Acts 2:2-3;

Romans 11:16-24; Hebrews 5:1-10; Matthew 5:14-16

This week's portion is from Exodus 27:20 – 30:10

(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."

In Sh'mot/Exodus, the construction of the Tabernacle takes about a third of the writings or instructions. This is not the last time we will see and learn in explicit detail about the Tabernacle and the Priesthood to serve G-d Almighty and the nation of Israel. G-d gives very explicit and detailed instructions not only for the Tabernacle, instruments of worship, purification, but also for the priestly class and importantly, their priestly garments. These garments further set apart, not essentially the person wearing them, but the position represented in the service and worship of G-d Almighty. In fact an entire chapter is devoted to the priestly garments. An ordinary priest dressed in simple attire, while the High Priest wore ornate garments foreshadowing Yeshua in His office as High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

All the special priestly garments were for "glory and for beauty", a reflection of G-d's Glory and Beauty!

Exodus 28:2 (NKJV) ² And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, ***for glory and for beauty.***

2. You shall make holy garments for your brother Aaron, for honor and glory.

ב. וְעָשִׂיתְבְּגְדֵי קֹדֶשׁ לְאַהֲרֹן אַחִידָה לְכָבוֹד וּלְתִפְאֵרֶת:

Exodus 28:40 (NKJV) ⁴⁰ "For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics, and you shall make sashes for them. And you shall make hats for them, for glory and beauty.

40. For Aaron's sons you shall make tunics and make them sashes, and you shall make them high hats for honor and glory.

מ. וּלְבָנֵי אַהֲרֹן תַּעֲשֶׂה כִּתְנֹת וְעָשִׂיתָלָהֶם אֲבָנִיטִים וּמִגְבָּעוֹת תַּעֲשֶׂה לָהֶם לְכָבוֹד וּלְתִפְאֵרֶת:

Today, the writer in 1 Peter tells us as believers, we are also members of a "holy priesthood"; Yeshua HaMashiach is the "chief cornerstone"; the "chief cornerstone" also is a "stumbling stone" to any who are "disobedient to the Word".

1 Peter 2:5-10 (NKJV) ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, **a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.** ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion **A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.**" ⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, *He is precious*; but to those who are disobedient, "**The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,**" ⁸ and "**A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.**" *They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.* ⁹ *But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;* ¹⁰ *who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

As this "holy priesthood", a "royal priesthood" we also have special garments with we are to be girded today!! Not the garments of a Roman guard as often portrayed by the less informed and Holy Spirit enlightened, but the garments of the priesthood:

Ephesians 6:11-18 (NKJV) ¹¹ **Put on the whole armor of God,** that you may **be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ **Therefore take up the whole armor of God,** that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ **Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,** ¹⁵ **and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;** ¹⁶ **above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.** ¹⁷ **And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;** ¹⁸ *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--*

See how the intended teaching of Ephesians is that of a "priest", a soldier in Almighty G-d's army, who wears "the whole armor of G-d"!!

Isaiah 59:17 (NKJV) ¹⁷ For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, And was clad with zeal as a cloak.

Isaiah 52:7 (NKJV) ⁷ How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Remember, prior to the Tabernacle, the Patriarchs of our Faith, Abraham Isaac and Jacob all built altars to Almighty G-d. They built these to mark and identify the locations where G-d had appeared to them. Now, G-d has instructed the construction of the Tabernacle, a place where not only would there be the manifestation of His presence, but He would also dwell in their midst. It is a G-d chosen place of worship for all of all Israel:

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

וַיֵּשְׁבוּ לִי מִקְדָּשׁ וְשָׁכַנְתִּי בְּתוֹכָם:

In the instructions given to Moses, standing out in importance is the one that includes all the children of Israel. It is a command giving the children of Israel a continued part in the care and operation of the Tabernacle.

Exodus 27:20-21 (CJB) ²⁰ “You are to order the people of Isra’el to bring you pure oil of pounded olives for the light, and to keep a lamp burning continually. ²¹ Aharon and his sons are to put it in the tent of meeting, outside the curtain in front of the testimony, and keep it burning from evening until morning before G-d. This is to be a permanent regulation through all the generations of the people of Isra’el.

20. And you shall command the children of Israel, and they shall take to you pure olive oil, crushed for lighting, to kindle the lamps continually.

כ. ואתה תצוה | את בני ישראל ויקחו אליך שמן זית וְךָ כִּתִּית לְמָאוֹר לְהַעֲלֹת נֵר תָּמִיד:

21. In the Tent of Meeting, outside the dividing curtain that is in front of the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall set it up before the Lord from evening to morning; [it shall be] an everlasting statute for their generations, from the children of Israel.

כא. בְּאֵהֶל מוֹעֵד מִחוּץ לַפְּרֻכֹּת אֲשֶׁר עַל הָעֵדוּת יַעֲרֹךְ אֹתוֹ אַהֲרֹן וּבָנָיו מֵעֶרֶב עַד בֹּקֶר לִפְנֵי יְהוָה חֻקֹּת עוֹלָם לְדֹרֹתָם מֵאֵת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

Important Note:

The children of Israel bring the oil **TO MOSES**, because it is **THROUGH HIM** the **OIL IS maintained**. As the Parashah begins, **G-D TELLS MOSES**, despite the fact that he will be giving the children of Israel many laws and ordinances, **THIS ONE PARTICULAR LAW** concerning the **OIL** must be **CLARIFIED**. **ALL OF ISRAEL IS COMMANDED TO BRING THE OIL**. The **DUTY** does not belong to a **SELECTED GROUP** of people. **EVERY CITIZEN OF ISRAEL** must **BRING TO MOSES** the **CLEAR OLIVE OIL** pressed for the **LIGHT**.

Moses cannot be circumvented when it comes to the oil.

Pure Oil to be used in the Menorah as it is the light in this dark world.

LIGHT – Light is an interesting and very powerful word when seen from a biblical perspective.

1. Light, Light from fire are metaphors for G-d Almighty because *fire is not an object*:
2. Fire is the release of energy concealed in an object.

This is the fire John the Baptist (Immerser) spoke of:

Matthew 3:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but **He who is coming after me** is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

How about the outpouring of the Spirit in the form of fire on Shavuot:

Acts 2:2-3 (NKJV) ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, **as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them **divided tongues, as of fire**, and *one* sat upon each of them.

As seen, it is the duty of the people to “bring to Moses” the oil for the lamps. Every citizen of Israel must bring to Moses the clear olive oil pressed for the light! However, it is not Moses who will be the one to tend to the lamps or light the Menorah. The priests will tend to the lamps and light the Menorah. The

Priests will be the ones using the oil, the pure olive oil.

Despite this, we are told that Moses will have a special interest in the matter of the oil, for **he is responsible for it. Earlier we saw how fire and light symbolize the energy of the Spirit of G-d.** Moses, the Torah (the Living Word), becomes the essence through which the oil must be distributed.

In Jeremiah there is a very interesting passage that compares Israel to a green olive tree. The context of the verses, is in regards to the destruction of the Temple. But, I think it may shed some “light” on all of this:

Jeremiah 11:16-17 (NKJV) ¹⁶ The LORD called your name, **Green Olive Tree**, Lovely and of Good Fruit. With **the noise of a great tumult He has kindled fire on it**, And its branches are broken. ¹⁷ "For the LORD of hosts, who planted you, has pronounced doom against you for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger in offering incense to Baal."

Israel is compared to the **"Green Olive Tree"** (remember that through out the teachings); the prophet now speaks of that tree burning, with "its branches broken" (again remember that through out the teachings). **The pure olive oil that is meant to kindle the light in the lamps of the Menorah** is also used in kindling the flames of punishment and judgment from G-d.

Haftorah - Prophets ***Yechezk'el (Ezekiel 43:10-27)***

In this week's Haftorah, the prophet Ezekiel describes a vision of the altar that will be built for the third Holy Temple and its dedication ceremony--paralleling this week's Torah portion, which discusses the dedication of the Tabernacle's altar.

Shortly after the destruction of the first Temple, Ezekiel experienced a vision of the third Holy Temple that will be built by the Messiah. G-d tells Ezekiel to recount to the Jewish people this vision, and this hopefully, will bring them to be ashamed of the deeds of disobedience and idolatry they did that caused the destruction of the Temple.

Ezekiel 43:10-12 (NKJV) ¹⁰ "Son of man, describe the temple to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern. ¹¹ And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple and its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, its entire design and all its ordinances, all its forms and all its laws. Write *it* down in their sight, so that they may keep its whole design and all its ordinances, and perform them. ¹² This *is* the law of the temple: The whole area surrounding the mountaintop *is* most holy. Behold, this *is* the law of the temple.

Ezekiel then goes on to describe in detail the third Temple's altar, and also describes its seven-day inauguration ceremony and the offerings, which will be brought on each day of that special week.

Ezekiel 43:18-27 (NKJV) ¹⁸ And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD: 'These *are* the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it. ¹⁹ You shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me,' says the Lord GOD. ²⁰ You shall take some of its blood and put

it on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge, and on the rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it and make atonement for it. ²¹ Then you shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and burn it in the appointed place of the temple, outside the sanctuary. ²² On the second day you shall offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they cleansed *it* with the bull. ²³ When you have finished cleansing *it*, you shall offer a young bull without blemish, and a ram from the flock without blemish. ²⁴ When you offer them before the LORD, the priests shall throw salt on them, and they will offer them up *as* a burnt offering to the LORD. ²⁵ Every day for seven days you shall prepare a goat *for* a sin offering; they shall also prepare a young bull and a ram from the flock, both without blemish. ²⁶ Seven days they shall make atonement for the altar and purify it, and so consecrate *it*. ²⁷ When these days are over it shall be, on the eighth day and thereafter, that the priests shall offer your burnt offerings and your peace offerings on the altar; and I will accept you,' says the Lord GOD."

B'rit Hadashah – New Testament

1 Peter 2:5-10; Ephesians 6:11-18; Matthew 3:11; Acts 2:2-3;

Romans 11:16-24; Hebrews 5:1-10; Matthew 5:14-16

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

The book of Romans gives us further insights into how the Messiah has enabled believers, who produce oil to be a light to the world; shinning the light of the good news of the Kingdom, Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus the Messiah.

To produce the pure oil for light is to be grafted into the olive tree, Israel:

Romans 11:16-24 (NKJV) ¹⁶ For if the **first fruit is holy**, the lump *is* also *holy*; and **if the root is holy**, so *are* the branches. ¹⁷ And if some of the branches were broken off, and **you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree**, ¹⁸ do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, *remember that* you do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ Well *said*. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. **Do not be haughty, but fear.** ²¹ **For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.** ²² Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, **if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.** ²³ And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, **how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?**

Anything that would endure must be connected to the root where they are able to partake of the "fatness of the olive tree" or in other words, the life of the olive tree. Because of Yeshua's sacrifice to buy all of mankind out of bondage to sin and death, the wild olive branches (the Gentiles) can be grafted into the olive tree (Israel). **To produce the pure oil for the light of G-d and His Son Yeshua HaMashiach, one has to be grafted into the cultivated olive tree, Israel.**

Those who believe in Messiah, Yeshua HaMashiach have said yes to the new covenant and are obedient, are the branches of the Tree – whether natural or grafted in. That tree is meant to produce olives, which will give oil for the Menorah, which gives the light of G-d to the world.

As the appointed High Priest, Aaron was to oversee and make sure the Menorah in the Tabernacle was to burn continually. Now all the branches of the tree, natural and grafted in will produce fruit/olives, which will provide the pure oil to burn continually to show the light of G-d, His good news of the Kingdom and the Messiah. If a branch does not produce, it will be cut out, pruned off the tree as a dead branch, whether natural or grafted in!

The honor of being the High Priest, and being the mediator between G-d and mankind, is given by God, not taken because of a desire to do so. Those who obediently brought the pure oil for the Menorah of the Tabernacle had a part in light of the Menorah burning continually. Yeshua is our High Priest now. Through Him, we bring the pure oil to do our part in keeping the lamp lit that shines the light of G-d, Yeshua HaMashiach and the good news of the Kingdom to all the world.

We see how Yeshua is the fulfillment of prior High Priests in the flesh in Hebrews. See the difference brought out between the high priest taken from among men and the High Priest Yeshua HaMashiach.

Hebrews 5:1-10 (CJB) ¹ For every **cohen gadol taken from among men is appointed** to act on people's behalf with regard to things concerning God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and with those who go astray, since he too is subject to weakness. ³ Also, because of this weakness, he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as those of the people. ⁴ **And no one takes this honor upon himself, rather, he is called by God, just as Aharon was.** ⁵ So neither did the Messiah glorify himself to become *cohen gadol*; rather, it was the One who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." ⁶ **Also, as he says in another place, "You are a cohen forever, to be compared with Malki-Tzedek."** ⁷ During Yeshua's life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions, crying aloud and shedding tears, to the One who had the power to deliver him from death; and he was heard because of his godliness. ⁸ Even though he was the Son, he learned obedience through his sufferings. ⁹ **And after he had been brought to the goal, he became the source of eternal deliverance to all who obey him,** ¹⁰ **since he had been proclaimed by God as a cohen gadol to be compared with Malki-Tzedek.**

What does Yeshua tell us about being a light, a lit lamp? Matthew chapter five has our answer.

Matthew 5:14-16 (CJB) ¹⁴ **"You are light for the world.** A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Likewise, when people light a lamp, they don't cover it with a bowl but put it on a lampstand, so that it shines for everyone in the house. ¹⁶ **In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they may see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven.**

Closing

Looking at the entire portion for today's teaching, we find that once G-d has given the very specific

instructions for the construction of the Tabernacle, the furnishing of the Tabernacle, the utensils of the Tabernacle, the clothing or garments of the priesthood, He next gives very special instructions for the consecration or installation of the priesthood.

Do not forget to fully read this portion for today in order to get the full awareness of the detail from G-d and the explicit instructions with prophetic foreshadowing to Yeshua HaMashiach and the "third Tabernacle/Temple" as revealed in the book of Revelation!

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 answered yes to the offer of salvation through the New Covenant, accepting Yeshua HaMashiach as our personal savior, the only begotten Son of G-d, we had best become a lit lamp of pure olive oil, shining the light of G-d to the world! For if we don't produce the pure oil to be used for that light, we will be pruned out, broken off the olive tree.

***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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