Parashah 19 T’rumah - תרמ"ה
“Contributions”

Torah: Sh’mot (Exodus) 25:1-27:19
Aliyah 1 - 25:1 - 16 God’s instructs people to take up a collection to make the tabernacle and ark
Aliyah 2 - 25:17 - 40 More instructions on creating the ark of the covenant, table, dishes, menorah
Aliyah 3 - 26:1 - 14 Instructions on how to make the tabernacle coverings
Aliyah 4 - 26:15 - 30 Planks and crossbars, gold rings; erected according to design shown on the Mt.
Aliyah 5 - 26:31 - 37 Instructions and colors to make the curtains of the Holy of Holies
Aliyah 6 - 27:1 - 8 Instructions on making the Altar, posts, shovels, basins, meat-hooks, poles
Aliyah 7 - 27:9 - 19 Courtyard tapestries of woven linen, post bands and service equipment of bronze

Haftarah: M’lakhim Alef (1 Kings) 5:26(12)-6:13
B’rit Hadashah: Matthew 5:33-37, Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 9:1-10

1. God gives Torah at Mt. Sinai. To what covenant event is this similar? How? What does God do next in this portion that is also similar?

2. (25:1) How is t’rumah different from a tithe? Why does God use this method to gather resources to create a tabernacle?

3. (25:8) What is a “sanctuary” (Hebrew: mikdash)? How was the tabernacle (Hebrew: mishkan) similar to Mt. Sinai?

4. (25:8) Did God ever “dwell” (Hebrew: shachan) among/in anyone before? If so, when?

5. (25:9) Where did Moshe go when he went “up” the mountain? What did he see there? What was he supposed to do with what he saw? How does this relate to what we know about the Festival of Sukkot?

6. The primary mitzvah in this portion is to build the holy temple in Jerusalem. To whom does this apply? When?
7. (25:15) A secondary mitzvah in this portion is regarding the poles in the Ark. Is this a positive or negative commandment? Why is this commanded only of the Ark?

8. (25:23-30) What is the “bread of the presence?” What was it’s purpose? What did the priests do with it? Of whom does it remind us today (Yochao 6:48)? How do we remember this in our halacha?

9. (25:31-40) Why are menorahs not used as “lamps” in synagogues or Jewish homes? Of whom does it remind us today (Yochanon 9:5)?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (25:2) How does scripture shape the way you give and handle the resources God has placed in your care? (1Ch 29:14, Act 20:35, 1Co 16:2, 2Co 9:7)

2. (25:17) How does the Ark of the Covenant portray God’s glory in Messiah Yeshua resting upon you? (Jer 31:31-33, Eph 1:13, 1Co 3:16)


4. (26:15) Much of the beauty and strength in the construction of the Tabernacle was not “seen” by most, and understood primarily by the artisans that created it. How does this speak of our lives today? (Mat 6:3-6, Eph 2:19-22, Heb 6:10)


7. (27:9) The tabernacle courtyard enclosure was very easily permeable material - possibly see-through. Are you standing within the security of it’s boundary? (Joh 10:28, Rom 8:38-39, Heb 6:4-6, Act 2:38-39, Phil 3:9, 2Pe 3:14, Pro 8:29, Jos 23:16, 1Ti 1:16)