Parashah 21 Ki Tissa - קי תissa
“When you take”

Torah: Sh’mot (Exodus) 30:11 – 34:35
Aliyah 1 - 30:11-31:17 Shekel Census, copper basin, anointing oil/incense formulas, craftsmen, shabbat
Aliyah 2 - 31:18-33:11 Moshe ascends Mt, Golden Calf, tablets broken, Levi stands, 3000 killed
Aliyah 3 - 33:12 - 16 Moshe asks reconsideration: God’s presence and not His angel go before them
Aliyah 4 - 33:17 - 23 God commits His presence to dwell among them; reveals His glory to Moshe
Aliyah 5 - 34:1 - 9 2nd set of tablets created by Moshe, God engraves 10 words, gives 13 attributes
Aliyah 6 - 34:10 - 26 Drive out inhabitants of the land, 3 pilgrim festivals, sanctify firstborn, meat/milk
Aliyah 7 - 34:27 - 35 2nd tablets, Moshe glows/veiled, teaches people Torah

Haftarah: M'lakhim Alef (1 Kings) 18:1-39
B'rit Hadashah: 1 Corinthians 8:4-13

1. (30:12-16) What is the purpose of a census? How often was it to be done? What concept does this teach us?

2. (30:17-21) What is the purpose of the bronze basin? How do the actions of Yeshua relate to this? (Yn 13:7-10)

3. (30:22-23) What was to be “anointed” with the holy oil? Psalm 45:6-7 speaks of anointing with oil. Was Yeshua anointed with oil?

4. (31:12-18) Why is the commandment regarding Shabbat repeated right after the appointment of B'tzal’el and Oholi’av?

5. (32:1-7) Did the Israelites create the golden calf to replace God? What was God telling Moshe at the same time they were creating the golden calf? What is idolatry?

6. (32:11) How does Moshe’s intervention portray Messiah? Was it just anger that caused Moshe to throw down the stone tablets?

7. (33:17) How does Moshe find “favor” in God’s eyes? What is “favor?”
8. (34:10) What are the “wonders” that God will do? What is their purpose? Is he still doing wonders?

9. (34:29) How does Moshe’s second descent from the mountain portray Yeshua?

10. What is the “new covenant”? (Jer 31:31-40)

Questions for reflection and application:


2. (31:18) If the Torah is the “ketubah” (marriage contract), how are you preparing for the coming bridegroom? (Isa 61:10, 62:5, Joh 3:29, Eph 1:13-14, 5:21-32, Rev 19:7-9)

3. (33:12) What is the source of Moshe’s boldness? Can you be bold and honest before God? (Luk 18:5, Isa 62:6-9, Luk 11:5-13)

4. (33:17) What does it mean to “find favor” in God’s eyes? Is it completely up to Him? Or are we involved also? (Jud 13:3-4, Luk 1:6, 28, 30, 1 Co 3:9, Mat 9:37-38, Joh 15:15, Mar 16:20, 2Co 6:1)

5. (34:1) Have you offered the blank slate of your heart to God through His mediator? (Jer 31:30, 1Ti 2:5-6, Mat 13:45-46, Joh 15:9-10, Eze 37:24-28)


7. (34:27) God Torah never changes - but the tablets may. How do you recognize this difference? (Mal 3:6, Gal 3:19, 1Ti 2:5-6, 2Co 3:6, 15-16, Joh 5:39, Heb 4:12, Joh 4:14, 10:10, 14:26, Jer 11:2-5, Mar 4:3-9)