Parashah 36 B’ha’alotekha -  בְּחָלֹתֵךְ "When you set up"

Torah: B’midbar (Numbers) 8:1-12:16
- Aliyah 1 - 8:1 - 14: Lighting of the menorah; final preparation of the L’vi’im for tabernacle service
- Aliyah 2 - 8:15 - 26: L’vi’im serve in place of firstborn; serve from age 25 to fifty
- Aliyah 3 - 9:1 - 14: Second Pesach for those not able to participate in the first due to ritual impurity
- Aliyah 4 - 9:15 - 10:10: Following the cloud; 2 silver trumpets for assembly, alarm, war, Rosh Chodesh
- Aliyah 5 - 10:11 - 34: The cloud moves 20th day, 2nd month, 2nd year; Sinai to Pa’aran by banners
- Aliyah 6 - 10:35 -11:29: Grumbling about food; 70 elders (sanhedrin) established, filled with the Spirit
- Aliyah 7 - 11:30 - 12:16: Quail come, plague; Miryam/Aharon criticize Moshe, Miryam healed of leprosy

Haftarah: Z’kharyah (Zechariah) 2:14-4:7
B’rit Hadashah: Yochanon (John) 19:31-37; Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 3:1-6

1. What does the menorah symbolize? How does the menorah speak of balance? How does this apply
to the way we live our lives?

2. In this portion it says that the L’vi’im are to serve from age 25 to 50 years old. In other passages it
says from age 30 to 50. How do you account for the difference?

3. Does the second Pesach have any application today? Why or why not? Why are other moedim not
given this same consideration?

4. Were the trumpets described in 10:2 shofars? For what were they used? Should we use them today?

5. Who are the "enemies of God?"

6. How is the peoples’ complaint about the man (manna) symbolic of Messiah?
7. Why is Moshe considered the greatest prophet and leader of Israel? How does this prefigure Messiah?

Questions for reflection and application:

1. (8:2) Has the unquenchable fire of the Ruach Ha Kodesh (Holy Spirit) been raised up to burn brightly in your life? (Eze 21:3-4 CJB (20:47-48 other versions), Joh 6:40, 2Co 4:6-10, Mat 5:14-16)

2. (8:15) How have you been “set apart for holiness by means of the truth (Joh 17:16-17)? (Num 8:6-14, Rom 12:1-2, Joh 17:6-19, 1Jo 2:15-17)


4. (9:16) Does God’s glory dwell in you? If so, is it revealed in you for others to see, or is it obscured by the “clouds” of your life? (Exo 40:38, 2Ch 7:3, Eze 1:27-28, Dan 9:17-19, Joh 1:14, Act 6:15, 2Co 4:6-10)


6. (10:35) This verse along with Mic 4:2 and Isa 2:3 are part of synagogue liturgy when the Torah is taken out of the Ark for reading. Does God’s Word in you cause the enemy to flee? (Psa 83:3-4, Isa 51:9-11, Psa 110:1-2, Jer 15:16, Mat 12:30, 2Co 4:2, Heb 4:12)