

Parashah 19 T'rumah - תְּרוּמָה "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

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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?

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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 (Yochaon 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)
3. (26:1) God reveals Himself in many ways. How do you “see” Him? (Exo 25:40, Isa 6:1-2, Eze 1:10, Mat 13:17, Luk 4:40-41, Heb 11:13-16, 1Pe 1:10-12)
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)
5. (26:31) What separates you from entering into the very presence of God? (Amo 8:11-12, Isa 59:2, Heb 9:7, Eph 2:12-14, Heb 9:12, Heb 6:19-20, Mar 15:38)
6. (27:1) We are to be a “living” sacrifice (Rom 12:1), what details describe the altar of our lives? (Eze 43:15, Lev 19:2, Heb 9:22, Hos 6:6, Deu 6:4-5, Gal 2:20, Heb 4:14, Rev 5:8, Exo 20:24-26, Heb 13:10-13)
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)