Parashah 36-2 B'ha'alotkha בִּהַעֵלֹתִחָ



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and in the day of the raising up of the tabernacle / the cloud sat on the tabernacle - tent of the testimony / and in evening it was on the tabernacle, appearing of fire till morning	uv'yom ha'qiym et-ha'mish'kan kisah he'anan et-hamish'kan le'óhel ha'edut u'va'érev yiheyéh al-ha'mish'kan ke'mar'eh-esh ad'bóqer		וּבִיוֹם הָקִים אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן כִּסָה הֶעָנָן אֶת־הַמִּשְׁכָּן לְאֹהֶל הָעֵדֵת וּבַעֶרֶב יִהְיֶה עַל־הַמִּשְׁכָּן כְּמַרְאֵה־ אֵשׁ עַד־בּקֵר:		

This portion addresses an assortment of issues. We focus on the cloud and fire that covered the Tabernacle during their journey, and the creation and use of silver trumpets for communication.

The Haftarah speaks about a lampstand, just as the Torah portion began by speaking of the lampstand. It also speaks of a high priest in filthy garments being clothed in fresh garments, just as the Torah portion speaks of cleansing the Levites.

Year 1 Aliyah Highlights

- 1. Nu. 9:15-16 "The day..." is the 1st day of the 1st month of the 2nd year (Ex. 40:17, 34). This refers to a historical event (all verbs are in the perfect tense). The following verses refer to continuous occurrences (verbs are imperfect).
- 2. Nu. 9:17-23 The word, "Tabernacle" (mishkan מָשָׁכָן) and the phrase, "at the mouth of HaShem" (al pey ADONAI – על-פי יהוה) both appear 7 times. Israel's travel to The Land was directed only by HaShem, not any man. Israel marched only by day, following the cloud (v. 19-22, 10:34). This section ends with a perfect tense verb, indicating Israel faithfully followed the fire/cloud sign from HaShem.
- 3. Nu. 10:1-7 The Trumpets (kha-tzotz-rot הַצוֹצָרֹת) preparation for the march. Silver trumpets were made and used for communicating to the masses.
- 4. Nu. 10:8-10 Priests sound the silver trumpets (anyone can sound a shofar!). They are sounded (teru'ah – הרועה) for war and for worship, for remembrance (2Chr. 13:12-16) and reminder.
- 5. Nu. 10:11-20 Second year, second month, 20th day the march begins, guided by the fire/cloud. The wilderness of Pa'ran is likely a general name for the Sinai peninsula. The Tabernacle is disassembled.
- 6. Nu. 10:21-28 K'hat set out with the sanctuary building. The tribes marched in their military formation.
- 7. Nu. 10:29-34 Moshe's father-in-law worshiped HaShem (Ex. 18:10-12, De. 33:2). Serving "as our eyes" infers human agency assisting the leading of HaShem. It seems he remains (Judg. 1:16, 4:11)

Thought Focus

Communication from HaShem: How does HaShem get his message to the people? Through speech? Through trumpet blasts? Through signs (fire/cloud)? Yes, yes, and yes!



Two "callings": The Silver Trumpets represent two ways of existing, two ways of relating to the world. The congregation (*e-dah* – עִרָה) is a coming together in community: common good, values, ideals, vision, purpose. The encampment (ma-kha-neh – מָחָבָה) is a coming together to respond to the outside world: defense, protection, preparation and response to a common enemy, Both suffer and celebrate together; both communicate an outward calling, and deal with external influences and actions.

Daily Devotional questions for reflection and application

- (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)
- 3. (9:2) Who set the "appointed times?" What is their purpose? Are they relevant for you today? (Lev 23:2, Ecc 3:1, Exo 29:38-46, Mat 12:1-8)
- 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)
- 5. (10:11) Are you prepared to pick up and begin moving forward when God tells you it is time for something new? (Exo 40:36-38, Num 9:18, Num 10:13, Isa 42:9, 43:18-19, 48:6, Mat 16:21, Mark 8:31, Luke 9:22)
- 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)
- 7. (12:13) Moshe's prayer is heart-felt honest and simple. What is your prayer life like? (Psa 30:2-4(1-3), Jer 17:14, Gen 18:23-32, Mat 6:5-7, Mark 12:40, Luk 11:1-4, 22:42-44, 23:34, Jam 5:16)