

Parsha Tetzaveh Exodus 27:20– 28:43 (part one)

Parsha Tetzaveh is the continuation of Moses on Mt. Sinai after receiving the Torah, He is now being shown the instructions (from the Heavenly version) to build the earthly Tabernacle... So what's the purpose of building this Tabernacle??? To understand this, we need to understand what YHWH wanted all along... to dwell with us! Consider the following... **Exodus 25:8** "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

1 - YHWH walked in Eden with Adam and Eve, Compared to: Yeshua walked among the people.

2 - YHWH tabernacled (temporary dwelling) (2Sam.7:6&1Chron.17:5) among His people. Compared to: You are the tabernacle (temporary dwelling) of the Holy Spirit (1Cor. 3:16).

3 - YHWH dwelt in the Temple (1Kings8,2Chron.6,Neh.8) Compared to: YHWH will dwell permanently with us in the Third Temple (Ezek.37:26) and again in the New Jerusalem (Rev.21:10)

This is the whole point of all of these detailed instructions! So that HE may dwell with us!!! Everything in these instructions is a shadow of what's in Heaven: The Levites are a shadow of Malki-tzedek (Heb.8:1-5), the Menorah is a shadow of the Ruach (Rev.4:5), the blood sacrifices is a shadow of the Messiah (Rom.3:25).

With this in mind lets start the Torah reading...

Ch27:20-21. Remember that the Menorah itself is not light, but the oil burning in the Menorah is Light... some Menorah verses in scripture... **Matthew 5:14** "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 "Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a Menorah, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- Your light is to be set in the Menorah
- Your light is meant to give light to all who are in the house (house is a picture of the family of YHWH, i.e. the Tabernacle)
- When they see your light shine, they are seeing your good works (idom for keeping the commandments)
- Seeing you keeping the commandments is what will cause them to glorify the Father.

Revelation 1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden Menorahs, 13 and in the midst of the seven Menorahs One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band....**20** "The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden Menorahs: The seven stars are the angels of the seven congregations, and the seven Menorahs which you saw are the seven congregations.

- A believing congregation is a Menorah (how many people think of a Menorah as a just a "Jewish" symbol)
- Yeshua walks in the midst of the congregations (He dwells among us)

So, what I was hoping that you would see is that the Menorah is another picture of the body of Messiah. He is the head, we are the body. He is the vine, we are the branches. (John15:5). He is the central stem of the Menorah, we are the branches stemming off of it. We can't shine our light without being connected to Him. Now let's see what the Bible has to say about light.

Genesis 1:3 Then Elohim said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And Elohim saw the light, that it was good; and Elohim divided the light from the darkness.

The Creator separated light from the darkness before the creation of the sun, moon, and the stars on the fourth day. Therefore we know that this was some sort of spiritual light, which we can support by the other book-end of the Scriptures:

Revelation 22:5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the

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YHWH Elohim gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever. These verses from literally **the first and the last chapters of the Scriptures** give the **eternal... Melchizedek** picture of **light**. But we know from the Biblical **patterns**, that **light** will be worked out in some sort of an **earthly** way until the Almighty's plan has been **completed**.

Yeshua makes a comment about **light** in John 8:

John 8:12 Then **Yeshua** spoke to them again, saying, "**I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.**"

Did the people who heard Him say this **know what He meant**? Absolutely! Here are a few verses that would have come to mind for them:

Psalms 119:105 Your **word is a lamp** to my feet **And a light to my path.**

Proverbs 6:23 For the **commandment is a lamp**, **And the Torah a light**; **Reproofs of instruction are the way of life**, **Isaiah 5:20** Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; **Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness**; **Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!** 21 Woe to **those who are wise in their own eyes**, **And prudent in their own sight!**

John 3:19 "And this is the condemnation, that the **light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.** 20 "For everyone practicing evil hates the light and **does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.** 21 "But **he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.**"

For now what I want you to remember about **light** is this:

- **Torah is light and light is Torah**
- **Yeshua is the living Torah and Yeshua is light**
- **We are lights when we keep the Torah**

You can see that **one olive** cannot provide **light** for very long. The **whole tree (all of Israel)** is necessary to keep the **Tabernacle** lit with **light**. And one of the symbols of **Israel** is quite clearly the **olive tree!**

Jeremiah 11:16 YHWH called your name, **Green Olive Tree**, **Lovely and of Good Fruit.** With the noise of a great tumult He has kindled fire on it, **And its branches are broken.**

Romans 11:17 **And if some of the branches were broken off**, and you, being a wild **olive tree**, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the **olive tree**, Some other interesting Olive oil/tree scriptures...

Zechariah 4:2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there *is* a **Menorah** of solid gold with a **bowl on top** of it, and on the *stand* seven lamps with **seven pipes to the seven lamps.** 3 "Two olive trees *are* by it, **one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.**" & **Zechariah 4:11** Then I answered and said to him, "**What are these two olive trees -- at the right of the lampstand and at its left?**" 12 And I further answered and said to him, "**What are these two olive branches that drip into the receptacles of the two gold pipes from which the golden oil drains?**" 13 Then he answered me and said, "Do you not know what these *are*?" And I said, "No, my Master." 14 So he said, "**These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside Master of the whole earth.**" Compared to: **Revelation 11:3** "And I will give *power* to **my two witnesses**, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." 4 **These are the two olive trees and the two menorahs standing before Adonai of the earth.** These two Olive Trees looking at it through scriptural eyes are Israel, Ephraim and Judah! **v21** The phrase "from evening to morning" seems to mean day after day, the wording is the same in (**Gen.1:5**) also we see that a day starts at evening contrary to our western culture.

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Finally moving on to **Ch.28:1-8**. The Garments commanded in **v5**, ritual vest **v6**, and the belt in **v8**, are the same colors used in the building of the Tabernacle (**Exo.26:31-32**)

V9-21 There is a lot of symbolism going on here **TWO** onyx stones (Six tribes on each) **TWO** Olive Tree's in **Zach**. Mentioned above, the **TWO** sticks in **Ezekiel 37**, **TWO** witnesses in **Rev 11**. the end times... it all adds up to Ephraim and Judah!

The twelve stones on the breastplate, one for each tribe of Israel, can be determined by using birth order from **Gen.29:31- 30:24**. So it would be...

- 1. Reuben = Carnelian**
- 2. Shimon = Topaz**
- 3. Levi = Emerald**
- 4. Judah = Green Feldspar**
- 5. Dan = Sapphire**
- 6. Naphtali = Diamond**
- 7. Gad = Orange Zircon**
- 8. Asher = Agate**
- 9. Issachar = Amethyst**
- 10. Z'vulun = Beryl**
- 11. Joseph = Onyx**
- 12 .Benjamin = Jasper**

Satan has also used this as a perversion in the “zodiac” and has perverted the original birthstones.

V22-30. It is unclear whether the Urim and Thummim were on, by, or in the High Priest's ephod. No one knows the precise nature of the Urim and Thummim or exactly how they were used. The Bible simply does not give us enough information. References to the Urim and Thummim are rare in the Bible. They are first mentioned in the description of the breastplate of judgment (**Exo.28:30&Lev.8:8**). When Joshua succeeded Moses as leader over Israel, he was to receive answers from God by means of the Urim through Eleazar the High Priest (**Num.27:21**). The Urim and Thummim are next mentioned in Moses' dying blessing upon Levi (**Deut.33:8**). The following Scripture likely also speak of the Urim and Thummim: **Josh.7:14-18,1 Sam.14:37-45,&2 Sam.21:1**.

V31-43. The gold **seal** on the **forehead** (**v36**) draws many correlations in scripture. As priest's before YHWH *we must all be sealed by YHWH to see Him face to face ... *{**Revelation 1:6** and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his Elohim and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.**1 Peter 2:5** you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, to be cohanim set apart for Elohim to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to Him through Yeshua the Messiah}

Exodus 13:9 This observance (PASSOVER) will be for you like a sign on your hand and a reminder on your **forehead** that the Torah of the YHWH is to be on your lips. For the YHWH brought you out of Egypt (Bondage) with his mighty hand.

Exodus 13:16 “And it will be like a sign on your hand and a symbol on your **forehead** that the LORD brought us out of Egypt with his mighty hand.”(PASSOVER)

Deuteronomy 6:8 “Tie them (Torah) as symbols on your hands and bind them on your **foreheads**.”

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Deuteronomy 11:18 Fix these words (Torah) of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your **foreheads**.

Ezekiel 9:4 and said to him, "Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the **foreheads** of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things (the celebration of easter) that are done in it." (Satan tricks us into being not sealed by YHWH)

Revelation 7:3 "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a **seal** on the **foreheads** of the servants of our God."

Revelation 9:4 "They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the **seal** of God on their **foreheads**."

Revelation 14:1 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their **foreheads**.

Revelation 20:4 I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Yeshua and because of the word of YHWH. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their **foreheads** or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Messiah a thousand years.

Revelation 22:4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their **foreheads**.

So to see YHWH in the New Jerusalem, face to face, according to scripture, we need to... Keep the Torah on our minds (**Deut.1:18**), grieve and lament over all the detestable things (**Ezek.9:4**) and seal yourself with the blood of the Lamb (**Exo.12:7,Rev.7:15,&12:11**)

There is YHWH's mark, or we can receive the mark of the beast by following the world...

Ezekiel 9:4-6 "Go throughout the city of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and lament over all the detestable things that are done in it." ⁵ As I listened, he said to the others, "Follow him through the city and kill, without showing pity or compassion. ⁶ Slaughter old men, young men and maidens, women and children, but do not touch anyone who has the mark. Begin at my sanctuary." So they began with the elders who were in front of the temple.

Revelation 13:16 He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his **forehead**,

Revelation 14:9 A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives his mark on the **forehead** or on the hand,

Revelation 17:5 This title was written on her **forehead**: MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. **HafTorah**: Hos. 14:4-9. **Brit haDeshah**: Heb 4:14-16. Shabbat Shalom! Written By Jesse Himango, Tabernacle of David Ministries