

Tetzaveh
“You Shall Command”

Torah: Exodus 27:20-30:10
Haftarah: Ezekiel 43:10-27
Brit Chadasha: Philippians 4:10-20

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TORAH:

Exodus 27:20

20 “Also you are to command *Bnei-Yisrael*, that they are to bring to you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually.

21 In the Tent of Meeting, outside the curtain which is before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons will set it in order, to burn from evening to morning before *Adonai*. It will be a statute forever throughout their generations, on behalf of *Bnei-Yisrael*.

Exodus 28

Kohen’s Garments

1 “Bring your brother Aaron near with his sons from among *Bnei-Yisrael*, so that they may minister to Me as *kohanim*—Aaron and his sons Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.

2 You are to make holy garments for your brother Aaron, for splendor and for beauty.

3 You are to speak to all who are skilled, whom I have filled with a spirit of artistry, to make Aaron’s garments for consecrating him, so that he may minister to Me as a *kohen*.

4 These are the garments that they are to make: a breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a tunic of checkered work, a turban and a sash. They are to make holy garments for your brother Aaron and his sons, so that he may minister to Me as a *kohen*.

5 They are to use the gold, blue, purple, scarlet and fine linen.

6 “They are to make the ephod of gold, blue, purple, scarlet and finely twisted linen, the work of the skillful craftsman.

7 It is to have two shoulder pieces stitched to the two ends, so that it may be joined together.

8 The skillfully woven band which is upon it, with which it is to be bound, is to be made like the design, and from the same piece of gold, blue, purple, scarlet and finely twisted linen.

9 “You are to take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of *Bnei-Yisrael*:

10 six of their names on one stone and the names of the remaining six on the other stone, in the order of their birth.

11 With the work of a gem cutter engraving a seal, etch the two stones, in the order of the names of *Bnei-Yisrael*. Make them enclosed in settings of gold.

12 Fasten the two stones upon the shoulder pieces of the ephod, to be memorial stones for *Bnei-Yisrael*. So Aaron is to bear their names before *Adonai* on his two shoulders as a reminder.

13 Fashion filigree settings of gold,

14 along with two chains of pure gold, of braided work, and you will attach the chains to the filigree settings.

15 “Make a breastplate of judgment, the work of a skillful craftsman. You are to make it like the design of the ephod—of gold, blue, purple, scarlet and finely twisted linen.

16 It is to be square and doubled over, a span in length and a span in width.

17 Set within it four rows of jewels: a row of ruby, topaz and emerald for the first row;

18 a turquoise, a sapphire and a diamond for the second row;

19 a jacinth, an agate and an amethyst for the third;

20 and a beryl, an onyx and a jasper for the fourth row. They are to be enclosed in gold filigree settings.

21 The stones are to be engraved in the order of the names of *Bnei-Yisrael*, twelve according to their names, like the etchings of a signet seal, one corresponding to each name of the twelve tribes.

22 “Also you are to make, upon the breastplate, braided chains of wreathed work from pure gold.

23 Forge on the breastplate two rings of gold and fasten the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

24 Then attach the two wreathed chains of gold on the two rings at the ends of the breastplate.

25 The other two ends of the chains you are to place on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod in front.

26 So you are to make two rings of gold, and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, on the edge of it that is toward the inner side of the ephod.

27 Also make two gold rings and place them on the shoulder pieces of the ephod underneath, in the front, close to where it is joined, above the artfully woven band of the ephod.

28 Then they will bind the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a blue thread, so that it may be on the skillfully woven band of the ephod, and so that the breastplate will not come loose from it.

29 “Aaron will bear the names of *Bnei-Yisrael* in the breastplate of judgment on his heart, whenever he enters the holy place, as a continual memorial before *Adonai*.

30 Also put the Urim and the Thummim within the breastplate of judgment, so they will be on Aaron’s heart when he goes in before *Adonai*. Aaron will bear the judgment of *Bnei-Yisrael* on his heart before *Adonai* continually.

31 “You are to make the robe of the ephod entirely of blue.

32 It is to have a hole for the head in the center, and a binding of woven work around the hole, as a collar, so that it may not be torn.

33 On the hem of it you are to make pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet, all around the hem, with golden bells between them:

34 one golden bell and a pomegranate, then another golden bell and a pomegranate, on the hem of the robe all around.

35 It must be worn by Aaron whenever he ministers. The sound will be heard when he goes into the holy place before *Adonai* and when he comes out, so that he does not die.

36 “Also you are to make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engravings of a seal, ‘HOLY TO *Adonai*.’

37 Attach it with a violet cord onto the turban, on the front of the turban.

38 So it will rest on Aaron’s forehead, so that Aaron will bear away the iniquity committed regarding the holy things, which *Bnei-Yisrael* set apart as all their holy gifts. It is to be always on his forehead, so that they may have favor before *Adonai*.

39 “You are to weave the tunic in checkered work of fine linen, make a turban of fine linen, and make a sash, the work of a color weaver.

40 For Aaron’s sons you are to make tunics, sashes and headwear for them—for splendor and for beauty.

41 Put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him, and anoint them, consecrate them, and sanctify them, so that they may minister to Me as *kohanim*.

42 “You are to make linen undergarments for them, to cover the skin of their nakedness, from the hips to the thighs.

43 They are to be worn by Aaron and his sons when they go into the Tent of Meeting or when they approach the altar to minister in the holy place, so that they do not become subject to guilt and die. It is to be a statute forever, to him and to his offspring after him.

Exodus 29

How to Consecrate Kohanim

1 “Now this is what you are to do to consecrate them, so that they may minister as *kohanim*. Take one young bull and two rams without blemish,

2 along with *matzot* , cakes of *matzot* mixed with oil, and *matzot* wafers spread with oil. Make them from fine wheat flour.

3 You are to put them into one basket and present them, along with the bull and the two rams.

4 You are to bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and wash them with water.

5 Then take the garments, and put the tunic on Aaron, along with the robe, the ephod and the breastplate. Gird him with the artfully woven band of the ephod,

6 set the turban on his head, and put the holy coronet on the turban.

7 Then you are to take the anointing oil, pour it upon his head and anoint him.

8 Also you are to bring his sons and put tunics on them.

9 You are to gird Aaron and his sons with sashes, tie headwear on them, and they shall hold the priesthood by a perpetual statute. In this way you are to consecrate Aaron and his sons.

10 “You are to bring the bull before the Tent of Meeting, and Aaron and his sons are to lay their hands on its head.

11 You are to slaughter the bull before *Adonai* at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

12 Then take the blood of the bull, put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour out all the remaining blood at the base of the altar.

13 Also take all the fat that covers the innards, the lobe above the liver, the two kidneys, along with the fat that is on them, and burn them on the altar.

14 But the meat of the bull, along with its skin and its dung, you are to burn with fire outside the camp. It is a sin offering.

15 “Then take one ram, have Aaron and his sons lay their hands upon the head of the ram,

16 then slaughter the ram, take its blood, and sprinkle it around the altar.

17 You are to cut the ram into pieces, wash its innards and its legs, and place them with its head and other pieces.

18 Then you are to offer the whole ram up in smoke on the altar. It is a burnt offering to *Adonai*, a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to *Adonai*.

19 “Then take the other ram, and have Aaron and his sons lay their hands upon the head of that ram.

20 Slaughter the ram, take its blood, and dab it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron, on the tip of the right ears of his sons, on the thumb of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet, then pour the blood on the altar all around.

21 Also you are to take some of the blood that is on the altar, along with the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and his garments, and on his sons and their garments. In this way he and his garments are to be consecrated, along with his sons and their garments.

22 “Moreover, take some of the fat from the ram, along with the fat tail, the fat that covers the innards, the covering over the liver, the two kidneys and the fat that is on them, along with the right thigh, because it is a ram of consecration.

23 Also take one loaf of bread, one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of *matzot* that is before *Adonai*.

24 You are to put the entirety into Aaron’s hands and the hands of his sons, and present them as a wave offering before *Adonai*.

25 Then you are to take them out of their hands and offer them up in smoke on the altar on top of the burnt offering, as a sweet aroma before *Adonai*, an offering made by fire to *Adonai*.

26 Also take the breast of Aaron’s ram of consecration and wave it as a wave offering before *Adonai*—so it will be your portion.

27 “Set apart the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of the contribution, which is waved and offered up, from the ram of consecration, including what belongs to Aaron and his sons.

28 It is to belong to Aaron and his sons as their due share forever from *Bnei-Yisrael*, because it is a contribution. It is to be a contribution from *Bnei-Yisrael* from their sacrifices of fellowship offerings, their contribution to *Adonai*.

29 “The holy garments of Aaron are to pass to his sons after him, to be anointed in them and to be consecrated in them.

30 The son that succeeds him as *kohen*, who comes into the Tent of Meeting to minister in the holy place, is to put them on for seven days.

31 “You are to take the ram of consecration and boil its meat in a holy place.

32 Aaron and his sons are to eat the meat of the ram and the bread that is in the basket at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

33 They are to eat those things with which atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them, but a layman is not to eat them, because they are holy.

34 If some of the meat of the consecration or the bread remains until the morning, you are to burn the remainder with fire. It shall not be eaten, because it is holy.

35 “Do for Aaron and his sons everything according to what I have commanded you. Consecrate them for seven days.

36 Each day you are to offer a bull as a sin offering, apart from the other offerings of atonement. Also purify the altar when you make atonement for it, and anoint it in order to sanctify it.

37 You are to make atonement for the altar for seven days, and so sanctify it. The altar will be most holy, and whatever touches it will become holy.

38 “Now this is what you are to offer upon the altar: two one-year-old lambs, each day, continually.

39 You are to offer one lamb in the morning and the other lamb at dusk.

40 Offer along with the first lamb a tenth of an ephah of fine flour, mixed with a fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and a fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering.

41 The other lamb you are to offer at dusk, like the grain offering and drink offering of the morning, as a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to *Adonai*.

42 It is to be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting before *Adonai*. There I will meet with you, to speak with you there.

43 I will meet with *Bnei-Yisrael* there. So it will be sanctified by My glory.

44 “So I will sanctify the Tent of Meeting and the altar. I will also sanctify Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as *kohanim*.

45 So I will dwell among *Bnei-Yisrael* and be their God.

46 Then they will know that I am *Adonai* their God, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, so that I may live among them. I am *Adonai* their God.

Exodus 30

Incense Altar

1 “You are to make an altar of acacia wood for burning incense.

2 It is to be square—one cubit in length, one cubit wide, and two cubits high. The horns must be of one piece with it.

3 You are to overlay it with pure gold on top, all around the sides and over the horns. Also you are to make a crown of gold for it all around.

4 Make two golden rings for it under the crown on the two sides, and they will be holders for poles to carry it.

5 Make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold.

6 You are to set it in front of the curtain that is in front of the Ark of the Testimony, in front of the atonement cover that is over the Testimony, where I will meet with you.

7 "Aaron must burn sweet spices of incense there every morning. When he attends to the lamps, he is to burn it.

8 Also when Aaron keeps the lamps lit at dusk he must burn it. There must be incense continually before *Adonai*, throughout your generations.

9 You must not offer up unauthorized incense on it. Nor should any burnt offering or grain offering be there, nor should you pour any drink offering there.

10 Aaron is to make atonement upon the horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering throughout your generations. It is most holy to *Adonai*."

HAFTARAH

Ezekiel 43:10-27

10 By His will we have been made holy through the offering of the body of Messiah *Yeshua* once for all.

11 Indeed, every *kohen* stands day by day serving and offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins.

12 But on the other hand, when this One offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God—

13 waiting from then on, until His enemies are made a footstool for His feet.

14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those being made holy.

15 The *Ruach ha-Kodesh* also testifies to us—for after saying,

16 “This is the covenant that I will cut with them: ‘After those days,’ says *Adonai*, ‘I will put My *Torah* upon their hearts, and upon their minds I will write it,’” then He says,

17 “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

18 Now where there is removal of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

Let Us Pray Boldly in God’s Presence

19 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have boldness to enter into the Holies by the blood of *Yeshua*.

20 He inaugurated a new and living way for us through the curtain—that is, His flesh.

21 We also have a *Kohen Gadol* over God’s household.

22 So let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and body washed with pure water.

23 Let us hold fast the unwavering confession of hope, for He who promised is faithful.

24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good deeds.

25 And do not neglect our own meetings, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another—and all the more so as you see the Day approaching.

26 For if we keep on sinning willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
27 but only a terrifying expectation of judgment and a fury of fire about to devour the enemies of God.

BRIT CHADASHA

Philippians 4:10-20

The Secret of Contentment

10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me (though you were concerned before but lacked opportunity to show it).

11 I am not saying this because I am in need—for whatever circumstance I am in, I have learned to be content.

12 I know what it is to live with humble means, and I know what it is to live in prosperity. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of contentment—both to be filled and to go hungry, to have abundance and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Messiah who strengthens me.

14 Nevertheless, you have done well to share in my trouble.

15 Now you Philippians also know that in the beginning of the Good News, when I left Macedonia, not a single community partnered with me in giving and receiving—except you alone.

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent something for my need more than once.

17 Not that I am looking for a gift, but for fruit that overflows to your credit.

18 But I have received everything and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you sent—a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.

19 My God will fulfill every need of yours according to the riches of His glory in Messiah *Yeshua*.

20 To our God and Father be the glory forever and ever! Amen.

