

Parashah 20 Tidbit

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Tetzaveh, תִּצְוֶה, Shall Command,

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Today's Parashah is called Tetzaveh, תִּצְוֶה, it is from the word Tzav, צו, means, **command, order, charged**, and with the letter Tav as a prefix, it means *shall Command*. It comes from the root word Tzivah, צוה, which means, command, commanded, commandment, order, give a charge, ordered, he bound, united, he enjoined, bequeathed, injunction, testament, he showed, declared, he inspired, revealed, he appointed. It is spelled with the letter Tzade צ, which means catch, desire or need, the letter Vav, ו, which means, nail, or to connect things together, and the letter Hey ה, which means, behold or reveal, and we know that the letter *Hey* is used twice in the name YHVH, יהוה. To me, the pictographic meaning that I see in the word Tzivah or Tzavah, is that YHVH, represented by the letter Hey, and who is our crucified Messiah, represented by the letter Vav (nail), wants to reveal Himself to us, through His Commandments, represented by the letter Tzade. And in this Parashah that is exactly what He does.

Exodus 27:20-21

In the past two chapters we have gone through the Commandments to build the Tabernacle and all or most of its parts. Here, in the beginning of our Parashah, in *Exodus 27, verse 20*, we are told that the children of Yisrael (that would be the Yisrael that we are a part of) are to bring **pure** olive oil, beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn **always**. It is the oil for the Menorah which is outside the veil before the Ark of the Testimony.

The process of making the oil was a very arduous one. The olives were thrown in a large vat or tank and crushed by large stones. The first oil that came out was the **pure olive oil** that had **NO FLESH** of the Olive in it, and it was used for the Menorah. Then comes the second crushing where the pulp from the first crushing was put under even more pressure and the oil that came out was almost pure, but it contained small and minute particles of the flesh of the olive, which then had to go through the purifying process. Finally the pulp that is left over from the second crushing, is crushed a *third time* and the oil that remains in the pulp is forced out by the great pressure exerted on it. This time however, there is even more flesh of the olive remaining in it, and therefore, it too has to go through the refining process, in order to remove the flesh of the olive from the olive oil. This is a picture of our Messiah's crucifixion and resurrection, and a picture of what His followers will have to go through **IF** they want to abide in the vine, they too will have to be crushed, so that they can be vessels worthy of the calling of being a totally surrendered Torah obedient follower of Messiah, where they are dead to self, where there is **NO FLESHLY DESIRES LEFT IN THEM AT ALL**, and that crushing my friends, might have to be done more than once, since we, the sheep of YHVH's pasture, often return and succumb, and or give in to our fleshly desires.

The pressure that our Messiah experienced when He was in the Garden of Gethsemane, the *Olive Garden*, (Gethsemane means olive press) where the Scripture tells us that Messiah was in agony and *He prayed more earnestly; and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground. Luke 22:44.*

When Messiah was crushed, nothing ***BUT PURE OLIVE OIL CAME OUT OF HIM*** for He was Sinless, ***BUT*** when we decide to surrender our wills to our heavenly Father and we are crushed, there ***IS SOME*** flesh that is left behind after the crushing and therefore, many of us have to go through the crushing a few more times to ensure that ***ALL*** of our fleshly desires have truly been set aside in favour of total surrendered loving obedience to all the Words of our heavenly Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah.

The third crushing is to remove the hidden sin, that even we, did not know we had hidden in our hearts. When I first became a believer in the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, and surrendered my heart to His Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah, I thought that at that point in my life, I had been cleansed of all my Sins, ***BUT***, as I grew in knowledge of YHVH's marvellous Word, His Torah of Life, I realized that there were deeds in my life that were still sinful, even though at the time, I was not even aware that these deeds were sinful, therefore, I have to admit that I am one of the people that needed to be crushed more than once, to set aside ***ALL*** of my fleshly desires. We are ***ALL*** works in progress, and our loving caring compassionate heavenly Father, wants us all to spend eternity with Him as the Bride of Messiah, therefore ***He will crush us and build us up*** as many times as it takes, until we make a choice to follow Him in total loving surrendered obedience or follow the enemy's man made doctrine into everlasting damnation.

We have to understand that it ***IS*** absolutely necessary that every surrendered contrite heart to the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, must be crushed like the olive, so that we too can become ***PURE OLIVE OIL***, that has been crushed and purified, to ensure that ***ALL*** the flesh of the olive is removed permanently, so that like our heavenly Father's spotless Lamb, we too, can be a ***LIGHT*** unto the nations of the world that are mired in darkness. Our Olive Oil, which represents our spirit, ***MUST BE AS PURE*** as the Olive Oil that is used for the Menorah is pure, ***it must be void of any and all flesh*** in order to burn pure, ***AND*** be a light unto the Nations of the world, that are mired in darkness.

Matthew 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, IF it is possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless NOT as I will, but as You will.

We too, like Messiah, are to rid ourselves of all our fleshly desires to become true obedient servants of the most High Elohim.

In Scripture, Aaron and his sons ***ARE*** Commanded to keep the flame lit from evening to morning before YHVH. ***It SHALL BE A STATUTE FOR EVER*** unto their generations on behalf of the children of Yisrael.

Here we must recall and ***keep*** in mind that Mosheh was instructed to make all the things of the Tabernacle ***EXACTLY AS IT WAS SHOWN HIM ON THE MOUNT, OR IN HEAVEN***. Therefore we absolutely have to realize, understand and believe that the tabernacle that Mosheh built, ***IS AN***

EXACT REPLICA of what Mosheh saw in heaven, and **IF THE LIGHT OF THE MENORAH IS EXTINGUISHED, THEN WE GET A DISTORTED PICTURE OF THE TABERNACLE, AND THE PURPOSE OF THE TABERNACLE.**

The purpose of the Tabernacle, **IS to show us Messiah**, as He truly **IS**, the Living Word, the Way to the heart of our heavenly Father, the Living Torah of the Father, the obedient Living Word of YHVH made flesh, who dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of **GRACE and TRUTH** (*John 1:14*), and in whom there is no variableness nor shadow of turning. *James 1:17 with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of changing (turning).*
Malachi 3:6 For I am YHVH, I do **NOT** change, therefore you sons of Jacob are **not** consumed.

Why are the sons of Jacob **NOT** consumed? They are **NOT** consumed **BECAUSE** YHVH **DOES NOT CHANGE**; His **GRACE, MERCY, COMPASSION AND LOVE TOWARDS US DOES NOT CHANGE, BECAUSE, IF IT DID**, He would simply destroy us all and start anew.

Numbers 23:19 *Elohim is NOT a man that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent; has He said, and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken, and shall He not make it good.*

This tells us that **everything** that YHVH has spoken in His Scriptures **WILL** come to pass, and that means, absolutely everything. When YHVH says that something **IS FOREVER**, you can rest assured my friends, that it **TRULY IS FOREVER**, and of that fact you are to have no doubts.

Some of our Religious brethren **believe and teach** that YHVH has **changed** some things and according to their man made doctrine, when YHVH told Aharon that the Priesthood was His **FOREVER**, that He either did **NOT mean it, or that He changed His mind**. Also, they teach through the **DOCTRINES OF MEN**, that when YHVH told Yisrael that His sacrificial system was **FOREVER**, that there also, according to **THEM**, and their finite wisdom, YHVH really did not mean **FOREVER** and He simply changed His mind about that also.

Furthermore, we are told by the church fathers that when YHVH said from Mount Sinai, that **HIS TORAH, HIS LIVING WORD, WAS FOREVER**, and that **IT WAS FOREVER SETTLED IN HEAVEN Psalm 119:89**, that He really did **NOT** mean that either, and therefore, they falsely teach and preach, that YHVH really didn't mean **FOREVER** at that time also, for according to the church fathers, a large part of the **LAW**, the **TORAH**, the Words that were spoken to Mosheh at Mount Sinai by YHVH Himself, the Words YHVH says are written in heaven **FOREVER**, those inerrant and everlasting words, have somehow, according to the church fathers, been done away with by **THEM, the leaders of the man made religions of Catholicism, Christianity, and even the Rabbis of the man made religion of Judaism, believe that their man made oral torah supersedes the written Torah of Mosheh, in many areas.**

Mosheh however, the man whom Elohim says, He spoke face to face with, was admonished **NOT TO CHANGE ANYTHING, NOT EVEN ONE JOT OR TITTLE, BUT THAT HE WAS TO BUILD IT EXACTLY AS YHVH HAD SHOWN HIM ON THE MOUNT**, which is a metaphor of YHVH's heaven. There is no hint of Mosheh **ADDING TO, NOR TAKING ANYTHING AWAY** from the instructions that YHVH gave him on how to build the Temple.

It is very important that we get it into our minds, that we **MUST** remember that the temple **IS** a shadow picture of our Messiah, and our Messiah **IS** the Living Word of our heavenly Father, His Torah of Life made flesh, therefore, according to the instructions that Mosheh received on the Mount, **WE TOO, ARE NOT TO CHANGE ANY PART OF THIS MESSIAH**, this Living Word of the Father, His Living Torah made flesh, **BUT** we are to take it **EXACTLY** as it was presented to Mosheh and to us on the Mount.

For the past 3500 years, ever since Mosheh died, we have been *changing the Word of YHVH*, by **ADDING TO IT AND OR TAKING THINGS AWAY FROM IT**, as **IF** to say that Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, was **NOT SUFFICIENT**, and that **WE, AS FINITE HUMAN BEINGS KNOW BETTER THAN YHVH HIMSELF**, and that we will change this and that, **so that it will be BETTER FOR US, we will make changes that better suit a modern society like ours.**

This, my friends is the false reasoning that man has had throughout the ages. We have to realize and understand that our heavenly **Father sees that kind of attitude as an act of rebellion**, that is totally forbidden by the instructions found in our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, and yet, our ancestors, and we, mankind, today, through our man made religions, and their false doctrines, have unilaterally changed, and continue to unilaterally change the Word of Elohim on a regular basis, and we justify it by saying that it suits our circumstances much better for today's complex world.

In both the Hebraic and the Apostolic Scriptures we are told that **THE TORAH IS LIFE TO US** and that **IT IS** our liberty. Therefore, logically speaking, **IF** we make any changes to the Torah, or choose to **abolish it or do away with any part of it, or all of it, ARE WE NOT DOING AWAY WITH, OR ABOLISHING OUR OWN FREEDOM, OUR OWN LIBERTIES, AND DESTROYING OUR OWN LIVES?**

We, as human beings have changed the Word of YHVH so much, that **IT IS NOW CALLED, BY MANY PEOPLE, BEING IN BONDAGE, WHEN ANYONE WILLINGLY CHOOSES TO OBEY THE WORDS OF HIS TORAH**, and yet, we are told in *James 2:12* **So speak you, and so do, AS THEY THAT SHALL BE JUDGED BY THE TORAH (LAW) OF LIBERTY**, the Law of Liberty spoken of here in *James* **IS OF COURSE THE TORAH OF MOSHEH.**

If the church fathers are correct, and the Torah, either in whole or in part, has somehow been abolished or changed, **THEN THAT MEANS THAT WE WILL BE JUDGED BY AN EVER-CHANGING STANDARD, AND IF THAT IS THE CASE, THEN HOW WILL WE EVER KNOW IF WE CAN ATTAIN SALVATION.** Can you see the utter nonsense of the whole concept that the Torah of our everlasting Elohim, His inerrant and everlasting **WORD HAS OR COULD EVER CHANGE IN ANY WAY?**

My friends, **THE REASON WE CAN TRUST YHVH, IS BECAUSE HE NEVER CHANGES**, and therefore that means that what He said to Adam, to Abraham, to Yitzchaq, to Ya'aqov, to Mosheh, to David and to **US**, has never changed and **WILL NEVER CHANGE, BECAUSE** our heavenly Father **IS** everlasting, therefore what He says, His Words, are everlasting, and that **IS WHY WE CAN AND SHOULD TRUST HIM, and everything He says.** Amein

Deuteronomy 32:46 **And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto ALL the Words which I testify among you this day, which you SHALL command your children to observe to do, ALL the Words**

*of this Torah (Law). 47 For it is NOT a vain thing (Dabar, Word) for you; **BECAUSE IT IS YOUR LIFE**; and **THROUGH THIS THING, (DABAR, WORD) YOU SHALL PROLONG YOUR DAYS IN THE LAND, WHERE YOU GO OVER JORDAN TO POSSESS IT.***

We have to believe and understand that the Father's Torah, the Word of the One **TRUE** Elohim, the Elohim of Abraham Yitzchaq, and Ya'aqov, **IS LIFE TO US, BUT ONLY IF WE CHOOSE TO WILLINGLY AND LOVINGLY, OBEY IT.** There can be no mistaking this Commandment, we are **COMMANDED** by **YHVH**, to **COMMAND** our own children to **OBSERVE AND TO DO ALL** the Words of **YHVH's** Torah of Life. There is absolutely **no room nor any possibility of misunderstand this Commandment, UNLESS ONE WILLINGLY AND OR REBELLIOUSLY GOES AGAINST THE WORD OF YHVH.**

My friends, James calls the Word of **YHVH**, **THE TORAH OF LIBERTY**; and this Word, this Torah, was created for us by our heavenly Father, a Father that loves us with a perfect love, and He created and implemented His Torah **FOR OUR PROTECTION, AND FOR OUR BENEFIT.** **YHVH** Himself calls it, **THE TORAH OF TRUTH**, and **YHVH** said of His Torah, His **TRUTH, YOU SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH AND THE TRUTH, THE TORAH, SHALL SET YOU FREE.**

THAT TORAH, THE ONE THAT YHVH SAID WOULD SET US FREE, IS NOW REFERRED TO AS BONDAGE BY THE CHURCH FATHERS. The church fathers have so *perverted the Word of the One TRUE and only Living Elohim*, that **THEIR** followers and adherents, to their man made doctrines, now believe **THE LIES OF satan, WHO IS THE FATHER OF ALL LIES**, and his followers, who teach, that all of, or at least, large parts of, the Torah of **YHVH**, have somehow been done away with, and they teach that **IF** we continue to follow these so called antiquated Ways, the Torah of Mosheh, given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai by our heavenly Father, **THEN WE ARE IN BONDAGE.**

My friends, let us resolve today, in our own heart, to obey **YHVH**, and **NOT MAN'S SO CALLED THEOLOGY OR MAN'S FALSE DOCTRINE**, who get there directives from our sworn enemy, satan, **FOR IT IS ONLY IN WILLINGLY OBEYING YHVH'S TORAH**, the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, **wherein freedom is found**, for freedom is **NOT** found in obeying the prince of the power of the air, satan, and any or all of his lies. Disobedience to the Torah of Mosheh **IS WHAT TRUE BONDAGE IS**, for in disobeying the Words of **YHVH's** Torah of Life, we become obedient to the instructions found in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, which is planted in **YHVH's** Garden of Eden, which is a shadow picture of teachings of satan, which can be compared to Swiss cheese that is full of holes, for the words of satan have some **truth** but it riddled with lies.

Therefore **IF** anyone chooses to obey the teaching and instructions of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, then, that means that they believe and are actually following **the DOCTRINE of the prince of the power of the air, satan**, and whether they know it or not, is totally immaterial, because **YHVH** Himself tells us that we are without excuse, for His **TRUTH**, according to **YHVH**, **IS** self evident. Amen

We must remember that Oil is often a symbol for the Holy Spirit of Elohim. Therefore, **IF** the oil/spirit that we bring, is to be useful for illuminating the presence of **YHVH** in the world, **IT MUST BE PURE**; which means that it cannot be mixed with our sensual knowledge, carnal

understanding, human reasoning, or any part of *our flesh*. We must heed YHVH's voice and **KEEP** His Covenant *without diminishing anything from it, nor adding anything to it*. Just like the oil was to be pure, so too, are **WE** to be pure, for YHVH has Commanded us *Be you holy as I am Holy*. Amein.

In this section of *Exodus 27* there is one stand-alone Aleph Tav.

*Verse 21 In the tabernacle of the congregation without the veil, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before YHVH: it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf **Aleph Tav** of the children of Israel.*

There is also one Aleph Tav that is attached to a word with a Maqef and there are two words that contain both the Aleph and Tav letters within them. The number one in Scripture speaks of our heavenly Father, and the number two speaks of witness. Therefore I believe that YHVH is telling us through the use of these Aleph Tavs that He is our witness, and, **IF** we choose to believe Him and His Testimony, and then **ACT** in an obedient manner to His Word's of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah, **THEN** we will have everlasting Life in His kingdom as the Bride of Messiah, His Son, the Living Torah made flesh. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought,
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amein*