

Tetzaveh: Shmot/Exodus 27:20 - 30:10

(Exo 27:20 CJB) "You are to order the people of Isra'el to bring you pure oil of pounded olives for the light, and to keep a lamp burning continually.

(Exo 27:21 CJB) Aharon and his sons are to put it in the tent of meeting, outside the curtain in front of the testimony, and keep it burning from evening until morning before Adonai. This is to be a permanent regulation through all the generations of the people of Isra'el.

(Exo 28:1 CJB) "You are to summon your brother Aharon and his sons to come from among the people of Isra'el to you, so that they can serve me as cohanim — Aharon and his sons Nadav, Avihu, El`azar and Itamar.

(Exo 28:2 CJB) You are to make for your brother Aharon garments set apart for serving God, expressing dignity and splendor.

(Exo 28:3 CJB) Speak to all the craftsmen to whom I have given the spirit of wisdom, and have them make Aharon's garments to set him apart for me, so that he can serve me in the office of cohen.

(Exo 28:4 CJB) "The garments they are to make are these: a breastplate, a ritual vest, a robe, a checkered tunic, a turban and a sash. They are to make holy garments for your brother Aharon and his sons, so that he can serve me in the office of cohen.

(Exo 28:5 CJB) They are to use gold; blue, purple and scarlet yarn; and fine linen.

(Exo 28:6 CJB) "They are to make the ritual vest of gold, of blue, purple and scarlet yarn, and of finely woven linen, crafted by a skilled artisan.

(Exo 28:7 CJB) Attached to its front and back edges are to be two shoulder-pieces that can be fastened together.

(Exo 28:8 CJB) Its decorated belt is to be of the same workmanship and materials — gold; blue, purple and scarlet yarn; and finely woven linen.

(Exo 28:9 CJB) Take two onyx stones and engrave on them the names of the sons of Isra'el —

(Exo 28:10 CJB) six of their names on one stone and the six remaining names on the other, in the order of their birth.

(Exo 28:11 CJB) An engraver should engrave the names of the sons of Isra'el on the two stones as he would engrave a seal. Mount the stones in gold settings,

(Exo 28:12 CJB) and put the two stones on the shoulder-pieces of the vest as stones calling to mind the sons of Isra'el. Aharon is to carry their names before Adonai on his two shoulders as a reminder.

(Exo 28:13 CJB) "Make gold squares

(Exo 28:14 CJB) and two chains of pure gold, twisted like cords; attach the cord-like chains to the squares.

(Exo 28:15 CJB) "Make a breastplate for judging. Have it crafted by a skilled artisan; make it like the work of the ritual vest — make it of gold; blue, purple and scarlet yarn; and finely woven linen.

(Exo 28:16 CJB) When folded double it is to be square — a hand-span by a hand-span.

(Exo 28:17 CJB) Put on it settings of stones, four rows of stones: the first row is to be a carnelian, a topaz and an emerald;

(Exo 28:18 CJB) the second row a green feldspar, a sapphire and a diamond;

(Exo 28:19 CJB) the third row an orange zircon, an agate and an amethyst;

(Exo 28:20 CJB) and the fourth row a beryl, an onyx and a jasper. They are to be mounted in their gold settings.

(Exo 28:21 CJB) The stones will correspond to the names of the twelve sons of Isra'el; they are to be engraved with their names as a seal would be engraved, to represent the twelve tribes.

(Exo 28:22 CJB) "On the breastplate, make two pure gold chains twisted like cords.

(Exo 28:23 CJB) Also for the breastplate, make two gold rings; and put the gold rings on the two ends of the breastplate.

(Exo 28:24 CJB) Put the two twisted gold chains in the two rings at the two ends of the breastplate;

(Exo 28:25 CJB) attach the other two ends of the twisted chains to the front of the shoulder-pieces of the ritual vest.

(Exo 28:26 CJB) Make two gold rings and put them on the two ends of the breastplate, at its edge, on the side facing in toward the vest.

(Exo 28:27 CJB) Also make two gold rings and attach them low on the front part of the vest's shoulder-pieces, near the join, above the vest's decorated belt.

(Exo 28:28 CJB) Then bind the breastplate by its rings to the rings of the vest with a blue cord, so that it can be on the vest's decorated belt, and so that the breastplate won't swing loose from the vest.

(Exo 28:29 CJB) Aharon will carry the names of the sons of Isra'el on the breastplate for judging, over his heart, when he enters the Holy Place, as a continual reminder before Adonai.

(Exo 28:30 CJB) You are to put the urim and the tumim in the breastplate for judging; they will be over Aharon's heart when he goes into the presence of Adonai. Thus Aharon will always have the means for making decisions for the people of Isra'el over his heart when he is in the presence of Adonai.

(Exo 28:31 CJB) "You are to make the robe for the ritual vest entirely of blue.

(Exo 28:32 CJB) It is to have an opening for the head in the middle. Around the opening is to be a border woven like the neck of a coat of mail, so that it won't tear.

(Exo 28:33 CJB) On its bottom hem make pomegranates of blue, purple and scarlet; and put them all the way around, with gold bells between them all the way around —

(Exo 28:34 CJB) gold bell, pomegranate, gold bell, pomegranate, all the way around the hem of the robe.

(Exo 28:35 CJB) Aharon is to wear it when he ministers, and its sound will be heard whenever he enters the Holy Place before Adonai and when he leaves, so that he won't die.

(Exo 28:36 CJB) "You are to make an ornament of pure gold and engrave on it as on a seal, 'Set apart for Adonai.'

(Exo 28:37 CJB) Fasten it to the turban with a blue cord, on the front of the turban,

(Exo 28:38 CJB) over Aharon's forehead. Because Aharon bears the guilt for any errors committed by the people of Isra'el in consecrating their holy gifts, this ornament is always to be on his forehead, so that the gifts for Adonai will be accepted by him.

(Exo 28:39 CJB) "You are to weave the checkered tunic of fine linen, make a turban of fine linen, and make a belt, the work of a weaver in colors.

(Exo 28:40 CJB) Likewise for Aharon's sons make tunics, sashes and headgear expressing dignity and splendor.

(Exo 28:41 CJB) With them clothe your brother Aharon and his sons. Then anoint them, inaugurate them, and consecrate them, so that they will be able to serve me in the office of cohen.

(Exo 28:42 CJB) Also make for them linen shorts reaching from waist to thigh, to cover their bare flesh.

(Exo 28:43 CJB) Aharon and his sons are to wear them when they go into the tent of meeting and when they approach the altar to minister in the Holy Place, so that they

won't incur guilt and die. This is to be a perpetual regulation, both for him and for his descendants.

(Exo 29:1 CJB) "Here is what you are to do to consecrate them for ministry to me in the office of cohen. Take one young bull and two rams without defect,

(Exo 29:2 CJB) also matzah, matzah cakes mixed with olive oil, and matzah wafers spread with oil — all made from fine wheat flour;

(Exo 29:3 CJB) put them together in a basket, and present them in the basket, along with the bull and the two rams.

(Exo 29:4 CJB) "Bring Aharon and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and wash them with water.

(Exo 29:5 CJB) Take the garments, and put on Aharon the tunic, the robe for the ritual vest, the vest itself, and the breastplate. Fasten the vest on him with its belt.

(Exo 29:6 CJB) Put the turban on his head and attach the holy ornament to the turban.

(Exo 29:7 CJB) Then take the anointing oil, and anoint him by pouring it on his head.

(Exo 29:8 CJB) Bring his sons; put tunics on them;

(Exo 29:9 CJB) wrap sashes around them, Aharon and his sons; and put the headgear on their heads. The office of cohen is to be theirs by a permanent regulation. Thus you will consecrate Aharon and his sons.

(Exo 29:10 CJB) "Bring the young bull to the front of the tent of meeting. Aharon and his sons are to lay their hands on the bull's head,

(Exo 29:11 CJB) and you are to slaughter the bull in the presence of Adonai at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

(Exo 29:12 CJB) Take some of the bull's blood, and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger; pour out all the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.

(Exo 29:13 CJB) Take all the fat that covers the inner organs, the covering of the liver and the two kidneys with their fat, and offer them up in smoke on the altar.

(Exo 29:14 CJB) But the bull's flesh, skin and dung you are to destroy by fire outside the camp; it is a sin offering.

(Exo 29:15 CJB) "Take one of the rams: Aharon and his sons are to lay their hands on the ram's head;

(Exo 29:16 CJB) and you are to slaughter the ram, take its blood, and splash it on all sides of the altar.

(Exo 29:17 CJB) Quarter the ram, wash the inner organs and the lower parts of the legs, and put them with the quarters and the head.

(Exo 29:18 CJB) Then offer up the whole ram in smoke on the altar. It is a burnt offering for Adonai, a pleasing aroma, an offering made to Adonai by fire.

(Exo 29:19 CJB) "Take the other ram: Aharon and his sons are to lay their hands on the ram's head;

(Exo 29:20 CJB) and you are to slaughter the ram, take some of its blood, and put it on the lobe of Aharon's right ear, on the lobes of his sons' right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands and on the big toes of their right feet. Take the rest of the blood and splash it on all sides of the altar.

(Exo 29:21 CJB) Then take some of the blood that is on the altar and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aharon and his clothing and on his sons and the clothing of his sons with him; so that he and his clothing will be consecrated, and with him his sons and his sons' clothing.

(Exo 29:22 CJB) Also take the fat from the ram, the fat tail, the fat that covers the inner organs, the two kidneys, the fat covering them and the right thigh — for it is a ram of consecration —

(Exo 29:23 CJB) along with one loaf of bread, one cake of oiled bread and one wafer from the basket of matzah which is before Adonai —

(Exo 29:24 CJB) and put it all in the hands of Aharon and his sons. They are to wave them as a wave offering in the presence of Adonai.

(Exo 29:25 CJB) Then take them back; and burn them up in smoke on the altar, on top of the burnt offering, to be a pleasing aroma before Adonai; it is an offering made to Adonai by fire.

(Exo 29:26 CJB) "Take the breast of the ram for Aharon's consecration, and wave it as a wave offering before Adonai; it will be your share.

(Exo 29:27 CJB) Consecrate the breast of the wave offering and the thigh of any contribution that has been waved and raised up, whether from the ram of consecration, or from anything else meant for Aharon or his sons;

(Exo 29:28 CJB) this will belong to Aharon and his sons as their share perpetually due from the people of Isra'el — it will be a contribution from the people of Isra'el from their peace offerings, their contribution to Adonai.

(Exo 29:29 CJB) "The holy garments of Aharon will be used by his sons after him; they will be anointed and consecrated in them.

(Exo 29:30 CJB) The son who becomes cohen in his place, who comes into the tent of meeting to serve in the Holy Place, is to wear them for seven days.

(Exo 29:31 CJB) Take the ram of consecration, and boil its meat in a holy place.

(Exo 29:32 CJB) Aharon and his sons will eat the ram's meat and the bread in the basket at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

(Exo 29:33 CJB) They are to eat the things with which atonement was made for them, to inaugurate and consecrate them; no one else may eat this food, because it is holy.

(Exo 29:34 CJB) If any of the meat for the consecration or any of the bread remains until morning, burn up what remains; it is not to be eaten, because it is holy.

(Exo 29:35 CJB) Carry out all these orders I have given you concerning Aharon and his sons. You are to spend seven days consecrating them.

(Exo 29:36 CJB) "Each day, offer a young bull as a sin offering, besides the other offerings of atonement; offer the sin offering on the altar as your atonement for it; then anoint it to consecrate it.

(Exo 29:37 CJB) Seven days you will make atonement on the altar and consecrate it; thus the altar will be especially holy, and whatever touches the altar will become holy.

(Exo 29:38 CJB) "Now this is what you are to offer on the altar: two lambs a year old, regularly, every day.

(Exo 29:39 CJB) The one lamb you are to offer in the morning and the other lamb at dusk.

(Exo 29:40 CJB) With the one lamb offer two quarts of finely ground flour mixed with one quart of oil from pressed olives; along with one quart of wine as a drink offering.

(Exo 29:41 CJB) The other lamb you are to offer at dusk; do with it as with the morning grain and drink offerings — it will be a pleasing aroma, an offering made to Adonai by fire.

(Exo 29:42 CJB) Through all your generations this is to be the regular burnt offering at the entrance to the tent of meeting before Adonai. There is where I will meet with you to speak with you.

(Exo 29:43 CJB) There I will meet with the people of Isra'el; and the place will be consecrated by my glory.

(Exo 29:44 CJB) I will consecrate the tent of meeting and the altar, likewise I will consecrate Aharon and his sons to serve me in the office of cohen.

(Exo 29:45 CJB) Then I will live with the people of Isra'el and be their God:

(Exo 29:46 CJB) they will know that I am Adonai their God, who brought them out of the land of Egypt in order to live with them. I am Adonai their God.

(Exo 30:1 CJB) "You are to make an altar on which to burn incense; make it of acacia-wood.

(Exo 30:2 CJB) It is to be eighteen inches square and three feet high; its horns are to be of one piece with it.

(Exo 30:3 CJB) Overlay it with pure gold — its top, all around its sides, and its horns; and put around it a molding of gold.

(Exo 30:4 CJB) Make two gold rings for it under its molding at the two corners on both sides; this is where the carrying-poles will go.

(Exo 30:5 CJB) Make the poles of acacia-wood, and overlay them with gold.

(Exo 30:6 CJB) "Place it in front of the curtain by the ark for the testimony, in front of the ark-cover that is over the testimony, where I will meet with you.

(Exo 30:7 CJB) Aharon will burn fragrant incense on it as a pleasing aroma every morning; he is to burn it when he prepares the lamps.

(Exo 30:8 CJB) Aharon is also to burn it when he lights the lamps at dusk; this is the regular burning of incense before Adonai through all your generations.

(Exo 30:9 CJB) You are not to offer unauthorized incense on it, or a burnt offering or a grain offering; and you are not to pour a drink offering on it.

(Exo 30:10 CJB) Aharon is to make atonement on its horns once a year — with the blood of the sin offering of atonement he is to make atonement for it once a year through all your generations; it is especially holy to Adonai."

Haftarah Tetzaveh: Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 43:10-27

(Eze 43:10 CJB) "You, human being, describe this house to the house of Isra'el, so that they will be ashamed of their crimes. And let them measure accurately.

(Eze 43:11 CJB) If they become ashamed of all they have done, show them the elevation and plan of the house, its exits and entrances, all its details and decorations, and all its specifications, its design and its Torah. Sketch it for them to see, so that they can observe the entire design with its specifications, and carry them out.

(Eze 43:12 CJB) This is Torah for the house: the whole surrounding area on the mountaintop will be especially holy. This is Torah for the house."

(Eze 43:13 CJB) These are the measurements of the altar in cubits (a cubit here is defined as a normal cubit [*eighteen inches*] plus a handbreadth [*three inches*]): the base, one cubit [*twenty-one inches*] deep and one cubit wide; with the molding surrounding it at its rim about a hand-span [*nine inches*] in width. The height of the altar is thus:

(Eze 43:14 CJB) from the base on the ground to the lower ledge, three-and-a-half feet, with the width twenty-one inches; from the lower ledge to the upper ledge, seven feet, with the width again twenty-one inches.

(Eze 43:15 CJB) The hearth measures seven feet [*high*], with four horns on top of the hearth.

(Eze 43:16 CJB) The hearth is a square twenty-one feet on each of its four sides.

(Eze 43:17 CJB) The ledge measures a square twenty-four-and-a-half feet on each of its four sides; the molding around it ten-and-a-half inches [*across*]; and its base twenty-one inches [*larger than the rest, all the way*] around. Its steps face east.

(Eze 43:18 CJB) He said to me, "Human being, Adonai Elohim says, 'These are the regulations for the altar when the time comes to construct it, offer burnt offerings on it and splash the blood against it:

(Eze 43:19 CJB) you are to give to the cohanim, who are L'vi'im descended from Tzadok and who approach to serve me,' says Adonai Elohim, 'a young bull as a sin offering.

(Eze 43:20 CJB) You are to take its blood and put it on the four horns of the altar, on the four corners of the ledge and on the molding all the way around; this is how you will purify it and make atonement for it.

(Eze 43:21 CJB) You are also to take the bull which is the sin offering and have it burned up at the designated place [*on the grounds*] of the house, outside the sanctuary.

(Eze 43:22 CJB) On the second day you are to offer a male goat without defect as a sin offering, and they are to purify the altar as they purified it with the bull.

(Eze 43:23 CJB) When you have finished purifying it, you are to offer a young bull without defect and a ram from the flock without defect.

(Eze 43:24 CJB) You are to present them before Adonai, and the cohanim will throw salt on them and offer them as a burnt offering to Adonai.

(Eze 43:25 CJB) Every day, for seven days, you are to prepare a goat as a sin offering; they are also to prepare a young bull and a ram from the flock without defect.

(Eze 43:26 CJB) For seven days, they are to make atonement for the altar and cleanse it; in this way they are to consecrate it.

(Eze 43:27 CJB) When these days are over, then, on the eighth day and afterwards, the cohanim will present your burnt offerings on the altar and your peace offerings; and I will accept you,' says Adonai Elohim."

B'rit Hadashah suggested reading for Parashah Tetzaveh: Philippians 4:10-20

(Php 4:10 CJB) In union with the Lord I greatly rejoice that now, after this long time, you have let your concern for me express itself again. Of course, you were concerned for me all along, but you had no opportunity to express it.

(Php 4:11 CJB) Not that I am saying this to call attention to any need of mine; since, as far as I am concerned, I have learned to be content regardless of circumstances.

(Php 4:12 CJB) I know what it is to be in want, and I know what it is to have more than enough — in everything and in every way I have learned the secret of being full and being hungry, of having abundance and being in need.

(Php 4:13 CJB) I can do all things through him who gives me power.

(Php 4:14 CJB) Nevertheless, it was good of you to share in my trouble.

(Php 4:15 CJB) And you Philippians yourselves know that in the early days of my work spreading the Good News, when I left Macedonia, not a single congregation shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving — only you.

(Php 4:16 CJB) Indeed, in Thessalonica when I needed it, you sent me aid twice.

(Php 4:17 CJB) I am not seeking the gift; rather, I am looking for what will increase the credit balance of your account.

(Php 4:18 CJB) I have been more than paid in full: I have been filled, since I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent — they are a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, one that pleases God well.

(Php 4:19 CJB) Moreover, my God will fill every need of yours according to his glorious wealth, in union with the Messiah Yeshua.

(Php 4:20 CJB) And to God our Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.