## Exodus 25 to 26:30 T'rumah Offering

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## Introduction

Tzur Yisrael Triennial Parasha <u>68</u> (#19.1), note A

## Looking ahead to the next seven "No Action"<sup>B</sup> Chapters

It seems useful before starting my article on this particular Parasha to step back and get some perspective on this section of the Torah. I say this because the exciting narrative of Moses and the children of Israel suddenly stops and it gets into a detailed description about the priest and the tabernacle which is where the his job is performed. One comment I found described it as "This section of Exodus was written by priests, for priests" <sup>C</sup>. Technically this is an accurate description but can be misleading if the portrayed negatively <sup>D</sup>. reader with an implication

These seven chapters were written by a priests (who happens to be a Levite), for priests who initially was not desig <u>who became Levites</u>.

Here is an outline of these seven chapters along with the previous one and the next one

24 previous The People Affirm Their Covenant with God

- 1<sup>st</sup> 25 Tabernacle Offerings, Ark, Table, and Lampstand
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 26 Instructions for the Tabernacle: Curtains, Boards and Veil

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup> <u>http://www.ahavta.org/Commentary%20Y-2/Y2-12.htm</u> Living Messiah: Isaiah 66:1-13, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 **Tzur Yisrael**: HafTorah: Isa 66; Brit: Joh 7:25-32, Heb 9. Standalone Aleph Tav: Exo 25:9, 16, 22, 39

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>B</sup> I'm sure there is a fancier description for this non narrative section of the Torah, but I didn't find it so I'm going with "No Action".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> <u>http://www.shmoop.com/exodus/chapter-25-31-verse-18-summary.html</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>D</sup> This article also goes on to state "Why would an author go from fire and brimstone to legal jargon almost immediately? It breaks the tension, **bores the casual reader, and isn't very helpful unless you're a priest**."

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 27 Instructions for the Altar and Courtyard, Oil for the Lampstand
- 4<sup>th</sup> 28 Priestly Garments, Ephod, Breastpiece
- 5<sup>th</sup> 29 Consecration, Sacrifices, Food of the Priests
- 6<sup>th</sup> 30 Altar of Incense, Atonement Money, Basin, Anointing oil
- 7<sup>th</sup> 31 Craftsmen Bezaleel and Aholiah; the Sabbath Explained
- 32 next The Golden Calf and Moses' Anger

The last verse of the previous chapter (Exo 24:18) is an "action verse"

Exo 24:18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days <sup>40</sup> and forty nights <sup>40</sup>. <sup>E</sup>

Seven times in these seven chapter it states "YHVH said" starting right at the beginning "YHVH said to Moses" <sup>Exo 25:1</sup> and in the very last verse it finishes with "When YHVH finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, he gave him the two tablets of the covenant law, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God." <sup>Exo 31:18</sup>.

ToDo: finish my thoughts, maybe pull this out and make it a separate article.

## Exodus chapter 25<sup>all verses 1-40</sup> – Tabernacle Offerings, Ark, Table, and Lampstand

What the Israelites were to offer for the building of the tabernacle

<sup>1</sup> And YHVH spake unto Moses, saying,

<sup>2</sup> Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering תְּרוּמָה <sup>te-ru-Mah</sup> תְּרוּמָה: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering. <sup>3</sup> And this is the offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and silver, and brass, <sup>4</sup> And blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, <sup>5</sup> And rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, <sup>6</sup> Oil for the light, spices for anointing oil, and for sweet incense, <sup>7</sup> Onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod, and in the breastplate. <sup>8</sup> And let them make <sup>we-A-su</sup> me a sanctuary מִקָּדָשׁ mik-Dash; that I may dwell שִׁכּהַמּירוֹ F among שׁ <sup>be-to-Cham G</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>E</sup> RO says that some would say that the next four of five chapters are out of order, because Moshe doesn't come down until chapter 32.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>F</sup> **Rev 21:3** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the **tabernacle** of God is with men, and he will dwell <sup>G4637</sup> with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

G4637 *skeenoo* From G4636; to tent or encamp, that is, (figuratively) to occupy (as a mansion) or (specifically) to reside (as God did in the Tabernacle of old, a symbol fo protection and communion): - dwell. LXX: <sup>H167</sup> *ahal*, <sup>H7931</sup> *shakhen*. KJC:5 dwel<sup>(1)(t)</sup>, Joh 1:14, Rev 7:15, Rev 12:12, Rev 13:6, Rev 21:3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>G</sup> Among <sup>H8432</sup> i.e. INSIDE them *Betokah.*  $\rightarrow$  The *Ruach Hakodesh*.

**WordStudy** (D): A substantive meaning in the midst, in the middle, at the heart. The word can have the implication of something being surrounded on all sides, as when God made a firmament in the midst of the waters (<u>Gen 1:6</u>). It can also refer to something in the middle of a line: Samson destroyed the Temple by pushing over two middle pillars that supported it (<u>Jdg 16:29</u>). In relation to people, it can mean dwelling among (<u>ISa 10:10</u>); or taken from among a group (<u>Num 3:12</u>).

them. <sup>9</sup> According to all that I show מַרְאָה <sup>mar·Eh</sup> thee, after the pattern הַבְּנִית <sup>tav·Nit</sup> of the tabernacle המיש ה<sup>ham·mish·Kan</sup>, and the pattern of all the instruments בָּלִי <sup>ke·Lav</sup> thereof, even so shall ye make it. <sup>H</sup>

#### The dimensions of the ark

<sup>10</sup> And they shall make an ark אָרוֹן <sup>a.Ron</sup> of shittim אָרוֹן <sup>shit-Tim</sup> wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. <sup>11</sup> And thou shalt overlay it with pure <sup>14.Hor</sup> gold <sup>ta.Hor</sup> gold <sup>ta.Hav</sup>, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown <sup>1</sup> <sup>zer</sup> of gold round about. <sup>12</sup> And thou shalt cast four rings <sup>tab.be.'Ot</sup> of gold for it, and put them in the four corners thereof; and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. <sup>13</sup> And thou shalt make staves <sup>14</sup> <sup>vad.Dei</sup> of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. <sup>14</sup> And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. <sup>15</sup> The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. <sup>16</sup> And thou shalt put into the ark <sup>37</sup> <sup>C</sup> the testimony <sup>36</sup> <sup>c-Dut</sup> which I shall give thee.

#### The mercy seat, with the cherubim

<sup>17</sup> And thou shalt make a mercy seat בָּרָת <sup>chap·Po·ret I</sup> of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. <sup>18</sup> And thou shalt make two cherubim <sup>be</sup> בָּרָבִים <sup>ke·ru·Vim J</sup> of gold, of beaten work מִקָשָׁה <sup>mik·Shah</sup> shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. <sup>19</sup> And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubim on the two ends thereof. <sup>20</sup> And the cherubim shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. <sup>21</sup> And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. <sup>22</sup> And there I will meet with thee <sup>veno·iad·Ti</sup>, and I will commune

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>H</sup> It's like YHVH is showing us how to build the tabernacle in addition how I can dwell with you (within you).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>I</sup> See WordStudy-G2435-hilasteriou-H3727-kapporeth, article #???.

H3727 KJC:27 mercy; Exo 25:17-22, 26:34, 31:6-7, 35:12, 37:6-9, 39:35, 40:20, Lev 16:2, 16:13-15, Num 7:89, 1Ch 28:11

G2435 hilastērion iλαστήριον KJC: 2 mercyseat, 1, Heb 9:5 propitiation, 1 Rom 3:2; LXX: H3727 kapporet, H5835 azarah

NG says the "mercy seat" doesn't appear anywhere in the Tanach, it's only mentioned as a cover. Jono says this was coined by William Tyndale. He also coined Passover and atonement

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>J</sup> MJ says that the *Cherubim* have four wings. The *Seraphim* have six wings.

י ייי אין אָבָרְתִי <sup>ve-dib-bar-Ti K</sup> with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, אָת of all things which I will give thee in commandment אָת 'a-tzav-Veh' unto the children of Israel.

#### The table of show bread, with the furniture thereof

#### The golden candlestick, with the instruments thereof

<sup>31</sup> And thou shalt make a candlestick גָּרָרֶר<sup>me-no-Rat</sup> of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft אוֹ אָרָרָרָר<sup>me-chah</sup>, and his branches אָרָרָרָרָר<sup>me-ka-Nah</sup>, his bowls גָּרִילָרָה<sup>ha</sup>, his knops <sup>kaf-to-Rei-ha</sup>, and his flowers וְּכָּרָרֶרִיָּר<sup>me-ra-Chei-ha</sup>, shall be of the same. <sup>32</sup> And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side: <sup>33</sup> Three bowls made like unto almonds א כָּרָרָרָים<sup>me-shuk-ka-Dim</sup>, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick. <sup>34</sup> And in the candlesticks shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers. <sup>35</sup> And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same and a knop under two branches of the same and a knop under two branches of the same and a knop under two branches of the same and a knop under two branches of the same and a knop under two branches of the same and a knop under two branches of the same and a knop under two branches and the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick. <sup>36</sup> Their knops and their branches shall be of the same all it shall be one

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>K</sup> Commune *debar*<sup>H1696</sup>. At the mercy seat YHVH will communicate words with you, implying you will communicate words to him. Could these communications be petitions to YHVH for his consideration? Or how about situational conflicts that the Torah is not clear on? Commune is an interesting word. As a noun it's to receive the communication; It's the root word for **communication** & **community**. This implies that a community requires that individuals need to be able to communicate effectively with other members in the community. For sure a most important aspect of that communication is conflict resolution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>L</sup> **shewbread** *lechem* <sup>H3899</sup> *pawneem* <sup>H6440</sup>. NIV "bread of the Presence". The Presence is YHVH, and according to MJ is one of the names of YHVH. Maimonides admits that he doesn't know of the meaning of the shew bread (source Hertz Chumash).

beaten work of pure gold. <sup>37</sup> And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light איר <sup>ve-he-'Ir</sup> the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it. <sup>38</sup> And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold. <sup>39</sup> Of a talent כָּבָר <sup>kik-Kar</sup> of pure gold shall he make it, אָת with all these vessels hete-Lim.

<sup>40</sup> And look that thou make them after their pattern בְּתַבְּנִיתָם  $be \cdot Tav \cdot ni \cdot Tam$ , which was showed thee in the mount  $c = ba \cdot Har$ .

# Exodus26<sup>verses 1-37</sup> – Instructions for the Tabernacle: Curtains, Boards and Veil<sup>M</sup>

#### The ten curtains of the tabernacle

<sup>1</sup> Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubim of cunning work shalt thou make them. <sup>2</sup> The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall have one measure. <sup>3</sup> The five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and other five curtains shall be coupled one to another. <sup>4</sup> And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain, in the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of another curtain, in the coupling of the second. <sup>5</sup> Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second; that the loops may take hold one of another. <sup>6</sup> And thou shalt make fifty taches of gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it shall be one tabernacle.

#### The eleven curtains of goats' hair, the covering of rams' and badgers' skins.

<sup>7</sup> And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair to be a covering upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make. <sup>8</sup> The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains shall be all of one measure. <sup>9</sup> And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle. <sup>10</sup> And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which couplet the second. <sup>11</sup> And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. <sup>12</sup> And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the backside of the tabernacle. <sup>13</sup> And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it. <sup>14</sup> And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.

#### The boards of the tabernacle, with their sockets and bars

<sup>15</sup> And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood standing up. <sup>16</sup> Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board. <sup>17</sup> Two tenons shall there be in one board, set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle. <sup>18</sup> And thou shalt

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>M</sup> **ToDo**: with automation (hopefully) embed those Hebrew words/transliterations which are unique.

make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward. <sup>19</sup> And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons. <sup>20</sup> And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards: <sup>21</sup> And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. <sup>22</sup> And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards. <sup>23</sup> And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides. <sup>24</sup> And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners. <sup>25</sup> And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. <sup>26</sup> And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward. <sup>28</sup> And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end. <sup>29</sup> And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold. <sup>30</sup> And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which was showed thee in the mount. <sup>N</sup>

#### The veil for the ark

<sup>31</sup> And thou shalt make a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubim shall it be made: <sup>32</sup> And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim wood overlaid with gold: their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver. <sup>33</sup> And thou shalt hang up the vail under the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the vail  $\Re$  the ark of the testimony: and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy.

<sup>34</sup> And thou shalt put the mercy seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. <sup>35</sup> And thou shalt set the table without the vail, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side.

#### The hanging for the door

<sup>36</sup> And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needlework. <sup>37</sup> And thou shalt make for the hanging five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>N</sup> When does this happen?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>o</sup> I have an error in <u>www.MyHebrewBible.com</u>. This Parasha (#19.1) should end at verse 30 (Exo 26:30) which is what the description for the parasha correctly indicates, but the actual verses that are shown include the rest of chapter 26 (Exo 26:31-37) & that is in error.

### **E-Sword Notes**

### Exo 25:1

Parasha that cover the 7 "Non Action" chapters

- 19.1, Exo 25:1-26:30
- 19.2, Exo 26:31-27:19,
- 20.1, Exo 27:20-28:43
- 20.2, Exo 29
- 20.3, Exo 30:1-10
- 21.1, Exo 30:11-38
- 21.2, Exo 31:1-32:13

There are eight specific things but Moshe skips one.

- 1. The Ark of the Covenant Exo 25:10-
- 2. The Table: Exo 25:23
- 3. The Menorah Golden lampstand Exo 25:31-40
- 4. Bronze altar
- 5. Bronze laver
- 6. Table of shewbread
- 7. Mercy Seat

8 Golden altar of incense: (The thing missing on the inside Exo 30) Golden altar of incense this is where the priest does the highest level of incense. This represents the prayers of the saints.

### Exo 26:1

??? Exo 26:1-28 from study notes of Exo 19:16-19.

??? 3,000 were slain at the golden calf incident (Exo 32:1-8, Exo 26:1-28); on Pentecost the reverse happened: three thousand were saved (Act 2:38-41).

# Haftorah <sup>P</sup> Isaiah 66:1-13 – Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool;

#### The glorious God will be served in humble sincerity

<sup>1</sup> Thus saith YHVH, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? <sup>2</sup> For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith YHVH: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. <sup>3</sup> He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations. <sup>4</sup> I also will

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>P</sup> The *Haftorah* reading for Tzur Yisrael is all of Isaiah chapter 66

choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

#### He comforts the humble by showing the confusion of their enemies

<sup>5</sup> Hear the word of YHVH, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let YHVH be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. <sup>6</sup> A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of YHVH that rendereth recompence to his enemies.

#### With the marvelous growth

<sup>7</sup> Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. <sup>8</sup> Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. <sup>9</sup> Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith YHVH: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.

#### And the gracious benefits of the church

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: <sup>11</sup> That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. <sup>12</sup> For thus saith YHVH, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. <sup>13</sup> As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

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<sup>14</sup> And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of YHVH shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

#### God's severe judgments against the wicked

<sup>15</sup> For, behold, YHVH will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. <sup>16</sup> For by fire and by his sword will YHVH plead with all flesh: and the slain of YHVH shall be many. <sup>17</sup> They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith YHVH.

#### The Gentiles shall have an holy church

<sup>18</sup> For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory. <sup>19</sup> And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles. <sup>20</sup> And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto YHVH out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith YHVH, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of YHVH. <sup>21</sup> And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith YHVH. <sup>22</sup> For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith YHVH, so shall your seed and your name remain. <sup>23</sup> And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith YHVH.

And see the damnation of the wicked

<sup>24</sup> And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

*Brit*  $^{Q}$  1<sup>st</sup> Co 6:12-20 – Our bodies are the members of Messiah, and temples of the Ruach Hakodesh

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>Q</sup> The *Brit* reading for Tzur Yisrael is: Joh 7:25-32, Heb 9