

Exodus 37:1-38:20 Vaya'as B'tzal-el Betzalel Made

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Introduction

Tzur Yisrael Triennial Parasha [77](#) (#22.1), note ^A

Exodus 37:1-38:20 Ark, Table, Menorah, Altar of Incense

The ark made

¹ And Bezaleel made the **ark** of shittim wood: two cubits and a half ^{2½} was the length of it, and a cubit and a half ^{1½} the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half ^{1½} the height of it: ² And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about. ³ And he cast for it four ⁴ rings of gold, to be set by the four ⁴ corners of it; even two ² rings upon the one ¹ side of it, and two ² rings upon the other ¹ side of it. ⁴ And he made staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold. ⁵ And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

The mercy seat (hakkap poret) made

⁶ And he made the **mercy seat** **הַכַּפֹּרֶת** *hak-kap-Po-ret* ^B of pure gold: two cubits and a half ^{2½} was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half ^{1½} the breadth thereof.

The cherubim made

⁷ And he made two ² **cherubim** of gold, beaten out of one piece made he them, on the two ² ends of the mercy seat; ⁸ One cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the other end on that side: out of the mercy seat made he the cherubim on the two ² ends thereof. ⁹ And the cherubim spread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another; even to the mercy seatward were the faces of the cherubim.

The table of showbread with its vessels

¹⁰ And he made the **table** of shittim wood: two cubits was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof: ¹¹ And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereunto a crown of

^A <http://www.ahavta.org/Commentary%20Y-2/Y2-21.htm> Haftorah: 1Ki 8:8-22 (Aleph Tav 1Ki 8:14, 15); Brit: 1Pe 2:4-10

^B **H3727** the mercy seat, WordStudy-G2435-hilasteriou-H3727-kapporeth, article #???. Exo-25-to-26-30-Trumah-Offering, article #1035.

gold round about. ¹² Also he made thereunto a border of an handbreadth round about; and made a crown of gold for the border thereof round about. ¹³ And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four ⁴ corners that were in the four ⁴ feet thereof. ¹⁴ Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table. ¹⁵ And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table. ¹⁶ And he made the vessels which were upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers to cover withal, of pure gold.

The candlestick with its lamps and instruments

¹⁷ And he made the **candlestick** **הַמְנֹרֶה** *ham-me-no-Rah* of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, were of the same: ¹⁸ And six ⁶ branches going out of the sides thereof; three ³ branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three ³ branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof: ¹⁹ Three ³ bowls made after the fashion of almonds in one ¹ branch, a knop and a flower; and three ³ bowls made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so throughout the six ⁶ branches going out of the candlestick. ²⁰ And in the candlestick were four ⁴ bowls made like almonds, his knops, and his flowers: ²¹ And a knop under two ² branches of the same, and a knop under two ² branches of the same, and a knop under two ² branches of the same, according to the six ⁶ branches going out of it. ²² Their knops and their branches were of the same: all of it was one beaten work of pure gold. ²³ And he made his seven ⁷ lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuffdishes, of pure gold. ²⁴ Of a talent **כִּיקָר** *kik-Kar* of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

The altar of incense

²⁵ And he made the **incense altar** of shittim wood: the length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; it was foursquare; and two ² cubits was the height of it; the horns thereof were of the same. ²⁶ And he overlaid it with pure gold, both the top of it, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he made unto it a crown of gold round about. ²⁷ And he made two ² rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two ² corners of it, upon the two ² sides thereof, to be places for the staves to bear it withal. ²⁸ And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold.

The anointing oil and sweet incense

²⁹ And he made the **holy anointing oil**, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the apothecary. **רִקְחָה** *ro-Ke-ach*

Chapter 38 **Altar of Burnt Offering, Basin, Courtyard Completed; Costs Totaled**

The altar of burnt offering

¹ And he made the **altar of burnt offering** of shittim wood: five ⁵ cubits was the length thereof, and five ⁵ cubits the breadth thereof; it was foursquare **רַבִּוּעַ** *ra-Vu-a'*; and three ³ cubits the height thereof. ² And he made the horns thereof on the four ⁴ corners of it; the horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with brass. ³ And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, and the fleshhooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he of brass. ⁴ And he made for the altar a brazen grate of network under the compass thereof beneath unto the midst of it. ⁵ And he cast four ⁴ rings for the four ⁴ ends of the grate of brass, to be places for the staves. ⁶ And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with brass.

⁷ And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made the altar hollow with boards.

The laver of brass

⁸ And he made **את** the **laver of brass**, and the foot of it of brass, of the lookingglasses **בְּמִרְאֵת** ^{be-mar-'Ot} ^C of the women assembling, which assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

and the **כְּנֹ** ^{ve-'Et} **אֵת** ^{,ne-Cho-shet} [of] brass] **נְחֹשֶׁת** ^{hak-ki-Yor} the laver **הַכִּיּוֹר** ^{et'} **את** ^{,vai-Ya-'as} And he made **וַיַּעַשׂ** ⁸
of [the women] **הַצְּבָאוֹת** ^{be-mar-'Ot} of the lookingglasses **בְּמִרְאֵת** ^{,ne-Cho-shet} of it [of] brass **נְחֹשֶׁת** ^{kan-No} foot
of the **אֹהֶל** ^{Pe-tach} at] the door] **פְּתַח** ^{,tza-ve-'U} which assembled **צְבָאוֹ** ^{a-Sher'} who **אֲשֶׁר** ^{,hatz-Tzoe-'Ot} assembling
מוֹעֵד ^{mo-'Ed} of the congregation **וְ** **מִוֵּעַד** ^{O-hel'} tabernacle

The court, and its hangings on the south, north, west and east

⁹ And he made **the court**: on the **south** **נֶגֶב** ^{Ne-gev} side southward the hangings **קַלְעִי** ^{kal-'Ei} of the court were of fine twined linen, an hundred ¹⁰⁰ cubits: ¹⁰ Their pillars were twenty ²⁰, and their brazen sockets twenty ²⁰; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. ¹¹ And for the **north** **צָפוֹן** ^{tza-fOn} side the hangings were an hundred ¹⁰⁰ cubits, their pillars were twenty ²⁰, and their sockets of brass twenty ²⁰; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. ¹² And for the **west** **יָם** ^{Yam} side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten ¹⁰, and their sockets ten ¹⁰; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. ¹³ And for the **east** **קִדְמָה** ^{Ke-de-mah} side eastward **מִזְרָחָה** ^{miz-Ra-chah} fifty ⁵⁰ cubits. ¹⁴ The hangings of the one side of the gate were fifteen ¹⁵ cubits; their pillars three ³, and their sockets three ³. ¹⁵ And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand **מִזְיָה** ^{miz-Zeh} and that hand **וּמִזְיָה** ^{u-miz-Zeh}, were hangings of fifteen ¹⁵ cubits; their pillars three ³, and their sockets three ³. ¹⁶ All the hangings of the court round about were of fine twined linen. ¹⁷ And the sockets for the pillars were of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver; and the overlaying of their chapiters of silver; and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver. ¹⁸ And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty ²⁰ cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five ⁵ cubits, answerable **לְעֵמַת** ^{le-'um-Mat} to the hangings of the court. ¹⁹ And their pillars were four ⁴, and their sockets of brass four ⁴; their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their chapiters and their fillets of silver. ²⁰ And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, were of brass.

^C **H4759** marah ^{KJC:9} **vision(s)**⁸ Gen 46:2, Eze 1:1, 8:3, 43:2-3; Dan 10:7-8; **lookingglasses**, Exo 38:8.

Haftorah 1st Kings 8:8-22 The Ark Brought into the Temple

Ark Brought to the Temple Solomons Prayer of Dedication

⁸ And they drew out the staves, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place before the oracle הַדְּבִיר *had-de-Vir*, ^D and they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day. ⁹ There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when YHVH made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰ And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of YHVH, ¹¹ So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for the glory of YHVH had filled the house of YHVH. ¹² Then spake Solomon, “YHVH said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. ¹³ I have surely built thee an house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever.”

¹⁴ And the king turned his face about, and blessed אֵת all the congregation of Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;)

and וַיִּבֶרֶךְ *pa-Nav* his face פָּנָיו *-et'* אֵת *ham-Me-lech* And the king הַמֶּלֶךְ *vai-yas-Sev* about וַיִּסֵּב *14*.
and all the קָהָל *ve-chol* all וְכָל *Yis-ra-'El* of Israel יִשְׂרָאֵל *ke-Hal* all the congregation קָהָל *-kol* all אֵת *et'* blessed וַיְבָרַךְ *vay-Va-rech*
עָמַד *o-Med'* stood יִשְׂרָאֵל *ke-Hal* congregation

¹⁵ And he said,

“Blessed be YHVH God of Israel, which spake with his mouth אֵת unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying,”

of יִשְׂרָאֵל *e-lo-Hei'* God אֱלֹהֵי *Yah-weh* be] the LORD] יְהוָה *ba-Ruch* Blessed בָּרוּךְ *vai-Yo-mer* And he said וַיֹּאמֶר *15*
my אָבִי *et'* unto David דָּוִד *et'* for אֵת *be-Fiv* with his mouth בִּפְּיוֹ *dib-Ber* which spake דִּבֶּר *a-Sher'* who אֱשֶׁר *Yis-ra-'El* Israel
לְאָמַר *le-Mor* it] saying] לְמַלֵּא *mil-Le* fulfilled וּבְיַדוֹ *u-ve-ya-Do* and hath with his hand וַיְבַרְכֵנוּ *a-Vi'* father

¹⁶ Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be therein; but I chose David ^E to be over my people Israel. ¹⁷ And it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of YHVH God of Israel. ¹⁸ And YHVH said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart. ¹⁹ Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name. ^[2Ch 6:7-9]; ²⁰ And YHVH hath performed his word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as YHVH promised, and have built an house for the name of YHVH God of Israel. ²¹ And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of YHVH, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt. ²² And

^D **H1687** ^{KJC:16} oracle¹⁶ **1Ki** 6:5, 16, 19-23, 31, 7:49, 8:6, 8; **2Ch** 3:16, 4:20, 5:7, 9; **Psa** 28:2. **Strong's**: From H1696 (spake) (apparently in the sense of oracle); the shrine or innermost part of the sanctuary: - oracle. LXX: **G3485** *naos* ^{KJC:46} temple(s)⁴⁵, shrine¹ ^{Act 19:24}. etymology of oracle is Latin.

^E TSK: 1Sa 16:1; 2Sa 7:8; 1Ch 28:4; Psa 78:70, Psa 89:19-20

Solomon stood before the altar of YHVH in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

Brit 1st Peter 2:4-10 A Living Stone and a Holy People

⁴ To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, ⁵ Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Yeshua Messiah. ⁶ Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture,

“Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.”^F

⁷ Unto you therefore which believe he is precious:^G but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, ⁸ And a stone of stumbling,^H and a rock of offence,^I even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient ^{G544}: whereunto also they were appointed ^{G5087}. ⁹ But ye are a chosen generation, a royal ^J priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar ^K people;^L that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; ¹⁰ Which in time past were not a people,^M but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

^F **Isa 28:16** Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

^G Word-Study-G5092-timee-honour-price, article #[775](#).

^H **G4348 proskomma** ^{KJC:6} **stumbling** ^{(block)(stone)}Rom 9:32-33, 14:13; 1Co 8:9, 1Pe 2:8, **offence** ^{Rom 14:20} See article [#843](#).

^I See Word-Study-G4625-skandalon-offence-stumblingblock, article [#847](#).

^J *basileios* See Word-Study-G934-basileios-role-G935-basileus-King-1Pe-2-4-to-10, article [#575](#).

^K See Word-Study-H5459-segullay-peculiar-compared-to-sigillium-payable-at-sight, article [#491](#).

^L **Deu 26:18** And YHVH hath avouched thee this day to be his **peculiar people**, סְגֻלָּה ^{se-gul-Lah} לְעַם ^{le-'Am} as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep וְלָשְׂמַר ^{ve-lish-Mor} all כָּל- ^{kol-} his commandments מִצְוֹתַי ^{mitz-vo-Tav};

This “peculiar people” must **keep shomer all kol his commandments mitzvoth**

^M See Lo-Ammi-are-the-ones-who-need-Emanu-El, article [#511](#).