## **Present Yourselves**

Shalom,

This week's Torah reading, which is found in **Exodus 25:1—27:19** and is called **Terumah**, or "**Portion,**" "**Offering,**" or "**Gift**" in the Hebrew Bible, relates God's instructions for building the Tabernacle, and His source for all the valuable supplies required for its construction. Every believer in Yeshua should carefully examine this section realizing that the physical tabernacle that was constructed in the wilderness was, in fact, but a shadow of the real fulfillment of bringing forth the plans and purposes of God to indwell His people for the purpose of showing His glory through them, and He has made us the source materials for His House.

Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV)

Adonai spoke to Moses saying, "Tell Bnei-Yisrael to take up an offering for Me. From anyone whose heart compels him you are to take My offering." (Exodus 25:1 TLV)

Speak to the Children of Israel and let them take for me a portion, from every man whose heart motivates him you shall take My portion. (Exodus 25:2 Stone Edition THE CHUMASH\*)

"Have them make a Sanctuary for Me, so that I may dwell among them. (Exodus 25:8 TLV)

YHWH desires to dwell among His people, and to make Himself available to those who trust Him. He instructed His people to build a physical Tabernacle in the wilderness. All the required materials for its construction had already been provided through plundering the Egyptians as He instructed them.

So Bnei-Yisrael acted according to the word of Moses. They asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold, and for clothing. Adonai gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians and let them have what they asked for. So they plundered the Egyptians. (Exodus 12:35-36 TLV)

God provided all the needed materials through the hand of the Egyptians. They already possessed the silver, the gold, the jewels, and the fabrics needed for the Tabernacle, because God had laid up "the wealth of the sinner" (Proverbs 13:22) for His covenant nation. The provision of God, or the supply, was more than enough. God supplied abundantly and supernaturally, and scripture tells us that His provision for the Children of Israel is a natural example for Newer Covenant believers who will be supernaturally and spiritually supplied to become the dwelling place of YHWH as the New Creation Body of Messiah.

As you come to Him, a living Stone rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house—a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Messiah Yeshua. (1 Peter 2:4-5 TLV)

We see that God is faithful to fulfill His Word. He ordained and provided every need in the building of His earthly Tabernacle. Now the body of Messiah, the dwelling place of the **Most High God**, has His perpetual light and presence united within every living, building stone, or covenant person, through the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. (2 Corinthians 4:7 KJV)

## A Portion from Every Man Whose Heart Motivates Him

Our part in receiving all that He has set in motion is that of developing a willing heart that operates by trusting and making ourselves available for His plans and purposes so that we offer His riches stored in us for the Tabernacle He has set up in His kingdom. We already have what we need to provide our portion, for it is supplied to us as we abide in Yeshua. He has already placed it in us as we abide in the Vine. We simply choose to present our portion to Him for His House. When we yield ourselves, we choose to make our hearts willing to bring that portion and offer it for its intended use.

I urge you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy, acceptable to God—which is your spiritual service. (Romans 12:1 TLV)

God will not force us to serve, but in His love, He encourages us to bring our appointed portion for His use. We can keep our hearts tender by hearing what the Holy Spirit and the Word of God teach us and by speaking His Words as you present your body as a living sacrifice.

The Holy Spirit continuously draws us to a wholehearted relationship. "Wholehearted" is the Hebrew word "shalem," and can mean "made ready." By yielding ourselves to the anointing, we open our hearts and make ourselves ready to take our place in His Temple.

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