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Terumah-Offerings
Exodus 25:1-27:19
1 Kings 5:26-6:13 (TNK) (5:12-6:13)
Yochanan (John) 14:18-21

Introduction

Above the ark is the kapporet, a slab of gold with a cherub on each end of the top. God promises to speak to Moses from between the two cherubim.

Exodus 25:17-22

17 "You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide. ¹⁸ "You shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat. ¹⁹ "Make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim *of one piece* with the mercy seat at its two ends. ²⁰ "The cherubim shall have *their wings* spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be *turned* toward the mercy seat. ²¹ "You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark, you shall put the testimony which I will give to you. ²² "There I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel. (NAU)

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The Holy One of Israel told Moses He would meet with Him by the Ark of the Covenant to speak with him about everything He would give through the commandment for Israel. Normally, the Almighty would only meet with the High Priest in the Holy of Holies, once a year, when he would make atonement for the Sanctuary, the Altar, himself, and the Children of Israel. Here we see the Almighty telling Moses He would meet with Moses by the Ark of the Testimony, which was the Ark of the Covenant into which would go the two stone tablets, a jar with manna in it, and Aaron's rod that had budded when some of the leaders of Israel challenged Aaron's place as High Priest.

What we see is Moses' special relationship with the Holy One, a relationship that would always be unique in the Bible. Even though Moses struggled with the calling the Almighty gave to him, he always did his best to do as the Almighty wanted him to do and to teach

the people the Torah, given by God to Israel as an everlasting covenant or revelation. The Torah has always been there from before the beginning, and many of us see it the Torah, the Living Word of the Almighty made flesh in the personage of Yeshua, His Son. It has always been my belief that the Torah has existed from the beginning, and man has always had some form of the Torah. What I mean is that Cain and Abel knew to bring an offering to the Almighty, and it was to be the best of what they had, meaning the *first fruits* or possibly the beginning of the tithe system of 10%. Noah knew to build an altar and offer a sacrifice once he departed from the ark. He also knew about clean and unclean animals. We could go on with more examples, but the point is the Torah has always existed and was revealed to man in parts as was needed by the Almighty to teach His children.

The Torah in its fullness was revealed to Moses on Mount Sinai, and in turn he taught the Children of Israel what the Lord expected from His people to whom He had entered into a covenant. The Torah is the spelling out of this covenant. On Mount Sinai, Moses received two stone tablets with the Ten Words engraved on them, but these were not all that the Lord would require from His people. These were the outline of what the Lord would fill in by teaching Moses the rest of it. He also showed Moses how to build the Tabernacle, everything that would go with it, about the priesthood, and the sacrificial system. Therefore, Moses needed to receive the instruction he had while living in Pharaoh's house. He would have learned to read and write and saw the day to day working of the royal court, etc. Moses then moved into the next phase of his life when he fled for killing an Egyptian. He spent the next forty years living in the home of Jethro, where he received Jethro's wisdom. He learned patience as a shepherd, married, and raised two boys.

In many ways, the Ark of the Testimony resembles the Ark that Noah built because Noah and his family entered the ark to be redeemed from the flood coming upon the earth because of man's wickedness. The Ark of the Testimony testified to the redemptive and covenantal relationship the Holy One desired with a nation He called out and formed through Moses, His chosen prophet, evangelist, teacher, judge, and leader. For someone who was eighty years old, that was a responsibility no one else could handle. Moses rose to the task laid out for him by the Holy One showing us a picture of the one to come after him – Yeshua the Messiah, the Son of God.

1 Kings 6:11-13

11 Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon, ¹² "Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes and obey my rules and keep all my commandments and walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father. ¹³ And I will dwell among the children of Israel and will not forsake my people Israel." (ESV)

Solomon was given an opportunity, in much the same way as Moses had. However, in Solomon's case, he would inherit the kingdom his father David had brought together just as Moses had built the nation from the ground up, with both men acknowledging the help of the Almighty. Solomon was given the blessing of building the house where the Lord's Holy Spirit would dwell on the earth. As his father had instructed him, so too did the Holy

One. Solomon was told that if he would walk in His statutes, obey His rules or judgments, keep all of the commandments, and walk in them, the Almighty would establish His word with Solomon as He had with his father David. If the Messiah is the Living Word of God, would that mean that the covenant or word being established was a relationship with the Father through His Son Yeshua? The gift of redemption was being offered to Solomon as it had been to David, to Moses, and so many others who came before them. If we walk according to Torah, which to me means if we walk according to Messiah, we are in a covenantal relationship with the Father through the Son as would so many others be in the centuries to follow, right on down to our day and time.

Yochanan 14:18-21

18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you *will* see Me; because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him." (NAU)

Once again, we see the simplicity of the Lord's plan. Messiah would be in those who place their faith in Him as He has placed His faith in His Father. This has been the Creator's plan all along; to bring all His children to Him to be with Him forever. This faith is not all that He asks. He also asks that we follow His commandments, and in keeping them, we show we love Him, and by that love, the Father will love us as well. God does not complicate things – we do! We always have, my friends, and we always will. We need to be walking in covenant with Yeshua and watching for the signs of His return. We must not put our faith in man. Men will always fail us – God won't! Man's ways are not God's ways, which is why He chose not to dwell amid Israel because of their sin. Isn't it time we learn from our mistakes and turn to the only one who can redeem us – Messiah Yeshua, the Son of God, Almighty.

Torah Man says: "Keep on waiting on Him, keep working with Him, keep watching for Him."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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