



Message 2-9-19
Terumah-Offerings
Exodus 25:1-27:19
1 Kings 5:26-6:13 (TNK) (5:12-6:13 Regular Bible)
Yochanan (John) 14:18-21

Introduction

It should strike us that, just as the story of Creation unfolded in six days, each of which began, “And the Lord said...,” so the instructions for building the Tabernacle are found in six sections, each of which begins, “The Lord spoke to Moses.” The seventh section deals with the instructions for Shabbat. This suggests to us that building the Tabernacle marks a second Creation – this time, the Creation of a people set apart to God – Israel.

Exodus 26:31-37

31 "And you shall make a veil of **blue** and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it. ³² And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, on four bases of silver. ³³ And you shall hang the veil from the clasps and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy. ³⁴ You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place. ³⁵ And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand on the south side of the tabernacle opposite the table, and you shall put the table on the north side. ³⁶ "You shall make a screen for the entrance of the tent, of **blue** and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, embroidered with needlework. ³⁷ And you shall make for the screen five pillars of acacia and overlay them with gold. Their hooks shall be of gold, and you shall cast five bases of bronze for them. (ESV)

<08504> תְּכֵלֶת *tekeleth* (1067b)

Meaning: *violet, violet thread*

Origin: of unc. der.

Usage: blue (43), purple (1), violet (5).

<0713> אַרְגָּמָן *argaman* (71a)

Meaning: *purple, red-purple*

<08144> שָׁנִי shani (1040c)

Meaning: *scarlet*

In this passage of Scripture from this week's Torah portion, we read about some of the work that had been done regarding the Tabernacle. Notice that a veil of blue, purple, and scarlet fine linen would cover the entrance to the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place. The Hebrew word used for blue is *techelet*, the same blue we are supposed to use in the tzizit. The problem is when you translate *techelet* from Hebrew, it becomes violet or turquoise. They say the blue is to remind us of God and his place in the heavens.

So, why not stay with the Biblical understanding? Because man's tendency tends to wander off course, and we have trouble staying true to the Word. We believe we can do things better. When it comes to the way the world is and has been since the beginning, man has not made it better, nor can man make it better than his Creator. We fight over this and we fight over that. Many times, leading us into conflict with one another and finally bringing us into wars. The only wars that are holy are the ones the Almighty fights or leads us to fight. The two main wars that will define mankind are ones the Holy One will bring. They are Gog and Magog and Armageddon. If you believe they are one and the same, I would urge you to take your time and read the books of the Prophets and the Book of Revelation. Even the Torah and the books of the Writings contain prophecy. To the Holy One of Israel, prophecy has already unfolded and will unfold, showing us two sides of the same coin.

When we read about the colors used in the Holy Place and Holy of Holies, we see the attributes of our Creator being revealed. Blue is not the true meaning of *techelet*. It means turquoise or a bluish green the color of the sky, the entrance into the heavenly place. Maybe the reason man tries so hard to gain entrance into space is because it is like man trying to ascend to heaven via the Tower of Babel. The purple is a symbol of royalty, the right to rule. Man has tried to emulate his Creator to do this, but we have fallen woefully short of the mark. Finally, the color scarlet, the color of blood, the blood shed upon the altar in the Tabernacle and Temple and before the Almighty by His Son Yeshua. Yeshua shed His blood, once and for all, so the sins of mankind could be dealt with through His sacrifice. No matter how many times we have seen or read about the blood of animals being shed for sin, we know the blood of animals were a temporary fix to a problem that only the blood of Messiah could rectify.

1 Kings 6:7-9

7 When the house was built, it was with stone prepared at the quarry, so that neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron was heard in the house while it was being built. ⁸ The entrance for the lowest story was on the south side of the house, and one went up by stairs to the middle story, and from the middle story to the third. ⁹ So he built the house and finished it, and he made the ceiling of the house of beams and planks of cedar. (ESV)

<03615> כָּלָה *kalah* (477b)

Meaning: *to be complete, at an end, finished, accomplished, or spent*

When the first Temple was built, there was no sound of hammering or chipping away at the stone blocks because they were prepared away from the Temple Mount and brought there finished ready to be laid one on the other. This would be a picture of the work the Messiah has done and will do to bring His Father's plan to its conclusion. Solomon's Temple, in the side areas were three levels high. Could we possibly reference this to the three levels of heaven spoken about by the Apostle Shaul?

2 Corinthians 12:2 I know a man in union with the Messiah who fourteen years ago **was snatched up to the third heaven**; whether he was in the body or outside the body I don't know, God knows. ³ And I know that such a man- whether in the body or apart from the body I don't know, God knows- ⁴ was snatched into Gan-'Eden and heard things that cannot be put into words, things unlawful for a human being to utter. ⁵ About such a man I will boast; but about myself I will not boast, except in regard to my weaknesses. ⁶ If I did want to boast, I would not be foolish; because I would be speaking the truth. But, because of the extraordinary greatness of the revelations, I refrain, so that no one will think more of me than what my words or deeds may warrant. (CJB)

The Apostle does not come out saying it was him who ascended, but he certainly alludes to the possibility. We have heard stories about heaven having seven levels. The speculation runs rampant, and we need to slow it down and get on track with sticking our noses into our Bibles. We should not just warm them up on a cold winter's night, but search out the Word, not just for what the Word might be speaking, but to hear the Word speaking – the Living Word of the Father – Yeshua!

Hebrews 9:2-8

2 For there was a tabernacle prepared, the outer one, in which *were* the lampstand and the table and the sacred bread; this is called the holy place. ³ Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, ⁴ having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant; ⁵ and above it *were* the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail. ⁶ Now when these things have been so prepared, the priests are continually entering the outer tabernacle performing the divine worship, ⁷ but into the second, only the high priest *enters* once a year, not without *taking* blood, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance. ⁸ The Holy Spirit *is* signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed while the outer tabernacle is still standing. (NAU)

In the Tabernacle that had been built in the wilderness, there were only two parts to it. The Holy Place and the Holies of Holies. In the Holy of Holies was the Ark of Covenant which contained a jar of manna, Aaron's rod that had budded, and the two Stone Tablets containing the Ten Words written by the finger of the Holy One upon the tablets. When

we arrive at the first Temple, so much gets added to it. Maybe, they should have simply left it as the Tabernacle was – in its simplicity as the Almighty had apparently originally intended it to be.

Torah Man says: “A dewdrop does the will of God as much as the thunder storm.”

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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TORAH: LEARN IT, LOVE IT, LIVE IT AS YESHUA DID! PSALM 119

