

# Parshah Insights 2022

## Parshah: Shemini

(Leviticus 9-11)

שמיני

“eighth”

שמונה

“Eight”  
(shemoneh)

“Fat”  
(shimناه)

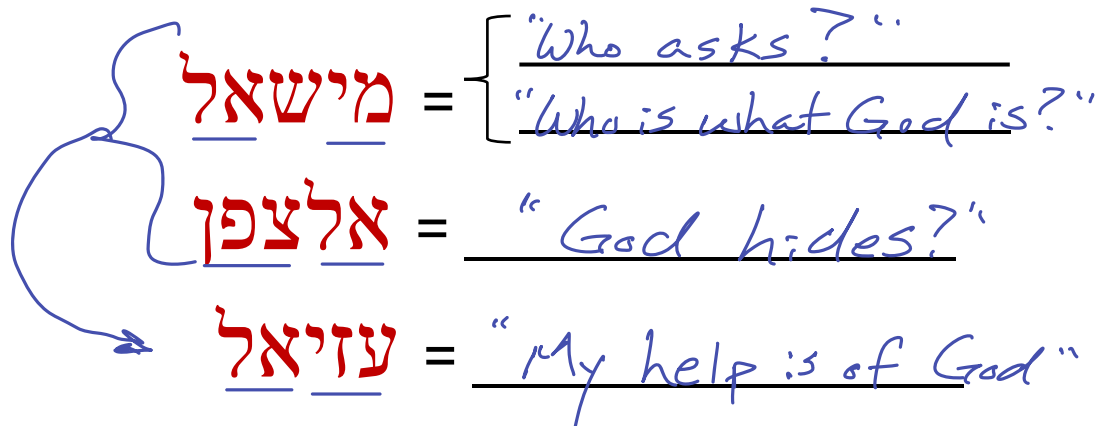




The First 12 Letters

### Leviticus 10:3

Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what Adonai has said: **‘By those who are near Me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.’** ...



## The Fire of God's Pleasure:

1. The inauguration of the Tabernacle (Lev.9:24)
2. Gideon's call to lead (Judges 6:17-23)
3. Samson's birth announced (Judges 13:16-20)
4. David purchases the threshing floor (1Chron.21:26-27)
5. Solomon dedicates the Temple (2Chron. 7:1-3)
6. Elijah on Mt. Carmel (1Kings 18:38-40)
7. Shavuot - Acts 2:1-3

## The Fire of God's Displeasure:

1. Nadav & Avihu (Lev.10:2)
2. The Israelites complain (Num. 11:1-3)
3. Korach's rebellion (Num. 16:35)
4. Job's servants killed (Job 1:16)
5. Elijah – a Captain + 50 men (2Kings 1:9-10)
6. Elijah – a Captain + 50 men (2Kings 1:11-12)
7. Sodom - Gen.19:24

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## Leviticus 10:10-11

In order to distinguish ...

[A] between **the holy** and **the common**,  
and...

[B] between **the unclean** and **the clean**...

[C] **so as to teach** the sons of Israel all the statutes which Adonai has spoken to them through Moses.

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קרב

(karav)

“draw near” / “innards”

חזה

(chazah)

“chest” or “breast” / “to see”

חזן = “Cantor”

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## Discussion Questions:

- What are other biblical examples of someone getting too full of themselves and then making a fool of themselves? (Do you have a personal example?)
  - What kinds of “strange fire” do you see being offered to God today?
  - How can fire be destructive and a blessing as well?
  - Discuss Leviticus 10:10-11. How can we apply this to our own lives?
  - Compare the stories of Nadav & Avihu with the story of the Apostles on Shavuot. (Acts 2:1-3) Why were the experiences of God’s fire so very different?
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## NOTES:

**Exodus 27:3** You shall make pots for [the bronze altar] to receive its ashes, and shovels and basins and forks and fire pans. You shall make all its utensils of bronze.

**Leviticus 16:1-2** Adonai spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before Adonai and died, and Adonai said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the ark cover so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the ark cover.

**Exodus 30:8-9** And when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the LORD throughout your generations. You shall not offer unauthorized [זרה, *zarah*] incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering, and you shall not pour a drink offering on it.

### Examples of *zarah* (זרה)

**Proverbs 22:14** The mouth of forbidden women is a deep pit; he with whom Adonai is angry will fall into it.

**Proverbs 23:31-34** Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly. In the end it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder. Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart utter perverse things. You will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, like one who lies on the top of a mast.

**Hosea 5:7** They have dealt faithlessly with Adonai; for they have borne alien children...

**Psalms 58:3** The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies.

**Psalms 139:3** You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Hebrews 12:28-29** Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

**Exodus 19:24** And Adonai said to him, "Go down, and come up bringing Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to Adonai, lest He break out against them."

**2 Chronicles 26:16-21** But when [King Uzziah] was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction. For he was unfaithful to Adonai his God and entered the temple of Adonai to burn incense on the altar of incense. But Azariah the priest went in after him, with eighty priests of Adonai who were men of valor, and they withstood King Uzziah and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to Adonai, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the sanctuary, for you have done wrong, and it will bring you no honor from Adonai Elohim." Then Uzziah was angry. Now he had a censer in his hand to burn incense, and when he became angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead in the presence of the priests in the house of Adonai, by the altar of incense. And Azariah the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they rushed him out quickly, and he himself hurried to go out, because Adonai had struck him. And King Uzziah was a leper to the day of his death, and being a leper lived in a separate house, for he was excluded from the house of Adonai. And Jotham his son was over the king's household, governing the people of the land.

**Ezekiel 22:26** Her priests have done violence to My Torah and have profaned My holy things. They have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they taught the difference between the unclean and the clean, and they have disregarded My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them.

**Ezekiel 44:23** They shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the common and show them how to distinguish between the unclean and the clean.

**Malachi 2:5-7** My covenant with [Levi] was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him. It was a covenant of fear, and he feared Me. He stood in awe of My Name. True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of Adonai of Hosts.

### Examples of *chazah* (חזה)

**Exodus 18:21** "Moreover, look for capable men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens."

**Exodus 24:11** ... they beheld God and ate and drank.

### The Fire of God's Pleasure:

**Judges 6:17-23** And he said to him, "If now I have found favor in Your eyes, then show me a sign that it is You who speak with me. Please do not depart from here until I come to You and bring out my present and set it before You." And He said, "I will stay till you return." So Gideon went into his house and prepared a young goat and unleavened cakes from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and the broth he put in a pot, and brought them to Him under the terebinth and presented them. And the angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened cakes, and put them on this rock, and pour the broth over them." And he did so. Then the angel of Adonai reached out the tip of the staff that was in His hand and touched the meat and the unleavened cakes. And fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened cakes. And the angel of Adonai vanished from his sight. Then Gideon perceived that He was the angel of Adonai. And Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord Adonai! For now I have seen the angel of Adonai face to face." But Adonai said to him, "Peace be to you. Do not fear; you shall not die."

**Judges 13:16-20** And the angel of Adonai said to Manoah, "If you detain Me, I will not eat of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to Adonai." (For Manoah did not know that He was the angel of Adonai.) And Manoah said to the angel of Adonai, "What is Your name, so that, when Your words come true, we may honor You?" And the angel of Adonai said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?" So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to Adonai, to the One who works wonders, and Manoah and his wife were watching. And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the angel of Adonai went up in the flame of the altar. Now Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.

**1 Chronicles 21:26-27** And David built there an altar to Adonai and presented burnt offerings and peace offerings and called on Adonai, and Adonai answered him with fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering. Then Adonai commanded the angel, and he put his sword back into its sheath.

**2 Chronicles 7:1-3** As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of Adonai filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of Adonai, because the glory of Adonai filled Adonai's house. When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of Adonai on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to Adonai, saying, "For He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever."

**1 Kings 18:38-40** Then the fire of Adonai fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "Adonai, he is God; Adonai, he is God." And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape." And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.

**Acts 2:1-3** When the day of Shavuot arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

### The Fire of God's Displeasure:

**Numbers 11:1-3** And the people complained in the hearing of Adonai about their misfortunes, and when Adonai heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of Adonai burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp. Then the people cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to Adonai, and the fire died down. So the name of that place was called Taberah, because the fire of Adonai burned among them.

**Numbers 16:35** And fire came out from Adonai and consumed the 250 men offering the incense.

**Job 1:16** While he was yet speaking, there came another and said, "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants and consumed them, and I alone have escaped to tell you."

**2 Kings 1:9-10** Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty men with his fifty. He went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "O man of God, the king says, 'Come down.'" But Elijah answered the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

**2 Kings 1:11** Again the king sent to him another captain of fifty men with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, "O man of God, this is the king's order, 'Come down quickly!'" But Elijah answered them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty." Then the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

**Genesis 19:24** Then Adonai rained on Sodom and Gomorrah sulfur and fire from Adonai out of heaven.