

Parshah Insights 2022

Parshah: Vayakhel

(Exodus 35:1-38:20)

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Exodus 32:1

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people **gathered themselves** together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us ...”

Terumah/
Tetzaveh

KiTisa

Vayakhel/
Pekudei

Instruction

FAILURE!

Work Finished

15 Construction Materials:

- Gold
- Silver
- Copper
- *Techelet*
- Purple
- Scarlet
- Linen
- Goat hair
- Red ram skins
- *Tachash* skins
- Acacia wood
- Oil
- Spices
- Ephod stone *5*
- Breastplate stones

15 Construction Syllables:

Genesis 1:1

Brei-sheit ba-ra El-o-him et ha-shmaim v-et ha-ar-etz.

The Tabernacle Described 7x:

1. When God commands Moses (ch. 25-28,30a)
 2. When Bezalel & Oholiab are named (31:1-11)
 3. When Moses requests *terumah* (35:4-21)
 4. When the work is performed (ch. 36-38)
 5. When all is brought to Moses (39:33-42)
 6. When God commanded Moses to erect the Tabernacle (40:1-16)
 7. When Moses erected the Tabernacle (40:17-33)
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The GOD of Impossible Things:

- The 7th plague = **FIRE** & **ICE** (Ex. 9:13-27)
- **Revelation 1:14-15** ...His eyes were like a **FLAME OF FIRE**, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many **WATERS**.
- A glassy **SEA** mixed with **FIRE** (Rev. 15:2)
- "I immerse you with **WATER** ... He will immerse you with the holy spirit and with **FIRE**." (Matt. 3:11)
- "If your enemy is thirsty, give him **WATER** to drink, for you will heap **BURNING COALS** on his head..."
- **Daniel 7:9-10** "As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat... **A STREAM OF FIRE** issued and came out from before him..."
- **Revelation 22:1** Then the angel showed me the **RIVER OF THE WATER OF LIFE**, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb
- Destruction by **WATER** vs. destruction by **FIRE**

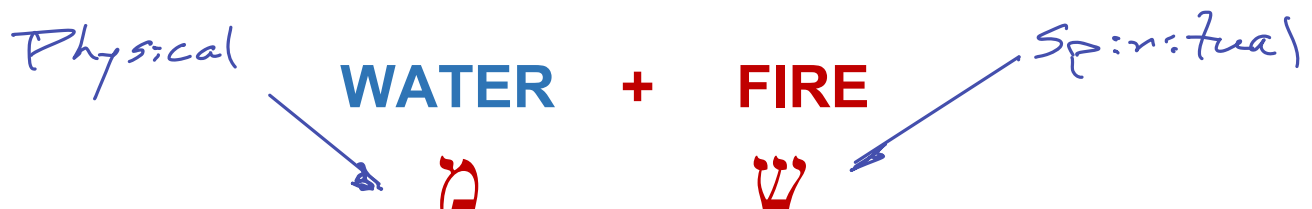
"Human Being"

The Torah was given in the presence of three things – Fire, Water, and Wilderness.

∞ B'Midbar Rabbah 1.7

Numbers 31:22-23

“...only the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, everything that can stand the fire, you shall pass through the **FIRE**, and it shall be clean. Nevertheless, it shall also be purified with the **WATER** for impurity. And whatever cannot stand the **FIRE**, you shall pass through the **WATER**.”



שם = Name

שמים = Heaven/s

 = "preeminence"
נשמה = "neshamah" (Gen. 2:7)

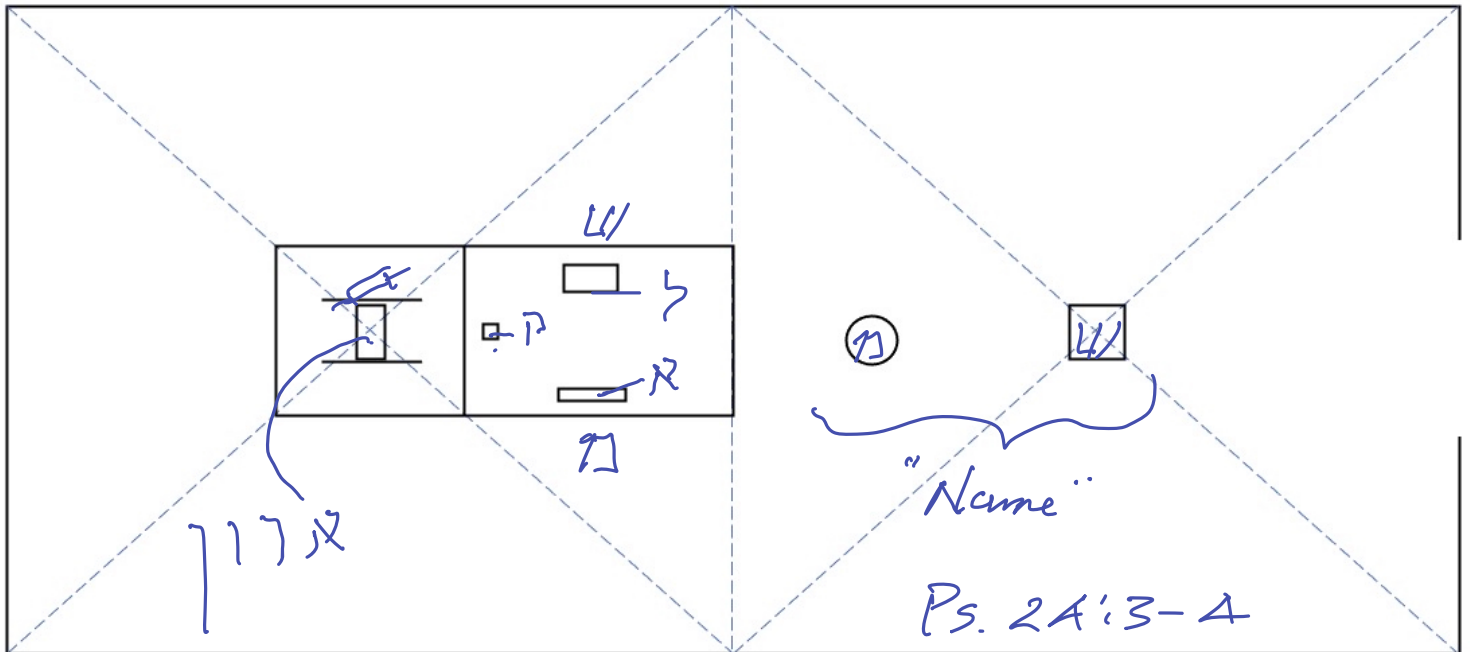
שלום = "shalom" "Peace"


לו = "to Him"

לי = "to Me"

$10 + 30 = 40 = \text{מ} \text{ (Water)}$

$10 \times 30 = 300 = \text{ה} \text{ (Fire)}$



$\text{כ} + \text{ל} + \text{א} = 131 = \text{אפא}$
 106 30 1 "Face"

Deuteronomy 31:26

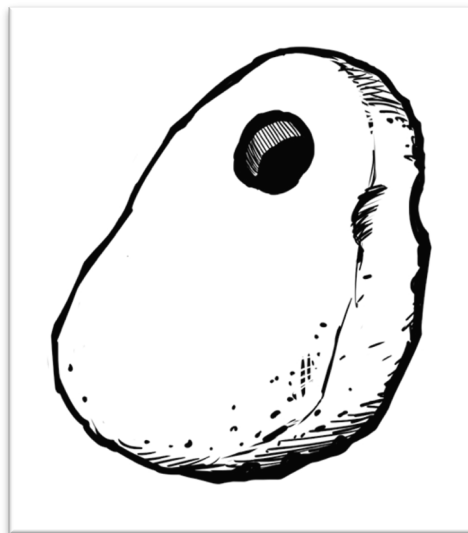
“Take this **Book** of the Torah and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of Adonai your God ...”

סֵפֶר (sepher) = 340 = שֵׁם

200 80 60 40 300

Hebrews 6:19-20

We have this as a sure and steadfast **anchor of the soul**, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Yeshua has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.



Anchor

300 + 1

“fire” = אֵשׁ (aish) = 301

“water” = מַיִם (mayim) = 90

40 10 40

391

יהושע = 391 = “Joshua”

A Final Thought^S :

And out of the ground Adonai Elohim made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The **Tree of Life** was in the midst of the garden, and the **Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil**. (Genesis 2:9)

Discussion Questions:

- Try to think of other occasions where we find fire and water together in the Scriptures.
- Think about the cleansing work God has done in your own life. How has He cleansed you spiritually?
- Discuss Hebrews 6:19-20. Compare a physical anchor with the spiritual anchor of the soul.
- Discuss how God's Word can be used for life; and how it can be used to do harm.

NOTES:

Proverbs 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out.

Ezekiel 16:10 I clothed you also with embroidered cloth and shod you with *tachash* [תחש]. I wrapped you in fine linen and covered you with silk.

Genesis 2:7 Then Adonai Elohim formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the *breath* [נשמה, *neshamah*] of life, and the man became a living *soul* [נפש, *nephesh*].

Ezekiel 7:11 Violence has grown up into a rod of wickedness. None of them shall remain, nor their abundance, nor their wealth; neither shall there be *preeminence* [נה, *noah*] among them.

Isaiah 6:6-7 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with **tongs** from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Psalms 24:3-4 Who shall ascend the hill of Adonai? And who shall stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Genesis 19:1 The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his *face* [אפימ, *apa'im*] to the earth

Exodus 15:11 "Who is like You, Adonai, among the gods? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, *awesome* [נורא, *nora*] in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

Exodus 39:30 They made the plate of the holy *crown* [נזר, *nezer*] of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription, like the engraving of a signet, "Holy to Adonai."

"If the one who receives it is deserving, then the Torah becomes a life-giving medicine. If however the person is not deserving, then it becomes a poison [literally: "a drug of death"]. (R' Yehoshua ben Levi)

**Numeric Values of
the Hebrew Letters**

1	א
2	ב
3	ג
4	ד
5	ה
6	ו
7	ז
8	ח
9	ט
10	י
20	כ,ך
30	ל
40	מ,ם
50	נ,ן
60	ס
70	ע
80	פ,ף
90	צ,ץ
100	ק
200	ר
300	ש
400	ת