



**Message 2-16-19**  
**Tetsaveh-You Shall Command**  
**Exodus 27:20-30:10**  
**Ezekiel 43:10-27**  
**1 John 3:2-4**

**Introduction**

This week's Parashah picks up where Terumah leaves off. Having concluded the instructions for building the Tabernacle, Tetzaveh begins with the olive oil, which is pure, for lighting the Tent of Meeting.

**Exodus 27:20-21**

**20** "You shall command the people of Israel that they bring to you **pure** beaten olive oil for the light, that a lamp may regularly be set up to burn. <sup>21</sup> In the tent of meeting, outside the veil that is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening to morning before the LORD. It shall be a statute forever to be observed throughout their generations by the people of Israel. (ESV)

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**Meaning:** clean, pure, righteous (fig.) 2) the pure one (subst)

Every aspect of the Tabernacle was designed for a purpose, and that was to bring man to the Creator and provide a place where the Holy One could meet man. It was in the Tabernacle where the sacrifices were brought and offered to the Holy One. The blood of the sacrifice was to mirror that of the sacrifice of the Messiah Yeshua. It was through the shed blood of the sacrifice that we could come into the presence of the Holy One of Israel. But this was only a temporary fix, and a better way was necessary. That way had already been put in place from the foundation of the world. His work had been completed from the very beginning. All that was needed was for man to walk out our Creator's plan to reach the point in time where the solution would be made manifest for all to see. To see does not mean to understand, and that is where we have been all along despite the Creator giving us glimpses into the spiritual realm to see His plan.

Then again, what would we have done with it if we did not understand it? Look at what we have done with the little bit that has been revealed to us. We have taken it and twisted it and turned it upside down until we no longer recognize what the Holy One wants to do for us. The meaning of the pure beaten olive oil is to shine a light in the darkness, so we can find the way to Messiah. Who else has been beaten to remove that which was impure

from Him? He took our sins upon Himself, and because of this, He had to die to bring an end to the consequences of our sins. He is the only part of creation that is pure, spotless, without sin, and impurity. If His light shines in the darkness, we will always be able to find our way to the light – Messiah Yeshua.

### **Ezekiel 43:10-12**

**10** "As for you, son of man, describe to the house of Israel the temple, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and they shall measure the plan. <sup>11</sup> And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the design of the temple, its arrangement, its exits and its entrances, that is, its whole design; and make known to them as well all its statutes and its whole design and all its Torahs, and write it down in their sight, so that they may observe all its Torahs and all its statutes and carry them out. <sup>12</sup> This is the Torah of the temple: the whole territory on the top of the mountain all around shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the temple. (ESV)

The Torah of the temple is speaking about the third Temple that will be built once the anti-Messiah comes on the scene. Many believe there will be no need for another Temple, but the truth is we do need another Temple until the Living Temple reveals Himself and draws all mankind to Him to receive the blessings promised from the very beginning. Many wars have been fought over religion, and the final battles will be for no less than the truth of who is God – Satan or the Almighty. The Almighty, through His Son Yeshua, created everything there is including good and evil. They are two sides of the same coin brought into existence to teach us about redemption and the stark contrast between the Lord, God, Almighty and Satan. Satan was an Archangel created for the sole purpose to betray his Creator in the same way Judas betrayed his Master Yeshua.

God creates, Satan imitates. What God means for mankind good, Satan means it for our downfall. He wants to take us down with him to that place where he will go to once everything is said and done at the end of the Messianic Age. Two major battles need to take place before everything is finally ended. Armageddon brings us into the Messianic Age, while Gog and Magog bring us to the end of the Messianic Kingdom. These wars are not the same thing. They have two distinct purposes, my friends, and we need to be ready for what is coming because the Tribulation and Great Tribulation are on the way as well, if not already getting ready to begin. We have heard about the wars to end all wars, and yet, there are still wars going on all over this planet. Look to the sons of Abraham and Isaac. Ishmael and Esau will raise their heads up to claim the birthright they believe is rightfully theirs. That was settled by the Holy One, but He did leave a door open because it was necessary in order that man could bring about the chaos that the Creator will use to bring His plan to fruition.

### **1 John 3:2-4**

**2** Dear friends, we are God's children now; and it has not yet been made clear what we will become. We do know that when he appears, we will be like him; because we will see him as he really is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope in him continues **purifying** himself, since God is pure. <sup>4</sup> Everyone who keeps sinning is violating *Torah*- indeed, sin is violation of *Torah*. (CJB)

As the olive oil needed to be pure in order to bring light into the Holy Place, so our Messiah is pure in order to bring light to all mankind who walk in darkness trying to find the light if they want to find their way out. Messiah showed us the way down the road that leads to Him, and in turn, He leads the way to His Father. Along the way, He gives us a gift to help us navigate the path. He gives us the *Ruach HaKodesh*-the Holy Spirit, to show us the truth to be found in the Scriptures. The Bible is a roadmap to guide us to the goal. The Apostle Shaul described the walk as a race that needs to be run to get to the end. We do the best we can along the way, and His Spirit helps us to get there.

We will make mistakes and need to come back to Him for a recharge. It's the way of the world and this life we live in as mortal beings. Angels are immortal beings who serve the Creator as messengers while the fallen angels serve Satan. Satan cannot win the war. It might seem like he wins some battles along the way, but when it really counts, and everything depends on Messiah, it will all work out in the end. Satan may not accept that conclusion, but it is true, nonetheless. He cannot win!

**Revelation 20:10** The Adversary who had deceived them was hurled into the lake of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (CJB)

**Revelation 20:15** Anyone whose name was not found written in the Book of Life was hurled into the lake of fire. (CJB)

***Torah Man say: "Nothing with God is accidental."***

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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



