

TORAH TIME

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PARASHA

Tetzaveh

- Exodus 27:20-30:10
- Ezekiel 43:10-27
- Hebrews 13:10-16

TORAH TIME

YHWH tells Moses to receive from the Children of Israel pure olive oil for the "everlasting flame" of the seven branched menorah. Aaron is to kindle the menorah each day, "from evening until morning."

There are special clothes given just for the priests. These priestly garments are only to be worn by the Kohanim (priests) while serving in the sanctuary. All Kohanim wore: the ketonet – a full length linen tunic; michnasayim -- linen breeches; mitznetefet ormigba'at -- a linen turban; avnet -- a long sash wound above the waist.

In addition, the Kohen HaGadol ("high priest" in Hebrew) wore: the efod, an apron-like garment made of blue, purple and red-dyed wool, linen and gold thread; the choshen, a breastplate containing twelve precious stones inscribed with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; me'il -- a cloak of blue wool, with gold bells and decorative pomegranates on its hem; the tzitz -- a golden plate worn on the forehead bearing the inscription "Holy to YHWH".



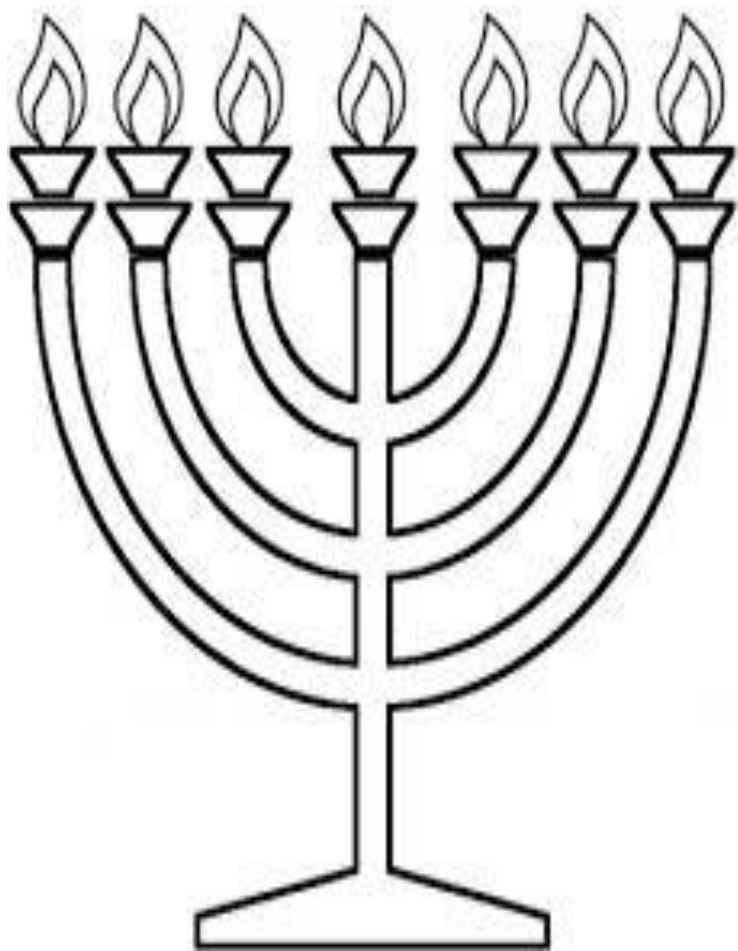
Tetzaveh also includes YHWH's detailed instructions for the seven-day initiation of Aaron and his four sons –Nadav, Avihu, Elazar and Itamar-- into the priesthood, and for the making of the Golden Altar on which the ketoret ("incense") was burned.

(This is an easy explanation of the Torah portion taken from the book "The Open Bible" - available at www.emetministries.com)

MEMORY VERSE

"Take every thought captive to the obedience of Y'shua," 2 Corinthians 10:5

LEARNING ACTIVITY



Inside the tabernacle was a beautiful menorah. This menorah used pure olive oil to burn lights in its seven branches. The menorah would always stay aflame and give the priests light to do their work in the holy place.

Throughout the Torah the concept of "light" is a special secret code for "YHWH's best." In Genesis YHWH said "let there be light" and YHWH's best came forth from the darkness. Later the people of Israel are told to shine the light of YHWH's goodness into the dark nations. Even Messiah said to "let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Light is the Hebrew word "ore." The word "ore" appears 5 times on the first day of creation, representing the 5 books of the Torah that bring Light to the world. When you obey the Torah you are shining YHWH's light in the world. The Torah is YHWH's best for you! "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light (Torah) unto my path," says Psalm 119. Color this menorah and think about how you can shine the light of Torah. Make a list of seven ways (one for each day) to be the light in your world this week.

WALK THE TALK

Do you like to play dress up? Putting on a princess dress or a cowboy hat helps times of play seem more real. It is fun to wear special clothes for special occasions too. People wear work uniforms to help them at their job. Doctors might wear a white coat and police officers usually have a utility belt that holds their tools. In this week's Torah portion we learn of clothing that the priests at the tabernacle wore. The priest, called "cohen" in Hebrew, was a go between or intercessory between man and YHWH. The cohen worked at the tabernacle and offered sacrifices for Israel.

Aharon and his sons were chosen as the first priests of the mishkan. To be a priest, a person must have been born into their family. To be a priest of YHWH today, you must be born again. "Aharon and his sons shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute so you shall ordain Aharon and his sons," Exodus 29:9.

Much of our Torah portion speaks of the Cohen HaGadol – the Great High Priest. This man was chosen to go behind the veil of the tabernacle once a year to present a special sacrifice to YHWH. This offering happened on Yom Kippur or the "Day of Atonement." The High Priest was set apart over the set apart priesthood. This Cohen HaGadol is a picture of our High Priest Y'shua. As Aharon was chosen, so was Y'shua. "So Messiah also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But YHWH said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek," Hebrews 5:5-6. The High Priest wore a special head covering, a neat breastplate, and a unique robe. Just as the High Priest would wear specific garments, we too must clothe ourselves in the Messiah. The book of Romans says to "clothe yourselves with Y'shua, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature." Our memory verse tells us to take every thought captive to the obedience of Y'shua. This means that you are to ask yourself if your thoughts will lead to the obedience of Y'shua. If something doesn't honor YHWH or bring obedience then you should reject it. The priests had to do this daily. They had to think good thoughts and stop anything that was selfish. When they put on the priestly garments they were reminded that their job as kohenim was to think upon YHWH first and then serve him with love. Again, Romans says to "clothe yourselves with Y'shua, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature."

How do you put on Y'shua like a garment? How can you clothe yourself with Y'shua?" Well, this is done when you ask YHWH to cover your thoughts and actions. As you chose not to think about yourself and selfish ways you actually clothe yourself with Y'shua. When you think good thoughts and obey the commands you are actually clothing yourself with the garments of holiness, just like a priest would wear the tunic and head covering.

TORAH TALK

What does the name of this portion mean?

Why is this portion special?

What is the main subject of this portion?

How can you live this portion?

What commandments are in this portion?

Did you read about the Messiah in this portion? Where?

How did YHWH show His love to man in this portion?

What did you learn from the Torah?

HEBREW LESSON

MEET THE RESH:



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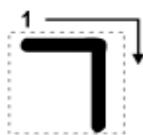
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RO'EH=SHEPHERD

RACHEM=MERCY

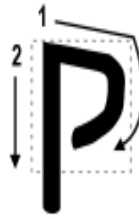
RACKEL=RACHEL

WRITE THE LETTER



This letter looks a little like a backwards English letter "r." Be careful not to confuse this with the letter Dalet.

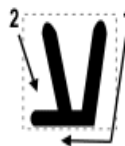
REVIEW THE LETTERS



This letter looks like the English letter "p." Note that the second stroke descends below the letter's baseline. Note the "gap" between the end of the first stroke and the second stroke.



Most people form this letter using two separate strokes.



Note that the second stroke descends to the right of the end of the first stroke.

Activity Ideas

Go online and look up information about pure olive oil. Discover how the olives are planted, grow, and are harvested. Then find out how the olives are crushed to make oil.

Use card board boxes, cloth, jewels, and other household items to make your own costume of the High Priest.

Purchase foam board, colored stones, and glue. Create an ephod with the 12 stones. Punch holes in the top and thread some yarn, string, or twine through the holes. Look at pictures of how the priests wore the ephod.

Check out a book from the library on stones and rocks. See if you can find the ones named in the Bible.

Get a loaf pan and melt chocolate into a square. Add 12 different color jelly beans for stones representing the 12 tribes.

Purchase wick at a craft store and demonstrate how an oil lamp burns like the menorah. What type of oil did they use?

Use kosher marshmallows to make a seven branched menorah. Line up seven marshmallows next to each other in a row. Place the eighth marshmallow on top of the stack, in the middle. Slowly and gently, push either pretzel sticks or birthday candles in the middle of each.



Colors in Hebrew

Yellow	tsah-hov	צהב
Orange	kah-tom	כתם
Pink	vah-rod	ורד
Red	ah-dom	אדם
Brown	khoom	חום
Green	yah-rok	ירק
Light Blue	te-khe-let	תכלת
Blue	kah-khol	כהל
Purple	sah-gol	סגל
Black	shah-kor	שחר
Grey	ah-for	אפר
White	lah-vahn	לבן

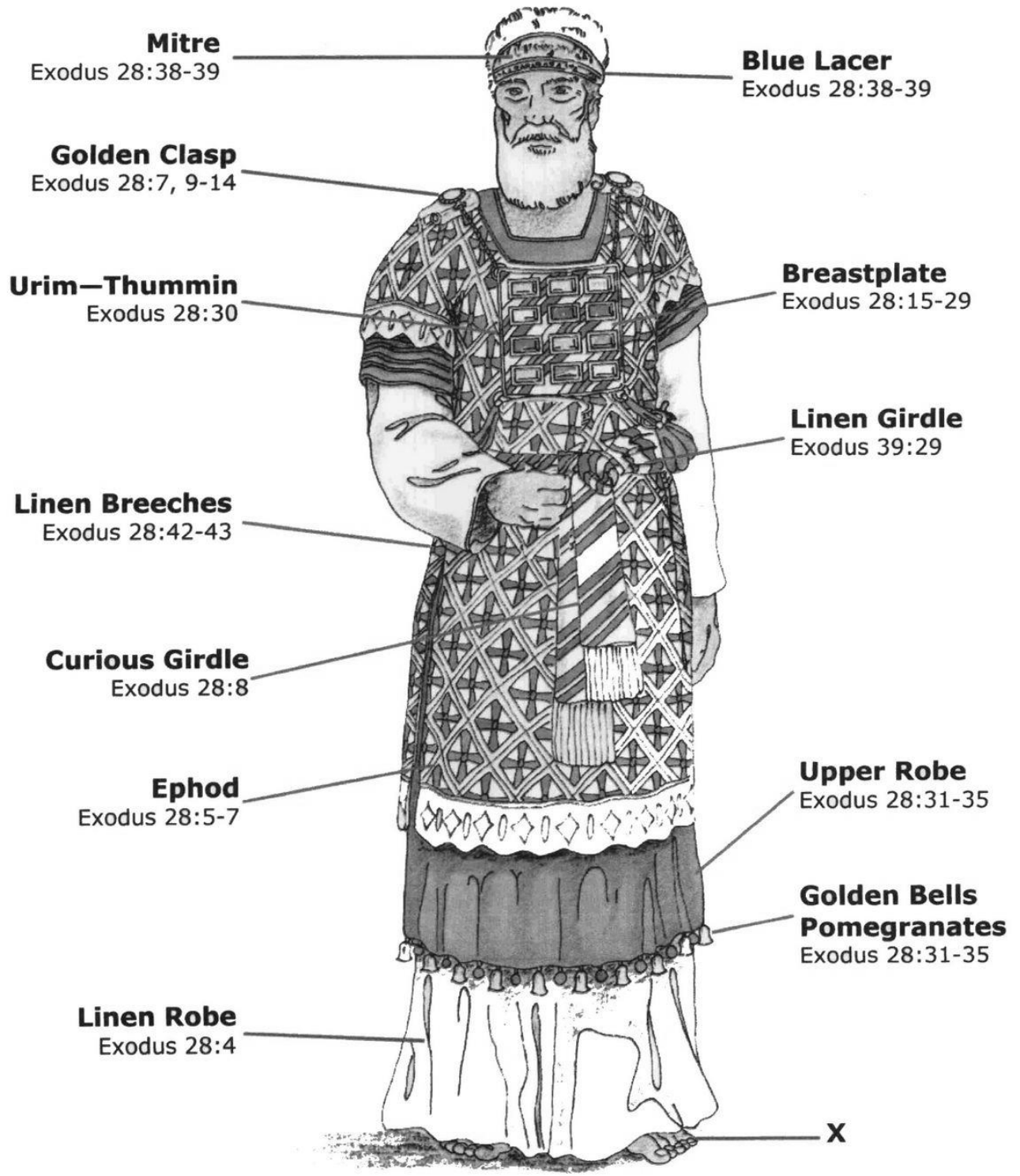
Tetzaveh

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V A P X O P S R A D U K H N Z
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K D Q U P A X K R A S N L A A
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AARON
BREASTPLATE
GOLD
PRIEST
TUNIC

BELL
CLOAK
HIGH
PURPLE
TURBAN

BLUE
GARMENTS
HOLY
TETZAVEH
YHWH



Vestments

Exodus 28:2-4