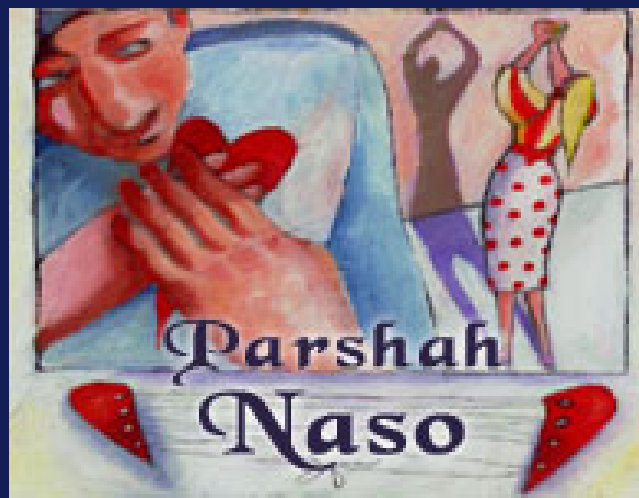


נשא

Naso ~ Lift Up The Head

BaMidbar / Numbers 4:21-7:89

Judges 13:2–25, John 3-4, Mat. 5:27-32,
Acts 21:17-26Rev. 4:1-11





נשא - Naso



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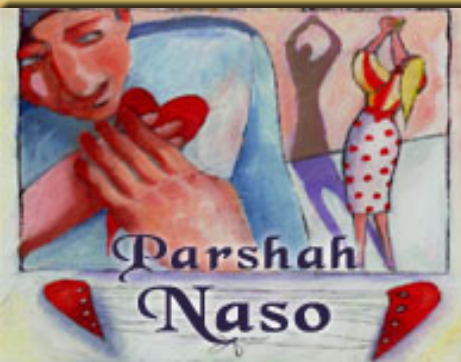
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נשא - Naso

- ✧ 4:21 God spoke to Moses, saying:
- ✧ 4:22 Also take a census of Gershon's descendants by families, following the paternal line.



Outline of The Parha

- ✧ **4:21 The Responsibilities of the Levites Who Were the Sons of Gershon**
- ✧ **4:29 The Responsibilities of the Levites Who Were the Sons of Merari**
- ✧ **4:38 The Total Number of the Gershonites and Merarites**



Outline of The Parha

- ✧ **5:1 Cleanliness in the Camp; Unclean Persons Put Outside the Camp**
- ✧ **5:5 Theft From a Fellow Israelite and the Terms of Restitution**
- ✧ **5:11 The Adulterous Wife or *Sotah***



Outline of The Parha

- ✧ **5:15 The Adulterous Wife Brought Before the Priest**
- ✧ **5:16 Test and Confession of the Adulterous Wife**
- ✧ **5:23 The Scroll Inscribed With the Curses Washed in the Bitter Water That the Adulterous Wife Drinks**



Outline of The Parha

- ✧ **6:1 The Nazarite Vow**
- ✧ **6:9 A Nazarite Who Suddenly Becomes Contaminated**
- ✧ **6:13 Completion of the Term**
- ✧ **6:22 The Priestly or Aaronic Blessings**



Outline of The Parha

- ✧ **7:1 The Tribal Leaders Present Offerings on the Day of the Tabernacle's Inauguration**
- ✧ **7:12 The Offerings**
- ✧ **7:84 The Offerings Are Talled**



Outline of The Parsha

✧ **7:89 Moses Enters the Tabernacle
Where יהוה speaks to Him From
Between the Cherubim**

Nasso Points

- ✧ **Nasso has 176 verses -- the most verses of any other Torah portion on the One Year cycle.**
- ✧ **Nasso means to lift up, carry, elevate, bear but is usually translated as “take” in the context of verses 4:21-22.**

Naso Points

- ✧ Through Moshe, יְהוָה assigns the Tabernacle related tasks to the sons of Gershon, Kohat and Merari, sons of Levi.
- ✧ The census identified 8,580 men able to perform the assigned tasks.
- ✧ The time of service was from age 30 to 50.

A Kingdom of Priests

- ☆ We have seen יהוה redeem Israel out of Egypt
- ☆ Raise up the nation of Israel
- ☆ At Mount Sinai, he wedded himself spiritually to that nation and called her “my people,” “a peculiar people” and a “kingdom of priests.”

A Kingdom of Priests

- ✧ He gave them the Torah
- ✧ He gave them the Tabernacle – *Mishkan*
- ✧ יהוה then appointed a priesthood to care for and minister in the Tabernacle and to act as intermediaries...
- ✧ To help sinful man to draw close in loving relationship to Elohim.

A Kingdom of Priests

✧ ***1 Pet. 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:***

A Kingdom of Priests

✧ **1 Pet. 1:1 From: Kefa, an emissary of Yeshua the Messiah To: God's chosen people, living as aliens in the Diaspora - in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, the province of Asia, and Bythinia -**

The Duties of Gershon

- ✧ The parsha begins with the description of the duties imposed on the families of Gershon and Merari in the mishkan.
- ✧ The parsha states that Gershon and Merari are also to be valued and counted.
- ✧ The inference is that if Torah did not make this plain we may have discounted them.



Kehat and The Holy Ark

- ✧ Kehat had the most glamorous of the tasks of the Levites.
- ✧ It dealt with the holy ark and the tablets of stone of Sinai, among the other holy artifacts of the Mishkan which were in its charge.
- ✧ The ark carried the children of Kehat.

Mundane Work?

- ✧ **Gershon and Merari used wagons and oxen to transport the boards and hooks and curtains and other basic parts of the Mishkan.**
- ✧ **Though not as awe-inspiring as Kehat carrying the Ark...but just as necessary.**

Levites Moving The Tabernacle



The Message In The Torah

- ✧ Even those who seemingly serve in the most mundane fashion are to be treasured and appreciated.
- ✧ One of the teachers of Rashi when aged and no longer able to teach in the yeshiva remained there and served as a helper to clean the building and the ark of the law contained therein.

Everyone Is Important



☆ For there are no mundane tasks when it comes to working together to build the Kingdom of God.

☆ *1 Cor. 12:12 For just as the body is one but has many parts; and all the parts of the body, though many, constitute one body; so it is with the Messiah.*

Everyone Is Important



- ☆ **1 Cor. 12:16** *And if the ear says, "I'm not an eye, so I'm not part of the body," that doesn't make it stop being part of the body.*
- ☆ **17** *If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If it were all hearing, how could it smell?*
- ☆ **18** *But as it is, God arranged each of the parts in the body exactly as he wanted them.*

Overcoming Jealousy



- ✧ In the middle of Parsha Nasso is a warning about jealousy, it's damage and how to overcome it!
- ✧ *5:14 But a spirit of jealousy had come upon him and he became jealous of his wife, and she was defiled, or, a spirit of jealousy had come upon him and he was jealous of his wife, and she was not defiled.*

Overcoming Jealousy



- ✧ **Jealousy kills a relationship and if left unchecked will eventually lead to murder...**
- ✧ ***Job 5:2 For anger kills the fool, and envy slays the silly.***
- ✧ ***Prov. 14: 30 A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rottenness to the bones.***
- ✧ ***Prov. 27: 4 Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, But who is able to stand before jealousy?***

Overcoming Jealousy



☆ Since they did not have video cameras...



☆ Or detectives...



☆ *HaShem gave them the “Dirty Water Method” to overcome jealousy...*

Overcoming Jealousy



- ☆ The main point really being...
- ☆ *What really overcomes jealousy between a man and woman...*
- ☆ **איש** - *Ish = Man*
- ☆ **אשה** - *Isha = Woman*
- ☆ **יה** - *Yah/HaShem = G-d*
- ☆ *When you remove the Yud & Heh from the Man and Woman all you have left is...*
- ☆ **אש** - *Eish = Fire*

Overcoming Jealousy



- ✧ The main point really being...
- ✧ *When you put the יה - Yah back in the center of the relationship and you have HaShem Dwelling in the midst – which overcomes jealousy!*

The Vow of the Nazirite

- ✧ ***Bamidbar 6:2-6 (ISR) “Speak to the children of Yisra’el, and say to them, ‘When a man or woman does separate, by making a vow of a Nazirite, to be separate to ,***
- ✧ ***3 he separates himself from wine and strong drink...***

The Vow of the Nazirite

- ✧ ***Bamidbar 6:4 'All the days of his separation he does not eat whatever is made of the grapevine, from seed to skin.***
- ✧ ***5 'All the days of the vow of his separation a razor does not come upon his head.***

The Vow of the Nazirite

- ✧ *This passage is why the Haftorah is on Samson...the Nazirite.*
- ✧ **Why abstain from grapes?**
- ✧ **According to Midrash Rabbah and the Book of Enoch (31:4), the 'eytz by which Adam and Chavah sinned was a grapevine.**

Paul's Vow

✧ ***Acts 18:18 (ISR) And Sha'ul, having stayed several days more, having taken leave of the brothers, was sailing for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquilas were with him, having shaved his hair at Kenhrea, for he had taken a vow.***

Paul's Vow

- ✧ **Act 21:23, 24, “So do this, what we say to you: We have four men who have taken a VOW.**
- ✧ **24 “Take them and be cleansed with them, and pay their expenses so that they shave their heads. And all shall know that what they have been informed about you is not so, but that you yourself also walk orderly, keeping the Torah.**

Paul's Vow

✧ ***Act 21:26 Then Sha'ul took the men on the next day, and having been cleansed with them, went into the Set-apart Place to announce the completion of the days of separation – until the offering should be presented for each one of them.***

Paul's Vow

- ✧ “Announce the completion of the days of separation” is a key indicator that this vow was a Nazirite vow.
- ✧ Nazir means separate, and the vow ends as per *Bamidbar 6:13 And this is the Torah of the Nazirite: When the days of his separation are completed....*



The Priestly Blessing

✧ ***Bamidbar 6:23-27 (Artscroll) Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying:***

✧ ***So shall you bless the Children of Israel, saying to them: “May HASHEM bless you and safeguard you. May HASHEM illuminate His countenance for you and be gracious to you...”***



The Priestly Blessing

- ✧ ***Bamidbar 6:23-27 (Artscroll)***
- ✧ ***May HASHEM lift His countenance to you and establish peace for you.***
- ✧ ***Let them place My Name upon the Children of Israel, so that I will bless them.”***



The Priestly Blessing



יְבָרֶכֶךָ יְהוָה וַיְשַׁמְרֶכָּ:

☆ *Yevarechecha Adonay veyishmerecha.*



The Priestly Blessing



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The Priestly Blessing



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✧ יְשָׁא יְהוָה | פְּנֵיו אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ שְׁלוֹם:

✧ *Yisa Adonay panav eleycha veyasem
lecha shalom.*



Shalom - שלום

- ✧ “Live long and prosper” the Vulcan blessing from Star Trek is a good summary of the first two lines of the blessing in our Torah portion.
- ✧ But it misses the most important concept – peace, *shalom*.

Shalom - שלום

✧ Peace, *shalom* can be seen on three levels...

✧ The first is *shalom* with oneself.

✧ “for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:” Phil. 4:11

Shalom - שלום

✧ Peace, *shalom* can be seen on three levels...

✧ The second level of peace can be external to yourself, to accepting those things, people, places, possessions, experiences in your life over which you have no ultimate control and finding a way to live with these parts of your life.

Shalom - שלום

- ✧ Peace, *shalom* can be seen on three levels...
- ✧ The second level of peace is also referred to as “harmony” – sharing, blending, mixing, joining to create a peace with others and the world that you can almost hear.

Shalom - שלום

- ✧ Peace, *shalom* can be seen on three levels...
- ✧ The third level of peace is the *shalom* we are able to find with God, with the Universe, with powers and forces which are totally beyond us, finding the humility to walk with God at our side, without trying to get God to do our will.

Shalom - שלום

✧ John 14:27 – Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

✧ John 16:33 - These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Shalom - שלום

✧ **Philippians 4:7 NKJV**

✧ ***and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Yeshua Ha Mesiach.***

✧ **Colossians 3:15 NKJV**

✧ ***And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.***

Shabbat Shalom!



שבת שלום