

Numbers 8:1-12:16
Zechariah 2:10 [14]-4:7
Romans 1:1; Galatians 1:15

Beha'alotecha
(When You Set Up)
Lift Up Your Light



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Numbers 8:4

U⁴ Here is how the menorah was made: it was hammered gold from its base to its flowers, hammered work, following the pattern ADONAI had shown Moshe. This is how he made the menorah.



Parasha Overview:
Behaalotecha

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A person in white robes and a white head covering is shown from the back, lighting a large, ornate seven-branched menorah. The menorah is made of gold and has seven branches, each with a flame. The person is standing on a small platform. The background is a dark red curtain. The lighting is dramatic, with the menorah and the person's robes illuminated against the dark background.

Outline of Parshah

- ψ 8:1 The Menorah**
- ψ 8:5 Consecration of the Levites for Service**
- ψ 8:23 Apprenticeship of Levites At Age 25 and Service at Age 30**
- ψ 9:1 The Israelites Keep Pesach (Passover) in the Wilderness**

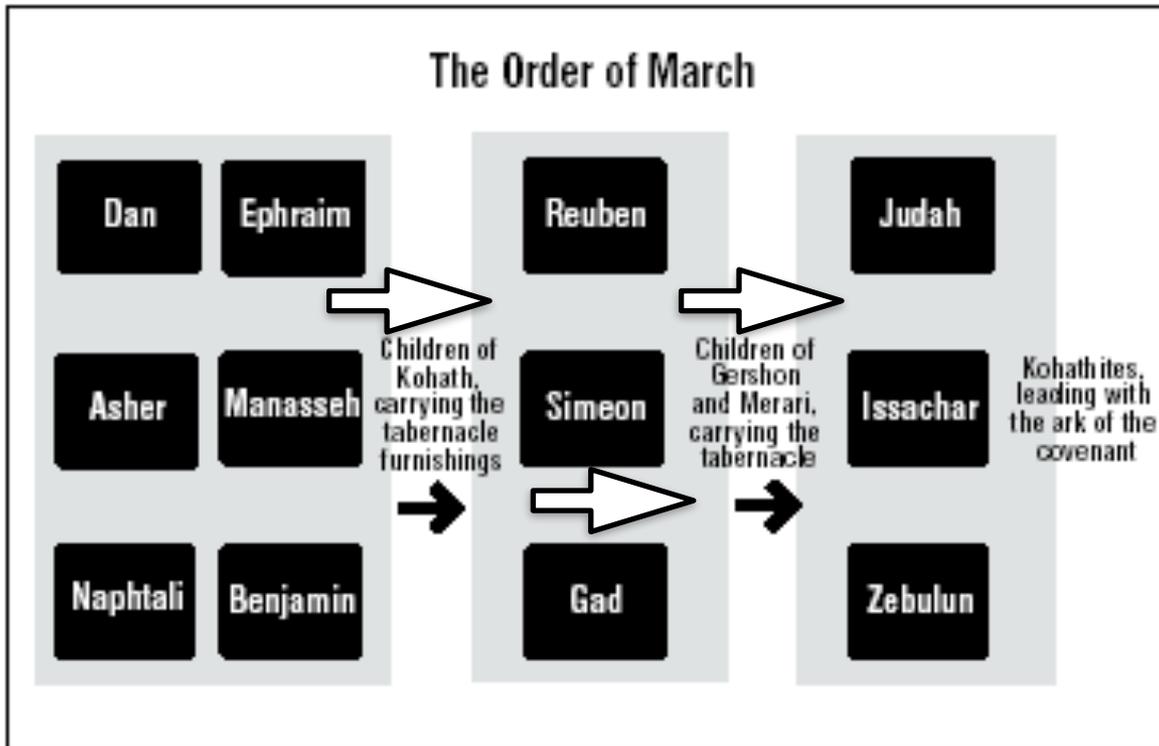
Outline of Parshah

- Ⓢ **9:6 Pesach Sheni/The Second Passover for Those Unable to Keep the First Passover**
- Ⓢ **9:15 The Pillar of Fire by Night and a Cloud By Day: How יהוה Led His People Through the Wilderness**

Outline of Parshah

- ⓪ **10:1 The Two Silver Trumpets; the Various Blasts and Their Meanings; When to Sound the Trumpets**
- ⓪ **10:11 The Israelites Leave Sinai Where They Had Camped for Nearly 15 Months; The Order of Breaking Camp**

The Order of March



Order of The March

Outline of Parshah

- Ⓢ **10:29 Moses Invites Jethro to Join the Israelites**
- Ⓢ **10:33 Israel's First Journey With the Ark Leading the Way**
- Ⓢ **11:1 The People Complain; Dissatisfaction With the Manna and Moses' Despair**

Outline of Parshah

ש 11:16 The 70 Elders, Beginning of the Sanhedrin

ש 11:18 יהוה Responds to the People's Desire for Meat

ש 11:24 The Spirit of Prophecy Falls on the 70 Elders

ש 11:30 יהוה Answers the People's Desire for Meat and Sends Quail.

Outline of Parshah

- ⌘ **12:1 Miriam and Aaron Murmur Against Moses; Miriam Is Afflicted With Tzaraas/A Skin Disease**
- ⌘ **12:14 Miriam Is Healed and Then Is Quarantined**

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Toward The Face

- ⊆ The Menorah represents the “Light of the World”.
- ⊆ The phrase *toward the face of the Menorah* used in verse 8:2 shows that the three wicks on the right and the three on the left were all directed toward the Menorah’s central stem, concentrating light toward the center.

Toward The Face

- ⊍ **The Menorah symbolized that YHVH is the Source of all light (*ArtScroll Stone Edition Chumash, p. 775*).**
- ⊍ **In John 8:12 Yeshua stated that He was the “*Light of the World; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life.*”**

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- **Zech 2:14** Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for, behold, I come, and I will dwell in your midst, says the Lord.
- **15** And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord on that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you.

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 2:1 And the Lord shall inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again.

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 2:17 Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord; for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 3:1 And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to thwart him.

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 3:2 And the Lord said to Satan, The Lord rebukes you, O Satan; the Lord that has chosen Jerusalem rebukes you. Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 3:3 And Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 3:7 Thus says the Lord of hosts; If you will walk in my ways, and if you will keep my charge, and you will also judge my house, and will also guard my courts, then I will give you access among these who stand by.

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 3:8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you, and your friends who sit before you; for they are men of good omen; for, behold, I will bring my servant the Branch (Zemach).

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua. Upon one stone are seven eyes; behold, I will engrave its inscription, says the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 3:10 On that day, says the Lord of hosts, everyone of you shall invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree.

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 4:2 And he said to me, What do you see? And I said, I have looked, and behold a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl upon its top, and seven lamps on it, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon its top;.

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 4:3 And there are two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon its left side.

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Beha'alotecha - Haftarah

- Zech 4:6 Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts..

The Menorah & The Tree

- ⓪ **John 15: 5 *"I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who stay united with me, and I with them, are the ones who bear much fruit; because apart from me you can't do a thing."***
- ⓪ **This points also to the Body of Messiah & Messiah as the 7 Branched Menorah.**

The Menorah & The Tree

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We Are That Menorah

- ☪ ***“I am the vine and you are the branches ...”*** (John 15:5) is a perfect picture of the Menorah, which has a central trunk with six (the number representing man) branches growing out of the trunk.
- ☪ ***Mat. 5:14 “You are light for the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.”***

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When we lift our hands our bodies are actually forming a human menorah.



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⊕ **Rev. 2:1** *"To the angel of the Messianic Community in Ephesus, write: 'Here is the message from the one who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven gold menorahs:'"*



The Olive Tree & Menorah

Furthermore, in Jewish thought, the Menorah is analogous to an olive tree (the ancient Temple Menorah was constructed of hollow tubes of solid gold filled with olive oil that burned when lit)



Numbers 12:1-3

ψ1 Miryam and Aharon began criticizing Moshe on account of the Ethiopian woman he had married, for he had in fact married an Ethiopian woman....

Numbers 12:1-3

- ⓪ ***2 They said, "Is it true that ADONAI has spoken only with Moshe? Hasn't he spoken with us too?" ADONAI heard them.***
- ⓪ ***3 Now this man Moshe was very humble, more so than anyone on earth.***

Extinguishing The Light

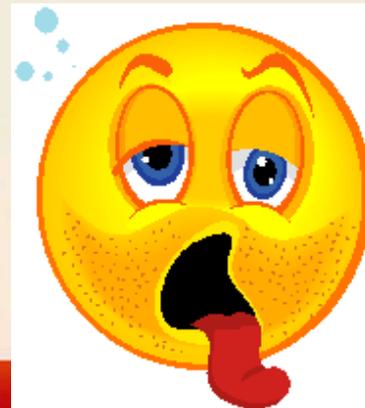
- ⌘ **In Num. 12:1–3, *Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses.***
- ⌘ This is slander of which The Body of Messiah is not immune.
- ⌘ As long as we give in to gossip and slander we will grieve the Spirit of Elohim and dampen the Light of the Menorah in us!

Faith Overcomes

ψ A person of faith is duty bound to rise above the natural human instinct to complain and criticize.

Lashon Hara

- ⊃ **Complaining is a form of evil speech (*lashon hara*).**
- ⊃ **Paul encourages us to "do all things without grumbling or disputing" (Philippians 2:14).**



Gratitude Changes Attitude

☪ "In everything give thanks;
for this is God's will for you
in the Messiah Yeshua" (1
Thessalonians 5:18).





Shabbat Shalom

- Shavuah Tov!