



Notes on Parshah Tetzaveh Exodus 27:20-30:10

## **INSTRUCTING THE PEOPLE**

Tetzavah refers to Moses instructing the people how to support the rituals of the sanctuary.

The Torah portion starts by Moses asking the people to bring olive oil to use in the rituals of the sanctuary including the burning of the menorah that should burn constantly.

## **CONSECRATING THE PRIESTS**

Moses follows God's command to consecrate Aaron and his sons into the service of the sanctuary as priests.

Special clothing are designed for the priests and the high priest (Kohan Gadol) will have a unique uniform as part of their ritual requirements.

We begin to see the importance of animal sacrifice in creating holy moments and for specific times of day, for praise and atonement.

A special altar is described to burn incense in the sanctuary. Separate from the altar used for sacrifices.

Both altars are to be built with four horns on the corners. They will serve as part of different rituals.

## **WORSHIP THROUGH PHYSICAL ACTS**

The Torah sees the acts of sacrifices as a way to connect with God. The details of this section of Torah show how bloody and grand worship was for the ancient Israelites.

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