Parashah Tetzaveh - תְּצַוֶּה

"you shall command"

**Torah portion:**  
Exodus 27:20 - 30:10  
Deut. 25:17-19 maftir

**Haftarah portion:**  
Ezekiel 43:10-27  
1 Sam.15:2-34 Zachor "remember' (read if the Shabbat precedes Purim)

**Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion:**  
Hebrews 13:10-17  
(We often read surrounding N.T. scripture because it is such a blessing to do so.)

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**Jesus wore the colors of the veil** - Blue white purple Scarlet Blue  

Parashah Tetzaveh details that the colors of the high priest's garments matched the colors of the veils and the Tabernacle (the ten curtains). See Exodus ch. 28.  
These are the same colors of robes that Jesus wore during his arrest, trial, and crucifixion.  
See last week's portion, Parashah Terumah for details on these materials and colors.

*Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion:*

The book “To the Hebrews” is correctly understood as written primarily to Hebrew Christians.  
Abraham was a Hebrew הָעִבְרִי ha-ivree Strong’s H5680, or one that crossed-over from paganism to serve the one true YHVH Elohim.  
This choice of address then also includes those that are seed of the first Hebrew, Abraham:

Galatians 3:29 But if YOU (are) of Messiah, so YOU-are seed of-the Abraham, heirs according-to promise.

Hebrews 13:1 Let brotherly-love be-remaining.  
The Law of the Messiah/New Covenant is to love your neighbor as yourself:  
John 15:12 This is the commandment namely-the (one) mine, in-order-that YOU-might-be-cherishing one-another, according-as I-cherished YOU.

v2 YOU-be not forgetting of-the love-of-stranger; for through this some escaped-notice (of the fact of) having-entertained angels.  
v3 YOU-yourselves-be-being-mindful of-the prisoners as having-been-bound-and-still-bound-together (with them), of-the (ones) being-afflicted as also yourselves being in (a) body.
Cont. Heb.13:4 The marriage (is) honorable among all and the conjugal-bed (is) undefiled; but male-prostitutes and adulterers the God will-judge.

v5 The manner (is) not-loving-silver, being-yourselves-sufficed with-the (things) being-alongside; for he himself has-said-and-still-is-saying: By-no-means might-I-drop you neither by-no-means might-I-abandon you;
v6 So-that being-confident we-are-saying: Jehovah (is a) helper to-me, I-myself-shall not fear; what will MAN do to-me?
   The cult of money-love entraps many.
v7 YOU-be-having-in-memory of-the (ones) governing of-YOU, they-who spoke to-YOU the word of-the God, of-whom observing-again the outcome of-the conduct YOU-be-imitating the trust,
v8 Jesus Messiah the same yesterday and today and with-reference to the ages.
v9 YOU-be not being-brought-away by-various and strange doctrines; for (it is) fine the heart to-be-being-made-firm by-favor, not by-foods, in which the (ones) walking-around were not profited.
   The grace/favor of the New Covenant has primacy over the works of the Mosaic Covenant.
v10 We-are-having (an) altar out-of which the (ones) serving to-the tabernacle are not having authority to-eat.
   Those attempting to justify themselves through the works of the Levitical Priesthood and Mosaic Law are not authorized to partake of the New Covenant’s sacrificial “food”, which is Jesus:

   John 6:32 The Jesus said therefore to-them, Amen amen I-am-saying to-You, Moses has not given-and-still-is-giving to-You the bread out-of the heaven; BUT my Father is-giving to-YOU the bread out-of the heaven namely-the authentic (bread).
v33 For the bread of-the God is the (one) descending out-of the heaven, and giving life to-the world.
v34 They said therefore to him, Lord, always you-give to-us this bread.
v35 But the Jesus said to-them, I myself-am [ἐγώ εἰμι ego emi] the bread of the life: the (one) coming to me by-no-means might he-be-hungry, and the (one) trusting with-reference to me by-no-means might he-thirst at-any-time.

v11 For of-which living-creatures the blood concerning sin is-being-brought-in into the holy-places through the chief-priest, of-these the bodies are being-burned-(up) without the encampment.

   This verse speaks to the Old Levitical service:
    Exodus 29:10 And thou shalt bring the bullock before the tent of meeting: and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock. 11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before Jehovah, at the door of the tent of meeting. 12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger; and thou shalt pour out all the blood at the base of the altar. 13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul upon the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and burn them upon the altar. 14 But the flesh of the bullock, and its skin, and its dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it is a sin-offering.
Cont. Heb.13:12 On this account Jesus also, in order that he might make holy the people through his own blood, he suffered without the gate.

"The people" most often refers to the nation of Israel. The "redemption-back" quality of Jesus’ sacrifice "covers" even the Jews that God blinded.

Review: "redemption-back" - ἀπολυτρώσεως -apolutroseos- and "propitatory" - ἱλαστήριον -hilasterion-

v13 Furthermore now let us be going out to him without the encampment, bringing his reproach.
v14 For we are not having here (a) remaining city, BUT we are seeking after the (one) future.
v15 Through him therefore let us be bringing up (a) sacrifice of acclaim through all (time) to the God, this is fruit of lips confessing to his name.

At this time, the primary sacrifice of believers is made through Jesus via our lips.
v16 But of the doing well and participation YOU be not forgetting; for with sacrifices such as these the God is being well pleased.

Of course, Christians do not participate with pagan sacrifices:

1 Corinthians 10:20 BUT that what (things) the Gentiles are sacrificing, they are sacrificing to demons and not to God, but I am not willing YOU to be becoming partners of the demons.

v21 YOU are not being able to be drinking (a) cup of Jehovah and (a) cup of demons; YOU are not being able to be sharing of a table of Jehovah and of a table of demons.

Neither do Christians participate with the Levitical/Mosaic altar sacrifices:

1 Corinthians 10:18 YOU be looking at the Israeli according to flesh; are not the (ones) eating the sacrifices partners of the altar?

To us in the New Covenant with Yahweh Yeshua (Jehovah Jesus), participation in the Sinai/Hagar Gal.4:21-31 Covenant is spiritual adultery (Ro.7:1-4). Prudent ones KNOW what both spiritual and physical idolatry, leaven, prostitution is.

Note the similarity between spiritual adultery and spiritual prostitution.

Romans 7:1 Or are YOU being ignorant, brothers, for I am speaking to (ones) coming to know law, that the law is exercising lordship of the MAN on as long time as he is living?

v2 For the woman under a husband has been and is still bound by law to the living husband; but if the husband might die off, she has been and is still rendered inactive from the law of the husband.

v3 So therefore, while the husband (is) living, she will be termed (an) adulteress if she might become to (a) different man; but if the husband might die off, she is free from the law, she (will) not be (an) adulteress having become to (a) different man. [i.e. one new man in Messiah, Eph.2:15]

v4 So that, my brothers, YOU yourselves also were put to death to the law through the body of the Messiah, with reference to YOU to become to (a) different (one), to the (one) having been raised out of dead (ones), in order that we might bring forth fruit to the God.
Where do you bring your fruit? To the shadow altar of Sinai?

1 Corinthians 10:18 YOU-be-looking-at the Israeli according-to flesh; are not the (ones) eating the sacrifices partners of-the altar?

Or to the altar of the God?

Hebrews 13:10 We-are-having (an) altar out-of which the (ones) serving to-the tabernacle are not having authority to-eat.

1 Corinthians 3:16 "Are YOU not knowing absolutely that YOU are the sanctuary of the God, and the spirit of God is dwelling in YOU?"

Cont. Heb.13:17 YOU-be-relying-on the (ones) governing of-YOU and YOU-be-submitting; for they themselves are-being-sleepless in-behalf-of YOUR souls as to-be-giving-back-themselves (an) account; in-order-that they-might-be-doing this with joy and not groaning; for this (is) unprofitable to-YOU.

This is in regards to the assembly, and not speaking of civil authorities.

v18 YOU-be-praying concerning us; for we-ourselves-are-being-persuaded that we-are-having (a) fine conscience, in all (things) willing to-be-conducting-ourselves rightly.

v19 But I-am-entreating (YOU) more-excessively to-do this, in-order-that I-might-be-restored to-YOU more-quickly.

v20 But the God of-the peace, the (one) having-led-up out-of dead (ones) the shepherd of-the sheep, namely-the great (shepherd) in blood of-(an)-eternal covenant, our Lord Jesus,

v21 To-render YOU thoroughly-fit in every good-(thing) with-reference-to doing his will, doing in YOU the (thing) well-pleasing in his sight through Jesus Messiah, to-whom (be) the glory with-reference-to the ages of-the ages: Amen.

v22 But I-am-entreating YOU, brothers, YOU-be-tolerating of-the word of-the entreaty; for even through small-amounts I-sent an epistle to-YOU.

v23 YOU-be-coming-to-know our brother Timothy (is) having-been-and-still-(is)-released, with whom if he-might-be-coming more-quickly, I-shall-see YOU.

v24 YOU-greet all the (ones) governing YOU and all the holy (ones). The (ones) from Italy are-greeting YOU.

v25 The favor (of God be?) with all of-YOU. Amen.

The Grace/Favor of God, i.e. the New Covenant, be with you. Many of the New Testament writings end with such a hopeful note.

Haftarah portion:

Ezekiel 43 describes a future physical temple to be built. While the obvious content is either the "3rd" or "4th" Temple (discussed some at Parashah Vayigash), the house/assembly/body of Christ may also be apparent:
Ezekiel 43:10  Thou, son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities; and let them measure the pattern.

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.

Ephesians 5:30  Because we-are members of his body.

Cont.  Ezk. 43:11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, make known unto them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the egresses thereof, and the entrances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof; and write it in their sight; that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

“make known unto them the form of the house”

John 1:1  The Word was in (the) beginning, and the Word was with the God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14  And the Word came-to-be flesh, and he-tabernacled among us, and we-beheld his glory, glory as of (an) only-begotten from (the) Father full of-favor and truth.

John 2:19  The Jesus answered and said to-them, YOU-break-down this sanctuary, and in three days I-shall-raise it.

v20  The Jews therefore said, In forty and six years this sanctuary was-built, and you yourself-will-raise it in three days?

v21  But that (one) was-saying concerning the sanctuary of his body.

Hebrews 10:4  For (it-is) impossible (for) blood of-bulls and he-goats to-be-removing sins.

v5  On-this-account coming-in into the world he-is-saying: You-willed not sacrifice and offering, but you-yourself-rendered (a) body thoroughly-fit for-me;

v6  You-thought not well (of) total-burnt-offerings even concerning sin.

v7  Then I-said: Behold I-am-present, in (the) heading of-(a)-little-book it-has-been-written-and-is-still-written concerning me, to-do, the God, your will.

v8  More-above saying that sacrifice and offering and total-burnt-offerings even concerning sin you-willed not, nor you-thought-well (of), they-which are-being-offered according-to the law,

v9  Then he-has-said-and-is-still-saying: Behold I-am-present to-do, the God, your will. He-is-carrying-off the first in-order that the second might-stand;

v10  In which (second) will we are having-been-made-holy-and-are-still-holy through the offering all-at-once of the body of the Messiah Jesus.
How do you make a doubter to believe that Jesus is the Messiah?

John 20:27 "Afterwards he-is-saying to-the Thomas: You-bring your finger here, and note my hands; and you-bring your hand and you-cast into my side; and you-be-becoming not unbelieving, BUT trusting."

Hebrews 10:19-20 "Having therefore brothers, boldness-of-speech with-reference-to the entering-in of the holy-ones in the blood of Jesus, Which (entering-in) he-dedicated for-us (a) way recently-slain and living, through the veil, this is his flesh."

Exodus 29:45 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

“write it in their sight”

Hebrews 8:10 Because this (is) the COVENANT which I shall-myself-COVENANT to the household of Israel after those days, Jehovah is-saying, giving my laws [νόμους i.e. the New Covenant Torah] into their intellect, and I shall-inscribe them on their hearts, and I shall-be to them with-reference-to God and they themselves will-be to-me with-reference-to (a) people.

Jeremiah 31:33 But this is the COVENANT that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Jehovah: I will put my law [תורתי – torah – i.e. the New Covenant Torah] in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people:

Cont. Ezekiel 43:12 This is the law of the house: upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

Zechariah 6:11 yea, take of them silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest; 12 and speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: and he shall grow up out of his place; and he shall build the temple of Jehovah; 13 even he shall build the temple [הֵיכַל haychal] of Jehovah; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

Noting that in Zech.6:12 "temple" - הֵיכַל - haychahl - is translated by οἶκον -oikon in the Septuagint (LXX): οἶκον άνατελεί καί οικοδομήσει τόν οἶκον κυρίου – “He shall rise and build the house of Jehovah”

Next compare οἶκον -oikon with οἰκεῖ - oikei:

1 Corinthians 3:16 "Are YOU not knowing absolutely that YOU are the sanctuary (ναὸς - naos) of the God, and the spirit of God is dwelling (οἰκεῖ - oikei) in YOU?"
so too it is written:

Isaiah 57:15 "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth (שֹׁכֵן) [Strong's 7931] eternity, whose name is Holy:

I dwell (שַׂכָּן) [Strong's 7931] in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. ”

this is to say:

"I dwell in a high and holy place, but also I dwell with the broken and lowly of spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the crushed.”

- That is God's definition of His "Two House" theology!

1 Peter 1:13 On-this-account having-girded-up the loins of YOUR intellects, being-sober, YOU-hope perfectly on the favor being-brought to-YOU in uncovering of Jesus Messiah.

v14 As children of-obedience not configuring-yourselves to-the desires formerly in YOUR ignorance,
v15 BUT according-to the holy-(one) having-called YOU also YOU yourselves become holy in all conduct,

The Law of The House/Body of Messiah is also understood as:

Cont. Isa. 57:16 For-the-reason-that it-has-been-written-and-is-still-written: YOU-shall-be holy because I (am) holy.

Exodus 29:37 Seven days thou shalt make atonement for the altar, and sanctify it: and the altar shall be most holy; whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

Galatians 2:19 For I myself died-off through law to-law in-order-that I-might-live to-God. I-have-been-and-still-am-crucified-together with Messiah:

v20 But I myself am-living no-more, but Messiah is-living in me; but which I-am now living in flesh, I-am-living in trust, the (trust) of-the son of-the God namely-the (one) having-cherished me and having-given-over himself in-behalf-of me.
v21 I-am not disregarding the favor of-the God; for if righteousness (is) through law so Messiah died-off gratuitously.

Hebrews 9:24 For the Messiah went not in into holy (places) made-by-hands, patterns-in-turn of-the authentic (things), BUT into the heaven itself, now to-be-revealed to-the face of-the God in-behalf-of us;

Christians are sacrificed with/in Christ on the Heavenly Tabernacle's altar…”whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy”
At the presence/uncovering/"showing of the house/body" of the Messiah to national Israel, national Israel is saved:

Romans 11:26 And thus all Israel will-be saved, according as it has been and still is written: The (one) delivering will-be-present out-of Sion, he will turn back impiety from Jacob. (c.f. Isa.59.20)

v27 And this (is) the covenant from me to them, at the-time that I might remove for myself their sins.

Yeshua sanctifies the believer. At his presence, all Israel will be made holy:

1 Corinthians 1:30 "But out of him YOU yourselves are in Messiah Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God, both righteousness and holiness and redemption."

2 Corinthians 5:17 So that if anyone is in Messiah, (he is) (a) new-quality creation; the ancient-things went past, behold the all-things have become and still are new-quality.

v18 But the all-things are out of the God namely-the (one) having reconciled us to-himself through Messiah and having given to us the ministry of the reconciliation, v19 As that God in Messiah was reconciling (a) world to-himself, not figuring their offences to-the, and having-himself-placed in us the word of the reconciliation.

Understand that the New Covenant "cuts" both ways, forward and backward in time, and the blood of the Lamb, Yeshua, provides the ready condition of propitiatory "redemption-back" for those "dead in Messiah" also. They will look on him whom they pierced and mourn and repent and accept Jehovah Jesus Messiah as per Philippians 2:9-11, Romans 3:24-25, 1 Thessalonians 4:14-16.

Romans 3:24 "Being-justified gratuitously by his favor through the redemption-back namely-the (one) in Messiah Jesus;

v25 Whom the God himself placed before, (a) propitiatory through trust in his blood, with reference to (a) demonstration of his justice because of the letting-go-unpunished of the sinful acts having-come-to-pass before-and-still-existing"

v20 In-behalf-of Messiah therefore we are being delegates as of the God entreating through us; we are petitioning in-behalf of Messiah, YOU be reconciled to the God.

v21 The (one) not having-come-to-know sin he made sin in-behalf of us, in-order that we ourselves might become (the) righteousness of God in him.

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves were also at one-time thoughtless, disobedient, being-led astray, being-slaves to various desires and pleasures, leading-through-out in malice and envy, abhorrent, hating one-another.

v4 But when the graciousness and the love of mankind of the God our Savior appeared clearly, v5 Not out of works which we ourselves did in righteousness, BUT according to his mercy he saved us through (the) bath of regeneration and of renewing of the Holy Spirit, v6 Which he poured out on us richly through Jesus Messiah our Savior,
Cont. Titus 3:7 In-order-that having Been Justified by the favor of that one we might become heirs according to hope of eternal life.

v8 The word (is) trustworthy, and concerning these-things I-am-purposing you to be-asserting-confidently, in-order-that the (ones) having trusted and still trusting God might be being concerned to be standing of fine works before for themselves. These-things are fine and profitable to the MEN;

Hebrews 8:6 Now on the other hand he has reached and still has (a) more diverse public-ministry, by as much as he is also mediator of a better covenant, one which has been given a law on better promises.

Praise and thank Yah for His Lovingkindness!
Priestly Garments:

I took this photograph in 1986 at Ralph Mount's museum in Morriston, Florida:


The High Priest...of Israel...had two sets of garments. The most elaborate were those worn in his daily administrations. This set of garments consisted of a breastplate, an ephod, a robe, a broidered coat, a mitre, and a sash, plus a simple undergarment. (Exodus 28:4,42)

The second set of garments were only used one day. New garments were made the following year for the next Day of Atonement. This set was comprised of a holy linen coat, linen breeches, a linen sash, and a linen mitre. (Leviticus 16:4)

You will notice that in either set of garments no footwear of any kind is provided, for this ground was holy ground. Moses at the burning bush had heard God's command. "Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, fr the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Exodus 3:5.

The set used for the day of atonement was plain without precious stones or gold embroidery It emphasized the righteousness of a Holy God. It is in these garments that the high priest is the nearest representation of Jesus Christ. The only gold is the plate fastened with blue lace to the mitre, or head cover. On this plate were engraved the words, "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" (Exodus 28:32)

Phil and Dianne Norden have re-established Ralph's museum in Monroe, North Carolina:
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