Parashah Vayakhel - וַיַּקְהֵל

"and he assembled"

Torah portion:
Exodus 35:1-38:20

Haftarah portion:
1 Kings 7:40-50

Brit Chadashah/New Testament portion:
2 Cor. 9:6-11;
1 Cor. 3:11-18

We often read surrounding N.T. scripture because it is such a blessing to do so.

In 2015, 2017, and 2018 a double portion, read with Parashah Pekudei

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see The Sanctuary of the Heart, by John Parsons
http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Scripture/Parashah/Summaries/Terumah/Sanctuary/sanctuary.htm

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Living the simplicity of earnest trust in Jesus is a good witness to the weak brother.

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God, The Master Gardener, planted a Garden:

Genesis 2:8 And Jehovah God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Genesis 2:15 And Jehovah God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

God showed Moses a pattern for the Tabernacle:

Exodus 25:1 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they take for me an offering: of every man whose heart maketh him willing ye shall take my offering.

8 And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. 9 According to all that I show thee, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the furniture thereof, even so shall ye make it.

There was ONE Lampstand in the Tabernacle:

Exodus 25:31 And thou shalt make a candlestick lampstand of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made, even its base, and its shaft; its cups, its knops, and its flowers, shall be of one piece with it: 32 and there shall be six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side thereof: 33 three cups made like almond-blossoms in one
branch, a knop and a flower; and three cups made like almond-blossoms in the other branch, a knop and a flower: so for the six branches going out of the candlestick: 34 and in the candlestick four cups made like almond-blossoms, the knops thereof, and the flowers thereof; 35 and a knop under two branches [q]of one piece with it, and a knop under two branches of one piece with it, and a knop under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of the candlestick. 36 Their knops and their branches shall be of one piece with it; the whole of it one beaten work of pure gold. 37 And thou shalt make the lamps thereof, seven: and they shall light the lamps thereof, to give light over against it. 38 And the snuffers thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold. 39 Of a talent of pure gold shall it be made, with all these vessels. 

40 And see that thou make them after their pattern, which hath been showed thee in the mount.

God showed David a pattern for the Temple:

1 Chronicles 28:19 All this, said David, have I been made to understand [ in writing] from the hand of Jehovah [ mi-yahd YHVH], even all the works of this pattern [ LXX:παραδείγματος ].

“the hand of Jehovah” [ mi-yahd YHVH] = YHVH Yeshua, the law giver.

20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed; for Jehovah God, even my God, is with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until all the work for the service of the house of Jehovah be finished.

Torah portion:

At God’s direction, Solomon made ten lampstands for the Temple:

1 Kings 7:48 And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of Jehovah: the golden altar, and the table whereupon the showbread [ lechem hapanim] was, of gold; 49 and the candlesticks [ ha-m’norot; the menorahs] lampstands, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, of pure gold; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold; 50 and the cups, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the firepans, of pure gold; and the hinges, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place (i.e. the Holy of Holies), and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple, of gold.

51 Thus all the work that king Solomon wrought in the house of Jehovah was finished. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated, even the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of Jehovah.

[ lechem hapanim] – Strong’s H6440- bread (of) the faces (of God).

There were ten lampstands [ ha-m’norot; the menorah] in Solomon’s Temple.

For some reason, Moses was not shown ten menorahs/lampstands, but instead was shown only one.

The Tabernacle and Temple were to be the dwelling place of YHVH on earth.
Hebrews 8:1 But (a) sum on the (things) being-said; we-are having (a) chief-priest such-as-this, who sat in right (hand) of-the throne of-the greatness in the heavens, the tabernacle, namely the authentic, which the Lord fastened, not MAN.

v2 (A) Public-minister of-the holy-(ones) and of-the tabernacle, namely the authentic, which the Lord fastened, not MAN.

v3 For every chief-priest is-being-established with-reference-to (his) to-be-offering both gifts and sacrifices; whence necessary this (chief-priest) also be-having something he-might-offer.

v4 If therefore on-the-one-hand he-was on earth, but he-was not (a) priest, (there) being the (ones). offering the gifts according-to the law [VÓΛΟV];

v5 They-who are-serving (a) copy and (a) shadow of-the (things) in-(the)-heavenlies, according-as Moses was-and-still-is-divinely-informed of-future (things) to-be-accomplishing the tabernacle; for, you-be-seeing, he-is-stating, you-will-make all-(things) according-to the pattern namely-the (one) having-been-pointed-to for-you in the mountain;

Note all things according to Moses are a shadow- all things, not just the Levitical service or temple sacrifices

1 Corinthians 10:6 But these-things became our patterns, with-reference-to us, not to-be desirers of-bad-things, according-as also-those desired.

1 Corinthians 10:11 But all these-things, (as) patterns, were happening to-those, but it-was-written toward admonition of-us, with-reference-to whom the finishes of-the ages has-arrived.

Hebrews 10:1 For the law having (a) shadow of-the future good-(things), not itself the image of-the things, according-to (each) year by the same sacrifices which they-are-offering with-reference-to the perpetuity it-is never being-able to-make-perfect the (ones) coming-near;

v2 Since would-they not have-ceased being offered? because the (ones) serving, once having-been-cleansed-and-still-cleansed, (would) still be-having not-one conscience of-sins.

v3 But in them (a) remembrance of-sins according-to (each) year;

v4 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;
“He-is-carrying-off the first in-order-that the second might-stand”:

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. BUT: if she goes back to the first law of the husband, she IS committing adultery. Note the new husband is a "different" man from the first husband.]

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.

The New Covenant began at the death of its testator, Jesus.

Hebrews 9:16 For where-in-which (there-is-a) covenant, (it-is) (a) necessity (a) death to-be-being-brought from-the (one) having-himself-covenanted;

v17 For (a) covenant on deads (is) firm, since it-is (not) at-any-time being-strong when the (one) having-himself-covenanted is-living.

v5 For when we-were in the flesh, the sufferings of-the sins the (sufferings) through the law were-operating in our members with-reference-to the (object) to-bring-forth-fruit to-the death;

v6 But at-this-instant we-were-rendered-inactive from the law, having-died-off in which we-were-being-held-fast, so-that we (are) to-be-being-a-slave in newness of-spirit and not in-oldness of-letter.
cont. Hebrews 10:10 In which we are having-been-made-holy-and-are-still-holy through the offering all-at-once of the body of the Messiah Jesus.

**see also:** The New Legalism - Shadow Law and Old Wine
https://www.hebrew4christians.com/Articles/The_New_Legalism/the_new_legalism.html

v6 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.

NOTE! The New Covenant has a law – i.e. instruction/Torah
See Parashah Bo for the rest of Hebrews ch 8.

**God dwelt in Jesus:**

Colossians 1:12 Giving-thanks to the Father namely the (one) having-made YOU adequate with-reference-to the portion of the lot of the holy-ones in the light;

v13 Who himself-delivered us out-of the authority of the darkness and he shifted (us) into the kingdom of the son of his charity,

v14 In whom we-are-having the redemption-back namely the forgiveness of the sins;

v15 Who is (an) image of the God namely the invisible, first-born of all creation,

v16 Because in him [the] all things were created in the heavens and on the earth, the (things) visible and the (things) invisible, whether thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; [the] all things have been-and-still-are-created through him and with-reference-to him;

v17 And he himself is before all (things) and in him [the] all things have stood-and-still-stand-together,

v18 And he himself is the head of the body, of the assembly; who is (a) beginning, first-born out-of the dead (ones), in-order-that in all things he himself might become holding-first-place,

v19 Because (God)-thought-well all the fulness to reside in him

**Jesus is called the sanctuary** of the God:

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.

**New Testament portion:**

And now, the sanctuary of the God is in believers

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?"
Revelation 1:12 And I-turned-around to-be-looking-at the voice, one-who-was-speaking with me; and having-turned-around I-saw seven lampstands made-of-gold,

v13 And in the midst of the lampstands (one) like (a) son-of-MAN, having-been-and-still-clothed-in (a garment) to-the-feet and having-been-and-still-girded-around at the breasts (with a) belt [girdle] made-of-gold;
v14 But his head and the hairs white as wool white as snow, and his eyes as (a) flame of-fire.
v15 And his feet like to-chalcobianthus as having-been-and-still-on-fire (from) in (a) furnace, and his voice as (a) noise [voice] of-many waters.
v16 And holding in his right hand seven stars, and out-of his mouth (a) sharp two-edged sword [ῥομφαία rhomphaia] proceeding-out, and his countenance as the sun appearing in its power.
v17 And when I-saw him, I-fell to his feet as dead; and he placed his right hand on me saying: You-be not fearing: I myself am [ἐγώ εἰμι ego eimi] the first and the last
v18 And the (one) living, and I-became dead and behold I-am living into the ages of-the ages, and I-am-having the keys of the death and of-the Hades.
v19 You-write therefore things-which you-saw and things-which they-are and things-which it-is-about to-come-to-pass after these-things,
v20 The mystery of-the seven stars which you-saw on my right (hand), and the seven lampstands, namely-the (ones) made-of-gold. The seven stars they-are messengers-of-the seven assemblies, and the lampstands they-are the seven assemblies.

2 Corinthians 9:1 For on-the-one-hand concerning the ministry, the (one) with-reference-to the holy-ones, it-is excessive for-me to-be-writing to-YOU;
v2 For I-am-knowing-absolutely YOUR eagerness which in-behalf-of YOU I-am-boasting to Macedonians that Achaia has-been-made-ready-and-is-still-ready from last-year, and YOUR zeal excited the many-more.
v3 But I-sent the brothers, in-order-that our boast, the (one) in-behalf-of YOU might not be-emptyed in this part, in-order-that according-as I-was-saying YOU-might-be (ones) having-been-and-still-made-ready,
v4 Lest by-any-means if Macedonians might-come with me and might-find YOU not-made-ready we ourselves-might-be-disgraced, in-order-that we-might not be-saying YOU, in this reality-of the reason-to-boast.
v5 I therefore-considered (it) necessary to-entreat the brothers in-order-that they-might-go-before into YOU and they-might-render-thoroughly-fit-before YOUR blessing having-been-promised-before-and-still-promised, this to-be prepared thus as blessing and not as covetousness.
v6 But this, the (one) sowing sparingly also will-harvest sparingly, and the (one) sowing on blessings will-harvest also on blessings.
v7 Each (one) according-as he-has-selected-before-and-still-selects by the heart, not out-of grief or out-of necessity: for the God is-cherishing (an) hilarious giver.
v8 But the God is-having-power (to cause) all favor to-exceed with-reference-to YOU, in-order-that always having all self-sufficiency in all YOU-might-be-exceeding with-reference-to all good work.
v9 According-as it-has-been-and-is-still-written: He-scattered, he-gave to-the poor, his justice is-remaining with-reference-to the age.
v10 But the (one) supplying-additionally seed to-the (one) sowing also bread with-reference-to
eating will-supply and will-multiply YOUR seed and will-grow the products of-YOUR justice;
v11 (Ones) being-made-rich in all with-reference-to all simplicity one-which is-working-out through us (a) giving-of-thanks to-the God;
v12 Because the ministry of-this public-ministry is not only filling-up-by-adding the things-lacking of-the holy-ones, BUT also (is) exceeding through many givings-of-thanks to-the God;
v13 Through the proof of-this ministry, (ones) glorifying the God on the subjection of-YOUR confession with-reference-to the good-news-of-the Messiah and on (the) simplicity of-the participation with-reference-to them and with-reference-to all,
v14 And on their petition in-behalf-of YOU, longing-for YOU because-of the surpassing favor of-the God upon YOU.
v15 Favor by-the God upon his indescribable gratuity.

But, even if you don't have the trust to move a mountain,
even if your trust in Jesus amounts to straw,
even still, Jesus saves you.

1 Corinthians 3:1 And-I, brothers, was not able to-speak to-YOU as to-spiritual (ones) BUT as to-fleshy (ones), as to-infants in Messiah.
v2 I-gave YOU milk to-drink, not food; for YOU-were not-yet being-able, BUT neither yet now are-YOU-being-able,
v3 For YOU-are still fleedly. For where-in-which among YOU (there-is) jealously and quarrel(ing) and dissensions are-YOU NOT fleedly and YOU-are-walking-around according-to MAN?
v4 For at-the-time-that anyone might-be-saying: On-the-one-hand I myself-am of-Paul, but (a) different (one) I (am) of-Apollos, are-YOU not MEN?
v5 What therefore is Apollos? But what is Paul? BUT ministers through whom YOU-trusted, even as the Lord gave to-each (one).
v6 I myself planted, Apollos gave-to-drink, BUT the God was-making grow.
v7 So-that neither is the (one) planting anything nor the (one) giving-to-drink, BUT God the (one) making-grow.
v8 But the (one) planting and the (one) giving-to-drink are one, but each will-take (his) own reward according-to (his) own labor.
v9 For we-are fellow-workers of God; (a) farm of-God, YOU-are (a) building of-God.
v10 According-to the favor of-the God namely-the (favor) having-been-given to me I-placed (a) foundation as (a) wise chief-builder, but another is-building-up. But let each (one) be-looking how he-is-building-up.
v11 For no-one is-being-able to-place another foundation beside the (one) being-laid, who is Jesus the Messiah.
v12 But if someone is-building-up on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, woods, grass, straw,
v13 The work of-each (one) will-become manifest; for the day will-make (it) evident, because it-is-being-uncovered with fire, and (what) the work of-each (one) is like, the fire itself will-prove.
v14 If the work of-someone is-remaining, which he-built-up, he-will-take reward;
v15 If the work of-someone will-be-burned-up, he-will-be-disadvantaged, but he himself will-be-saved, but thus as through fire.
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?"

v17 If someone is corrupting the sanctuary of the God, the God will corrupt this (one); for the sanctuary of the God is holy, which-ones YOU yourselves are.

v18 Let no-one be deluding himself; if someone is seeming to be wise among YOU in this age, let-him-become stupid, in-order-that he-might-become wise.

v19 For the wisdom of this world is stupidity beside the God. For it-has-been-and-is-still-written: The (one) grasping the wise (ones) in their craftiness;

v20 And again: Jehovah is coming-to-know the deliberations of the wise, that they-are aimless.

v21 So-that let no-one be boasting in MEN; for all-things are YOUR'S.

v22 Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or (a) world or life or death, or things-having-stood-in-and-still-standing-in or things-future, all-things are YOUR'S,

v23 But YOU of Messiah, but Messiah of God.

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This week’s portion details (for the second time in scripture) the Tabernacle's construction.

It's important to make the distinction between the holy and the profane.

Luke 22:20 "And in-the-same-way the cup after to-partake-supper, saying, This cup (is) the new-quality covenant in my blood, the-(one) being-poured-out in-behalf-of YOU."

Thus:

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?"

Thus:

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

Corinthians 9:7 Each (one) according-as he-has-selected-before-and-still-selects by-the heart, not out-of grief or out-of necessity; for the God is cherishing (an) hilarious giver.

2 Corinthians 9:12 Because the ministry of this public-ministry is not only filling-up-by adding the things-lacking-of the holy-ones, BUT also (is) exceeding through many givings-of-thanks to-the God;

Hebrews 13:15 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.

v16 But of-the doing-well and participation YOU-be not forgetting; for with-sacrifices such-as-these the God is being-well-pleased.

Our New Covenant "offering" is our prayer, which scripture says is "incense before the Lord".
Have you brought your offering of thanksgiving to the LORD today?

A third Temple is not necessary for this:

**Hebrews 10:5** 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;

**Hebrews 10:19** Having therefore brothers, boldness-of-speech with-reference-to the entering-in of the holy-ones in the blood of Jesus.

v20 Which (entering-in) he dedicated for-us (a) way recently slain and living, through the veil, this is his flesh.

**Romans 10:8** BUT what is it saying? The saying is near you, in your mouth and in your heart; the saying of the trust which we are preaching is this; (Deuteronomy 30:14)

v9 That if you might confess with your mouth Jehovah Jesus, and you might trust in your heart that the God raised him out of dead (ones), you will be saved;

v10 For with heart he is being trusted with-reference-to righteousness, but with mouth he is being confessed with-reference-to salvation.

v11 For the scripture is saying: Every one trusting on him will not be disgraced. (Isaiah 28:16)

v12 For (there) is not strict order both of Jew and of Greek. For the same Jehovah of all, being rich with-reference-to all the (ones) calling-on him;

v13 For every (one) whosoever might call on the name of Jehovah will be saved. (Joel 2:32)

**Psalm 141:2** Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee;
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

v3 Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth;
Keep the door of my lip

**Revelation 5:8** And when he took the little-book, the four living-creatures and the twenty four elders fell in-sight of the lamb, each having (a) kithara and pans made of gold being-loaded of incenses which are the prayers of the holy (ones).

**Revelation 8:2** And I saw the seven angels the (ones) having stood-and-still standing in-sight of the God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

v3 And another angel came and he was stood on the altar holding (a) censer for frankincense made of gold, and much incenses was given to him, in-order-that he might give (them) for the prayers of all the holy-ones, upon the altar, namely-the (one) made of gold, namely-the (one) in-sight of the throne.

v4 And the smoke of the incenses ascended for the prayers of the holy-ones out of (the) hand of the angel in-sight of the God.
v5 And the angel has taken and still is having the censer, and he loaded it out of the fire of the altar and he cast into the earth; and there came to pass for themselves thunders and voices and lightnings and (an) earthquake.

Note here the prayers are not the incense, but rather that the incenses were given FOR the prayers.

Those serving the shadow tabernacle, that is the physical tabernacle (Old Covenant), can not approach the altar (New Covenant) wherein believers in Jesus/Yeshua partake. Their physical "Torah Observance" constitutes unneeded sacrifice...but they are often even bringing it to the wrong place. If they bring an unneeded sacrifice to Yeshua YHVH, His grace will abound. But they have to be in the right place...in the heart...otherwise He says "I don't know you."

I realize this is a hard word to hear.

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The work of God is that you trust in Jesus.

John 6:29 The Jesus answered and said to-them, This is the work of the God, in-order-that you-might-trust with-reference-to whom that (one) dispatched.

Trust comes through Hearing (shema), and Hearing comes through the Word of God (Jesus).

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.

Romans 10:17 "So the trust (is) out-of hearing, but the hearing (is) through saying of Messiah." (or "of-God"? MMS vary. Jesus IS God.)

Hebrews 1:1 "The God having-spoken long-ago in many-portions and in many-manners to-the fathers in the prophets

v2 Spoke to-us on last of these days in Son, whom he-placed heir of-all (things), through whom also he-made the ages;

Study to show yourself approved unto God:

2 Timothy 2:15 "You-be-diligent yourself to stand-along-side approved to-the God, (a) workman unashamed, cutting-straight the word of the truth."

16 "But you-be-standing-around-for-yourself away-from the profane empty-chatters; for they-will-progress upon much-more of impiety."

Hence: study the decrees/sayings/words of Jesus.