

## **Pekude** (accounts of ) **Torah Portion 23 Exodus 38:21-40:38**

**Background:** This Torah portion begins after Moses had told the people about honoring the Sabbath and about building the Tabernacle. The people had brought gifts to build the Tabernacle and Moses had told the people that **יהוה** had called Bezalel and Oholiab with understanding in all knowledge and workmanship to do the work. Work began on the Tabernacle and the outer court was assembled.

**Pekude (פקודי) = accounts of**

### **Events in this Torah portion:**

- The accounts of who was in charge of the building of the Tabernacle
- The amount of gold, silver and Brass used in the Tabernacle
- Things made from turquoise, purple and scarlet wool twisted with linen and gold
- Shoham stones with the names of the sons of Israel engraved on them
- The Breastplate was made with twelve stones and two gold chains and two golden ropes
- The Robe of the High Priest was of turquoise wool with bells and pomegranates
- Tunics of linen with linen breeches were made for Aaron and his son
- The Head-plate of gold was made for the High Priest
- All the work of the Tabernacle was complete so they brought it to Moses
- **יהוה** told Moses erect the Tabernacle on the first day of the first month and anoint it
- **יהוה** told Moses to bring Aaron and his sons and immerse them in water and dress them in the sacred vestments and anoint them for an eternal priesthood
- Moses did all that **יהוה** commanded him
- Moses erected the Tabernacle the 1st day of the 1st month in the 2nd year after leaving Egypt.
- The Cloud covered the Tent of Meeting and the glory of **יהוה** filled the Tabernacle
- The Cloud would be on the Tabernacle by day and Fire would be on it by night.

### **The Material Bezaleel and Oholiab received**

**Exodus 38:21-25** This is the sum of the **Tabernacle**, even of the Tabernacle of **Testimony**, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest. 22 And **Bezaleel** the son of **Uri**, the son of **Hur**, of the tribe of Judah, made all that **יהוה** commanded Moses. 23 And with him was **Oholiab**, son of **Ahisamach**, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen. 24 All the gold that was occupied for the work in all the **work** of the holy *place*, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary. 25 And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation was an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and seventy five shekels, after the shekel of the Sanctuary: 26 A bekah for every man, *that is*, half a shekel, after the shekel of the Sanctuary, for everyone that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred three thousand, five hundred and fifty *men*.

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**Tabernacle** (s# 4908 **משכן**) (mish-kawn') was the woven ceiling that was visible from inside

**Testimony** = testimony, witness {feminine of s-5707} (s# 5715 **עדות**) (ay-dooth')

**Bezaleel = in the image of El** (God) (s# 1212 **בצלאל**)(g# 153)

**Uri** = fiery (s# 221 **אורי**) (oo-ree') (g# 217)

**Hur** = to bore, crevice of serpent, prison cell, white linen (s# 2354 **חור**) (khour)

**Oholiab** = tent of his father (s# 171 **אהליאב**) (o-hol-e-ab)

**Ahimelech** = My brother is support (has support), a Danite, father of Oholiab, a workman of the Tabernacle (s# 294 **אחיסמך**) (akh-ee-saw-mawk')

**Work** = work (making something), workmanship, business (s# 4399 **מלאכה**) (mel-aw-kaw)

**Stone Edition Chumash** (page 486) The gold that was used in the Tabernacle was 29 talents 730 shekels A shekel is 16 grams or .51 troy ounces. A Talent is 3,000 shekels 87730 shekels of gold (gold shekels are a different weight from silver shekels)

**Stone Edition Chumash** (page 531) **The amount of silver and gold used in the Tabernacle is insignificant** compared to that used in Solomon's Temple and the second Temple, however the Holiness associated with the Tabernacle is far greater than either of the two Temples. This shows that **יהוה** rests His presence where there is righteousness not wealth. Both Temples were destroyed by invading armies but the Tabernacle was never destroyed and is hidden to this day. It may well be discovered and used for the next Temple.

**Comment:** There were ninety six (96) sockets for forty eight (48) boards. This means there were two sockets for each board. Since each Socket was made of one (1) talent (150 pounds) of silver, there would be three hundred (300) pounds holding each Plank in place. There were four (4) Sockets for the four (4) Pillars that held the Partition/Curtain that stood before the Holy of Holies. The Pillars required only one Socket each. A talent of silver is 3,000 shekels. The people were required to give one half shekel of silver each to make these sockets. Therefore each socket represented the gifts of 6,000 people.

### **Weights And Measures from Smith's Bible Dictionary**

The *Hebrew talent* or talents and divisions. A talent of silver is mentioned in Exodus, which contained 3000 shekels, distinguished as "the holy shekel," or "shekel of the sanctuary." The gold talent contained 100 manehs, 10,000 shekels. The silver talent contained 3000 shekels, 6000 bekas, 60,000 gerahs. The significations of the names of the Hebrew weights must be here stated.

The chief unit was the **Shekel** (that is, *weight*), called also the *holy shekel* or *shekel of the sanctuary*; subdivided into the *beka* (that is, *half*) or *half-shekel*, and the *gerah* (that is, a *grain* or *beka*).

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### **The Silver Sockets were cast**

**Exodus 38:27-28** And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets of the Sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail; an hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket. 28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapiters, and filleted them.

### **Brass Sockets, Brazen Altar and the Brass Pins were made**

**Exodus 38:29-31** And the brass of the offering *was* seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels. 30 And with this he made the sockets to the door of the Tabernacle of the congregation, and the Brazen Altar, and the Brazen Grate for it, and all the vessels of the Altar, 31 And the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court gate, and all the pins of the Tabernacle, and all the pins of the Court round about.

### **Colored material used for Garments and Curtains**

**Exodus 39:1-5** And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the Holy *Place*, and made the Holy garments for Aaron; as **יהוה** commanded Moses. 2 And he made the **Ephod** of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. 3 And they beat the gold into thin plates, and cut *it into* wires, to work *it* in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, *with* cunning work. 4 They made shoulder pieces for it, to couple *it* together: by the two edges it was coupled together. 5 And the belt of his Ephod, that *was* on it, *was* of the same, according to the work of it; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as **יהוה** commanded Moses.

**Epod** = Priestly garment, shoulder-cape or mantle, outer garment, worn by an ordinary priest and made of white stuff, Worn by the High Priest - more costly, woven of gold, blue, purple, scarlet, and linen threads provided with shoulder-pieces and a breast piece of a material, ornamented with gems and gold (s# 646 **אפוד**) (ay-fode')

**Stone Edition Chumash** (page 533) **The Knit Vestments** were used to cover the Ark of the Covenant and the Menorah, the Golden Altar and the Table of Show Bread when they were moving to a new camp. The people were never allowed to look on the holy articles after they were placed in the Tabernacle or when they were transported afterwards. Even the Levites that were to carry these holy articles were not allowed to look on them lest they bring death on their whole family. The sons of Aaron covered each thing up for transport before the Levites were allowed to come in to carry them.

### **The Ephod is made with Stones**

**Exodus 39:6-7** And they used Shoham stones inclosed in **ouches** of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel. 7 And he put them on the shoulders of the Ephod, *that they should be* stones for a memorial to the children of Israel; as **יהוה** commanded Moses.

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**Ouches** = plaited or filigree or checkered work (of setting for gems) (BDB # 4865 **משבצה**) (mish-bets-aw')

### The Stones for the Breastplate

**Exodus 39:8-14** **יהוה** And he made the Breastplate of woven work, like the work of the Ephod; of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. 9 It was square; they made the Breastplate double: a span was the length of it, and a span the breadth of it, being doubled. 10 And they set in it four rows of stones: the first row was a **Odem**, a **Pitdah**, and a **Barekes**: this was the first row. 11 And the second row, an **Nophech**, a **Sapir**, and a **Yahaiom**. 12 And the third row, a **Leshem**, an **Shevo**, and an **Achamah**. 13 And the fourth row, a **Tarshish**, an **Shoham**, and a **Yashfeh**: they were inclosed in ouches of gold in their enclosing. 14 And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, everyone with his name, according to the twelve tribes.

#### first Row

(1st son Ruben) **Odem** = redness, ruby, garnet, sardius (s# 124 **אדם**) (odem)

(2nd son Simeon) **Pitdah** = a gem, topaz (s# 6357 **פטדה**) (pit-daw)

(3rd son Levi) **Barekes** = flashing gem, emerald, carbuncle (s# 1304 **ברקת**) (baw-rek-ath)

#### Second Row

(4th son Judah) **Nophech** = to glisten, shining, garnet, emerald (s# 5306 **נפך**) (no-fek)

(5th son Dan) **Sapir** = a gem used for scratching, sapphire (s# 5601 **ספיר**) (sap-peer)

(6th son Naphtali) **Yahaiom** = sense of hardness, onyx, diamond (s# 3095 **יהלם**)

(yah-hal-ome)

#### Third Row

(7th son Gad) **Leshem** = a gem, jacinth, ligure (s# 3958 **לשם**) (leh-shem)

(8th son Asher) **Shevo** = idea of subdivision into streamers, to flame, agate (s# 7618 **שבו**)

(sheb-oo)

(9th son Issachar) **Achamah** = dream-stone, amethyst (s# 306 **אחלמא**) (akh-law-maw)

#### Fourth Row

(10th son Zebulun) **Tarshish** = place on Mediterranean, topaz, beryl (s# 8658 **תרשש**)

(tar-sheesh)

(11th son Joseph) **Shoham** = to blanch, pale green, beryl, onyx (s# 7718 **שהם**) (sho-ham)

(12th son Benjamin) **Yashfeh** = to polish, jasper (s# 3471 **ישפה**) (yaw-shef-ay)

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### Breastplate is made

**Exodus 39:15-21** And they made on the **Breastplate** Chains at the ends, of **wreathen** work of pure gold. 16 And they made two ouches of gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings in the two ends of the Breastplate. 17 And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the Breastplate. 18 And the two ends of the two wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulder pieces of the Ephod, before it. 19 And they made two rings of gold, and put *them* on the two ends of the Breastplate, on the border of it, which *was* on the side of the Ephod inward. 20 And they made two *other* golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the Ephod underneath, toward the forepart of it, over against the *other* coupling of it, above the **Belt** of the Ephod. 21 And they bound the Breastplate by its rings to the rings of the Ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the Belt of the Ephod, and that the Breastplate might not be loosed from the Ephod; as **יהוה** commanded Moses.

**Breastplate** = contain, sparkle, pocket to hold Urim & Thummim (s# 2833 **חֶשֶׁן**) (kho'shen)

**Wreathen** = something entwined, that is, a string, wreath or foliage, band, cord, rope, thick bough, wreathen (chain) (s# 5688 **אֶפֶד**) (ab-oth')

**Belt** = belt, strap, girdle (s# 2805 **חֶשֶׁב**) (khay'sheb)

**Ouch** = brocade, setting of gem (s# 486 **מִשְׁאַת**) (mish-bets-aw')

See drawings in Torah Portion 20 Tetsaveh

### The Robe was for the High Priest

**Exodus 39:22-26** And he made the robe of the Ephod of woven work, all of blue. 23 And *there was* a hole in the middle of the Robe, as the hole of an habergeon, *with* a band around the hole, that it would not tear. 24 And they made on the hems of the Robe Pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, *and* twined linen. 25 And they made Bells of pure gold, and put the Bells between the Pomegranates on the hem of the Robe, around the Pomegranates; 26 A Bell and a Pomegranate, a Bell and a Pomegranate, around the hem of the Robe to minister *in*; as **יהוה** commanded Moses.

### Coats are made

**Exodus 39:27-29** And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, 28 And a High Priest Turban of fine linen, and goodly Turbans of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen, 29 And a Belt of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework; as **יהוה** commanded Moses.

**Comment:** The other Priests wore a "Splendid Headdress. See drawing of Head Plate in Torah Portion 20 Tetsaveh

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### Completion of the Tabernacle

**Exodus 39:30-31** And they made the Plate of the Holy Crown *of* pure gold, and wrote on it a writing, *like to* the engravings of a signet, **HOLINESS TO יהוה**. 31 And they tied to it a lace of blue, to fasten *it* on high on the Mitre; as **יהוה** commanded Moses.

HOLINESS TO יהוה

קדש ליהוה

### Moses blessed them when they brought the Tabernacle

**Exodus 39:32-43** Thus was all the work of the Tabernacle of the **tent** of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that **יהוה** commanded Moses, so did they. 33 And they brought the Tabernacle to Moses, the Tent, and all its furniture, its **taches**, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, 34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the Vail of the covering, 35 The **Ark** of the Testimony, with its staves and the Mercy Seat, 36 The Table, *and* all its vessel, and the Showbread, 37 The pure **Menorah**, *with* its lamps, *even with* the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels of it, and the oil for light, 38 And the Golden Altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the Tabernacle door, 39 The Brazen Altar, and its grate of brass, its staves, and all its vessels, the **Laver** and its base, 40 The hangings of the court, its Pillars, and its Sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, its Cords, and its Pins, and all the vessels of the service of the Tabernacle, for the Tent of the Congregation, 41 The cloths of service to do service in the holy *place*, and the Holy Garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the Priest's office. 42 According to all that **יהוה** commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work. 43 And Moses looked on all the work, and, behold, they had done it as **יהוה** had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

**Tent** (s# 168 **אהל**) (o'-hel) the layer between the ceiling and the Cover

**Ark** = ark, sense of gathering (s# 727 **ארון**) (aw-rone) from s# 717 to pluck, to gather

**Menorah** = lampstand (s# 4501 **מנרה**) (maw-nora') from (s# 5216 **נר**) (neer) from a primitive root [see H5214; H5135] properly, meaning to glisten

**Laver** = round, cauldron, washbowl (s# 3595 **כיור**) (kee-yore)

**Stone Edition Chumash** (page 537) "May it be God's will that the Shechinah rest on your handiwork," and the verse, "May the pleasantness of my Lord our God, be on us - our handiwork may He establish for us; our handiwork may He establish" (Rashi from Psalms 90:17)

### Related Scripture: Moses asks for a Blessing

**Psalm 90:1-17** A **Prayer of Moses the man of Elohim**. Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or before You had formed

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the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* Elohim. 3 You turned man to destruction; and said, Return, you children of men. 4 **For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.** 5 You carried them away as with a flood; they are *as* a sleep: in the morning *they are* like grass *which* grows up. 6 In the morning it flourished, and grew up; in the evening it is cut down, and withers. 7 For we are consumed by Your anger, and by Your wrath are we troubled. 8 You have set our iniquities before You, our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance. 9 For all our days are passed away in Your wrath: we spend our years as a tale *that is told*. 10 The days of our years *are* threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength *they be* fourscore years, yet *is* their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and **we fly away.** 11 Who knows the power of Your anger? even according to Your fear, *so is* Your wrath. 12 So teach *us* to number our days, that we may apply *our* hearts to wisdom. 13 Return, O יהוה, how long? and let it repent You concerning Your servants. 14 O satisfy us early with Your mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. 15 Make us glad according to the days *where* You have afflicted us, *and* the years *when* we have seen evil. 16 Let Your work appear to Your servants, and Your glory to their children. 17 **And let the beauty of יהוה our Elohim be on us: and You establish the work of our hands on us; may You establish, the work of our hands.**

### The Tabernacle is Assembled

**Exodus 40:1-11** And יהוה spoke to Moses, saying, 2 On the first day of the first month you shall set up the Tabernacle of the Tent of the Congregation. 3 And you shall put in the Ark of the Testimony, and cover the Ark with the Vail. 4 And you shall bring in the **Table**, and set in order the things that are to be set in order on it; and you shall bring in the Menorah and light its lamps. 5 And you shall set the **Altar of gold** for the **incense** before the Ark of the Testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the Tabernacle. 6 And you shall set the Altar of the Burnt Offering before the door of the Tabernacle of the Tent of the Congregation. 7 And you shall set the Laver between the Tent of the congregation and the Altar, and shall put water in it. 8 And you shall set up the Court around it, and hang up the hanging at the Court Gate. 9 And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the Tabernacle, and all that *is* in it, and shall hallow it, and all the vessels: and it shall be holy. 10 And you shall anoint the Altar of the Burnt Offering, and all its vessels, and sanctify the Altar: and it shall be an Altar most holy. 11 And you shall anoint the Laver and its base, and sanctify it.

**Table (of Show Bread)** = The Shulchan (table) (s# 7979 שלחן) (shool-khawn)

**Altar** = an altar (s# 4196 מזבח) (miz-bay'-akh)

**Incense** = Fumigation; - (sweet) incense, perfume (s# 7004 קטרת) (ket-o'-reth)

**Comment:** The Tabernacle was erected and anointed on the **New Moon** (Rosh Chodesh) the First of Nissan, fifty (50) weeks to the day of their leaving Egypt. New Moons are referred to as "**The Time of Our Renewal.**" New Moons are often referred to in the same sentence as Sabbaths, This may be a hint that no work is to be done on that day.

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### Priests are anointed and the Tabernacle is erected

**Exodus 40:12-17** And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and wash them with water. 13 And you shall put on Aaron the Holy Garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister to Me in the Priest's Office. 14 And you shall bring his sons, and clothe them with coats: 15 And you shall anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may minister to Me in the Priest's Office: for their anointing shall surely be an **everlasting** Priesthood throughout their generations. 16 Thus Moses did according to all that **יהוה** commanded him, so did he. 17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the Tabernacle was set up.

**Comment:** The timing of the erecting of the Tabernacle was fifty weeks to the day from when they left Egypt. This number fifty reminds us of Pentacost, Shavuot when the Holy Spirit was placed on the one hundred and twenty in the first century.

### Moses erected the Tabernacle

**Exodus 40:18-21** And Moses erected the Tabernacle, and fastened its sockets, and set up its boards, and put in the bars, and raised up its pillars. 19 And he spread out the Tent over the Tabernacle, and put the covering of the Tent above on it; as **יהוה** commanded Moses. 20 And he took and put the Testimony into the Ark, and set the staves on the Ark, and put the Mercy Seat on the Ark: 21 And he brought the Ark into the Tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and covered the Ark of the Testimony; as **יהוה** commanded Moses.

**Stone Edition Chumash** (page 539) Moses erected The Tabernacle. The definite article (**את**) alludes to the Heavenly Tabernacle. What Moses did below was reflected above.

Moses erected the (**את**) Tabernacle

Tabernacle the < Moses < And Erected **Exodus 40:18**

(**את-המשכן**) < (**משה**) < (**ויקם**) **Exodus 40:18**

**Comment:** The use of the direct article (**את**) is also a reference to the Messiah. Yeshua said He was the Alef Tav (**את**), the first and last Hebrew letter. This verse could be read "Moses erected Yeshua's Tabernacle. We know from other Scripture that Yeshua was the one who gave the Ten Commandments and He was the one that was seen on the mountain. No man has seen the **Father**, but many have seen the **Son**. Notice too that the Tabernacle was erected two weeks before Passover and four days before a lamb was to be selected and taken into the house/tent to be inspected for four days to be assured that it was without blemish. The number four is associated with the coming of Messiah. He came to heal Lazarus after four days, He was the fourth man in the fire in the book of Daniel, He said you will not see Me again until you say "Baruch habab bashem **יהוה** (blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD) four words in Hebrew.

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### **Related Scripture: The first and the Last**

**Revelation 1:8** I am Alef (א) and Tav(ת) , the beginning and the end, said Adonai, which is and which was, and which is to come, the **Almighty**

The Greek word for **Almighty** is Strong's number 3841. (pronounced pan-tok-rat'-ore) "The all-ruling, i.e. God (as absolute and universal sovereign): -Almighty, Omnipotent.

### **Related Scripture: They saw Elohim (Yeshua)**

**Exodus 24:9-12** Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: 10 And they saw the Elohim of Israel: and *there was* under His feet as it were a paved work of a **sapir** stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *His* clearness. 11 And on the nobles of the children of Israel He laid not His hand: also **they saw Elohim, and did eat and drink**. 12 And יהוה said to Moses, Come up to Me to the mount, and be there: and I will give you Tables of Stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that you may teach them.

**Sapir** = a gem used for scratching, sapphire (s# 5601 ספיר) (sap-peer) This is the stone for Dan in the **Breastplate**. The name Dan means judgment, so when Moses and the elders went up on the mountain in Exodus 24, the color of the pavement showed that this was a judgment of the of those who ate and drank in His presence.

### **Related Scripture: No man has seen the Father**

**John 1:18** No man has seen God (*The Father*) at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared *Him*.

### **Moses placed the Table of Showbread, Menorah and Golden Incense Altar**

**Exodus 40:22-27** And he put the Table in the Tent of the congregation, on the side of the Tabernacle northward, outside the vail. 23 And he set the bread in order on it before יהוה; as יהוה had commanded Moses. 24 And he put the Menorah in the Tent of the congregation, over against the Table, on the side of the Tabernacle southward. 25 And he lighted the lamps before יהוה; as יהוה commanded Moses. 26 And he put the Golden Altar in the tent of the congregation before the vail: 27 And he burnt sweet incense on it; as יהוה commanded Moses.

See Torah portions 19 Teruma and 20 Tetsaveh for the drawings of the articles in the Tabernacle

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### **He placed the Brazen Altar, the Laver and raised up the court**

**Exodus 40:28-33** And he set up the hanging *at* the door of the Tabernacle. 29 And he put the Altar of Burnt Offerings *by* the door of the Tabernacle of the Tent of the congregation, and offered on it the Burnt Offering and the Grain Offering; as **יהוה** commanded Moses. 30 And he set the Laver between the tent of the congregation and the Altar, and put water there, to wash. 31 And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet there: 32 When they went into the Tent of the congregation, and when they came near the Altar, they washed; as **יהוה** commanded Moses. 33 And he raised up the court around the Tabernacle and the Altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

### **The Cloud covered the Tent**

**Exodus 40:34-35** Then a cloud covered the Tent of the Congregation, and the glory of **יהוה** filled the Tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter into the Tent of the Congregation, because the cloud resided on it, and the glory of **יהוה** filled the Tabernacle.

**Comment:** This is the Tent which is composed of the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. The Cloud would be over the Tent of meeting but would raise up when Israel was to travel to a new camping location. Moses was not able to enter the tent when the Glory was intense. Often Moses would be called to the door of the Tabernacle and **יהוה** would speak to him from there. We see that this is the first time that the Glory cloud is associated with a location in the camp of Israel. We can see a relationship of the completion of the Tabernacle and the coming of the Glory of **יהוה**. This may be related to when the Tabernacle is set up in our day and the coming of the Glory and power of **יהוה**. Gershon Solomon of the Temple Mount Faithful says that the location of this same Tabernacle is known along with other articles of the 1st Temple period that were hidden before the Babylonians came to attack Israel in 586BC. If this same Tabernacle, if it was to be erected two weeks before Passover, we might expect the same things to happen.

### **The Cloud was over the Tabernacle**

**Exodus 40:36-38** And when the Cloud was taken up from over the Tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: 37 But if the Cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. 38 For the Cloud of **יהוה** *was* on the Tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

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## **New Moon / Rosh Chodesh**

**There is much mystery associated with the New Moon,**

### **Related Scripture: Times and Seasons**

**Genesis 1:14-15** And Elohim said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and **let them be for signs, and for seasons**, and for days and years And let them be for lights in the firmament of heaven to give light on the earth: and it was so.

**Comment:** The stars and the heavenly bodies are for times - This is Elohim's clock, to let us know where we are in His time table. These are the indication of when to observe the Feast which tell us where on the cyclical time clock we are and what Elohim is fulfilling in His plan.

**Cyclical time is Hebraic (Things repeat each year)**

**Linear time is Greek / Roman (Time starts at a far point in the past and goes on forever, nothing repeats)**

### **Related Scripture: Times and Seasons**

**Acts 1:7-8** And He said to them, It is not for you to know the **Times or the seasons**, which the Father has put in His power. But you shall receive power, after the Holy Spirit is come on you: and you shall be witnesses to Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth.

**Comment:** This Scripture is saying that we can know the times of the yearly Festivals of Leviticus 23, but we will not know far into the future when He will return. We may know the timing of the return of Messiah when the time is near. We are told by Messiah that His return will be at a time like the time of the flood in Noah's time and like the the time of Lot when fire fell from the sky. Both of these times may have been when **Planet x** also called **Planet 7x** and **Nubru** passed through our solar system. If this is true then we may be nearing the return of Messiah. The story of Noah mentions a period of one hundred and fifty days which is five months. The book of Revelation also mentions that there will be a time when we will be in darkness for five months which may be the period of time that we will be in the debris field of **Planet 7X**.

### **Related Scripture: Five months of darkness**

**Revelations 9:1-6** And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a **star fall from heaven** to the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the **sun and the air were darkened** by reason of the smoke of the pit. 3 And there came out of the smoke swarms on the earth: and to them were given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. 4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of Elohim in their foreheads. 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented **five months**: and their torment *was* as the torment of a scorpion, when he strikes a man. 6 And in

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those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

### **Related Scripture: Times and Seasons**

**I Thessalonians 5:1-4** But of the **times and the seasons**, brethren, you have no need that I write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the Day of **יהוה** so comes as a thief in the night. For when **they** shall say, peace and safety; then sudden destruction comes on them, as travail on a woman with child; and they shall not escape. but **you** brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief.

### **Related Scripture: New Moon in David and Jonathan's time**

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**Samuel 20:5-9** And David said to Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow [is] the **New Moon**, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that **I may hide myself in the field to the third [day] at even**. 6 If your father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked [leave] of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for [there is] a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. 7 If he says, [It is] well; your servant shall have peace: but if he be very angry, [then] be sure that evil is determined by him. 8 Therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant; for you have brought your servant into a covenant of **יהוה** with you: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me yourself; for why should you bring me to your father? 9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from you: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come on you, then would not I tell it you?

**Comment:** The New Moon was observed during the time of David which included a special meal and possibly other customs.

### **Related Scripture: New Moons are associated with Sabbaths**

**II Kings 4:9-35** And she said to her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this [is] an holy man of Elohim, which passes by us continually. 10 Let us make a little chamber, I ask you, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a lamp: and it shall be, when he comes to us, that he shall turn in there. 11 And it fell on a day, that he came there, and he came to the chamber, and lay there. 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said to him, Say now to her, Behold, you have been careful for us with all this care; what [is] to be done for you? would you want to be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among my own people. 14 And he said, What then [is] to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Truly she has no child, and her husband is old. 15 And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. 16 And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, you shall embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, [you] man of Elohim, do not lie to your handmaid. 17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that **Elisha** had said to her, according to the time of life. 18 And when the child was grown, it happened on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. 19 And he said to his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. 20 And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and [then] died. 21 And she went up, and laid him on the

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bed of the man of Elohim, and shut [the door] on him, and went out. 22 And she called to her husband, and said, Send me, one of the young men, and one of the mules, that I may run to the man of Elohim, and come again. 23 And he said, Why will you go to him to day? [it is] **neither New Moon, nor Sabbath**. And she said, [It shall be] well. 24 Then she saddled the mule, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not [your] riding for me, except I tell you. 25 So she went and came to the man of Elohim to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of Elohim saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, [this is] that Shunammite: 26 Run now, I ask you, to meet her, and say to her, [Is it] well with you? [is it] well with your husband? [is it] well with the child? And she answered, [It is] well. 27 And when she came to the man of Elohim to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to push her away. And the man of Elohim said, Let her alone; for her soul [is] vexed within her: and **יהוה** has hid [it] from me, and has not told me. 28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of Adonai? did I not say, Do not deceive me? 29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up your loins, and take my staff in your hand, and go your way: if you meet any man, do not greet him; and if any greet you, answer him not again: and lay my staff on the face of the child. 30 And the mother of the child said, [As] **יהוה** lives, and [as] your soul lives, I will not leave you. And he arose, and followed her. 31 And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff on the face of the child; but [there was] neither voice, nor hearing. Therefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked. 32 And when Elisha was come in the house, behold, the child was dead, [and] laid on his bed. 33 He went in therefore, and shut the door on them both, and prayed to **יהוה**. 34 And he went up, and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, and his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands: and he stretched himself out on the child; and the flesh of the child began to warm. 35 Then he returned, and walked in the house back and forth; and went up, and stretched himself on him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes.

**Comment:** Apparently many people went to see **Elisha** the prophet on **Sabbath and New Moon**, possibly to be instructed in the Torah. The observance of New Moon was for two days, starting on the day that the moon was no longer visible and ending when the crescent moon was seen.

### **Related Scripture: Trumpet and New Moon (Yom Teruah)**

***Psalms 81:1-6*** [To the chief Musician on Gittith], A Psalm of Asaph. Sing aloud to Elohim our strength: make a joyful noise to the Elohim of Jacob. 2 Take a psalm, and bring near the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery. 3 Blow the trumpet in the **New Moon**, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day. 4 For this [was] a statute for Israel, [and] a law of the Elohim of Jacob. 5 This He ordained in **Joseph (יהוסף)** [for] a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt: [where] I heard a language [that] I understood not. 6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: his hands were delivered from the pots.

**Comment:** This is the time of Yom Teruah and Rosh Chodesh when Joseph was set free from the burden of prison to be exalted to Viceroy. Joseph's name is spelled different in this chapter. A hey (ה) is added to it to make the first three letters like the first three letters of **יהוה**'s Name. This tells us that Yeshua will come to power the same time of the year that Joseph came to power at Yom Teruah on a New Moon. The New Moon is associated with renewal and the

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coming of Messiah will be a renewing of the Kingdom of יהוה. His will, will be done as it is done in Heaven.

### **Related Scripture: New Moons and Sabbaths in the End of Days**

**Isaiah 66:13-24** As one who his mother comforts, so will I comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. 14 And when you see [this], your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of יהוה shall be known toward His servants, and [His] indignation toward His enemies. 15 For, behold, **יהוה will come with fire**, and with His chariots like a whirlwind, **to render His anger with fury**, and His rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by His sword will יהוה deal with **all flesh**: and the slain of יהוה shall be many. 17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one [tree] in the midst, **eating swine's flesh**, and the abomination, and the **mouse**, shall be consumed together, says יהוה. 18 For I [know] their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that **I will gather all nations** and tongues; and they shall come, and see My glory. 19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them to the nations, [to] Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, [to] Tubal, and Javan, [to] the isles afar off, that have not heard My fame, neither have seen My glory; and they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. 20 And they shall bring all your brethren [for] an offering to יהוה out of all nations on horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and on mules, and on swift beasts, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says יהוה, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the house of יהוה. 21 And **I will also take of them for priests** [and] for Levites, says יהוה. 22 For as the **new heavens and the new earth**, which I will make, shall remain before Me, says יהוה, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass, [that] **from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before Me**, says יהוה. 24 And they shall go forth, and look on the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against Me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring to all flesh.

**Comment:** After the judgment of The Day of יהוה the Sabbath and New Moon will be kept by all mankind. Those who don't keep it or any other of יהוה's laws will be dealt with. This shows how important this is. Notice this is a future judgment, so the **command to observe the Sabbath and the New Moon will not change forever**. It is written in stone, the two tablets. Stone (אבן) = AB (אב) & BN (בן) father and son in Hebrew. (The letter nun (נ) has a final form (ן) that is different.

### **Related Scripture: All that the Prophets have said will be required of all**

**Act 3:16-24** And His name through faith in His name has made this man strong, who you see and know: yes, the faith which is by Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. 17 And now, brethren, I know that through ignorance you did [it], as [did] also your rulers. 18 But those things, which יהוה before had showed by the mouth of all His prophets, that Messiah should suffer, He has so fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of יהוה; 20 And He shall send Yeshua the Messiah, which before was preached to you: (by Moses) 21 **Who the heaven must receive (heavens must hold) until the times of restitution (or the times of**

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refreshing) of all things, which יהוה has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said to the fathers, A prophet shall יהוה your Elohim raise up to you of your brethren, like me; Him shall you hear in all things whatever He shall say to you. 23 And it shall come to pass, [that] every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. 24 Yes, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

**Comment:** The heavens must hold Yeshua until the renewal takes place, that the New Moon is a shadow of. The New Moon will be honored when Yeshua returns.

### **Related Scripture: The Wicked hate the New Moons**

**Amos 8:4-11** Hear this, O you that swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, 5 Saying, **When will the New Moon be gone, that we may sell grain?** and the Sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit? 6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; [yes], and sell the refuse of the wheat? 7 יהוה has sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. 8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwells there? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as [by] the flood of Egypt. 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, says Adon Elohim, that **I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:** 10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; and **I will make it as the mourning of an only [son]**, and the end of it as a bitter day. 11 **Behold, the days come, says Adonai Elohim, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of יהוה** 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run back and forth to seek the word of יהוה, and **shall not find [it]**.

**Comment:** Sabbath and New Moon are both important days in Messiah's eyes. Both will be observed by the whole earth forever in Jerusalem. A new mode of travel will be needed to enable us to make that trip every week. Airplanes require eleven to twelve hour flights from here to Israel. That would mean more than two full days would be spent traveling, plus one day a week for Sabbath it's self. This would only leave four days to work, even less for people who live on the west coast. We may be able to travel as Philip did in the book of Acts. Also notice verse nine where it says that He will make the earth dark on a clear day. This also could be pointing to the coming of Planet 7x, because something must come between the sun and the earth for this to happen. A lunar eclipse only darkens the earth for a few minutes and only is a small part of the earth at a time. The debris field of Planet 7x will darken the whole earth for five month.

### **Related Scripture: Future mode of travel?**

**Acts 8:26-40** And the angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south to the way that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza, which is desert. 27 And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip,

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Go near, and join yourself to this chariot. 30 And Philip ran near to [him], and heard him read the prophet Isaiah, and said, do you Understand what you read? 31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. 32 The place of the Scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before His shearer, so He opened not His mouth: 33 In His humiliation His judgment was taken away: and who shall declare His generation? for His life is taken from the earth. 34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I ask you, of whom speaks the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? 35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached to him Yeshua. 36 And as they went on [their] way, they came to a certain body of water: and the eunuch said, See, [here is] water; what keeps me from being taval (baptized)? 37 And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart, you may. And he answered and said, I believe that Yeshua the Messiah is the Son of Elohim. 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when they were come up out of the water, the **Spirit of הוה** caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But **Philip was found at Azotus**: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

**Comment:** We see Philip was taken away and traveled super naturally to another place, apparently at great speed or even instantly. This may be the way that the whole world will come to Jerusalem every Sabbath and every New Moon. Any other method that we know at present would not allow every person to go there and still have six days to work each week.

### **Related Scripture: New Moons and Sabbaths foreshadow future events**

**Colossians 2:1-23** For I would that you knew what great conflict I have for you, and [for] those at Laodicea, and [for] as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; 2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of Elohim, and of the Father, and of Messiah; 3 **In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.** 4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. 5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Messiah. 6 As you have therefore received Yeshua the Messiah the Lord, [so] walk in Him: 7 Rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 **Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Messiah.** 9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And you are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Messiah: 12 Buried with Him in baptism, which you also are risen with [Him] through the faith of the operation of Elohim, who has raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, has He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 **Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, (not the law but the list of our offenses)** which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross; 15 [And] having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 **Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy days, or of the New Moon, or of the Sabbath [days]:** 17

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**Which are a shadow (or foreshadow) of things to come; but the body [is] of Messiah.** 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshiping of angels, intruding to those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increases with the increase of **יהוה**. 20 Therefore if you are dead with Messiah from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are you subject to ordinances, 21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not; 22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the **commandments and doctrines of men?** (*Takanot = laws from the Rabbis not from יהוה*))23 Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will (*self imposed worship*) worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh.

**Comment:** This letter was written to Gentiles who lived among other pagan gentiles. Paul was saying **don't let the pagan's judge you** because you are keeping **יהוה's** commands. All the keeping of Sabbath and the **New Moon is foreshadowing things that יהוה will do in the future.** Keep doing these things and you will understand more of **יהוה's** plan. **Don't expect the pagans to understand** why you are doing these things. Sabbath and New Moon is foreshadowing the reign of Yeshua during the time of our renewal.

### **Related Scripture: Solomon honored New Moons and Sabbaths**

***II Chronicles 2:3-6*** And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As you did deal with David my father, and sent him cedars to build him a house to dwell in, [even so deal with me]. :4 Behold, I build a house to the name of **יהוה** my Elohim, to dedicate [it] to Him, [and] to **burn before Him sweet incense, and for the continual showbread, and for the Burnt Offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths, and on the New Moons,** and on the solemn feasts of **יהוה** our Elohim. This [**is an ordinance**] **forever to Israel.** 5 And the house which I build [is] great: for great [is] our Elohim above all gods. 6 But who is able to build Him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? who [am] I then, that I should build Him a house, except only to burn sacrifice before Him?

**Comment: Solomon is a foreshadow of Messiah** (he was the son of David) There were no wars during his reign (prince of Peace/ Sar Shalom), Many nations brought tribute to him as they will during Yeshua's reign, Gold was plentiful and silver was not considered to be of any value because it was so common and like, Yeshua will do when He comes, he built the Temple. Offerings will be given when Messiah reigns and **Sabbaths and New Moons will be honored**

### **Related Scripture: Future Prince of Israel (Yeshua) shall offer sacrifices**

***Ezekiel 45:15-21*** And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a Grain Offering, and for a Burnt Offering, and for Peace Offerings, to make reconciliation for them, says Adonai Elohim. 16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the **Prince in Israel.** 17 And it shall be the Prince's part [to give] Burnt Offerings, and Grain offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the **New Moons,** and in the **Sabbaths,** in all solemnities of the house of Israel: He shall prepare the Sin Offering, and the Grain Offering, and the Burnt Offering, and the Peace Offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel. 18 This says Adonai Elohim; **In the first [month], in the first [day] of the**

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**month**, you shall take a young bull without blemish, and cleanse the Sanctuary: 19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the Sin Offering, and put [it] on the posts of the house, and on the four corners of the settle of the Altar, and on the posts of the gate of the inner court. 20 And so you shall do the seventh [day] of the month for everyone that errors, and for [him that is] simple: so shall you reconcile the House. 21 In the first [month], in the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.

**Comment:** This prophecy in Ezekiel speaks of the things that Messiah will do when He returns and is in the land of Israel. New Moons and Sabbaths will be honored

### **Related Scripture: New Moons and Sabbaths**

**Ezekiel 46:1-4** This says Adonai יהוה; The gate of the inner court that looks toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the **Sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the New Moon it shall be opened.** 2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of [that] gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his Grain Offering and his Peace Offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. 3 Likewise the **people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before יהוה in the Sabbaths and in the New Moons.** 4 And the Burnt Offering that the prince shall offer to יהוה in the Sabbath day [shall be] six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.

**Comment:** This shows us that the **Sabbath and New Moon** are associated with the **Prince (Yeshua)**. A **door** of the Temple will be open only on Sabbath and New Moon. The door could be symbolic of freedom. The fourth letter of the Hebrew alphabet is the Dalet (symbolic of a door) it has a numerical value of four (4). This number is associated with the return of Yeshua. The offerings are six of lambs and one Ram. Here we have **6 & 1** pointing to the six days of the creation and one day of rest and six thousand years of man's history and one thousand years of the reign of Yeshua.