



A Torah Study Guide  
for the Young  
& Young at Heart

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PARASHAT  
B'HA'ALATKHA  
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Numbers 8:1-12:16

Note to the adult teacher: It will be necessary for you to give the scriptural context and background for each of the points listed below.

### Great Discoveries in This Week's Parashah (Torah Portion)

- 8:1 The Golden Menorah
- 8:5 The Levites Are Prepared for YHVH's Special Service
- 9:1 The Israelites Keep Pesach (Passover) in the Wilderness
- 9:6 Pesach Sheni/The Second Passover for Those Unable to Keep the First Passover
- 9:15 The Pillar of Fire by Night and a Cloud By Day: How YHVH Led His People Through the Wilderness
- 10:1 The Two Silver Trumpets; the Various Blasts and Their Meanings; When to Sound the Trumpets
- 10:11 The Israelites Leave Sinai Where They Had Camped for Nearly 15 Months
- 10:29 Moses Invites Jethro to Join the Israelites
- 10:33 Israel's First Journey With the Ark Leading the Way
- 11:1 The People Complain About the Manna
- 11:16 The 70 Elders Help Moses to Lead the Israelites
- 11:18 YHVH Responds to the People's Desire for Meat
- 11:24 The Spirit of Prophecy Falls on the 70 Elders
- 11:30 YHVH Answers the People's Desire for Meat and Sends Quail
- 12:1 Miriam and Aaron Murmur Against Moses; Miriam Is Afflicted With a Skin Disease

### Exploring This Week's Parashah: How to Survive in the Wilderness



#### The Menorah: This Little Light of Mine (Numbers 8:1)




Do you remember the kid's song that starts with the words, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine ..."? This song is a reference to letting the spiritual light of Yeshua shine out of our lives into the dark world around us through the things we do and what we say.

In Scripture, light and darkness are often used as symbols that refer to YHVH's truth and standards of righteousness (his Torah) versus the sinful ways of this world that are in rebellion to the truth of YHVH as revealed in his Word—the Bible. (Read Proverbs 6:23; Psalm 119:105 compared to Psalms 82:5; 107:14; 112:4; Proverbs 2:13; 4:19.)

The menorah in the Tabernacle of Moses was a seven-branched lamp-stand and was the only source of light inside the set-apart or holy place of the tabernacle. It was made of pure gold and had seven branches making it look something like a tree with seven limbs. At the top of each branch was a golden cup that was full of olive oil. Each cup had a wick that when soaked with olive oil would burn brightly.

In the Bible, olive oil is a picture of the Set-Apart (Holy) Spirit of Elohim. It is also a picture of YHVH's Torah (his Word).



-  (a) Can we understand YHVH's Word without the help of the "oil" of YHVH's Spirit in our hearts and minds? (Read John 14:26; 15:26; 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; 1 John 2:20,27.)
-  (b) Does Yeshua tell his people that they are to be like human menorahs? (See Matthew 5:14; Revelation 1:4, 12-13, 20.) Does he tell us that he wants us to be his spiritual lights shining into the world helping those who live in spiritual darkness (sin) to see the way to Yeshua the Savior, the Word of Elohim in flesh form? Does he want us to hide our lights under a basket so that no one can see our lights? (Read Matthew 5:14-16.)
-  (c) Give some examples of how we can let the light of Yeshua's love and truth shine through us to the world around us? How are you a spiritual light to your friends when you're with them?



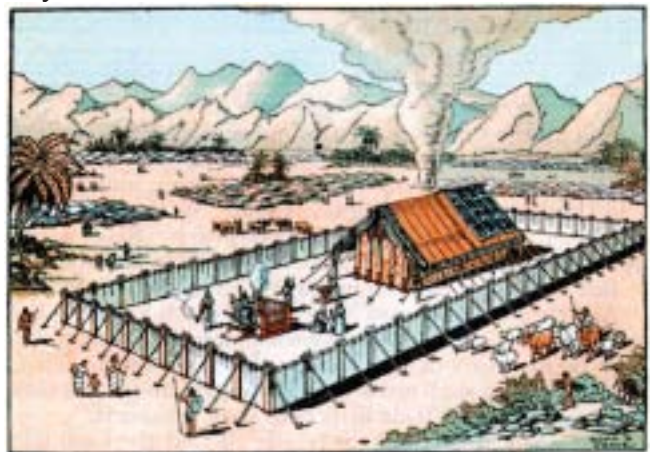
## 2 The Cloud Over the Tabernacle (Numbers 9:15)

With regard to the pillar by night the cloud by day that led the Israelites through the wilderness, in Exodus 13:21 we read,

And YHVH went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night.

Then in Exodus 14:19 it is written,


And the angel of Elohim, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went






from before their face, and stood behind them.


Can you imagine a little flame or cloud in front of you leading you each step of the way all day long? It would start heading toward your bedroom when it was time to go to bed, or it would lead you to your car when you were supposed to go somewhere. Once in your car, it would go in front of you to show you exactly where to go. That is similar to how YHVH led the Israelites in the wilderness. When the cloud over the tabernacle lifted, this signaled to the Israelites that YHVH wanted them to move to a new camping location. They would all pack up their gear and tents, including the tabernacle, and then travel until the cloud set down in a new location.


-  (d) How does YHVH lead his people now? Do we have a literal flame that goes before us, or do we have the "flame of YHVH's Spirit that lives inside our hearts telling us how to act, what to do and where to go? (Look at Acts 2:1-4; 8:29; 10:19; 11:12; 13:2; 16:6; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14.)

### 3 The Two Silver Trumpets (Numbers 10:1)

It is important that YHVH's people become used to the sound of the silver trumpet and ram's horn shofar. In ancient times when these instruments were sounded, it signalled that important things were happening. It was a way that YHVH and the spiritual leaders of Israel communicated with the people of Israel. Nowadays we communicate with each other by telephone, letter, or email. People did not have these means of communication long ago. Remember how the American Indians used smoke signals to communicate with each other over long distances? The ancient Israelites used shofars in the same way.

-  (e) When were the Israelites to blow the two silver trumpets? (Read Numbers 10:3-10; Please note verse 9.) What do we as believers in Yeshua do now when an enemy (such as, sin, temptation, sickness, evil words against us from someone) attacks us? (Read Psalms 18:6; 34:4,6; 50:15-18; 91:15.)


-  (f) There is another important time when YHVH instructed his people to blow the trumpets. (Please note verse 10.) What is "the day of your gladness and in your solemn days referring to?" (See Psalm 81:3; Leviticus 23:24; 25:9; Numbers 29:1.)

-  (g) Yeshua and the Apostle Paul both talked about the trumpet or shofar of YHVH that will blow at an important time in the future. (Note Matthew 24:31; 25; 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.)




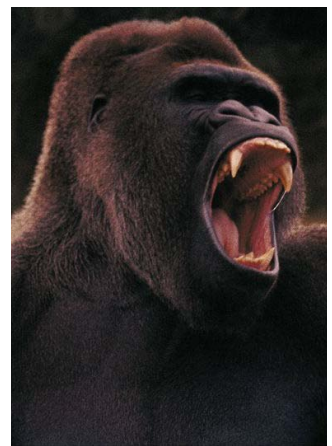
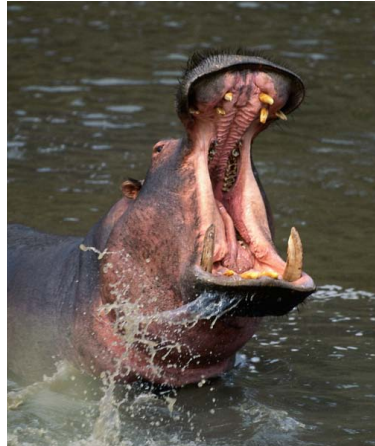
### 4 Miriam and Aaron Murmur (Numbers 12:1)

The words we speak out of our mouth are very powerful; they can accomplish great good, or do much damage. If we speak words of kindness, wisdom and love they can be of great blessing and benefit to others. However, if we speak words out of anger, pride, criticism, or selfishness they can cause great damage to others and bring a curse on us.

-  (h) Have you ever said things that hurt someone and you wished after you said them that you could take back your words? Wouldn't it have been better to not have spoken those bad words in the first place? Have others spoken words that hurt you? Maybe someone made fun of you, criticized you, or lied about you. How did that

make you feel? Does it make you wish that you would never say something that hurt someone else ever again just so that they wouldn't have to go through the pain and hurt you went through?

-  (i) Miriam and Aaron spoke some evil words against Moses that they wished they had never spoken. Did YHVH hear the evil words that they spoke, even though they did so secretly behind Moses' back? (Read Numbers 12:2.) How did YHVH feel about them speaking disrespectfully against his servant Moses? (See verse 9.) How did YHVH discipline Miriam for her sin? (Look at verse 10.) Would you be more careful about the words you speak if you knew that each time you said something bad YHVH would immediately discipline you? Though that may not always be the case, we should still ALWAYS think before we speak to make sure that our words are spoken in truth, love and kindness, and that they build up and bless others, not tear down and hurt others.



When you misuse your mouth, is this what you look like to other people?

