

Parshas Pekudei 2019, attention to detail

The Parsha Perspective is in honor of Eretz Yisroel. May G-d protect our brave soldiers. May G-d return all the hostages in Gaza immediately.

The Parsha Perspective is in honor of the Refuah Shlema of HaRav Amitai Ben Shoshanna, Hinda Bas Udl and those who need to experience a speedy and complete recovery with G-d's help.

This week's Parsha Perspective is in loving memory of Edward Ben Efraim, Shlomo Ben Edward, and Yirachmiel Daniel Ben Gedalia. May their souls be uplifted and their memories a blessing.

In this week's Parsha, Moshe does an accounting of all the gold, silver, and copper that the Jewish nation donated toward the building of the Mishkan. The two foremen in charge of its construction Betzalel and Aliyev, started to craft the priestly garments and the vessels of the Mishkan.

When all the components of the Mishkan were completed, they were brought before Moshe, who erected it and initiated Aharon and his four sons into the priesthood. The cloud of glory then appeared over the Mishkan, signifying the presence of G-d.

A question comes to mind: The Torah, which is usually very concise and exact with its wording, repeats itself a few times over regarding the process of the construction of the Mishkan and its vessels.

Furthermore, over two hundred and fifty Pasukim were used to describe the process of the construction of the Mishkan. However, only thirty-four Pasukim were used to describe the creation of the universe and mankind.

The Midrash Tanchuma on Parshas Nasso explains,"When *G-d created the* world, He longed to have an abode in this world just as He has on high." The primary purpose of the Jewish people is to create a dwelling place for G-d in this world, whether it be a physical Temple in Jerusalem or a local synagogue, we are fulfilling G-d's ultimate desire.

The Torah is not man's book of G-d. But rather G-d's book of mankind. It is not difficult for an infinite creator to make a home for humanity. However, it is difficult is for us, with our limited comprehension, to build a house for G-d. Yet that is the purpose, not only of the Mishkan but of the Torah as a whole.

That is why the Torah spent a minuscule amount of Pasukim on the creation of this vast and complex universe, in comparison to the construction of the Mishkan, because the focus of the Jewish people should not be on G-d plans, but instead on finishing our assignment of creating a dwelling place for G-d in this world.

By learning the Torah passionately, keeping its Mitzvah diligently, and helping others do the same, we can accomplish and achieve our real purpose and objective of building a physical and everlasting home for G-d.

In our daily life, it is imperative that we understand that to live a fulfilling and meaningful life, we must stay focused on our true mission and purpose of serving G-d. We must not be worried and troubled by circumstances that are not in our charge or control because it will only help to hinder any advancement toward our goal.

"If you wait until you find the meaning of life, will there be enough life left to live meaningfully?"

-The Lubavitcher Rebbe

Have a meaningful Shabbos! Rabbi Sholom Yemini