



## פקודי *Pekudi* Accounts

[Exodus 38.21—40.38](#) / [1 Kings 7.51—8.21](#) / [Mark 16](#)



**Faithful Steward** [Exodus 38.24](#) says that, in addition to all the other materials, just over 29 talents of gold were collected for use in building the Tabernacle's furnishings. A talent has been described as anywhere from the amount of weight a man could carry, about 70 pounds, to the weight of a person, over 100 pounds. So at least a ton of gold, or about \$32 million at current gold prices.

In [Numbers 16.15](#), Moses asserts to God that he has not taken so much as an ass from the people. Jewish tradition on this verse says that one reason for the rebellion is that the people thought Moses was keeping some of the Tabernacle's wealth. But [Hebrews 3.2](#) assures us that Moses was faithful in all God's house.

[Romans 14.10-12](#) says that we will all stand before God's judgment seat and we will all have to give an account of ourselves to God. The best thing we could possibly hear at that time is, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" How will we as a Church be remembered when our פקודי are given?

**כפר** to Γολγοθα In [Exodus 30.12](#), a half-shekel is collected from each man during the census as a כפר *kopher* price of a life/ransom/bribe/pitch (as a covering). Here in [Exodus 38.26](#) we see the half-shekel again, called a בקע *beqa* half from בקע *baqa* split/cleave/divide. The only other time we see בקע is [Genesis 24.22](#), when Abraham's servant is looking for a bride for Isaac and gives Rebekah a gold ring weighing a בקע. A בקע is used to woo a bride and a בקע is the כפר paid per individual, or as [Exodus 38.26](#) says, per גלגלת *gulgolet* head/skull/per person. In [Matthew 17.24-27](#), ישוע *Yeshua* Jesus/salvation miraculously provides for this payment. One בקע is worth two drachmas, so ישוע tells Peter how to find a four-drachma coin to pay their כפר. In [Matthew 27.33](#), it is at Γολγοθα *Golgotha* Golgotha, a name derived from גלגלת, that ישוע pays the כפר for our souls, wooing us to be His bride!



**Glory of God** In [Exodus 40.34](#), when work on the Tabernacle is completed on Nisan 1, almost a year after the flight from Egypt on Nisan 14, the glory of God settles on the Tabernacle. A success—God accepts the Tabernacle. Not a success—neither Moses nor anyone else can enter. The book of Leviticus is about how to approach God.



# חזק חזק ונתחזק!

*Chazak, Chazak, v'nitchazek* Be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened!  
A traditional blessing after the reading of each book of the **תורה** *Torah* Law/Instruction.

Glossary, in order of appearance

פקודי	<i>pekudi</i>	accounts, the name of this portion
כפר	<i>kopher</i>	price of a life/ransom/bribe/pitch (as a covering)
בקע	<i>beqa</i>	half
בקע	<i>baqa</i>	split/cleave/divide
גלגלת	<i>gulgolet</i>	head/skull/per person
Γολγοθᾶ	<i>Golgotha</i>	Golgotha, where ישוע died, derived from גלגלת
ישוע	<i>Yeshua</i>	Jesus/salvation
ונתחזק	<i>Chazak, Chazak, v'nitchazek</i>	Be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened!
תורה	<i>Torah</i>	Law/Instruction/5 Books of Moses