

## ~DEDICATION (280)

[Hebrew, *na-zar'*]

- A separation or setting apart for a sacred purpose. The Hebrew verb *na-zar'*, dedicate, has the basic meaning keep separate, be separated, withdraw.
- And you must keep the sons of Israel **separate** from their uncleanness, that they may not die in their uncleanness for their defiling of my tabernacle, which is in their midst. (**Leviticus 15:31**)
- Speak to Aaron and his sons, that they may keep themselves **separate** from the holy things of the sons of Israel and not profane my holy name in the things they are sanctifying to me. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 22:2**)
- For any man at all from the house of Israel or from the alien residents that reside as aliens in Israel, that **withdraws** himself from following me and that brings up his dungy idols upon his heart and that sets the very stumbling block causing his error in front of his face and that actually comes to the prophet to make inquiry for himself by me, I, Yehowah, I am letting myself be brought to answer him by myself. (**Ezekiel 14:7**)
- Like grapes in the wilderness I found Israel. Like the early fig on a fig tree in its beginning I saw the forefathers of you people. They themselves went in to Baal of Peor, and they proceeded to dedicate themselves to the shameful thing, and they came to be disgusting like the thing of their love. (**Hosea 9:10**) Footnote
- The related Hebrew word *ne'zer* refers to the sign or symbol of holy **dedication** worn as a crown upon the sanctified head of a High Priest or on the head of an anointed king, it also referred to **Naziriteship**.
- All the days of his **Naziriteship** he should not eat anything at all that is made from the wine vine, from the unripe grapes to the skins. (**Numbers 6:4**)
- All the days of the vow of his **Naziriteship** no razor should pass over his head, until the days that he should be separated to

Yehowah come to the full, he should prove holy by letting the locks of the hair of his head grow. (**Numbers 6:5**)

- All the days of his keeping separate to Yehowah he may not come toward any dead soul. (**Numbers 6:6**)
- The blessings of your father will indeed be superior to the blessings of the eternal mountains, to the ornament of the indefinitely lasting hills. They will continue upon the head of Joseph, even upon the crown of the head of the **one singled** out from his brothers. (**Genesis 49:26**) Footnote
- At Aaron's installation as High Priest, a turban made of fine linen was placed on his head. Fastened with a string of blue thread on the front of this turban for all to see was the holy **sign of dedication** *ne'zer*, a shining plate of pure gold engraved as a seal with the words, in Hebrew, Holiness belongs to Yehowah. The holy anointing oil was next poured upon the High Priest in the installation ceremony.
- And you must set the turban upon his head and put the holy sign of **dedication** upon the turban. (**Exodus 29:6**)
- And you must take the anointing oil and pour it upon his head and anoint him. (**Exodus 29:7**)
- Finally they made the shining plate, the holy sign of **dedication**, out of pure gold and inscribed upon it an inscription with the engravings of a seal. Holiness belongs to Yehowah. (**Exodus 39:30**)
- Then they put a string of blue thread to it in order to put it upon the turban up above, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (**Exodus 39:31**) Footnote
- Then he placed the turban upon his head and placed upon the turban at the forefront of it the shining plate of gold, the holy sign of **dedication**, just as Yehowah had commanded Moses. (**Leviticus 8:9**)
- Finally he poured some of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head and anointed him so as to sanctify him. (**Leviticus 8:12**)

- Consistently the High Priest had to be careful to avoid doing anything that would profane the sanctuary, because the sign of **dedication**, the anointing oil of his God, is upon him.
- He should also not go out from the sanctuary and not profane the sanctuary of his God, because the sign of **dedication**, the anointing oil of his God, is upon him. I am Yehowah. (**Leviticus 21:12**)
- Similarly, the **Hebrew** word, *ne'zer*, had reference to the **diadem**, an official headpiece worn by the anointed kings of Israel as a symbol of their holy office.
- So I stood over him and definitely put him to death, for I knew that he could not live after he had fallen. Then I took the **diadem** that was upon his head and the bracelet that was upon his arm, that I might bring them to my lord here. (**2 Samuel 1:10**)
- Then he brought the son of the king out and put upon him the **diadem** and the Testimony, and so they made him king and anointed him. And they began to clap their hands and say; Let the king live! (**2 Kings 11:12**)
- Then they brought the king's son out and put upon him the diadem and the Testimony and made him king, and so Jehoiada and his sons anointed him and said; Let the king live! (**2 Chronicles 23:11**)
- You have spurned the covenant of your servant; You have profaned his **diadem** to the very earth. (**Psalms 89:39**)
- His enemies I shall clothe with shame, but upon him his **diadem** will flourish. (**Psalms 132:18**)
- For treasure will not be to time indefinite, nor a **diadem** for all generations. (**Proverbs 27:24**)
- When a person took the **Nazirite** vow to Yehowah he was not to cut his hair or shave his beard as long as the vow was upon him. So his long hair became a crowning sign of his **Naziriteship**, *ne'zer*.
- All the days of his **Naziriteship** he should not eat anything at all that is made from the wine vine, from the unripe grapes to the skins. (**Numbers 6:4**)

- All the days of the vow of his **Naziriteship** no razor should pass over his head, until the days that he should be separated to Yehowah come to the full, he should prove holy by letting the locks of the hair of his head grow. (**Numbers 6:5**)
- All the days of his keeping **separate** to Yehowah he may not come toward any dead soul. (**Numbers 6:6**)
- Not even for his father or his mother or his brother or his sister may he defile himself when they die, because the sign of his **Naziriteship** to his God is upon his head. (**Numbers 6:7**)
- All the days of his **Naziriteship** he is holy to Yehowah. (**Numbers 6:8**)
- But in case anyone dying should die quite suddenly alongside him so that he has defiled the head of his **Naziriteship**, he must then shave his head in the day of establishing his purification. On the seventh day he should shave it. (**Numbers 6:9**)
- And on the eighth day he should bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest to the entrance of the tent of meeting. (**Numbers 6:10**)
- And the priest must handle one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering and make atonement for him, since he has sinned because of the dead soul. Then he must sanctify his head on that day. (**Numbers 6:11**)
- And he must live as a Nazirite to Yehowah for the days of his Naziriteship, and he must bring a young ram in its first year as a guilt offering, and the former days will go uncounted because he defiled his Naziriteship. (**Numbers 6:12**)
- Now this is the Law about the Nazirite. On the day that the days of his Naziriteship come to the full, he will be brought to the entrance of the tent of meeting. (**Numbers 6:13**)
- And he must present as his offering to Yehowah one sound young ram in its first year as a burnt offering and one sound female lamb in its first year as a sin offering and one sound ram as a communion sacrifice. (**Numbers 6:14**)

- And a basket of unfermented ring-shaped cakes of fine flour, moistened with oil, and unfermented wafers smeared with oil, and their grain offering and their drink offerings. (**Numbers 6:15**)
- And the priest must present them before Yehowah and render up his sin offering and his burnt offering. (**Numbers 6:16**)
- And he will render up the ram as a communion sacrifice to Yehowah along with the basket of unfermented cakes, and the priest must render up its grain offering and its drink offering. (**Numbers 6:17**)
- And the Nazirite must shave the head of his Naziriteship at the entrance of the tent of meeting, and he must take the hair of the head of his Naziriteship and put it upon the fire that is under the communion sacrifice. (**Numbers 6:18**)
- And the priest must take a boiled shoulder from the ram and one unfermented ring-shaped cake out of the basket, and one unfermented wafer, and put them upon the palms of the **Nazirite** after he has had the sign of his **Naziriteship** shaved off. (**Numbers 6:19**)
- And the priest must wave them to and fro as a wave offering before Yehowah. It is something holy for the priest, along with the breast of the wave offering and the leg of the contribution. And afterward the **Nazirite** may drink wine. (**Numbers 6:20**)
- This is the Law about the **Nazirite** who vows, his offering to Yehowah over his **Naziriteship**, besides that which he can afford. According to his vow that he may make, so he should do because of the Law of his **Naziriteship**. (**Numbers 6:21**)
- In personifying Jerusalem as one who had broken her sacred vows of holiness to Yehowah, the prophet Jeremiah exclaimed: Shear off your uncut hair or **dedicated hair**, *niz-rekh'*, a form of *ne'zer* and throw it away.
- Shear off your **uncut hair** and throw it away, and upon the bare hills raise a dirge, for Yehowah has rejected and will desert the generation with which he is furious. (**Jeremiah 7:29**)

- By another prophet, Yehowah describes how wayward Israel went in to Baal of Peor, and they proceeded to dedicate themselves *wai-yin-na-zeru'*, a form of the verb *na-zar'* to the shameful thing.
- Like grapes in the wilderness I found Israel. Like the early fig on a fig tree in its beginning I saw the forefathers of you people. They themselves went in to Baal of Peor, and they proceeded to **dedicate themselves to the shameful thing**, and they came to be disgusting like the thing of their love. (**Hosea 9:10**)
- In the **Christian Greek Scriptures** reference is made to certain dedicated things. The winter **festival of dedication** Greek, *en-kai'ni-a* is mentioned in connection with Jesus earthly ministry.
- At that time the **festival of dedication** took place in Jerusalem. It was wintertime. (**John 10:22**)
- This **Greek** word *en-kai'ni-a* has the same root as *en-kai'ni'zo*, which at,
- Consequently neither was the former covenant **inaugurated** without blood. (**Hebrews 9:18**)
- Is rendered **dedicate** by certain translations, **AS, KJ, Dy, Sp**, but **inaugurate** by others. **CC, Mo, NE, NW, We** Similarly, at;
- Which he **inaugurated** for us as a new and living way through the curtain, that is, his flesh. (**Hebrews 10:20**)
- Some translate it **dedicate**, **AS, Dy, Sp**, others, **inaugurate**. **CC, Mo, NW**. Jesus called attention to the traditional teachings of the Pharisees in regard to corban, that is, a gift dedicated to God.
- But you men say; If a man says to his father or his mother: Whatever I have by which you may get benefit from me is **corban**, that is, a gift **dedicated to God**. (**Mark 7:11**)
- But you say; Whoever says to his father or mother: Whatever I have by which you might get benefit from me is a **gift dedicated to God**. (**Matthew 15:5**)
- Jesus also warned that the time was coming when Herod's temple, together with its fine stones and **dedicated things** *a-na-the'ma-sin* would be thrown down.

- Later, as certain ones were speaking concerning the temple, how it was adorned with fine stones and **dedicated things**. (**Luke 21:5**)
- He said; As for these things that you are beholding, the days will come in which not a stone upon a stone will be left here and not be thrown down. (**Luke 21:6**)

**See Also FESTIVAL OF DEDICATION**

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