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For those who do not know, the Portion name comes from the first word or words of the portion in Torah. This weeks Torah Portion is named Ha'azinu and it is translated as "Give Ear".

#### The Torah Commentary:

*Remember the days of old, consider the years of generation and generation: ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you. When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For YHVH's portion His people; Jacob the cord of His inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; He compassed him about, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. As an eagle stirs up her nest, flutters over her young, spreads abroad her wings, takes them, bears them on her wings: YHVH alone did lead him, and no strange god with him. (Deut. 32:7-12) And it shall be when your son asks you in time to come, saying, What this? That you shall say to him, By strength of hand, YHVH brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage; and it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that YHVH slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to YHVH all that opens the matrix, being males; but all the firstborn of my children I redeem. And it shall be for a token upon your hand, and for frontlets between your eyes; for by strength of hand YHVH brought us forth out of Egypt. (Ex. 13:14-16) We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, work You did in their days, in the times of old. You did drive out the heathen with Your hand, and planted them; You did afflict the people and cast them out. For they got not land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but Your right hand, and Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, because You had a favor to them. You are my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob. Through You will we push down our enemies: through Your Name will we tread them under that rise up against us. For I will*

not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But You have saved us from our enemies, and has put them to shame that hated us. In God we boast all the day long, and praise Your Name forever. Selah. (Ps. 44:1-8) Give ear, O my people, to my law [teaching/Torah]: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide from their children showing to the generations to come the praises of YHVH, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: that the generation to come might know, the children should be born: should arise and declare to their children: that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments: and might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation set not their heart aright, [that prepared not their heart] and whose spirit was not steadfast with God. (Ps. 78:1-8) God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwells not in temples made with hands; neither is worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed any thing, seeing He gives to all life, and breath, and all things; and has made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us. (Acts 17:24-27) Now YHVH had said unto Abram, Get you out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, unto a land that I will show you: and I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed. (Gen. 12:1-3) Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of Your arm they shall be still as a stone; till Your people pass over, O YHVH, till the people pass over, You have purchased. You shall bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, the place, O YHVH, You have made for You to dwell in, the Sanctuary, O YHVH, Your hands have established. YHVH shall reign forever and ever. (Ex. 15:16-18) And He brought them to the border of His sanctuary, this mountain, His right hand had purchased. He cast out the heathen also before them, and divided them an inheritance by line, and made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents. (Ps. 78:54,55) You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure to me above all people: for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These the words which you shall speak to the Children of Israel. (Ex. 19:4-6) Then YHVH awaked as one out of sleep, like a mighty man that shouts by reason of wine. And He smote His enemies in the hinder parts: He put them to a perpetual reproach. Moreover He refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: but chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which He loved. And He built His sanctuary like high, like the earth which He had founded forever. He chose

*David also His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds: from following the ewes great with young He brought him to feed Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance. So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands. (Ps. 78:65-72) And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. (Acts 20:32) In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will: that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Messiah. In Whom you also, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in Whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession to the praise of His glory. (Eph. 1:11-14) Giving thanks to the Father, which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated into the kingdom of the Son of His Love: in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. (Col. 1:12-14) To an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and fades not away, reserved in heaven for you. (1Pet.1:4*