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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 week the Torah Portion name is Vayetze and is translated as “and he went out”.

Torah Vayetze;	-	Gen. 28:10 – 32:3 (32:2 KJV)
Haftarah:	-	Hos. 11:7-14:10 (14:9 KJV)
Brit Chadashah:	-	John 1:43 – 51
Psalm:	-	Ps. 7, 61, 115
Extra Reading:	-	John 13, 14

The Torah Commentary:

And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, YHVH stood above it, and said, I the YHVH God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon you lie, to you will I give it, and to your seed; and your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I with you, and will keep you in all whither you go, and will bring you again into this land; for I will not leave you, until I have done which I have spoken to you of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely YHVH is in this place; and I knew not. (Gen. 28:10-16) Then Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of the people of the east. And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, behold, there three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone upon the well's mouth. (Gen. 29:1,2) And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it Leah: and he said to Laban, What this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Wherefore then have you beguiled me? (Gen. 29:25) And Jacob heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob has taken away all that our father's and of which our father's has he gotten all this glory. And Jacob behold the countenance of Laban, and behold, it not toward him as before. And YHVH said to Jacob, Return to the land of your fathers, and to your kindred; and I will be with

you. (Gen. 31:1-3) *And it came to pass at the time that the flocks conceived, that I lifted up my eyes, and saw is a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the flocks ring-streaked, speckled, and grizzled. And the angel of God spoke to me in a dream, Jacob: and I said, Behold I.* (Gen. 31:10,11) **Behold**, he travails with iniquity, and has conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch he made. His mischief shall return on his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down on his own pate. I will praise YHVH according to His righteousness: and will sing praise to the Name of YHVH Most High. (Ps. 7:14-17) And Nathanael said to him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip said to him, Come and see. Yeshua saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, **Behold** an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! (John 1:46,47) **Behold**. Look at. Look and see. Gaze upon. Be aware of. See with your eyes or spirit. Be ready to hear and obey. Take into consideration. Fix or direct the eyes or mind on or to. Attend to. A revelation. In the presence of. To come to an understanding of. The Hebrew letters for “**Behold**” are a “hey”, which means to “behold” with a symbolic meaning of “the” or “to reveal”. A “nun” [noon], which means “a fish”[darting through water], with a symbolic meaning of “life” or “activity”, and another “hey” following. In essence, it would be a revelation of life revealed. A revealing of life in light. It is much easier to behold something in the light than in darkness. *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehends it not. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew Him not. He came to His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, them gave He power to become the sons of God, to them that believe on His Name; which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.* (John 1:1-5,10-14) Jacob beheld the ladder, the angels of God ascending and descending, and he beheld YHVH, and he said “*Surely YHVH is in this place; and I knew not.*” Until the revelation of life came, he did not know. How many times are we like Jacob? We go from this place to this place, looking for something, wanting to behold, yet we know not that we are in His presence until it is revealed to us. YHVH’s eyes behold us, our actions, our thoughts, and desires. Do we fear Him? Do we fear what He thinks of what we do? *YHVH in His holy Temple, YHVH’s throne in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids try the children of men. YHVH tries the righteous; but the wicked and him that loves violence His soul hates. Upon the wicked He shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: the*

portion of their cup. For the righteous YHVH loves righteousness; His countenance does behold the upright. (Ps. 11:4-7) Behold, the eye of YHVH upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for YHVH; He our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His Holy Name. Let your mercy, O YHVH, be upon us, according as we hope in You. (Ps. 33:18-22) We see the physical, as Jacob did. Jacob saw the spiritual; he, in a dream from God, had the beholding of the meaning and blessing. Can we also? God said: *And you shall know that I in the midst of Israel, and I Am YHVH your God, and none else: and My people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out My Spirit. And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of YHVH come. And it shall come to pass whosoever shall call on the Name of YHVH shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as YHVH has said, and in the remnant whom YHVH shall call. (Joel 2:27-32)* And we will behold Him, and we will behold His signs and wonders on earth and in the heavens. He will send His revelation of life. Will we have the understanding and desire to see? So that we do not have to say: *Surely YHVH is in this place; and I knew not.* Selah. Behold: the Lamb, the King, the Lion of Judah.