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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 Shoftim and is translated as “Judges”.

Torah:	–	Deut. 16:18 – 21:9
Haftarah:	–	Isa. 51:12– 52:12
Brit Chadashah:	–	1 Pe 1:24, 25; He 10:28 – 31
Psalms:	–	Psalms 48, 102, 144
Extra Reading:	–	Acts 14 – 16

The Torah Commentary:

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him wrong; then both the men, between whom the controversy, shall stand before YHVH, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days; and the judges shall make diligent inquisition; and, behold, the witness a false witness, has testified falsely against his brother; then shall you do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother; so shalt you put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you. And your eye shall not pity; life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. (Deut. 19:15-21) You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Ex. 20:16) You shall not receive a false report; put not your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. You shall not follow a multitude to evil; neither shall you answer in a cause to decline after many to wrest: neither shall you countenance a poor man in his cause. Keep you far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay you not; for I will not justify the wicked. And you shall take no gift; for the gift blinds the seeing, and perverts the words of the righteous. (Ex. 23:1-3,7,8) Deliver me not over unto the will of my enemies; for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty. (Ps. 27:12) Let not them that are my enemies falsely rejoice over me: let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause. For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against quiet in the land. Yes, they opened their mouth

wide against me, said, Aha, Aha, our eye has seen. You have seen, O YHVH: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me. (Ps. 35:19-22) But my enemies living, are strong; and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied. They also that render evil for good are my adversaries; because I follow good. (Ps. 38:19,20) Through Your precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. (Ps. 119:104) These six does YHVH hate: yea, seven an abomination of His soul: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. A heart that devises wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness speaks lies, and he that sows discord among brethren. (Pv. 6:16-19) These are the things that you shall do; Speak you every man the truth to his neighbor; judge truth, and the judgment of peace in your gates: And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these that I hate, saith YHVH. (Zech. 8:16,17) But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are which defile a man: but to eat with unwashed hands defiles not a man. (Matt. 15:18-20) And they that had laid hold on Yeshua led away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Yeshua, to put Him to death; but found none: yes, though many false witnesses came, found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, and said, this said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.' And the high priest arose, and said to him, 'Answer You nothing? What these witness against You?' But Yeshua held His peace. And the high priest answered and said to Him, 'I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You be the Messiah, the Son of God. Yeshua said to him, "You have said: nevertheless I say to you, Hereafter shall you see the Son of man sitting of the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying 'He has spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? Behold, now you have heard His blasphemy. What think you?' They answered and said, 'He is guilty of death.' Then did they spit in His face, and buffeted Him; and others smote with rod of their hands, saying, 'Prophecy to us, You Messiah, who is he that smote You?' (Matt.26:57,59-68) And the chief priests and all the council sought for witness against Yeshua to put Him to death; and found none. For many bare false witness against Him, but their witness agreed not together. And there arose certain, and bare false witness against Him, saying, "We heard Him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.'" But neither so did their witness agree together. (Mk.14:55-59) A faithful witness will not lie; but a false witness will utter lies. (Pv.14:5) I can of My

own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not My own will, but the will of the Father Who has sent Me. If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true. There is another that bears witness of Me; and I know that the witness which he witnesses of Me is true. You sent to John, and he bare witness unto the truth. But I receive not testimony from man; but these things I say, that you might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light; and you were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I have greater witness than of John: for the works which the Father has given Me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me. And the Father Himself, which has sent Me, has borne witness of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His shape. And you have not His word abiding in you; for Whom He has sent, Him you believe not. Search the Scriptures: for in them you think you have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me. And you will not come to Me, that you might have life. I Am come in My Father's Name, and you receive Me not: if another shall come in his own name, him you will receive. Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is that accuses you, Moses in whom you trust. For if had you believed Moses, you would have believed Me: for he wrote of Me. But if you believe not his writings, how shall you believe My words? (Jn. 5:30-40,43,45-47) This is He that came by water and blood, Yeshua Messiah; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one. (1John 5:6-8) Yeshua Messiah, the Faithful Witness, the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. He has washed us from our sins in His blood, and has made us a true witness of Him by the Power of His Spirit, for He is Truth, Light, and Life.