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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 name of the Torah portion is Shelach-Lecha and it is translated as “Send from you.”

Torah: – Num. 13:1– 15:41

Haftarah: – Josh. 2:1 – 24; 14:6 – 15

Brit Chadashah: – Heb. 3:7 – 4:1; 11:1, 2, 29–31; James 2: 24–26

Psalm: – Ps. 37, 91, 133

Extra Reading: – Luke 10 – 12

The Torah Commentary:

And they spoke to all the company of the Children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, an exceeding good land. If YHVH delight in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which flows with milk and honey. Only rebel not you against YHVH, neither fear you the people of the land; for they bread for us: their shadow is departed from them, and YHVH with us: fear them not. But all the Congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of YHVH appeared in the Tabernacle of the Congregation before all the Children of Israel. And YHVH said to Moses, How long will this people provoke Me? And how long will it be ere they believe Me, for all the signs which I have showed among them? I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of you a greater nation and mightier than they. And now I beseech You, let the power of my Lord be great, according as You have spoken, saying, The YHVH longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation. Pardon, I beseech You, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of your mercy, and as You have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now. And YHVH said, I have pardoned according to your word. But truly I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of YHVH. Because all those men which have seen My glory, and My miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted Me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to My voice; Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto the fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked Me see it: But My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and has followed Me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. (Num. 14:7-12, 17-24) The Glory of the LORD/YHVH. Glory = Kavod = Weight, heaviness, honor, majesty, esteem; to be grievous, severe, show oneself great; worthy of praise and worship; an abundance of wealth or treasure resulting in honor; referring to God, His glory; brightness or splendor. An awesome sight and event. In Paleo-Hebrew, the images would be: an open hand, a tent, a nail, and a doorway;

translating to a meaning of: either to cover or to open and allow into a family or household and to add and secure a pathway to enter. *And he reared up the court round about the Tabernacle and the Altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. Then a cloud covered the Tent of the Congregation, and the glory of YHVH filled the Tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the Tent of the Congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of YHVH filled the Tabernacle. And when the cloud was taken up from over the Tabernacle, the Children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of YHVH upon the Tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the House of Israel, throughout all their journeys.* (Ex. 40:32-37) *And Moses and Aaron said unto all the Children of Israel, At even, then you shall know that YHVH has brought you out from the land of Egypt: And in the morning, then you shall see the glory of YHVH; for that He hears your murmurings against YHVH: and what we, that you murmur against us? And Moses said, when YHVH shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that YHVH hears your murmurings which you murmur against Him: and what we? Your murmurings not against us, but against YHVH. And Moses spoke to Aaron, Say to all the Congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before YHVH: for He has heard your murmurings. And it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole Congregation of the Children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of YHVH appeared in the cloud.* (Ex. 16:6-12) *The glory of YHVH appears when His Children are obedient and He is pleased with them, and when they are disobedient, and murmur against Him, His glory is representing His displeasure and wrath. And you said, Behold, YHVH our God has showed us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God does talk with man, and he lives. Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of YHVH our God any more, then we shall die. For who all flesh, that has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we and lived? Go you near, and hear all that YHVH our God shall say: and speak you to us all that YHVH our God shall speak to you; and we will hear and do. And YHVH heard the voice of your words, when you spoke to me; and YHVH said to me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you: they have well said all that they have spoken. O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear Me, and keep all My commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!* (Deut. 5:24-29) *Give thanks to YHVH, call upon His Name, make known His deeds among the people. Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him, talk you of all His wondrous works. Glory you in His Holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek YHVH. Seek YHVH and His strength, seek His face continually. Remember His marvelous works that He has done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth; O you seek of Israel His servant, you Children of Jacob, His chosen ones. He YHVH our God; His judgments in all the earth. Be you mindful always of His covenant; the work He commanded to a thousand generations; which He made with Abraham, and of His oath to Isaac; and has confirmed the same to Jacob for a law/Torah,*

to Israel an everlasting covenant, Saying, Unto you will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance; when you were but few, even a few, and strangers in it. (1 Chr. 16:8-19) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works. Truly I say to you, There shall be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his Kingdom. (Mat. 16:25-28) His Name shall be forever: His Name shall be continued as long as the sun: and shall be blessed in Him: all nations shall call Him Blessed. Blessed the YHVH God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things. And blessed His glorious Name forever: and let the whole earth be filled His Glory; Amen, and Amen. (Ps. 72:17-19) The Word made flesh, the glory of the begotten of the Father, and He will come again in Glory! Selah.