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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's name is Beha'alotkha and it is translated as "when you set up."

Torah	-	Numbers 8:1 – 12:16
Haftarah	-	Zechariah 2:14(KJV 2:10)–4:7
Brit Chadashah:	-	1 Co 10:5–14; He 7:15–28; Jas 1:17; Col 1:15–23; Re 11:1–19
Psalm:	-	Psalms 36, 90, 132
Gospel:	-	Luke 7, 8, 9

Shabbat Message:

In the beginning, God spoke and said “Let there be light,” and there was light, and it was good (Gen. 1:3,4). Strong's # 216 is the Hebrew (transliterated) word: “ohr”, [the first-strength/to make/a deed/ from the head/highest] meaning: *illumination or luminary (in every sense), incl. lightning, happiness.* It is from Strong's #215, meaning: *to be (make) luminous, glorious, kindle, light, set on fire, shine.* *In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.* (Jn 1:4,5) “Light” is Strong's # 5457 meaning: *to shine or make manifest, luminous.* Light was the first thing that shone before the face of God. Light came from the burning bush when Moses turned aside to see it. An angel of YHVH appeared to him in a blaze of fire from amid the bush (Ex. 3:2). “Ner” [life from the highest] is the transliteration meaning: *to shine, fire, light, lamp, prosperity, happiness.* Strong's # 5216 “ner” means: to glisten, a lamp or light. It is from the Strong's # 5314, which means: *the idea of the gleam of a fresh furrow; break up; plow; to till,* and from #5135: *to shine; fire.* “Menorah” is from this root word. To break down the transliterated word for today's portion: “Beha'alotecha” is: *“to go or come up, to ascend, arise to the high, Most High; leaf, foliage”.* The Menorah was in the Holy place, fire was used to light it, the oil was pure and pressed, the Menorah was a hammered one piece of gold, it was to be lit during the darkness, and trimmed and cleaned during the morning. It was always accompanied with a cloud of spice incense. There would be no shadow when the light was toward the face of the Menorah. There were seven lamps on the Menorah. Zechariah saw a Menorah of gold with its bowl on its top; its seven lamps upon it and seven ducts for the lamps on its top, with two olive trees on either side, and two clusters of olives next to two golden presses. John saw Menorahs in the Revelation, and the One Who walked among them. David says: *YHVH is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? YHVH the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?* (Ps. 27:1,2) *For with You the fountain of life: in Your light shall we see light. O continue Your lovingkindness to them that know You; and Your righteousness to the upright in heart.* (Ps. 36:9,10) *O send out Your light and Your truth: let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill, and to Your tabernacles.* (Ps. 43:3) *Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness:*

gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous. (Ps. 112:4) *God is YHVH, which has showed us light:* (Ps. 118:27) *Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path; The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.* (Ps 119:105,130) *For the commandment a lamp; and the Torah/law light; and reproofs of instruction the way of life.* (Pv. 6:23) *O House of Jacob, come you, and let us walk in the light of YHVH.* (Is. 2:5) *Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of YHVH is risen upon you.* (Is. 60:1) *But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.* (Jn. 3:21) Light is an emanation from a source, and to receive that light, you need eyes to see; both physical and spiritual. Yeshua is the Light of the world. Receive Him, walk in His light and life. He will dispel the darkness. Let His oil of the Spirit keep you filled to keep shining as light in a dark place. Don't let your light go out! Renew your light in Him and give Him Glory for it.