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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 Vayigash is translated as “And came”

### The Torah Commentary:

*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says YHVH, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an end and expectation. Then shall you call upon Me, and you shall go and pray to Me, and I will hearken to you. And you shall seek Me, and find Me; when you shall search for Me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, says YHVH; and I will turn away your captivity; and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, says YHVH; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.* (Jer. 29:11-14) *And Joseph said to his brethren, I Joseph; does my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. And Joseph said to his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. Now therefore, be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that you sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now not you sent me hither, but God: and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. Haste you, and go up to my father, and say to him, Thus said your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt: come down to me, tarry not: And you shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near to me, you, and your children, and your children's children, and your flocks, and your herds, and all that you have: And there will I nourish you: for yet five years of famine; lest you, and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty.* (Gen. 45:3-5,7-11) *So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said to them, See that you fall not out by the way. And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan to Jacob their father, and told him, saying, Joseph yet alive, and he governor over all the land of Egypt. And*

*Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them; and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. And Israel said, Enough; Joseph my son yet alive; I will go and see him before I die. And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. And God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here I. And He said, I God, the God of your father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of you a great nation; I will go down with you into Egypt; and I will also surely bring you up and Joseph shall put his hand on your eyes. And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba; and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him. All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls threescore and six; And the sons of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, two souls all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, threescore and ten. And he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to direct his face to Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. (Gen.45:24-46:6,26-28) But you, Israel, My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham My friend. Whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called you from the chief men thereof, and said to you, You My servant; I have chosen you, and not cast you away. Fear you not; for I with you; be not dismayed; for I your God: I will strengthen you; yes, I will help you; yes I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness. (Is. 41:8-10) But now thus says YHVH that created you, O Jacob, and He that formed you, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called by your name; you Mine. When you pass through the waters, I with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you; when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you. For I YHVH your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for you. Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honorable, and I have loved you; therefore will I give men for you, and people for your life. Fear not; for I with you; I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring My sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; every one that is called by My Name; for I have created him for My glory; I have formed him: yes, I have made him. (Is. 43:1-7) Yet now hear, O Jacob My servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: Thus says YHVH that made you, and formed you from the womb, will help you; Fear not, O Jacob, My servant; and you, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water upon him that is*

*thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit upon your seed, and My blessing upon your offspring; and they shall spring up among the grass, as willows by the water courses. One shall say I YHVH's; and another shall call by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe his hand to YHVH, and surname by the name of Israel. Thus says YHVH the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the YHVH of hosts; I the first, and I Am the last; and beside Me no other. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people? And the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show to them. Fear you not, neither be afraid; have not I told you from that time, and have declared even My witnesses. Is there a God beside Me? Yes, no God; I know not. (Is. 44:1-8) And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to families. And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly. (Gen. 47:11,12,27) And He that searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints according to God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified. (Rom. 8:27-30) God's plans for you – a hope and future. Keep your eyes on Him, He will do it! Fear not. You have His Promises.*