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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 Breisheet and is translated as “In the beginning”

Torah Breisheet:	-	Gen. 1:1 - 6:8
Haftarah:	-	Isa. 42:5-43:10
Brit Chadashah:	-	John 1:1 - 18; Rom. 5:12 – 21
Psalm:	-	1, 55, 109
Extra Reading:	-	John 1, 2

The Torah Commentary:

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry appear: and it was so. And God called the dry Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas: and God saw that it was good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth tender grass, the herb yielding seed, the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb seeding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creeps upon the earth, wherein a living soul, every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that He had made, and behold, very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. (Gen. 1:9-13,29-31) *And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for YHVH God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and not a man to till the ground. But a mist which went up from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And YHVH God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And YHVH God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground made YHVH God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And YHVH God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And YHVH God commanded the man, saying, Of*

every tree of the garden eating you shall eat freely: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof dying you shall die. (Gen. 2:5-9,15-17) Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which YHVH God had made. And he said to the woman, Yea, because, has God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die: For God does know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree good for food, and that it a desire to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves things to gird about. And YHVH God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: therefore YHVH God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. (Gen. 3:1-7,22,23) And at the end of days it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto YHVH. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And YHVH had respect to Abel and to his offering: But to Cain and to his offering He had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And YHVH said to Cain, Why are you wroth? And why is your countenance fallen? If you do well, shall you not have the excellency? And if you do not well, sin lies at the door. And subject to you his desire, and you shall rule over him. (Gen. 4:3-7) Selah. 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 any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4) God spoke all His creation into existence. He created a world that would come forth mature, with seed being in it, so that it would be fruitful and multiply immediately. There was the ground it would come forth from; a mist that watered the ground, the trees, herbs, and vegetation. The light of life and lights in the heavens for growth, and His creation would have their own seasons of life; the mature plant bearing its fruit and seed, that seed falling to the ground, dying and being buried, but with the spark of life in it that with the proper conditions, would sprout, reach for the light, the water, and grow to maturity, and the process would repeat itself. There is the physical, and there is the spiritual. *Blessed the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight in the Torah of*

YHVH and in His law does he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not fade; and whatsoever he does shall prosper. The ungodly not so: but like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For YHVH knows the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish. (Ps. 1)

Blessed the man that trusts in YHVH, and whose hope YHVH is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and spreads out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat comes, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of restraint neither shall cease from yielding fruit. The heart deceitful above all, and desperately wicked: who can know it? (Jer. 17:7-9)

Yeshua Messiah spoke of a sower sowing seeds that fell on different types of ground and what happened to that seed – eaten by birds on the wayside; stony shallow ground that couldn't support roots or growth so it withered from the sun; thorny places that choked it out; and some into good ground bringing forth fruit in different measures. He also spoke of what comes from a tiny mustard seed; and wheat and tares. (See Matt. 13:1-43)

The sin of Adam sowed corruption and evil. The death, burial, and resurrection of Messiah brought forth life from the dead and the first fruits of the resurrection. A tree is known by its fruit, so is man: *Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Messiah's have crucified the flesh with the passions and lusts.* (Gal. 5:19-24) Grow in His Light, watered by His Living water of His Word, be planted in His field, let no weeds take root – let His Spirit search and pluck them out, bring forth His fruit. Selah.