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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 Vayakhel is translated as “And Assembled.”

Torah:	–	Ex. 35:1 – 38:20
Haftarah:	–	1 Kings 7:13–26
Brit Chadashah:	–	2 Corinthians 9:6–11; Heb. 12:18 – 24
Psalm:	–	Ps. 22, 76, 119 (Kof, Resh)
Extra Reading:	–	Matt. 27

The Torah Commentary:

*And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These the words which the YHVH hath commanded, that should do them. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a Sabbath of rest to the YHVH: ... And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This the thing which the YHVH commanded, saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the YHVH: whosoever of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the YHVH; ... And every wise hearted among you shall come, and make all that the YHVH hath commanded; ... And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the YHVH's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments. And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered an offering of gold unto the YHVH. ... The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the YHVH, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the YHVH had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses. ... And they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it. And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning. And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made; And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people **bring much more** than enough for the service of the work, which the YHVH commanded to make. (Exo 35:1 ,2, 4, 5, 10, 21, 22, 29; 36:3-6)*

Willing – voluntary, cheerfully, generous, magnanimous

Offering – a present - sacrifice or tribute freely given

Israel willingly offered their talents and possessions to participate in building the Tabernacle.

Yeshua was willing, *Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.* (Luk 22:42) *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance* (2Pe 3:9)

So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. (1Th 2:8-9) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. (2Co 5:8-9) For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also. I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. And herein I give my advice: for this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. (2Co 8:3-12)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of YHVH, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto YHVH, your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of YHVH. (Rom 12:1-2)

What shall I bring to YHVH? What shall I give?

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. (1Pe 1:22-25)