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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 weeks Torah portion is named Kedoshim and it is translated as "Holy People."

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Commentary:

The YHVH reigns; let the people tremble: He sits [between] the cherubim; let the earth be moved/stagger. YHVH great in Zion; and He high above all the people. Let them praise Your great and terrible Name; it Holy. The king's strength also loves judgment; You do establish equity, You execute judgment and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt you YHVH our God, and worship at His footstool; He is Holy. Moses and Aaron among His priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His Name; they called upon YHVH, and He answered them. He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar: they kept His testimonies, and the ordinance He gave them. You answered them, O YHVH our God: You were a God that forgave them, though You took vengeance of their inventions. Exalt YHVH our God, and worship at His holy hill; for YHVH our God Holy. (Ps. 99) And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to all the Congregation of the Children of Israel, and say to them, You shall be holy: for I YHVH your God Holy. You shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I AM YHVH your God. Turn you not to idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I AM YHVH your God. (Lev. 19:1-4) YHVH spoke to the whole congregation through Moses, that they were to be holy as He is Holy. The whole requires that the individual or each part of the whole be holy. Holiness in unity, being in one accord of heart and action. Any deviation from that would bring iniquity, and result in judgment, and even death. In these two chapters, "I [Am] YHVH your God" is mentioned twenty times, and an additional four times in Ezekiel 20. When God mentions a statement in His Word more than once, He wants you to take note of it and pay attention – This is important! He wants His people to know of Him, and He wants us to know also that He is YHVH our God, and He is Holy! We are to have a holy fear of Him, and also of our mother and father, to respect them; He has given each of us the family we have, according to His plan. In

that same sentence, we are to keep and guard His Sabbaths: He is YHVH our God. (Lev. 19:3) He gave His Ten Commandments in Exodus 20, and He reiterates them again here. Relationship with God in His proper order, and relationship with man, in His proper order. *There is a way which seems right to a man, but the end thereof the ways of death. The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man from himself. The simple believe every word: but the prudent looks well to his going. A wise [man] fears and departs from evil: but the fool rages, and is confident. The simple inherit folly: but the prudent are crowned with knowledge. The fear of YHVH a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death. He that oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker: but he that honors Him has mercy on the poor. The King's favor toward a wise servant: but his wrath is to him who causes shame.* (Pv. 14:12,14-16,27,31,35) *Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.* (Matt. 5:19) *When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the Throne of His Glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations; and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides sheep from the goats: and He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say to them on His right hand, Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was hungry, and you gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and you gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and you took Me in. Naked and you clothed Me: I was sick, and you visited Me: I was in prison, and you came to Me. Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we You hungry and fed or thirsty, and gave drink? When saw we You a stranger, and took in? or naked, and clothed? Or when saw we You sick, or in prison, and came to You? And the King shall answer and say to them, Verily I say to you, Inasmuch as you have done to one of the least of these My brethren, you have done to Me.* (Matt. 25:31-40) And the reverse is true, for all we did/do not do: *Then shall He answer them, saying, Verily I say to you, Inasmuch as you did not to one of the least of these, you did not to Me. And these shall go away in everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.* (Matt. 25:45,46) *He that receives you receives Me, and he that receives Me receives Him that sent Me. He that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink to one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say to you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.* (Matt. 10:40-42) *For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have showed toward His Name, in that you have ministered to the*

saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope to the end: that you be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (Heb. 6:10-12)

What are His promises? His Truth. Every word that proceeds from His mouth, for blessing or for cursing. *Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be you holy: for I [AM] YHVH your God. And you shall keep My statutes and do them: I [AM] YHVH which sanctify you.* (Lev. 20:7,8) He is our Sanctifier. He is our Holy One. He is our Father. Hallowed be His Name. His Kingdom come, His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. He is our Forgiver. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. He will not lead us into temptation, we do that quite well on our own! He will deliver us from the evil one; that is what He came to this earth to do, to restore His creation back to Himself. Death through Adam. Life in and through Yeshua, Blessed be His Name. He is Holy, He is in the Father, and the Father in Him - One. He sanctified Himself, that we might be sanctified through Truth/His Word, that we may be one.