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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 Vayechi and it is translated as “And made”

*And when YHVH saw that Leah was hated, He opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. And she [Leah] conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now will I praise YHVH; therefore she called his name Judah [Praise]; and left bearing. (Gen. 29:31,35) And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. And she conceived, and bare a son; and said, God has taken away my reproach: and she called his name Joseph [Adding]; and said, YHVH shall add to me another son. (Gen. 30:22-24) And Jacob called to his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you which shall befall you in the last days. Gather yourselves together, and hear, you sons of Jacob; and hearken to Israel your father. Judah, you whom your brethren shall praise: your hand in the neck of your enemies; your father's children shall bow down before you. Judah a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, you are gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and to him the gathering of the people. Binding his foal to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes: His eyes red with wine, and his teeth white with milk. (Gen. 49:1,2,8-12) And this of Judah: and he [Moses] said, Hear, YHVH, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people; let his hands be sufficient for him; and by You a help from his enemies. (Deut.33:8) And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before Whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. And Israel said to Joseph, Behold, I die; but God shall be with you, and bring you again to the land of your fathers. Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow. (Gen. 48:15,16,21,22) Joseph a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well; branches [daughters] run over the wall: the archers [masters/baali] have sorely grieved him, and shot, and hated him: but his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty of Jacob; (from thence the shepherd, the stone of Israel:) by the God of your father, who shall help you; and by the*

*Almighty, Who shall bless you with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb: the blessings of your father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: they shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separated from his brethren. (Gen. 49:22-26) And of Joseph he [Moses] said, Blessed of YHVH his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew and for the deep that couches beneath, and for the precious fruits by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, and for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, and for the precious things of the earth and fullness thereof, and the good will of Him that dwelt in the bush; let come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him separated from his brethren. His glory the firstling of his bullock, and his horns the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they the thousands of Manasseh. (Deut. 33:13-17) Good to thank YHVH, and to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High: to show forth Your loving-kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness in the nights, upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound. For You, YHVH has made me glad through Your work: I will triumph in the works of Your hands. O YHVH, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep. A brutish man knows not; neither does a fool understand this. When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; that they shall be destroyed forever: But You, YHVH, High forevermore. For, lo, Your enemies, O YHVH, for, lo, Your enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. But my horn shall You exalt like a unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil. My eye shall also see on my enemies, my ears shall hear of the wicked that rise up against me. The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of YHVH shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing; to show that YHVH upright: my Rock, and no unrighteousness in Him. (Ps. 92) I [David] go the way of all the earth: be you strong therefore, and show yourself a man; and keep the charge of YHVH your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the Torah of Moses, that you may prosper in all you do, and where you turn yourself, that YHVH may continue His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, If your children take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you a man on the throne of Israel. (1 Kings 2:2-4) The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them has the light shined. You have multiplied the nation, not increased the joy: they joy before You according to the joy in harvest, as rejoice when they divide the spoil. For You have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian. For every battle of the warrior with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood: but shall be with burning fuel of fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of government and peace no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment*

*and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of YHVH of Hosts will perform it.*

*(Isa.9:2-7) And from Yeshua Messiah, the Faithful Witness, the first begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. To Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, made us kings and priests to God and His Father; to Him glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. I am Aleph and Tav, the beginning and the ending, says YHVH, Which is, and Which was, and Which is to come, the Almighty. (Rev. 1:5,6,8) I Yeshua...I Am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star. ..Surely I come quickly. Amen... (Rev.22:16,20)*