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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, Shemini, is translated as “eighth day.”

Torah Commentary:

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before YHVH, which He commanded them not. And there went out fire from YHVH, and devoured them, and they died before YHVH. Then Moses said to Aaron, This that YHVH spoke, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come near Me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace. And YHVH spoke to Aaron, saying, Do not drink wine nor strong drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the Tabernacle of the Congregation, lest you die: a statute forever throughout your generations: and that you may put difference between holy and unholly, and between unclean and clean, and that you may teach the Children of Israel all the statutes which YHVH has spoken to them by the hand of Moses. (Lev. 10:1-3,8-11) And YHVH spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them, Speak to the Children of Israel, saying, These the beasts which you shall eat among all the beasts that on the earth. These shall you eat of all that in the waters: whatsoever has fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall you eat. And these you shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they an abomination.... . Yet these may you eat of every flying creeping thing that goes upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth. These are unclean to you.... These also.... You shall not make yourselves abominable...nor unclean with them, that you should be defiled thereby. For I YHVH your God; you shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and you shall be holy; for I Holy; neither shall you defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. For I YHVH that brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: you shall therefore be holy, for I Holy. This the Torah [law]

of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth: to make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten. (Read Lev. 11) And the clean shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even. But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he has defiled the Sanctuary of YHVH: the water of separation has not been sprinkled on him; he unclean. And it shall be a perpetual statute to them,.... (Read Num.19) Unclean. Unholy. Abomination.

Contamination. Defilement. Sprinkling and Immersion. Clean. Purification. Sanctification.

Holiness. Righteousness. Truth. *Moreover, the word of YHVH came to me, saying, Son of man, when the House of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings; their way was before Me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. Wherefore I poured My fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols they had polluted it: And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. And when they entered unto the heathen, where they went, they profaned My Holy Name, when they said to them, these the people of YHVH, and are gone forth out of His land. But I had pity for My Holy Name, which the House of Israel had profaned among the heathen, where they went. Therefore say to the House of Israel, Thus says YHVH GOD; I do not for your sakes, O House of Israel, but for My Holy Name's sake, which you have profaned among the heathen, where you went. And I will sanctify My great Name, which was profaned among the heathen, which you have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I YHVH, said YHVH GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments, and do. And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and you shall be My people, and I will be your God. I will also save you from all your uncleannesses; and I will call for the corn, and will increase it and lay no famine on you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that you shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. Then shall you remember your own evil ways, and your doings that not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. Nor for your sakes do I, says YHVH GOD, be it known to you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways O House of Israel. Thus says YHVH God; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I YHVH build the ruined, plant that that was desolate: I YHVH have spoken, and I*

will do. (Read Ezek. 36:16-38) Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Yeshua, by a new and living way, which He has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; and a High Priest over the House of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of faith without wavering; (for He faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some, but exhorting: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins. But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose you, shall he be thought worthy, who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the Covenant, wherewith He was sanctified, an unholy thing, and has done despite to the Spirit of grace. For we know Him that has said, Vengeance unto Me, I will recompense, says YHVH. And again, The Lord shall judge His people. A fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Heb. 10:19-31) His Word, that is held above His Name, teaches us His Holy Ways. Selah.