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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 Tetzaveh, is translated as “Shall Command”.

The Torah Commentary:

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, day one [echad]. (Gen. 1:1-5) And you shall command the Children of Israel, that they bring you pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn [to ascend up] always. In the Tabernacle of the congregation without the Veil, which before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before YHVH: A statute forever to their generations on the behalf of the Children of Israel. (Ex. 27:20,21) Blessed the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O YHVH, in the light of Your countenance. In Your Name shall they rejoice all the day: and in Your righteousness shall they be exalted. For You the glory of their strength: and in Your favor our horn shall be exalted. For YHVH our defense; and the Holy One of Israel our King. (Ps. 89:15-18) Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of YHVH is risen upon you. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but YHVH shall arise upon you, and His glory shall be seen upon you. And the Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. The sun shall be no more your light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light to you: but YHVH shall be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory. (Is. 60:1-3,19) You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your

good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matt. 5:14-16) But the path of the just as the shining light, that shines more and more to the perfect day. (Pv. 4:18) That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. (Phil. 2:15) For you were sometimes darkness, but now light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (for the fruit of the Spirit in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove. For it is a shame even to speak of those things that are done of them in secret. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light; for whatsoever does make manifest is light. Wherefore he said, Awake you that sleep, and arise from the dead, and Messiah shall give you light. (Eph. 5:8-14) Then spoke Yeshua again to them, saying, I Am the light of the world: he that follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (John 8:12) 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. And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (John 1:1-5) Yeshua cried and said, He that believes on Me, believes not on Me, but on His that sent Me. And He that sees Me sees Him that sent Me. I Am come a light into the world, that whosoever believes on Me should not abide in darkness. (John 12:44-46) He that believes on Him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that does evil hates the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. (John 3:18-21) Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the Word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Messiah, Who is the image of God, should shine to them. For we preach not ourselves, but Messiah Yeshua, the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Yeshua's sake. For God, Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, has shined in our hearts, to the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Yeshua Messiah. (2 Cor. 4:1-6) You are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. (1 Thes. 5:5-8) Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the Word which you have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write to you,

which thing is true in Him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shines. He that says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him. (1 John 2:7-10) Then Yeshua said to them, yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walks in darkness knows not where he goes. While you have light, believe in the light, that you may be the children of light. These things spoke Yeshua, and departed, and did hide Himself from them. (John 12:35,36) But you a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who as called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Pet. 2:9) Walk in His Light, it is Life to you. His Word: a lamp to you.