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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 Pekudei is translated as "Those Counted Of."

Shabbat Shekelim: Ex.30:11-16; 2 Kings 11:17 – 12:17

The Torah Commentary:

This is the sum of the Tabernacle, of the Tabernacle of Testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest. And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that YHVH commanded Moses. And with him Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, and engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen. (Ex. 38:21-23) And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as YHVH commanded Moses. Thus was all the work of the Tabernacle of the Tent of the Congregation finished: and the Children of Israel did according to all that YHVH commanded Moses, so did they. According to all that YHVH commanded Moses, so the Children of Israel made all the work. And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as YHVH had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them. (Ex. 39:1,32,42,43) And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, On the first day of the first month shall you set up the Tabernacle of the Tent of the Congregation. Thus did Moses: according to all that YHVH commanded him, so did he. And he set the laver between the Tent of the Congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash. And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat: When they went into the Tent of the Congregation, and when they came near to the altar, they washed; as YHVH commanded Moses. And he reared up the court round about the Tabernacle and the Altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. Then a cloud covered the Tent of the Congregation, and the

glory of YHVH filled the Tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the Tent of the Congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of YHVH filled the Tabernacle. (Ex. 40:1,2,16,30-35) Behold, I build a house to the Name of YHVH my God, to dedicate to Him, to burn before Him sweet incense, and for the continual showbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the Sabbaths, and on the New Moons, and on the Solemn Feasts of YHVH our God. This forever to Israel. And the House which I build great: for great our God above all gods. But who is able to build Him a house, seeing the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who I then, that I should build Him a house, save only to burn sacrifice before Him? Send me now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide. (2 Chron. 2:4-7) Thus all the work that Solomon made for the House of YHVH was finished: and Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put he among the treasures of the House of God. And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the Holy: also the Levites the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets. It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking YHVH; and when they lifted up voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised YHVH, for good; for His mercy forever: that the House was filled with a cloud, the House of YHVH; so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of YHVH had filled the House of God. (2 Chron. 5:1,11-14) And, being assembled together with, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, you have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence. Then returned they to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Yeshua, and with His brethren. (Acts 1:4,5,12,14) And when the day of Shavuot was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:1-4) For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself bears witness with our

spirit, that we are the Children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Messiah; if so be that we suffer with, that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time not worthy with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. For we are saved by hope; but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees, why does he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, do we with patience wait for. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did predestinate, them He also called: and whom He called, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified. (Rom.8:14-18,24-25,29,30)

And with what agreement has the Temple of God with idols? For you are the Temple of the living God; as God has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be you separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean; and I will receive you, and will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. (2 Cor. 6:16-7:1) For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now therefore you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yeshua Messiah Himself being the Chief Corner; In Whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto a holy Temple in the Lord: in Whom you also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit. (Eph. 2:18-22) When all is completed, He will bless, His Glory will be shown.