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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 Vayikra is translated as “And Called”

*And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the Children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of YHVH which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them: If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he has sinned, a young bullock without blemish to YHVH for a sin offering... And if the whole Congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done any of the commandments of YHVH which should not be done, and are guilty; when the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the Congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the Tabernacle of the Congregation... And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a sin offering, so shall he do with this; and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them. When a ruler has sinned, and done through ignorance any of the commandments of YHVH his God which should not be done, and is guilty; or if his sin, wherein he has sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish:... ... and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him. And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he does any of the commandments of YHVH which ought not to be done, and be guilty; or if his sin, which he has sinned, come to his knowledge; then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has sinned. ...and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him. And if he bring a lamb for a sin offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish. ...and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he has committed, and it shall be forgiven him. (read Lev. 4) And if a soul sin, and hears the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he has seen or known; if he do not utter, then he shall bear his iniquity. Or if a soul touch any unclean thing, ...and it be hid from him: when he knows, then he shall be guilty. Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever uncleanness that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knows, then he shall be guilty. And it shall be,*

when he shall be guilty in one of these, that he shall confess that he has sinned in that. And he shall bring his trespass offering to YHVH for his sin, which he has sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin. ...And the priest shall make an atonement for him before YHVH, and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he has done in trespassing therein. (read Lev. 5:1-6:7)

For the law (Torah) having a shadow of good things to come, not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshipers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those a remembrance again of sins every year. For not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when He came into the world, He said, Sacrifice and offering You would not, but a body have You prepared Me: In burnt offerings and for sin You have had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come to do Your will, O God. Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and for sin You would not, neither had pleasure; which are offered by the law; then said He, Lo, I come to do Your will, O God. He takes away the first, that He may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Yeshua Messiah once. And every priest stands daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool. For by one offering He had perfected forever them that are sanctified. The Holy Spirit also is a witness to us: for after that He had said before, This the covenant that I will make with them after those days, said YHVH, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these, no more offering for sin. 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. (Heb. 10:1-22)

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Yeshua the Son of God, let us hold fast profession. For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Heb. 4:14-16)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God. For Messiah the end [purpose/goal] of the law [Torah] for righteousness to every one that believes. For Moses described the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which does those things shall live by them. But what says it? The word is nigh you, in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the Word of faith, which we preach; that if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Yeshua, and shall believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes unto

*righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, Whosoever believes on Him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved. (Rom. 10:1-5,8-13) I will bless YHVH, Who has given me counsel; my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. I have set YHVH always before me; because at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also shall rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in hell; neither will You suffer Your Holy One to see corruption. You will show me the path of live: in Your presence fullness of joy; at Your right hand pleasures forevermore. (Ps. 16:7-11 )*  
Recognize. Confess. Repent. Faith. Forgiveness.