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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 weeks Torah portion is named Behar and it is translated as “In Mount.”

**Commentary:**

*And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, I Am YHVH: and I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, by God Almighty, but by My Name YHVH was I not known to them. And I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. And I have also heard the groaning of the Children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered My covenant. Wherefore say to the Children of Israel, I YHVH, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: and I will take you to Me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and you shall know that I YHVH your God, which brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you in to the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for a heritage: I YHVH. (Ex. 6:2-8)   Redemption and Promise. Promise and Redemption. What God has said, He will do. He is Faithful and True. He is The Great I AM. He is the Redeemer of Israel. Who is like to You, O YHVH, among the gods? Who like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? You stretched out Your right hand, the earth swallowed them. You in Your mercy have led forth the people You have redeemed: You have guided in Your strength to Your holy habitation. The people shall hear, and be afraid: sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away. Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of Your arm they shall be still as a stone; till Your people pass over, O YHVH, till the people pass over You have purchased. You shall bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, the place O YHVH, You have made for You to dwell in, the Sanctuary, O YHVH, Your hands have established. YHVH shall reign forever and ever. (Ex. 15:11-18)   You shall not oppress one another; but you shall fear your God: for I AM YHVH your God. Wherefore you shall do My statutes, and keep My judgments, and do them; and you shall dwell in the land in safety. The land shall not be sold forever: for the land Mine; for you strangers and sojourners with*

*Me. And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land. If your brother be waxen poor, and has sold away of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold. And of the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it; then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus to the man to whom he sold it; that he may return to his possession. But if he be not able to restore to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that has bought it until the year of Jubilee: and in the Jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return to his possession. (Lev. 25:17,18,23-28) And if your brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with you; then you shall relieve/strengthen him; [yea though he be] a stranger, or a sojourner; that he may live with you. Take you no usury of him, or increase: but fear your God; that your brother may live with you. You shall not give him your money upon usury, nor lend him your victuals for increase. I YHVH your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, to be your God. And if your brother by you be waxen poor, and be sold to you; you shall not compel him to serve as a bondservant: as a hired servant, as a sojourner, he shall be with you, shall serve you to the year of jubilee: And shall be depart from you, he and his children with him, and shall return to his own family, and to the possession of his fathers shall he return. For they My servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen. And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by you, and your brother by him wax poor, and sell himself to the stranger or sojourner by you, or to the stock of the stranger's family: after that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of his brethren may redeem him:... And if he be not redeemed in these years, then he shall go out in the year of Jubilee, he, and his children with him. For to Me the children of Israel servants; they My servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I AM YHVH your God. (Lev. 25:35-42,47,48,54,55) Hear this, all people; give ear, all inhabitants of the world: both low and high, rich and poor, together. My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart of understanding. I will incline my ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp. Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, the iniquity of my heels shall compass me about? They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; None can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him: (For the redemption of their soul precious, and it ceases forever:) That he should still live forever, not see corruption. For he sees wise men die, likewise the fool and the brutish person perish, and leave their wealth to others. Their inward thought , their houses forever, their dwelling places to all generations; they call lands after their own names. Nevertheless man in honor abides not: he is like the beasts perish. This their way their folly: yet their posterity approves their sayings. Selah. Like sheep they are laid in the grave; death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning: and their beauty shall consume in the grave from their dwelling. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for He shall receive me. Selah. (Ps. 49:1-15) Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. (Ps. 25:22) YHVH, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your honor dwells. Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men: in whose hands mischief and their right*

*hand is full of bribes. But as for me, I will walk in my integrity: redeem me, and be merciful to me. My foot stands in an even place: in the congregations will I bless YHVH. (Ps. 26:8-12) Yet I AM YHVH your God from the land of Egypt, and you shall know no god but Me: for no Savior beside Me. I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be your plagues: O grave, I will be your destruction: repentance shall be hid from Mine eyes. (Hos.13:4,14) But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. (Gal. 4:4,5) Blessed be YHVH God of Israel; for He has visited and redeemed His people, and has raised up a horn of salvation in the house of His servant David. (Luke 1:68,69) For I know my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at the latter upon the earth. (Job 19:25) And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become of our Lord, and of His Messiah; and He shall reign forever and ever.(Rev. 11:15) Redemption!*