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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 is Massei and is translated as “Stages.”

Shabbat Message:

These, the journeys of the Children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the Passover the Children of Israel went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians. (Num. 33:1,3)

Or he smite him with a hand weapon of wood, wherewith he may die, and he die, he a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. Or in enmity smite him with his hand, that he die: he that smote shall surely be put to death; he a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer, when he meets him. And the Congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the Congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, to where he was fleeing: and he shall abide in it to the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil. (Num. 35:18,21,25)

These the commandments and the judgments, which YHVH commanded by the hand of Moses to the Children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan Jericho. (Num. 36:13)

Therefore says the Lord, the YHVH of Hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease Me of My adversaries, and avenge Me of My enemies: and I will turn My hand upon you, and purely purge away your dross, and take away all your tin: and I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning: afterward you shall be called, The City of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners together, and they that forsake YHVH shall be consumed. (Isa. 1:24-28)

“Hand”: the Hebrew word for “hand” is “yad”, made of a yod and a dalet, and is an open hand [which shows power; direction; means/wealth]. The yad /hand is what is used to greet; help; work; make a

deed; and can be used gently in love, or the opposite, and be used in anger and wrath. The yod is the first letter of “yetziyah”, which is a marching or leading out, an exodus. It is also the first letter in “yom” which means “day”. Man does not know what the day will bring, only God; but each day brings change, for good or bad. Yod is also the first letter of God/Yah. Behold, He is the One Who makes a deed/covenant with man. The second letter of “yad” is the dalet, which means “door” or a way to enter into/a pathway. Yeshua is “The Door”; to the Father, and to life. The dalet is the first letter in “da’at” which is “knowledge”, by using the senses, or by learning from instruction or by experience. Yeshua Messiah, the Living Word, is the One Who has created all things:

All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything 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 1:3-5)

For this cause we also, since the day we heard do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you might walk worthy of the Lord to all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated into the kingdom of His dear Son: in Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: (Col. 1:9,10,13-15)

Yeshua Messiah is our “go’el”, our Redeemer, and He is also avenger/revenger of blood. He will come and judge the wicked and He will repay what has been done to His People and His Land, for only the blood of the guilty can cleanse for the innocent blood shed. (Num. 35:33) Yet, by His innocent blood, we are cleansed from our sin. His open hands, stretched out on the cross, our salvation. His hand reaches out to you. His right hand is mighty with power to save. Those in His hand will have eternal life and will not be plucked out. (John 10:28,29) In His hand is the power of life, or death. All things are in His hand. He is exalted at the right hand of God. His time is at hand, the Day is at hand. Selah.