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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 Nitzavim and Vayelech and they are translated as “You are standing” and “And went”.

Shabbat Message:

*To every [thing] a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up the planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to **cast away** stones, and a time to **gather** stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. I have seen the travail, which God has given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He has made every [thing] beautiful in His time; also He has set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God makes from the beginning to the end. I know that no good in them, but for to rejoice, and to do good in his life. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it [is] the gift of God. I know that, whatsoever God does, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any think taken from it: and God does, that [men] should fear before Him. That which has been is now; and that which is to be has already been; and God requires that which is driven away [past]. (Ecc. 3:1-15) You stand this day all of you before YHVH your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the men of Israel. Your little ones, your wives, and your stranger that is in your camp, from the hewer of your wood unto the drawer of your water: that you should pass into covenant with YHVH your God, and into His oath, which YHVH your God makes with you this day: that He may establish you today for a people unto Himself, and He may be unto you a God, as He has said unto you, and as He has sworn unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; but with [him] that stands here with us this day before YHVH our God, and also with [him] that not here with us this day. (Deut. 29:10-15) YHVH would bring them to the land that He had promised them, and He would cast out the inhabitants of that Land because their cup of iniquity was full, and He would give the*

Children of Israel a Land of milk and honey, a Land of blessings for obedience to Him, His Covenant, and Torah, and a Land of cursing for forsaking Him, His Covenant, and His Torah. *And the anger of YHVH was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book: and YHVH rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as this day. The secret unto YHVH our God; but those revealed unto us and to our children forever, that [we] may do all the words of this law. And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call to mind among all the nations, where YHVH your God has driven you, and shall return to YHVH your God, and shall obey His voice according to all that I command you this day, you and your children, with all your heart, and with all your soul; that then YHVH your God will turn your captivity, and have compassion upon you, and will return and gather you from all the nations, where YHVH your God has scattered you. If of yours be driven out unto the outmost of heaven, from there will YHVH your God gather you, and from there will He fetch you: and YHVH your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it, and He will do you good, and multiply you above your fathers. (read Deut. 29:27-30:5)* YHVH gathers and He scatters. YHVH scatters and He gathers. Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry: And He remembered for them His covenant, and repented according to the multitude of His mercies. He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives. Save us, O YHVH our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto Your Holy Name, to triumph in Your praise. Blessed YHVH God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. Hallelu Yah. (Ps. 106:44-48)

O give thanks to YHVH, for good: for His mercy forever. Let the redeemed of YHVH say, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy; and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the sea. (Ps. 107:1-3) When YHVH returned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing; then said they among the heathen, YHVH has magnified to do with them great things. YHVH has done great things for us; we are glad. Turn again our captivity, O YHVH, as the streams in the south. They that sow in tears shall reap in singing [joy]. He that goes forth and weeps, bearing seed basket, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves. (Ps. 126:1-6)

For I know the thought that I think toward you, says YHVH, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an end and expectation. Then shall you call upon Me, and you shall go and pray to Me, and I will hearken to you. And you shall seek Me, and find, when you search for Me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, says YHVH: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I have driven you, says YHVH; and I will bring you again into the place where I caused you to be carried away captive. (Jer. 29:11-14) For the Lord will not cast off forever: but though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies. (Lam. 3:31,32)

For YHVH will not cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall be after it. (Ps. 94:14,15) And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man

coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. (Matt. 24:30,31) For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Messiah shall rise first: then we which are alive, [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore exhort one another with these words. (1 Thes. 4:16-18) To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Pet. 1:4,5) Scattered. Gathered.