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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 Vayera and is translated as “and came”.

The Torah Commentary:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. (Rom. 12:1,2) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. Wherefore be you not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. (Eph. 5:10,17) Now YHVH had said to Abram, Get you out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you: And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great: and you shall be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you; and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed. (Gen.12:1-3) And YHVH said to Abram after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now your eyes, and look from the place where you are northward, southward, eastward, and westward: for all the land which you see, to you will I give it, and to your seed forever. And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, shall your seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it: for I will give it to you. (Gen.13:14-17) And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, YHVH appeared to Abram, and said to him, I Am the Almighty God; walk before Me, and be you perfect. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God to you, and to your seed after you. And I will give unto you, and to your seed after you, the land wherein you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an

everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said to Abraham, You shall keep My covenant therefore, you, and your seed after you in their generations. (Gen. 17:1,7-9) And YHVH appeared to him in the plains of Mamre: and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day. ... And He said, I will certainly return to you, according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah your wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind him. ... Is anything too hard for YHVH? At the time appointed I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. And YHVH said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of YHVH, to do justice and judgment; that YHVH may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken of him. And YHVH said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come to Me; and if not, I will know. (Gen. 18:1,10,14,17-21) And YHVH visited Sarah as He had said, and YHVH did to Sarah as He had spoken. (Gen. 21:1) And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt/test/prove Abraham, and said to him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, I. And He said, Take now your son, your only Isaac, whom you love, and get you into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell you of. (Gen. 22:1,2,) And the angel of YHVH called to him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here I. And He said, Lay not your hand upon the lad, neither do you any thing to him: for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only from Me. And the angel of YHVH called to Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By Myself have I sworn, said YHVH, for because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only; that in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because you have obeyed My voice. (Gen. 22:11,15-18) And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name Mary. And the angel came in to her, and said, Hail, highly favored, the Lord with you: blessed you among women. And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call His name Yeshua. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give to Him the throne of His father David: and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end. For with God nothing shall be

impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:26,31-33,37,38) And he [Simeon] came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Yeshua, to do for Him after the custom of the Torah, then took he Him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now let You Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word: for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel. And Joseph and His mother marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, Behold, this is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. (Luke 2:27-35) And it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And He said to them, When you pray, say, Our Father which are in Heaven, Hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (Luke 11:1-4) And He went a little farther, and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as You. (Matt. 26:39) For so is the will of God, that with welldoing you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honor all. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. (1 Pet. 2:15-17) For better, if the will of God be so, that you suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. (1 Pet. 3:17) Selah.