In That He, Too, Is Flesh: Moshe in the Megillah

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אסתר ג':ז'

(ז) בַּחֹדֶשׁ הָרִאשׁוֹן הוּא־חֹדֶשׁ נִיסָׁן בִּשְׁנַת ׁשְׁתֵּיִם עֶשְּׂבֵּה לַמֶּלֶךְ אֲחַשְׁוַרְוֹשׁ הִפִּיִל פּוּר הוּא הַגּוֹרָל לִפְנֵי הָמָן מִיּוָֹם וּ לְיוָם וּמֵחֹדֶשׁ לְחֹדֵשׁ שְׁנִים־עָשָׂר הוּא־חֹדֶשׁ אֲדָר: {٥}

Esther 3:7

(7) In the first month, that is, the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, pur—which means "the lot"—was cast before Haman concerning every day and every month, [until it fell on] the twelfth month, that is, the month of Adar.

מגילה י"ג ב:ט"ו

״הִפִּיל פּוּר הוּא הַגּוֹרָל״, תָּנָא: כֵּיוָן שֶׁנָּפַּל פּוּר בְּחוֹדֶשׁ אֲדָר שָׂמַח שִׂמְחָה גְּדוֹלָה, אָמַר: נָפַל לִי פּוּר בְּיֶרַח שֶׁמֵת בּוֹ משֶׁה. וְלֹא הָיָה יוֹדֵעַ שֶׁבְּשִׁבְעָה בַּאֲדָר מֵת, וּבְשִׁבְעָה בַּאֲדָר נוֹלָד.

Megillah 13b:15

The verse states: "They cast pur, that is, the lot" (Esther 3:7). A Sage taught the following baraita: Once the lot fell on the month of Adar, he, Haman, greatly rejoiced, for he saw this as a favorable omen for the execution of his plans. He said: The lot has fallen for me in the month that Moses died, which is consequently a time of calamity for the Jewish people. But he did not know that not only did Moses die on the seventh of Adar, but he was also born on the seventh of Adar, and therefore it is also a time of rejoicing for the Jewish people.

שמות י"ז:ז'-י"ג

(ז) וַיִּקְרָא' שֵׁם הַמָּלְוֹם מַסָּה וּמְרִיבָּה עַלֹּירִיב וּ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְעַל נַסּתְם אֶת־יְהֹוָה לֵאמֹר הֲיֵשׁ יְהֹוָה בְּקְרְבֵּנוּ אִם־אָיִן: {פּ} (ח) וַיִּבְא עֲמָלֵק נִיּלְהָ בְּקְרְבֵּנוּ אִם־אָיִן: {פּ} (ח) וַיִּבְא עֲמָלֵק וַיִּלְנוּ בִּיְלְנוּ בִּיְלְהָים וְצֵא הִלְּחֵם בַּעֲמָלֶק מָחָר אָנֹכִי נִצָּב עַלֹּרְרָאשׁ הַנִּבְעָה וּמַטֵּה הְאֵלֹהִים בְּיִדִי: (י) וַיִּעֲשׂ יְהוֹשֻׁעַ כַּאֲשֶׁר אָמַר־לוֹ משֶׁה לְהִלְּחֵם בַּעֲמֶלְק הְאשׁ הַנִּבְעָה: (יא) וְהָיָה כַּאֲשֶׁר יָרִים משֶׁה יִדְוֹ וֹמְשֶׁה עִקְּתִּן וְחֹוּר עָלְוֹּ רְאשׁ הַנִּבְעָה: (יא) וְהָיָה כַּאֲשֶׂר יָרִים משֶׁה יְּדְוֹ וְנִעָּתְ יְבִירִים משֶׁה יְבְּלִיה וְעָבֶר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכַאֲשֶׁר יְנִיְחַ יִדְיוֹ וְנִבֶּר עֲמֶלְק: (יב) וִידִי משׁה בְּנְדִיוֹ מִזֶּה וְיִבְיִיוֹ מְעָבְר עִלְּיִה וְאַהֲרֹן וְחוּר תְּמְכוּ בְיִדִיוֹ מִזֶּה עִחְתָּיִוֹ וַיְנִישִׁימוּ תַחְתָּיִוֹ וַיִּשֶׁב עָלְיִה וְאַהֲרֹן וְחוּר תְּמְכוּ בְיִדִיוֹ מִזֶּה אָחִר וְמִבְּר וְמִלְתִי יְהוֹשֶׁעֻ יְהוֹשֶׁעֻ אָחִר וֹמְהָלְק וְאָת־עַמְלֹן וְשְׁרִב יִבְיִיוֹ אֵמְהַרְן וְחוֹר תְּמְלְתִי יְהוֹשֶׁעֵ יְהוֹשֶׁעֵ אְחִר עְמְלֹן וְאָת־עַמִּוֹ לְפִי-חְרֶב: {פּּ

Exodus 17:7-13

(7) The place was named Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and because they tried יהוה, saying, "Is יהוה 'present among us or not?" (8) Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. (9) Moses said to Joshua, "Pick some troops for us, and go out and do battle with Amalek. Tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill, with the rod of God in my hand." (10) Joshua did as Moses told him and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. (11) Then, whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed; but whenever he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. (12) But Moses' hands grew heavy; so they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur, one on each side, supported his hands; thus his hands remained steady until the sun set. (13) And Joshua overwhelmed the people of Amalek with the sword.

בכורות ה' ב:ד'

ּוְעוֹד שָׁאָלְתִּיו: מַאי לְשׁוֹן "רְפִּידִים"? וְאָמֵר לִי: רְפִּידִים שָׁמָה. כְּתַנָּאֵי:

רַבִּי אֱלִיעֶזֶר אוֹמֵר: רְפִּידִים שְׁמָהּ, רַבִּי יְהוֹשֻׁעַ אוֹמֵר: שֶׁרִיפּוּ עַצְמָן מִדְּבְרֵי תוֹרָה, וְכֵן הוּא אוֹמֵר: "לֹא הִפְּנוּ אָבוֹת אֶל בָּנִים מֵרְפִּיוֹן יָדִיִם".

Bekhorot 5b:4

Rabbi Ḥanina continues: And furthermore, I also asked Rabbi Eliezer: What is the meaning of the term: "Rephidim," in the verse: "Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim" (Exodus 17:8)? And he said to me that Rephidim was its name, i.e., of the location. The Gemara comments that this answer is like one side of a dispute between tanna'im: Rabbi Eliezer says that its actual name was Rephidim. Rabbi Yehoshua says: This moniker is an allusion to the fact that the Jewish people became lax [rippu] with regard to the statements of the Torah in Rephidim, and so it says: "The fathers look not back to their children because of feebleness [rifyon] of hands" (Jeremiah 47:3).

מדרש תנחומא, יתרו ג':ג'-ד'

בְּשָׁעָה שֶׁבָּא עֲמָלֵק הָרָשָׁע לְהִלָּחֵם בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל, מַה כְּתִיב שָׁם, וַיִּלְּחֶם עִם יְשְׂרָאֵל בִּרְפִידִם. מַהוּ רְפִּידִם? שֶׁרָפּוּ יְדֵיהֶן מִן הַתּוֹרָה וּמִן הַמִּצְוֹת.
רְאֵה מַה כְּתִיב שָׁם? וַיִּקְרָא שֵׁם הַמָּקוֹם מַסָּה וּמְרִיבָה...
הְיֵשׁ יהוה בְּקְרְבֵּנוּ אִם אָיִן, רַבִּי בְּרֶרְיָה אָמֵר בְּלִבָּם הָיוּ מְשִׁיחִין
וְהַקְּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא נוֹתֵן לָהֶם אֶת שְׁאֵלְתָם שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר: וַיְנַסּוּ אֵל בִּלְבָבִם לְּבָבְם לְשָׁאַל אֹכֶל לְנַפְשָׁם וְגוֹ' (תהלים עח, יח) אָמַר לָהֶן הַקְּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא: כְּךְבְּנוּ חַיֵּיכֶם הֲרִינִי מוֹדִיעַ לָכֶם לְכָךְ וַיָּבֹא עֲמָלֵק,

Midrash Tanchuma, Yitro 3:3-4

(3) It is written concerning the time the wicked Amalek came to fight against Israel: And fought with Israel in Rephidim (Exod. 17:8). What is meant by refidim (Rephidim)? It means that rafu yadehem ("their hands become weak") in the fulfillment of the law and the commandments. Observe that it is written: And the name of the place was called Massah and Meribah (ibid., v.

7).

Is the Lord among us, or not? (ibid. 7). R. Berechiah said: While they were still reflecting upon the matter, the Holy One, blessed be He, answered them, as it is said: And they tried God in their hearts by asking for food for their craving (Ps. 79:18). But the Holy One, blessed be He, said to them: You have been asking, Is the Lord among us or not? Be assured, I will let you know. Hence, Then came Amalek....

ראש השנה כ"ט א:ו'

מַתְנִיּי יְוְהָיָה כַּאֲשֶׁר יָרִים משֶׁה יָדוֹ וְגָבַר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹי״, וְכִי יָדִיו שֶׁל משֶׁה עוֹשׁוֹת מִלְחָמָה אוֹ שׁוֹבְרוֹת מִלְחָמָה? אֶלָּא לוֹמַר לָךְ: כָּל זְמַן שֶׁהִיוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל מִסְתַּבְּלִין כְּלַפֵּי מַעְלָה וּמְשַׁעְבְּדִין אֶת לִבָּם לַאֲבִיהֶם שֵׁבַּשָּׁמִיִם — הָיוּ מִתְגַּבִּרִים, וִאִם לָאו — הָיוּ נוֹפְּלִים.

Rosh Hashanah 29a:6

MISHNA: "And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed" (Exodus 17:11). It may be asked: Did the hands of Moses make war when he raised them or break war when he lowered them? Rather, the verse comes to tell you that as long as the Jewish people turned their eyes upward and subjected their hearts to their Father in Heaven, they prevailed, but if not, they fell.

אסתר רבה ו':ב'

(ב) אִישׁ יְהוּדִי הָיָה בְּשׁוּשַׁן הַבִּירָה (אסתר ב, ה), אִישׁ מְלַמֵּד שֶׁהָיָה מְרְדְּכִי שָׁקוּל בְּדוֹרוֹ כְּמשֶׁה בְּדוֹרוֹ, דְּכְתִיב בֵּיה (במדבר יב, ג): וְהָאִישׁ מְשֶׁה עָנָו מְאֹד, מַה מּשֶׁה עָמַד בַּפֶּרֶץ, דְּכְתִיב (תהלים קו, כג): וַיֹּאמֶר לְהַשְׁמִידָם לוּלֵי משֶׁה בְחִירוֹ עָמַד בַּפֶּרֶץ וגו', אַף מְרְדְּכִי כֵּן, דְּכְתִיב (אסתר י, ג): דֹּרֵשׁ טוֹב לְעַמוֹ וְדֹבֵר שָׁלוֹם לְכָל זַרְעוֹ. מַה מּשֶׁה לִמֵּד תּוֹרָה לְיִשְׂרָאֵל, דְּכְתִיב (דברים ד, ה): רְאֵה לִמַּדְתִּי אֶתְכֶם חֻקִּים וֹמִשְׁה לִמָּד וֹמִשְׁרָאֵל, דְּכְתִיב (דברים ד, ה): רְאֵה לִמַּדְתִּי שָׁלוֹם וֵאֵמֶת, וֹמִשְׁכִּי כֵּן, דְּכִתִיב (אסתר ט, ל): דְּבָרֵי שָׁלוֹם וֵאֵמֶת,

וֹּכִתִיב (משלי כג, כג): אֱמֶת קְנֶה וְאֵל תִּמְכֹּר.

Esther Rabbah 6:2

(2) "There was a Judean man in the Shushan citadel, and his name was Mordekhai, son of Ya'ir, son of Shimi, son of Kish, a Benjamite" (Esther 2:5). "There was a Judean man [ish] in the Shushan citadel" – ish teaches that Mordekhai, in his generation, was the equivalent of Moses, in his generation, as it is written about him: "And the man [veha'ish] Moses was very humble" (Numbers 12:3). Just as Moses stood in the breach, as it is written: "He said He would destroy them, were it not for Moses His chosen one, who stood before Him in the breach..." (Psalms 106:23); also Mordekhai did likewise: "A seeker of good for his people and spokesman of peace for all his descendants" (Esther 10:3). Just as Moses taught Torah to Israel, as it is written: "See, I have taught you statutes and ordinances" (Deuteronomy 4:5), also Mordekhai did so, as it is written: "Matters of peace and truth" (Esther 9:30), and as it is written: "Acquire truth and do not sell" (Proverbs 23:23).

חולין קל"ט ב:י'-י"ב

אמרי ליה פפונאי לרב מתנה מצא קן בראשו של אדם מהו אמר (שמואל ב טו, לב) ואדמה על ראשו משה מן התורה מנין (בראשית ו, ג) בשגם הוא בשר המן מן התורה מנין (בראשית ג, יא) המן העץ אסתר מן התורה מנין (דברים לא, יח) ואנכי הסתר אסתיר מרדכי מן התורה מנין דכתיב (שמות ל, כג) מר דרור ומתרגמינן מירא דכיא:

Chullin 139b:10-12

...They also asked Rav Mattana: From where in the Torah is the existence of Moses [Moshe] alluded to before his birth? He replied that the verse states: "For that he also [beshaggam] is flesh; therefore shall his days be one hundred and twenty years" (Genesis 6:3). [Rashi: The numerical value of beshaggam is the same as that of the Hebrew name Moshe, and it is known that Moses lived a total of 120 years (see Deuteronomy 34:7).] They also asked Rav Mattana:

From where in the Torah can one find an allusion to the hanging of Haman? He replied: The verse states after Adam ate from the tree of knowledge: "Have you eaten of [hamin] the tree, about which I commanded you that you should not eat?" (Genesis 3:11). Hamin is spelled in the same manner as Haman: Heh, mem, nun. They also asked Rav Mattana: From where in the Torah can one find an allusion to the events involving Esther? He replied to them that the verse states: "Then My anger shall be kindled against them on that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall come upon them; so that they will say in that day: Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us? And I will hide [haster astir] My face on that day for all the evil which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned to other gods" (Deuteronomy 31:17–18). They also asked him: From where in the Torah can one find an allusion to the greatness bestowed upon Mordecai? He replied: As it is written with regard to the anointing oil in the Tabernacle: "And you shall also take the chief spices, of flowing myrrh [mor deror]" (Exodus 30:23); and we translate mor deror into Aramaic as: Mira dakhya, which resembles the name Mordecai....

בראשית ו':א'-ג'

(א) וְיְהִי ׁכִּי־הֵחֵל הָאָדָם לָרָב עַל־פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה וּבָנִוֹת יֻלְּדְוּ לָהָם: (ב) וַיִּרְאוּ בְנֵי־הָאֱלֹהִים אֶת־בְּנוֹת הָאָדָם כִּי טֹבִת הֻנָּה וַיִּקְחְוּ לָהֶם ׁנָשִׁים מִכֹּל אֲשֶׁר בָּחָרוּ: (ג) וַיּאֲמֶר יְהוֹה לְא־יִדוֹן רוּחִי בְאָדָם לְעֹלָם בְּשַׁגַּם הוּא בָשָׂר וְהִיוּ יָמִיו מֵאָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה:

Genesis 6:1-3

(1) When humankind began to increase on earth and daughters were born to them, (2) the [males among the] divine beings saw how pleasing the human women were and took wives from among those who delighted them.— (3) 'said, "My breath shall not abide in humankind forever, since it too is flesh; let the days allowed them be one hundred and twenty years."—

(א) וַיָּבֹאוּ בְנָי־יִּשְׁרָאֵאל כָּל־הָעֵדָה מִדְבַּר־צִן בַּחֹדֵשׁ הַרִאשׁוֹן וַיֵּשֵׁב הַעַם בַּקָבֶשׁ וַתָּמָת שָׁם מִרְיָּם וַתִּקָבֵר שָׁם: (ב) וְלֹא־הָיָה מַיִם לְעֵבֶה וַיִּקְבַלֹּוּ עַל־משָה וְעָל־אַהַרְןֹ: (ג) וַיָּרֶב הָעָם עִם־משֶׁה וַיֹּאמְרַוּ לֵאמֹר וְלָוּ גָוַנְעְנוּ בּגְוַע צֵּתִינוֹ לִפְנֵי יְהֹוָה: (ד) וְלָמָהֹ הֲבֵאתֶם אֶת־קְהַל יְהֹוָה אֶלֹ־הַמִּדְבָּר ָהַיֶּהֹ לָמַוֹּת שָׁם אֲנַחְנוּ וּבְעִירָנוּ: (ה) וְלָמָה הָעֱלִיתֻנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם לְהָבִיא אֹתַנוּ אֵל־הַמָּקוֹם הָרֵע הַזָּה לֹא ו מִקוֹם זַּרַע וֹתְאֵנָה וְגַפֶּן וְרָמוֹן וּמַיִם אַיִן לִשְׂתִוֹת: (וֹ) וַיָּבֹא מֹשֶׂה וְאַהֲרֹן מִפְּנֵיַ הַקּהָלֹ אֶל־פֶּׁתַחֹ אֹנֶהל מוֹצֵׁד וְיִּבֶּר יִהֹוָה אֲלִיהָם: {פּ} (ז) וַיִּדְבֵּר יִהֹוָה אַלֹּ־מֹשֵׁה לֵּאמָר: (ח) קָח אַת־הַמַּטֵּה וְהַקְהֵל אֵת־הָעֵדָה אַתָּה' וְאַהַרְן אָּחִירְ וִדְבַּרְתֵּיְם אֵל־הַפֶֻּלַע לְעֵינֵיהֶם וְנָתַן מֵימָיו וְהוֹצֵאתָ לָהֶם מַיִּם ׁ מָן־הַפֶּלַע וְהִשְׁקִיתָ אֶת־הָעֵדָה וְאֶת־בְּעִירָם: (ט) וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הַמַּשֶּׁה מִלְּפְנֵיָ יְהֹוָה כַּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּהוּ: (יֹ) וַיַּקְהַלוּ מֹשֶׁה וְאַהֲרָן אֶת־הַלָּקָהָל אֶל־פְּנֵיַ הַסָּלַע וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם שָׁמִעוּ־נָא הַמֹּרִים הַמְן־הַסֵּלַע הַוֹּה נוֹצִיא לָכֵם מִיִם: (יאֹ) וַיָּרֶם מֹשֵׁה אֶת־יִדוֹ וַיַּךְ אֶת־הַפֶּלַע בְּמַטֵּהוּ פַּעַמָיִם וַיִּצְאוּ מַיִם רָבִּים וַתֵּשָׁתִּ הָעֵדֶה וּבִעִירָם: {ס} (יב) וַיֹּאמֶר יִהוָהٌ אֵל־מֹשֵׁה וְאֵל־אַהֵרןְ יָעַן לא־הֶאֶמַנְתָּנִם בּׁי לְהַלְּדִישׁנִי לְעֵינֵי בְּנַיַ יִּשְׂרָאֵלֹ לָבֵוֹ לָא תְׁבִּיֹאוֹּ אֶׁתֹ־הַקּהָלֹ הַנֶּיֹה אֶל־הִאָּרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־נָתַתְּתִי לָהָם: (יג) הַמָּה מֵי מְרִיבָּה אַשֶר־רָבוּ בָנַי־יִשְׁרָאֵל אֵת־יִהוָה וַיִּקְדֵשׁ בָּם: {ס}

Numbers 20:1-13

(1) The Israelites arrived in a body at the wilderness of Zin on the first new moon, and the people stayed at Kadesh. Miriam died there and was buried there. (2) The community was without water, and they joined against Moses and Aaron. (3) The people quarreled with Moses, saying, "If only we had perished when our brothers perished at the instance of 4)! אוה 'S congregation into this wilderness for us and our beasts to die there? (5) Why did you make us leave Egypt to bring us to this wretched place, a place with no grain or figs or vines or pomegranates? There is not even water to drink!" (6) Moses and Aaron came away from the congregation to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and fell on their faces. The Presence of 'הוה'

appeared to them, (7) and יהוה spoke to Moses, saying, (8) "You and your brother Aaron take the rod and assemble the community, and before their very eyes order the rock to yield its water. Thus you shall produce water for them from the rock and provide drink for the congregation and their beasts." (9) Moses took the rod from before יהוה, as he had been commanded. (10) Moses and Aaron assembled the congregation in front of the rock; and he said to them, "Listen, you rebels, shall we get water for you out of this rock?" (11) And Moses raised his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod. Out came copious water, and the community and their beasts drank. (12) But יהוה said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust Me enough to affirm My sanctity in the sight of the Israelite people, therefore you shall not lead this congregation into the land that I have given them." (13) Those are the Waters of Meribah —meaning that the Israelites quarrelled with "—whose sanctity was affirmed through them.

דברים ל"ב:מ"ט-נ"ב

(מט) עֲלֵה אֶל־הַל הָעֲבָרִים הַאֶּה הַר־נְבוֹ אֲשֶׁר בְּאֶרֵץ מוֹאָב אֲשֶׁר עֲלֵה אֶל־הַל הַאֶבָיִים הַאֶּה הַר־נְבוֹ אֲשֶׁר בְּאֵנִי יִשְׂרָאֵל לַאֲחָזָה:
על־פְּנֵי יְרַחְוֹ וּרְאֵה אֶת־אֶרֶץ כְּנַּעון אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי נֹתֵן לִבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל לַאֲחָזָה:
עָל־פְּנֵי יְמָרְ בְּהָר הָהָּר וַיֵּאָסֶף אֶל־עַמְיו: (נא) עַל אֲשֶׁר מְעַלְּשֶׁם בִּי בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמִי־מְרִיבַת קָדֶשׁ מִדְבַּר־צֵן עַל אֲשֶׁר לְא־קְדַשְׁתֶּם אוֹתִי בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמִי־מְרִיבַת קָבֶשׁ מִדְבַּר־צֵן עַל אֲשֶׂר לְא־קְדַשְׁתֶּם אוֹתִי בְּתוֹךְ בְּנִי יִשְׂרָאָל: {פּ}
אַשֶׁר־אֵנִי נֹתֵן לִבְנֵי יִשִּׂרָאָל: {פּ}

Deuteronomy 32:49-52

(49) Ascend these heights of Abarim to Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab facing Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving the Israelites as their holding. (50) You shall die on the mountain that you are about to ascend, and shall be gathered to your kin, as your brother Aaron died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his kin; (51) for you both broke faith with Me among the Israelite people, at the waters of Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of Zin, by failing to uphold My sanctity among the Israelite people.

(52) You may view the land from a distance, but you shall not enter it—the land that I am giving to the Israelite people.

בראשית י"ד:ז"

(ז) וַּיָּשֶׁבוּ וַיִּבֹאוּ אֶל־עֵין מִשְׁפָּט הָוֹא קָדֵׁשׁ וַיַּבּׁוּ אָת־כָּל־שְׂדֶה הָעֲמְלֵקְי וְגַם אֶת־הָאֱמֹרִי הַיּשֵׁב בְּחָצְצֹן תִּמָר:

Genesis 14:7

(7) On their way back they came to En-mishpat, which is Kadesh, and subdued all the territory of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who dwelt in Hazazon-tamar.

רש"י על בראשית י״ד:ז׳:א׳-ב׳

(א) עין משפט היא קדש. עַל שֵׁם הֶעָתִיד, שֶׁעֲתִידִין משֶׁה וְאַהֲרֹן לְהִשְׁפֵט שָׁם עַל עִסְקֵי אוֹתוֹ הָעַיִן וְהֵם מֵי מְרִיבָה. וְאֻנְקְלוֹס תִּרְגְּמוֹ לְהִשְׁפֵט שָׁם עַל עִסְקִי אוֹתוֹ הָעַיִן וְהֵם מֵי מְרִיבָה. וְאֻנְקְלוֹס תִּרְגְמוֹ כִּפְשׁוּטוֹ מָקוֹם שֶׁהִיוּ בְנֵי הַמְּדִינָה מִתְקַבְּצִים שָׁם לְכָל מִשְׁפָּט: (ב) שדה העמלקי. עֵדִין לֹא נוֹלֵד עֵמַלֵק, וְנִקְרֵא עַל שֵׁם הֵעַתִיד:

Rashi on Genesis 14:7:1-2

(1) עין משפט היא קדש EN-MISHPAT, THE SAME IS KADESH — It is here named EN-MISHPAT ("the well of judgment") in reference to what would happen there in the future — where Moses and Aaron would once be judged because of what occurred at that fountain. It is identical with "the waters of Meribah" (cf. Numbers 20:1 and Numbers 20:13) (Midrash Tanchuma, Lech Lecha 8). Onkelos, however, translates it according to its plain sense: the plain where the people of the district used to gather for every lawsuit. (2) אדה העמלקי THE COUNTRY OF THE AMALEKITES — Amalek, it is true, was not yet born, but it is here named in reference to the name it would bear in the future (Genesis Rabbah 42:7).

מדרש תנחומא, לך לך ח':ה'

(ה) וַיָּשֶׁבוּ וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל עֵין מִשְׁפָּט, יִתְבָּרַךְ שְׁמוֹ שֶׁל הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא שֶׁכָּתוּב בּוֹ, מַגִּיד מֵרֵאשִׁית אַחֲרִית (ישעיה מו, י), עַל יְדִי שֶׁעָתִיד משֶׁה לְטוֹל מִשְׁפָּטוֹ בְּקָדֵשׁ עַל יְדִי הַמַּיִם, לְפִיכָךְ נִקְרָא מִקֹּדֶם עֵין מִשְׁפָּט. וַיַּכּוּ אֶת כָּל שְׁדֵה הָעֲמָלֵקִי, לְכַמָּה דוֹרוֹת נוֹלַד עֲמָלֵק.

Midrash Tanchuma, Lech Lecha 8:5

(5) And they turned back and came to En-mishpat—the same is Kadesh (Gen. 14:7). Blessed be the name of the Holy One, blessed be He, who declares the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:10). This place was named En-mishpat ("well of judgment") on account of the fact that in the future Moses would be judged there because of the water. And smote all the country of the Amalekites (Gen. 14:7). The Amalekites are mentioned in this verse though many generations were to pass before Amalek was born.

רמב"ן על במדבר כ':ח':א'

הַחֵטְא בְּמֹשֶׁה וְאַהֶרֹן בְּמֵי מְרִיבָה אֵינוֹ מִתְפַּרְסֵם בַּכָּתוּב. וָהַאֵּמֵת כִּי הַעָנָיַן סוֹד גַּדוֹל מִסָּתֵרִי הַתּוֹרֵה,

Ramban on Numbers 20:8:1

The sin of Moses and Aaron in the [matter of the] waters of Meribah is not clearly expressed in Scripture.

The Truth [Cabalistic explanation] is that this subject [i.e., the nature of Moses' sin in the incident of the waters of Meribah] is one of the great secrets amongst the mysteries of the Torah.

רש"י על דברים ל"ב:נ"א:ב'

על אשר לא קדשתם אותי. גָּרַמְתֵּם לִי שֵׁלֹּא אֵתְקַדֵּשׁ, אָמַרְתִּי לָכֵם

"וְדִבַּרְתָּם אֶל הַפֶּלַע" (במדבר כ') וְהֵם הִכּוּהוּ וְהֻצְּרְכוּ לְהַכּּוֹתוֹ פַּצְמַיִם, וְאִלּוּ דִּבְּרוּ עִמּוֹ וְנָתַן מֵימִיו בְּלֹא הַכָּאָה, הָיָה מִתְקַדֵּשׁ שֵׁם שָׁמַיִם, שֶׁהִיוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל אוֹמְרִים וּמַה הַפֶּלַע שֶׁאֵינוֹ לְשָׁכָר וְלֹא לְפֻּרְעָנוּת, אִם זָכָה אֵין לוֹ מַתַּן שָׂכָר וְאִם חָטָא אֵינוֹ לוֹקֶה, כָּךְ מְקַיֵּם מִצְוַת בּוֹרָאוֹ, אָנוּ לֹא כָּל שֵׁכֵּן:

Rashi on Deuteronomy 32:51:2

של אשר לא קדשתם אותי BECAUSE YE SANCTIFIED ME NOT — i.e. because you brought it about that I was not sanctified; I said to you, 'Speak to the rock!" They, however, smote it and had therefore to smite it twice. Had they, however, spoken to it, and it had given forth its water without being smitten, the Name of the Heaven would have been sanctified; for the Israelites would have said, "How is it with the rock which is subject neither to reward nor to punishment, for when it acts meritoriously it receives no reward and when it sins it is not punished? It fulfils so obediently the command of its Creator! — how much the more should we do so!"

שמות י"ז:ה'-ח'

וַיּאמֶר יהוה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה עֲבֹר ׁלִפְנֵי הָעָּׁם וְקַח אִתְּךְ מִזִּקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וּמַטְּךְּ אֲשֶׁר הִכִּיִת בּוֹ אֶת־הַיְאֹר קַח בְּיִדְךְ וְהָלְכְתָּ: הִנְנִי עֹמֵד לְפָנֶיךְ שָׁם ו עָל־הַצוּר בְּחֹרֵב וְהִכִּיִת בַצוּר וְיִצְאוּ מִמְנִּוּ מַיִם וְשָׁתָה הָעָם וַיַּעֲשׂ בֵּן משֶׁה לְצֵינֵי זִקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאָל: וַיִּקְרָא שֵׁם הַמָּלוֹם מַסָּה וּמְרִיבָּה

Exodus 17:5-8

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pass before the people; take with you some of the elders of Israel, and take along the rod with which you struck the Nile, and set out. I will be standing there before you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock and water will issue from it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah

דברים י"א:י"ב-י"ז

(יב) אֶּבֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהֶיךּ דֹרֵשׁ אֹתָהּ תִּמִּיד עֵינֵי יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהֶיֹךּ בָּהּ מָרשִׁית הַשָּׁנָה וְעַד אַחֲרִית שָנָה: {o} (יג) וְהָיָה אִם־שָׁמְעַ תִּשְׁמְעוּ אֶל־מִצְוֹתִי אֲשֶׁר אִנֹכִי מְצַנֶּה אֶתְכֶם הַיֹּוֹם לְאַהֲבָּה אֶת־יְהֹוָה אֱלְהֵיכֶם וּלְעָבְלוֹ בְּכָל־נַפְשְׁכָם: (יד) וְנָתַתִּי מְטָר־אַרְצְכֶנֶם בְּעִתְּוֹ יוֹרָה וּמֵלְקוֹשׁ וְאָסַפְתָּ דְגָנֶּךְ וְתִירְשְׁךְ וְיִצְהָרְדְ: (טוֹ) וְנָתַתִּי עֵשֶׂב בְּשָּׁרְדְּ לִבְהֶמְתֶּךְ וְאָכַלְתָּ וְשִּבְעְתָּ: (טוֹ) הִשְּמְרְוּ לָכֶם בָּוֹ יִפְּתָּה לְבַבְּכֶם וְסַרְתָּם לְבְּבְּכֶם וְסַרְתָּם וְאַבַּדְתָּם אֱלֵבְרְנִם אֲלֹהִים אֲחַרִים וְהִשְׁתַּחְוִיתֶם לְהָם: (יוֹ) וְחָרָה אַף־יְהֹוָה בָּכֶם וְעַבְּרָה וַאֲעֵבְרְ אֶתֹּן לֶבְם מְבֵּלְה וְצִעָּבְרְ הָמִנְל הָאָרִץ הַטַּבָּר אֲשֶׁר יְהֹוָה נֹתֵן לָכָם: וַאֲבַדְתָּם מְהֵרָה מֵעַל הָאָרֵץ הַטּבָּה אֲשֶׁר יְהֹוָה נֹתֵן לָכָם:

Deuteronomy 11:12-17

(12) It is a land which your God יהוה looks after, on which your God יהוה always keeps an eye, from year's beginning to year's end. (13) If, then, you obey the commandments that I enjoin upon you this day, loving your God יהוה and serving [God] with all your heart and soul, (14) I will grant the rain for your land in season, the early rain and the late. You shall gather in your new grain and wine and oil— (15) I will also provide grass in the fields for your cattle—and thus you shall eat your fill. (16) Take care not to be lured away to serve other gods and bow to them. (17) For יהוה 's anger will flare up against you, shutting up the skies so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its produce; and you will soon perish from the good land that 'הוה is assigning to you.

יומא כ"ט א:ג'-ד'

״לַמְנַצֵּחַ עַל אַיֶּלֶת הַשַּׁחַר״ אָמַר רַבִּי אַסִּי: לָמָּה נִמְשְׁלָה אֶסְתֵּר לְשַׁחַר — לוֹמַר לָךְ: מָה שַׁחַר סוֹף כָּל הַלַּיִלָה, אַף אֶסְתֵּר סוֹף כָּל הַנִּסִּים.

Yoma 29a:3-4

"For the leader, about the morning hind" (Psalms 22:1) Rabbi Asi said:

Why was Esther likened to the dawn? It is to tell you: Just as the dawn is the conclusion of the entire night, so too, Esther was the conclusion of all miracles performed for the entire Jewish people.

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