

Paradigms of Prayer

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... מִי שֶׁעָנָה

May the One who answered

הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

answer us.

מִי שֶׁעָנָה
לְאַבְרָהָם אָבִינוּ בְּהַר הַמֹּרְיָה
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Abraham our father on Mount Moriah
answer us.



Genesis 22:1-19

Some time afterward, God put Abraham to the test, saying to him, "Abraham." He answered,

"Here I am."

"Take your son, your favored one, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you." So early next morning, Abraham saddled his ass and took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. He split the wood for the burnt offering, and he set out for the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place from afar. Then Abraham said to his servants, "You stay here with the ass. The boy and I will go up there; we will worship and we will return to you." Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and put it on his son Isaac. He himself took the firestone and the knife; and the two walked off together....

They arrived at the place of which God had told him. Abraham built an altar there; he laid out the wood; he bound his son Isaac; he laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. And Abraham picked up the knife to slay his son. Then a messenger of Gd called to him from heaven: "Abraham! Abraham!" And he answered, "Here I am." Do not raise your hand against the boy, or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your favored one, from Me."

When Abraham looked up, his eye fell upon a ram, caught in the thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering in place of his son. And Abraham named that site Adonai-yireh, whence the present saying, "On the mount of God there is vision." The messenger of God there called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By Myself I swear, God declares: Because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your favored one, I will bestow My blessing upon you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven and the sands on the seashore; and your descendants shall seize the gates of their foes. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, because you have obeyed My command." Abraham then returned to his servants, and they departed together for Beer-sheba; and Abraham stayed in Beer-sheba.

וְיְהִי אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וְהָאֱלֹהִים נִסָּה אֶת־אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי:

! יֹאמֶר קַח־נָא אֶת־בְּנֶךָ אֶת־יִצְחָק וְחִידֵךְ אֶשֶׁר־אֲהַבְתָּ אֹתוֹ יִצְחָק וְלַחֲלוֹךְ אֶל־אֶרֶץ מֹרְיָה וְהַעֲלֵהוּ שָׁם לְעֹלָה עַל־אֶחָד מֵהַרְיֹם אֲשֶׁר אָמַר אֵלָיךְ:

! יִשְׁלַח אַבְרָהָם בַּבֹּקֶר וַיַּחֲבֹשׁ אֶת־חֻמְרוֹ וַיִּקַּח אֶת־שְׁנֵי נַעֲרָיו אֹתוֹ וְאֶת יִצְחָק בְּנֹו וַיִּבְקַע עֵצִי עֲלָיו וַיִּקַּח אֵלָיו הֶחָמֶה וְאֶת־הָאֵלֶּיִם:

! בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי וַיֵּשֶׁא אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֵינָיו וַיִּרְא אֶת־הַמָּקוֹם מֵרֶחֶק:

! יֹאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֶל־נַעֲרָיו שְׁבוּ־לָכֶם פֹּה עִם־הַחֲמוֹר וְאַנִּי וְהַנְּעָר נִלְכָּה עַד־כֹּה וְנִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה וְנִשְׁוֹבָה אֵלֵיכֶם:

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! יֹאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֵלָהִים יְרָאֵה־לָּו הִשָּׂה לְעֹלָה בְּגִי וַיֵּלְכוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו:

! יִבְאוּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אָמַר לֹו הָאֱלֹהִים וַיְבֹן שָׁם אַבְרָהָם אֶת־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וַיַּעֲרֶה אֶת־הָעֵצִים וַיַּעֲקֹד:

! יִשְׁלַח אַבְרָהָם אֶת־יְדָו וַיִּקַּח אֶת־הַמַּאֲכָלֶת לְשַׁחַט אֶת־בְּנֹו:

! יִקְרָא אֵלָיו מִלֵּאךְ הַיְהוָה מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הֲגַי:

! יֹאמֶר אֶל־תִּשְׁלַח יָדְךָ אֶל־הַנְּעָר וְאַל־תַּעַשׂ לוֹ מְאוּמָה כִּי:

! עֲתָה יִדְעֵתִי כִּי־יִרְא אֱלֹהִים אֹתָהּ וְלֹא חִשַׁכְתָּ אֶת־יַחֲדָךְ מִמֶּנִּי:

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! יִקְרָא אַבְרָהָם שֵׁם־הַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא יְהוָה וְרָאָה אֲשֶׁר יֹאמֶר הַיּוֹם בְּהָר יְהוָה יְרָאֵה:

! יִקְרָא מִלֵּאךְ יְהוָה אֶל־אַבְרָהָם שְׁנֵית מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם:

! יֹאמֶר בִּי נִשְׁבַּעֵתִי נָאִם יְהוָה לִּי יַעַן אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ אֶת־הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה וְלֹא חִשַׁכְתָּ אֶת־בְּנֹךָ אֶת־יַחֲדָךְ:

! כִּי־בִרַךְ אַבְרָהָם וְהִרְבָּה אַרְבָּה אֶת־זַרְעוֹ כְּכּוֹכְבֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם וְכֹחֹול אֲשֶׁר עַל־שִׁפְתֵי הַיָּם וַיִּרְשׁ זָרְעוֹךָ אֶת שְׁעַר אֲבִיבֹו:

! וְהִתְבָּרַךְ בְּזַרְעוֹךָ כָּל גּוֹי הָאָרֶץ עֲקֵב אֲשֶׁר שָׁמַעֵת בְּקֹלִי:

! וַיֵּשֶׁב אַבְרָהָם אֶל־נַעֲרָיו וַיִּקְמוּ וַיֵּלְכוּ יַחְדָּו אֶל־בְּאֵר שָׁבַע וַיֵּשֶׁב אַבְרָהָם בְּבְאֵר שָׁבַע. {פ}

Talmud Yerushalmi Taanit 2:4

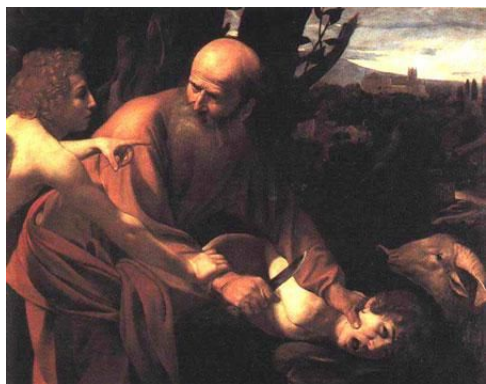
אָמַר אַבְרָהָם לְפָנֵי הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא. רַבּוֹן הָעוֹלָמִים. גָּלוּי וַיְדוּעַ לְפָנֶיךָ שְׁבַשְׁעָה שְׂאֵמֶרְתָּ לִּי לְהַעֲלוֹת אֶת
יֶצְחָק בְּנִי הִזָּה לִּי מֵהַלְשִׁיב וְלוֹמַר לְפָנֶיךָ. אֶתְמוֹל אָמַרְתָּ לִּי כִּי בַיֶּחֱזֶק יִקְרָא לְךָ זָרַע וְעַכְשָׁיו אֵת אֹמֵר
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אֱלֹהֵי. שְׁבַשְׁעָה שִׁיְהִיו בְּנָיו שְׁלִיִּצְחָק בְּנֵי נִכְנָסִים לְיַדִּי צָרָה וְאִין לָהֶם מִי
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ה תְּהֵא מְלִמַּד עֲלֵיהֶם סְנִיגוּרֵיָא. " יִרְאֶה. אֵת נִזְכָּר לָהֶם עֲקִידָתוֹ שְׁלִיִּצְחָק אָבִיהֶם וּמִתְמַלֵּא עֲלֵיהֶם רַחֲמִים

Abraham said before the Holy One, praise to Him: Master of the worlds, it is open and known before You that when You said to me to sacrifice my son Isaac I could have answered and said before You, yesterday You said to me, *for in Isaac will your descendants be named*, and now You are saying, *sacrifice him as elevation offering*. Heaven forbid that I should have done this, to the contrary I suppressed my inclination and did Your will. So may it be Your pleasure, Eternal, my God, that when my son Isaac's descendants will be in trouble and nobody will speak in their defense, that You will speak in their defense. *The Eternal will see*. You will remember for them

מי שְׁעָנָה
לְיִצְחָק בְּנֵם כְּשֶׁנֶּעְקַד עַל גְּבִי הַמִּזְבֵּחַ
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Isaac their son when he was bound on the al
answer us.



Genesis 22:7-10

Then Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!”

And he answered, “Yes, my son.” And he said,
“Here are the firestone and the wood; but where is
the sheep for the burnt offering?”

And Abraham said, “It is God who
sheep for this burnt offering, my son.” And the two

of them walked on together.

They arrived at the place of which God had told

him. Abraham built an altar there; he laid out the
wood; he bound his son Isaac; he laid him on the
altar, on top of the wood.

And Abraham picked up the knife to slay his son.

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מִי שֶׁעָנָה
לְיַעֲקֹב בְּבֵית אֵל
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Jacob in Beit El
answer us.

Genesis 28:16-19



Le songe de Jacob, Rembrandt

וַיִּקְרָא יַעֲקֹב מִשְׁנֵתוֹ וַיֹּאמֶר אֵכֶן יֵשׁ יְהוָה בַּמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה וְאֲנֹכִי לֹא יָדַעְתִּי:

Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely יהוה is present in this place, and I did not know it!”

וַיִּירָא וַיֹּאמֶר מַה־נּוֹרָא הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה אֵין זֶה כִּי אִם־בַּיִת אֱלֹהִים וְזֶה שַׁעַר הַשָּׁמַיִם:

Shaken, he said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the abode of God, and that is the gateway to heaven.”

וַיִּשָׁכֶם יַעֲקֹב בַּבֹּקֶר וַיִּקַּח אֶת־הָאֶבֶן אֲשֶׁר־שָׁם מִרְאשֵׁיתוֹ וַיִּשֶׂם אֹתָהּ מִצְבֵּה וַיִּצֹק שָׁמֶן עַל־רֹאשָׁהּ:

Early in the morning, Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שֵׁם־הַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא בַּיִת־אֵל וְאוּלָם לוֹ שֵׁם־הָעִיר לְרֹאשֵׁנָה:

He named that site Bethel;* but previously the name of the city had

מי שֶׁעָנָה
לְיוֹסֵף בְּבֵית הָאֲסוּרִים
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Joseph in prison
answer us.



מִי שֶׁעָנָה
לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ עַל יַם סוּף
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
our ancestors at the Sea of Reeds
answer us.

Exodus 14:10-14

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites caught sight of the Egyptians advancing upon them. Greatly

יִרְדְּפוּ מִצְרַיִם אַחֲרֵיהֶם וַיִּשִׁיגוּ אוֹתָם חֲנִימַי עַל-הַיָּם כָּל-סוֹס רֶכֶב פָּרְעֹה וּפָרָשָׁיו וַחֲיָלוּ עַל-פִּי הַחִירֹת לִפְנֵי בַעַל צַפּוֹן!

frightened, the Israelites cried out to God. And they said to Moses, "Was it for want of graves in Egypt that you brought us to die in the wilderness? What

יֹאמְרוּ אֶל-מֹשֶׁה הַמַּבְלִי אֵין-קְבָרִים בְּמִצְרַיִם לְקַחְתָּנוּ לָמוֹת בַּמִּדְבָּר מֵהֲזֵאת עָשִׂיתָ לָּנוּ לְהוֹצִיאֵנוּ מִמִּצְרַיִם הַלֵּאזֶה

have you done to us, taking us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt,

דַּבֵּר אֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרְנוּ אֵלֶיךָ בְּמִצְרַיִם לֵאמֹר חַדַּל מִמֶּנּוּ וְנַעֲבֹדָה אֶת-מִצְרַיִם כִּי טוֹב לָנוּ עֲבֹד אֶת-מִצְרַיִם מִמָּוֶת. הַמְדַבֵּר:

saying, 'Let us be, and we will serve the Egyptians, for it is better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness'?" But Moses said to the

יֹאמֵר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-הָעָם אֶל-תִּירְאוּ הַתִּיצְבוּ וּרְאוּ אֶת-יְשׁוּעַת יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר יַעֲשֶׂה לָכֶם הַיּוֹם כִּי אֲשֶׁר רָאִיתֶם אֶת-מִצְרַיִם יִהְיֶה יִלְחָם לָכֶם וְאַתֶּם תַּחַרְשׁוּן!

people, "Have no fear! Stand by, and witness the deliverance which God will work for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you will never see again. God will battle for you; you hold your peace!"

מִי שֶׁעָנָה
לְמֹשֶׁה בְּחֹרֵב
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Moses at Horeiv
answer us.



מי שְׁעָנָה
לְאַהֲרֹן בַּמִּחָתָה
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Aharon with the censer
answer us.

Numbers 17:11-15

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Take the fire pan, and put on it fire from the altar. Add incense and take it quickly to the community and make

expiation for them. For wrath has gone forth from God: the plague has begun!”

Aaron took it, as Moses had ordered, and ran to the midst of the congregation, where the plague had begun among the people. He put

on the incense and made expiation for the people;

he stood between the dead and the living until the plague was checked.

Those who died of the plague came to fourteen thousand and seven hundred, aside from those who died on account of Korah.

Aaron then returned to Moses at the entrance

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יֹאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶל-אַהֲרֹן קַח אֶת-הַמִּחֻתָּה וּתְנֵ-עָלֶיהָ אֵשׁ מֵעַל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְשִׂים קִטְרֹת וְהוֹלֵךְ מִהֵרָה אֶל הָעֵדוּהּ !

וַיֵּקַח אַהֲרֹן כַּאֲשֶׁר |

דִּבֶּר מֹשֶׁה וַיֵּרָץ אֶל-תּוֹךְ הַקְּהָל וְהֵנִה הַחַל הַנֶּגֶף בָּעָם וַיִּתֵּן אֶת-הַקִּטְרֹת וַיִּכְפֹּר עַל-הָעָם :

וַיַּעֲמֵד בֵּין-הַיָּמֵתִים וּבֵין הַחַיִּים וַתַּעֲצֵר הַמַּגֵּפָה :

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יְהִי הַיָּמֵתִים בַּמַּגֵּפָה אַרְבָּעָה עָשָׂר אֶלֶף וּשְׁבַע מֵאוֹת מִלִּבְד הַיָּמֵתִים עַל-דִּבְרֵ-קֹרַח :

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וַיָּשָׁב אַהֲרֹן אֶל-מֹשֶׁה אֶל-פֶּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד וְהַמַּגֵּפָה נֶעֱצְרָה :

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מִי שֶׁעָנָה
לְפִנְחָס בְּקוּמוֹ מִתּוֹךְ הָעֵדָה
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Pinhas when he rose up from amidst the people
answer us.

Numbers 25:7-8

When Phinehas, son of Eleazar son
of Aaron the priest, saw this, he left
the assembly and, taking a spear in
his hand,

he followed the Israelite man into the
chamber and stabbed both of them,
the Israelite man and the woman,
through the belly. Then the plague
against the Israelites was checked.

יָרָא פִּינְחָס בֶּן־אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן־אֶהֱרֹן הַכֹּהֵן וַיִּקָּם מִתּוֹךְ הָעֵדוּה וַיִּלְחָץ רֶמְחוֹ בְּיָדוֹ׃

וַיָּבֵא אַחֲרָי אִישׁ־יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶל־הַקִּבְּהָ וַיִּדְקֹר אֶת־שְׁנֵיהֶם אֶת־אִישׁ־יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאֶת־הָאִשָּׁה אֶל־קִבְּתוֹהָ וַיַּלְעֲצוּ הַמַּגֵּ

מִי שֶׁעָנָה
לִיהוֹשֻׁעַ בְּגִלְגָל
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Joshua at Gilgal
answer us.

מִי שֶׁעָנָה
לְשִׁמוּאֵל בְּמִצְפָּה
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Samuel in Mitzpah
answer us.

I Samuel 7:3-5, 10-11

And Samuel said to all the House of Israel, “If you mean to return to the LORD with all your heart, you

must remove the alien gods and the Ashtaroth from your midst and direct your heart to the LORD and

serve Him alone. Then He will deliver you from the hands of the Philistines.”

And the Israelites removed the Baalim and

Ashtaroth and they served the LORD alone.

Samuel said, “Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I

will pray to the LORD for you.”...For as Samuel was

presenting the burnt offering and the Philistines

advanced to attack Israel, the LORD thundered

mightily against the Philistines that day. He threw

them into confusion, and they were routed by

Israel.

The men of Israel sallied out of Mizpah and

pursued the Philistines, striking them down to a

point below Beth-car.

יֹאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל אֶל-כָּל-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר אִם-בְּכָל-לְבַבְכֶם לְיְבוֹשֵׁם אֶת-הָאֱלֹהִים הַזְּרָנִים וְהַאֲשֵׁרִים מִתּוֹךְ מִדְּבַרְכֶם וְיָשֻׁבוּ אֶת-לְבָבְכֶם אֶל-יְהוָה הַיּוֹדֵה הַסִּירָה אֶת-אֱלֹהֵי הַזְּכָר מִתּוֹךְ מִדְּבַרְכֶם

יִסִּירוּ בְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת-הַבְּעָלִים וְאֶת-הָעֲשָׁתָרוֹת וַיַּעֲבֹדוּ אֶת-יְהוָה לְבַדּוֹ: {פ}

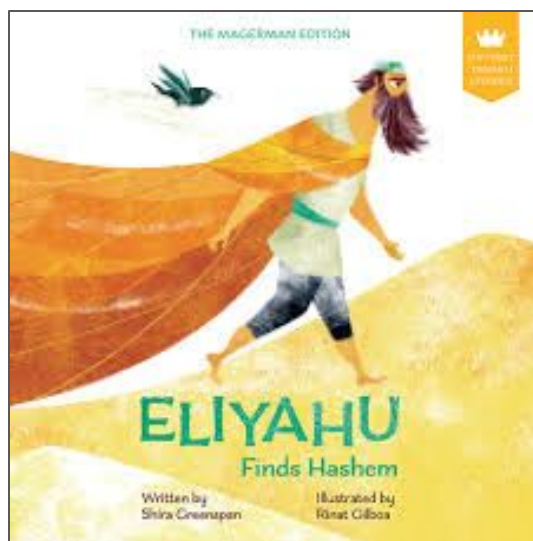
יֹאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל קְבְּצוּ אֶת-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל הַמְצַפֶּתָה וְאֶתְפַּלֵּל בְּעַדְכֶם אֶל-יְהוָה... וַיִּהְיֶה שְׁמוּאֵל מְעַלְהַם הַעֹלָה וּפָלַט

וַיָּצְאוּ אַנְשֵׁי יִשְׂרָאֵל מִן-הַמְצַפָּה וַיִּרְדְּפוּ אֶת-פְּלִשְׁתִּים וַיִּכּוּם עַד-חַמְצַת לְבֵית-רֶבֶךָ



מִי שֶׁעָנָה
לְדָוִד וְשֹׁלֹמֹה בְּנוֹ בִירוּשָׁלַיִם
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
David and Solomon his son in Jerusalem
answer us.



מי שֶׁעָנָה
לְאַלֵיָהוּ בְּהַר הַכַּרְמֶל
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Elijah on Mount Carmel
answer us.

1 Kings 18:

Answer me, O ETERNAL One, answer me, that this people may know that You, O ETERNAL One, are God; for You have turned their hearts backward.”

עֲנֵנִי יְהוָה עֲנֵנִי

וַיִּדַע

Then fire from GOD descended and

consumed the burnt offering, the

wood, the stones, and the earth; and it

licked up the water that was in the trench.

וְהָעַם הַזֶּה כִּי־אַתָּה יְהוָה הָאֱלֹהִים וְאַתָּה הַסֹּבֵת אֶת־לִבָּם אַחֲרָיִת:

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תִּפְּל אֵשׁ־יְהוָה וַתֹּאכַל אֶת־הָעֵלֶה וְאֶת־הָעֵצִים וְאֶת־הָאֲבָנִים וְאֶת־הָעֹפֶרֶת וְאֶת־הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר־

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יָרָא כָּל־הָעָם וַיִּפְּלוּ עַל־פְּנֵיהֶם וַיֹּאמְרוּ יְהוָה הוּא הָאֱלֹהִים וְהַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר־בַּחֲרוֹתַיִם הָיָה וַיִּמָּצְאוּ

When they saw this, all the people flung themselves on their faces and cried out: “the ETERNAL One alone is God, the ETERNAL One alone is God!”

מִי שֶׁעָנָה
לְחִזְקִיָּהוּ בְּחִלּוֹ
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Hezekiah in his illness
answer us.

II Kings 20:1-5

In those days Hezekiah fell dangerously ill. The

בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם חָלָה חֶזְקִיָּהוּ לָמוּת וַיָּבֹא אֵלָיו יִשְׁעִיָּהוּ בֶן-אֲחֹזַי וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה צוּ לְבִיתְךָ כִּי מֵת אַתָּה !

“Thus said GOD: Set your affairs in order, for you
are going to die; you will not get well.”

יֹסֵב אֶת-פָּנָיו אֶל-הַקִּיר וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל אֶל-יְהוָה לֵאמֹר:

Thereupon Hezekiah turned his face to the wall
and prayed to GOD. He said,

נָה יְהוָה זָכַר-נָא אֶת אֲשֶׁר הִתְהַלַּכְתִּי לְפָנֶיךָ בְּאֵמֶת וּבְלִבְבִי שִׁלֹּם וְהֵיטִבְתָּ עִשְׂיֹתַי וְזָדַלְתָּ לִּי
{ Please, O ETERNAL ONE, remember how I have

walked before You sincerely and wholeheartedly,
and have done what is pleasing to You.” And

Hezekiah wept profusely.

Before Isaiah had gone out of the middle court, the

word of GOD came to him:

שׁוּב וְאֲמַרְתָּ אֶל-חֶזְקִיָּהוּ נְגִיד-עַמִּי כֹה-אָמַר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי דָוִד אָבִיךָ שָׁמַעְתִּי אֶת תְּפִלָּתְךָ וְרָאִיתִי אֶת דִּמְעֹתֶיךָ וְכָאֵל

“Go back and say to Hezekiah, the ruler of My
people: Thus said GOD, the God of your forefather

David: I have heard your prayer, I have seen your
tears. I am going to heal you; on the third day you
shall go up to the House of GOD.

מי שְׁעָנָה
לְיוֹנָה בְּמֵעֵי הַדָּגָה
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Jonah in the belly of the fish
answer us.





Lastman - Triumph of Mordechai

מי שָׁעָנָה
לְמַרְדֵּכַי וְאַסְתֵּר בְּשׁוּשַׁן הַבִּירָה
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.



Rembrandt - Haman Begging Esther for Mercy

May the One who answered
Mordechai and Esther in the fortress city Shushan
answer us.

מי שְׁעָנָה
לְחַנְנִיָּה מִשְׁאֵל וְעֹזְרִיָּה בְּתוֹךְ כְּבִשָּׁן הָאֵשׁ
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Hananiah, Misha'el, and Azariah in the burning furnace
answer us.

מי שְׁעָנָה
לְדַנְיָאֵל בְּגֹב הָאֲרִיּוֹת
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Daniel in the lions' den
answer us.



מי שְׁעָנָה
לְעֶזְרָא בְּגוֹלָה
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
Ezra in exile
answer us.

Ezra 7:6

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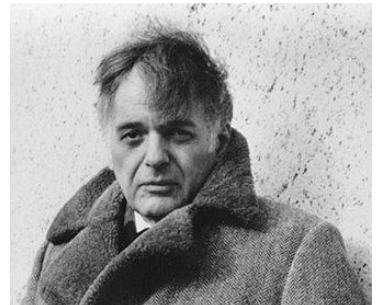
בְּבָל וְהוּא־סֵפֶר מְהִיר בְּתוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה אֲשֶׁר־נָתַן יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּתֶּן־לוֹ הַמֶּלֶךְ כִּי־יְהוָה אֱלֹהָיו עָלָיו כָּל

that Ezra came up from Babylon, a scribe expert in the Teaching of Moses which the LORD God of Israel had given, whose request the king had granted in its entirety, thanks to the benevolence of the LORD toward him.



“Whatever memories were unleashed by the commemorative rituals and liturgies were surely not a matter of intellection, but of evocation and identification. What was drawn up from the past was not a series of facts to be contemplated at a distance, but a series of situations into which one could somehow be existentially drawn.”

- Yosef Chaim Yerushalmi



מִי שֶׁעָנָה
לְכָל־הַצְּדִיקִים
וְהַחֲסִידִים
וְהַתְּמִימִים
וְהַיֹּשְׁרִים
הוּא יַעֲנֵנוּ.

May the One who answered
all the righteous,
the pious,
the perfect,
and the upright
answer us.