

The 10th of Tevet - or the 8th day AFTER Chanuka?
Re-examining the 'fast days' in light of the Prophecies of Zechariah
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I. Why possibly the 8th day AFTER Chanuka?

<p>K] Talmud Bavli- Tractate Avoda Zara 8b MISHNA: These are the festivals of the heathens: <i>Kalends, Saturnalia...</i> GEMARA: The rabbis taught: Adam [the first man], when he noticed that each day became shorter and shorter, he cried: Woe is to me, for the world becomes darker and darker - because of my sin, and it seems to be returning to 'chaos and ruin'; and this is my death which was decreed by heaven. He arose and fasted and prayed eight days. Thereafter, he noticed the 'winter solstice', as the days become longer, he understood that such is the cycle of the world, and celebrated for eight days. The next year, he also proclaimed the eight days on which he had fasted as holidays. He established them to laud heaven; his descendants, however, made them holidays for the idols.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">תלמוד בבלי מסכת עבודה זרה דף ח עמוד א</p> <p>דף ח, א משנה: ואלו אידיהן של עובדי כוכבים גמרא: אמר רב חנן בר רבא: קלנדא - ח' ימים אחר תקופה; סטרנורא - ח' ימים לפני תקופה. ת"ר לפי שראה אדם הראשון יום שמתמעט והולך, אמר אוי לי שמא בשביל שסרחתי עולם חשוך בעדי וחוזר לתוהו ובוהו - וזו היא מיתה שנקנסה עלי מן השמים. עמד וישב ח' ימים בתענית ובתפלה; כיון שראה תקופת טבת, וראה יום שמאריך והולך - אמר: מנהגו של עולם הוא! הלך ועשה שמונה ימים טובים. לשנה האחרת עשאן לאלו ולאלו ימים טובים. הוא קבעם לשם שמים, והם קבעום לשם עבודת כוכבים.</p>
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As we explained, if the 8 darkest nights of the year are EXACTLY the 8 days of Chanuka – then 8 days later is the 10th of Tevet

II. The 10th of the month [Nisan & Tishrei also important
The 10th of Tevet in Yechezkel chapter 24

- א וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוָה אֵלַי בַּשָּׁנָה הַתְּשִׁיעִית, בַּחֹדֶשׁ הָעֲשִׂירִי, בְּעָשׂוֹר לַחֹדֶשׁ, לֵאמֹר.** 1 And the word of the LORD came unto me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, saying:
- ב בֶּן-אָדָם, כְּתוּב- (כְּתָב-) לָךְ אֶת-שֵׁם הַיּוֹם-- אֶת-עֶצֶם, הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה : סָמֵךְ מִלֶּךְ-בָּבֶל אֶל-יְרוּשָׁלַם, בְּעֶצֶם הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה.** 2 Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this selfsame day; this selfsame day the king of Babylon hath invested Jerusalem.
- ג וּמִשָּׁל אֶל-בֵּית-הַמְּרִי, מִשָּׁל, וְאֶמְרַת אֵלֵיהֶם, כֹּה אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה : שִׁפְתַי הַסִּיר שִׁפְתַי, וְגַם-יִצַק בּוֹ מַיִם.** 3 And utter a parable concerning the rebellious house, and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Set on the pot, set it on, and also pour water into it;

III. Sefer Yechezkel - basic outline

A. Rebuke of Am Yisrael - chapters 1 thru 24

[the shechina 'leaving' the Temple in Jeru. -> 'moving' to Bavel]

chapters 1 - 7 - year five [since galut Yehoyachin]

chapters 8 - 19 - year six

chapters 20-23 - year seven

chapter 24 - year nine

B. Rebuke of other Nations - chapters 25 thru 35

C. Nevuot of "nechama" [redemption] chapters 36-37

D. Gog u'magog - ['post - redemption'] chapters 38-39

E. Plans for the future Temple

& return of the "shechinah" - chapters 40-48

Timeline: Sefer Yechezkel begins in Year 30 [of what?]

From Yechezkel to Zecharya

YEAR ONE = 18th year of Yoshiyahu / new Covenant - found Sefer Torah

Year 13 - 31 yr of Yoshiyahu/ dies at Meggido -war w/Pharaoh Necho /609 BCE

Year 17 - 4th year of Yehoyakim -Nevuchadnezar begins conquest of Middle East

Year 25 - 11th year of Yehoyakim -Nevuchadnezar conquers Jerusalem

Exile Year 1 / Yehoyachin (Yehoyakim's son) & Yechezkel are exiled

Year 36 - 11th year of Tzidkiyahu / Temple destroyed / second wave of Exile

YEAR 50 - Yechezkel's vision of Temple (chapters 40-48) / 25 years since Exile

Year 87 - Cyrus Decree - first return of the Exile w/Zrubavel (Ezra 1:1)

Year 105 - Groundbreaking of Second Temple on 24 Kislev - Year 2 of Darius

Recall the Historic & Prophetic background to the 2nd year of Darius:

Cyrus Declaration etc. Ezra chapter 1

Ezra Chapter 4 – The ‘first intifada’

- א וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ, צָרֵי יְהוּדָה וּבְנֵימִן: כִּי-בָנִי הַגּוֹלָה בּוֹנִים הֵיכָל, לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל. 1 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity were building a Temple
- ד וַיְהִי, עִם-הָאָרֶץ--מְרַפִּים, יְדֵי עַם-יְהוּדָה; וּמְבַלְהִים (וּמְבַהֲלִים) אוֹתָם, לְבָנוֹת. 4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, & harried them while they were building,
- ה וַיִּסְכְּרוּם עֲלֵיהֶם יוֹעֲצִים לְהַפֵּר עֲצָתָם--כָּל יָמֵי, כּוֹרֶשׁ מֶלֶךְ פָּרֶס, וְעַד-מַלְכוּת, דָּרְיוֹשׁ מֶלֶךְ-פָּרֶס. 5 and hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of **Darius king of Persia**.

Chagai chapter 2 – ground breaking

- י בַּעֲשָׂרִים וָאַרְבָּעָה לַתְּשִׁיעִי, בְּשֵׁנַת שְׁתַּיִם לְדָרְיוֹשׁ-- הַזֶּה, דְּבַר-ה', אֶל-חַגִּי הַנְּבִיא 10 In the 24th day of the ninth month, in the 2nd year of Darius, came the word to Haggai
- טו וְעַתָּה שְׂיִמוּ-נָא לְבַבְכֶם מִן-הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה וּמֵעַתָּה מִטָּרֶם שׁוּם-אֶבֶן אֶל-אֶבֶן, בְּהֵיכַל ה'. 15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and forward--before a stone was laid upon a stone in the Temple of God
- יח שְׂיִמוּ-נָא לְבַבְכֶם, מִן-הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה וּמֵעַתָּה; מִיּוֹם עֲשָׂרִים וָאַרְבָּעָה לַתְּשִׁיעִי, לְמִן-הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר-יָסַד הֵיכַל-ה'--שְׂיִמוּ לְבַבְכֶם. 18 consider, I pray you, from this day and forward, from the 24th day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid, consider it;

See Ezra 6:13-15 – construction only finished four years later in Year 6

- יד וְשָׁבִי יְהוּדָיָא בְּנִין וּמְצַלְחִין, בְּנְבוֹאֹת חַגִּי נְבִיאָה וּזְכַרְיָה בֶר-עֲדוּא; וּבְנוּ וְשִׁכְּלְלוּ, מִן-טַעַם אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, וּמִטַּעַם כּוֹרֶשׁ וְדָרְיוֹשׁ, וְאַרְתַּחְשֶׁשְׁתָּא מֶלֶךְ פָּרֶס. 14 And the elders of the Jews builded and prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.
- טו וַיִּשְׁלְמוּ בֵּיתָה דְּנָה, עַד יוֹם תְּלַתָּה לִירַח אָדָר-- דִּי-הִיא שְׁנַת-שֵׁת, לְמַלְכוּת דָּרְיוֹשׁ מֶלֶךְ פָּרֶס. 15 And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

A. Time line of key events in “shivat tzion”

Cyrus Decree - first return of the Exile w/Zrubavel (Ezra 1:1)

-then **building freeze** for 18 years from Cyrus to Darius / Ezra 4:4-5]

Groundbreaking of Second Temple on 24 Kislev - **Year 2 of Darius**

[see Chagai 2:10-18 & Zecharya 1:12]

Construction completed on 3 Adar - **Year 6 of Darius** / see Ezra 6:15

Zecharya chapters 7-8 takes place in **YEAR 4** of Darius (between the above)

Zecharya chapter 7

. A question is sent from Bavel regarding the fast days

זכריה פרק ז א ויהי בשנת ארבע, לדריוש המלך;
האבכה, בחדש החמשי--הנזר, כאשר עשיתי זה כמה שנים.

א ויהי בשנת ארבע, לדריוש המלך; היה דבר-יהוה אל-זכריה, בארבעה לחדש התשעי-בכסלו.

1 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chislev;

ב וישלח, בית-אל, שראצר, ורגם מלך ונאנשיו--לחלות, את-פני יהוה.

2 When Bethel-sarezzer, and Regem-melech and his men, had sent to entreat the favour of the LORD,

ג לאמר, אל-הכהנים אשר לבית-יהוה צבאות, ואל-הנביאים, לאמר: האבכה, בחדש החמשי--הנזר, כאשר עשיתי זה כמה שנים. {פ}

3 and to speak unto the priests of the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying: 'Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?' {P}

ד ויהי דבר-יהוה צבאות, אלי לאמר.

4 Then came the word of the LORD of hosts unto me, saying:

ה אמר אל-כל-עם הארץ, ואל-הכהנים לאמר: כי-צמתם וספוד בחמישי ובשביעי, וזה שבעים שנה--הצום צמתני, אני.

5 'Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying: When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh month, even these seventy years, did ye at all fast unto Me, even to Me?

ו וכי תאכלו, וכי תשתו--הלוא אתם האכלים, ואתם השתים.

6 And when ye eat, and when ye drink, are ye not they that eat, and they that drink?

ז הלוא את-הדברים, אשר קרא יהוה ביד הנביאים הראשנים, בהיות ירושלם ישבת ושלחה, ועריה סביבתיה; והנגב והשפלה, ישב. {פ}

7 Should ye not hearken to the words which the LORD hath proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, and the South and the Lowland were inhabited?' {P}

ח ויהי, דבר-יהוה, אל-זכריה, לאמר.

8 And the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah, saying:

ט כה אמר יהוה צבאות, לאמר: משפט אמת, שפטו, וחסד ורחמים, עשו איש את-אחיו.

9 'Thus hath the LORD of hosts spoken, saying: Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassion every man to his brother;

י ואלמנה ויתום גר ועני, אל-תעשקו; ורעת איש אחיו, אל-תחשבו בלבבכם.

10 and oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you devise evil against his brother in your heart.

יא וימאנו להקשיב, ויתנו כתף סררת; ואזניהם, הכבידו משמוע.

11 But they refused to attend, and turned a stubborn shoulder, and stopped their ears, that they might not hear.

יב וְלִבָּם שָׁמוּ שְׁמִיר, מְשֻׁמוּעַ אֶת-הַתּוֹרָה
וְאֶת-הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר שָׁלַח יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת בְּרוּחוֹ,
בְּיַד, הַנְּבִיאִים הָרֵאשִׁנִּים; וַיְהִי קֶצֶף גָּדוֹל,
מֵאֵת יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת.

12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His spirit by the hand of the former prophets; therefore came there great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

יג וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר-קָרָא, וְלֹא שָׁמְעוּ: כֵּן יִקְרָאוּ
וְלֹא אֲשַׁמְעֵם, אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת.

13 And it came to pass that, as He called, and they would not hear; so they shall call, and I will not hear, said the LORD of hosts;

יד וְאֶסְעָרֵם, עַל כָּל-הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָדְעוּם,
וְהָאָרֶץ נִשְׁמָה אַחֲרֵיהֶם, מֵעַבְרָ וּמִשָּׁב; וַיִּשְׁיֻמוּ
אָרֶץ-חֲמֻדָּה, לְשִׁמָּה. {פ}

14 but I will scatter them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they have not known. Thus the land was desolate after them, so that no man passed through nor returned; for they laid the pleasant land desolate.'

א וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, לֵאמֹר.

1 And the word of the LORD of hosts came, saying:

ב כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, קִנְאֹתִי לְצִיּוֹן קִנְאָה
גְּדוֹלָה; וְחֲמָה גְּדוֹלָה, קִנְאֹתִי לָהּ.

2 'Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great fury.

ג כֹּה, אָמַר יְהוָה, שְׁבִתִּי אֶל-צִיּוֹן, וְשָׁכַנְתִּי
בְּתוֹךְ יְרוּשָׁלַם; וְנִקְרְאָה יְרוּשָׁלַם עִיר הָאֱמֶת,
וְהָר-יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת הָר הַקֹּדֶשׁ. {ס}

3 Thus saith the LORD: I return unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall be called the city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. {S}

ד כֹּה אָמַר, יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, עַד יֵשְׁבוּ זְקֵנִים
וְזִקְנוֹת, בְּרַחְבוֹת יְרוּשָׁלַם; וְאִישׁ מִשְׁעֲנֹתוֹ
בְּיָדוֹ, מֵרַב יָמִים.

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women sit in the broad places of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

ה וּרְחֻבוֹת הָעִיר יִמְלְאוּ, יְלָדִים וַיְלָדוֹת,
מִשְׁחַקִּים, בְּרַחְבֹּתֶיהָ. {ס}

5 And the broad places of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the broad places thereof. {S}

ו כֹּה אָמַר, יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, כִּי יִפְלֵא בְּעֵינַי
שְׂאֵרֵית הָעָם הַזֶּה, בְּיָמֵים הָהֵם--גַּם-בְּעֵינַי,
יִפְלֵא, נְאֻם, יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת. {פ}

6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvellous in Mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts. {P}

ז כֹּה אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, הִנְנִי מוֹשִׁיעַ אֶת-עַמִּי
מֵאֶרֶץ מִזְרָח, וּמֵאֶרֶץ, מְבוֹא הַשָּׁמֶשׁ.

7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will save My people from the east country, and from the west country;

ח וְהִבֵּאתִי אֹתָם, וְשָׁכְנוּ בְּתוֹךְ יְרוּשָׁלַם; וְהָיוּ-
לִי לְעָם, וְאֲנִי אֶהְיֶה לָהֶם לֵאלֹהִים--בְּאֱמֶת,
וּבְצִדְקָה. {ס}

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness. {S}

ט כֹּה-אָמַר, יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, תַּחֲזִקְנָה יְדֵיכֶם,
הַשְׁמַעִים בְּיָמֵים הָאֵלֶּה אֶת הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה--
מִפִּי, הַנְּבִיאִים, אֲשֶׁר בָּיוֹם יִסַּד בַּיִת-יְהוָה
צְבָאוֹת הַהִיכָל, לְהַבְנוֹת.

9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words from the mouth of the prophets that were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, even the temple, that it might be built.

י כִּי, לִפְנֵי הַיָּמִים הֵּהֱמָה, שְׂכָר הָאָדָם לֹא נִהְיָה,
וְשְׂכָר הַבְּהֵמָה אֵינָנָה; וְלִיּוֹצֵא וְלָבֵא אִין-שְׁלוֹם
מִן-הַצָּר, וְאֲשַׁלַּח אֶת-כָּל-הָאָדָם אִישׁ בְּרֵעֵהוּ.

10 For before those days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the adversary; for I set all men every one against his neighbour.

יא וְעַתָּה, לֹא כִיָּמִים הָרֵאשִׁימִים אֲנִי, לְשִׂאֲרֵית,
הָעָם הַזֶּה--נָאִם, יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת.

11 But now I will not be unto the remnant of this people as in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.

יב כִּי-זָרַע הַשְּׁלוֹם, הִגְפִּן תִּתֵּן פְּרִיָּה וְהִאָּרֵץ
תִּתֵּן אֶת-יְבוּלָהּ, וְהַשָּׁמַיִם, יִתְּנוּ טֶלֶם;
וְהִנְחַלְתִּי, אֶת-שְׂאֲרֵית הָעָם הַזֶּה--אֶת-כָּל-
אֱלֹהִים.

12 For as the seed of peace, the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things.

יג וְהָיָה כַּאֲשֶׁר הָיִיתֶם קְלָלָה בְּגוֹיִם, בֵּית
יְהוּדָה וּבֵית יִשְׂרָאֵל--כֵּן אוֹשִׁיעַ אֶתְכֶם,
וְהָיִיתֶם בְּרֻכָּה: אֶל-תִּירְאוּ, תַּחֲזֻקְנָה יְדֵיכֶם.
{ ס }

13 And it shall come to pass that, as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing; fear not, but let your hands be strong. {S}

יד כִּי כֹה אָמַר, יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, כַּאֲשֶׁר זָמַמְתִּי
לְהָרַע לְכֶם בְּהַקְצִיף אֲבֹתֵיכֶם אֵתִי, אָמַר יְהוָה
צְבָאוֹת; וְלֹא, נִחַמְתִּי.

14 For thus saith the LORD of host: As I purposed to do evil unto you, when your fathers provoked Me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not;

טו כֵּן שָׁבַתִּי זָמַמְתִּי בַיָּמִים הָאֵלֶּה, לְהִיטִיב
אֶת-יְרוּשָׁלַם וְאֶת-בֵּית יְהוּדָה: אֶל-תִּירְאוּ.

15 so again do I purpose in these days to do good unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; fear ye not.

טז אֱלֹהֵי הַדְּבָרִים, אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשׂוּ: דַּבְּרוּ אֱמֶת,
אִישׁ אֶת-רֵעֵהוּ--אֱמֶת וּמִשְׁפָּט שְׁלוֹם, שִׁפְטוּ
בְּשַׁעְרֵיכֶם.

16 These are the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man the truth with his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates;

יז וְאִישׁ אֶת-רַעַת רֵעֵהוּ, אֶל-תַּחֲשְׁבוּ
בְּלִבְבְּכֶם, וּשְׁבַעַת שֶׁקֶר, אֶל-תִּאָּהְבוּ: כִּי אֶת-
כָּל-אֱלֹהֵי אֲשֶׁר שָׁנְאֵתִי, נָאִם-יְהוָה. { ס }

17 and let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath; for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD. {S}

יח וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, אֵלַי לֵאמֹר.

18 And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying:

יט כֹּה-אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת,
צוֹם הָרְבִיעִי וְצוֹם הַחֲמִישִׁי וְצוֹם הַשְּׁבִיעִי
וְצוֹם הָעֲשִׂירִי יִהְיֶה לְבֵית-יְהוּדָה לְשִׂשׂוֹן
וְלִשְׂמֻחָה, וּלְמַעֲדִים, טוֹבִים;
וְהָאֱמֶת וְהַשְּׁלוֹם, אֶהְבּוּ. { פ }

19 'Thus saith the LORD of hosts: The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful seasons; therefore love ye truth and peace. {P}

כ כֹּה אָמַר, יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת: עַד אֲשֶׁר יָבֹאוּ
עַמִּים, וְיֹשְׁבֵי עָרִים רַבּוֹת.

20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come peoples, and the inhabitants of many cities;

כא וְהָלְכוּ יוֹשְׁבֵי אֶחָת אֶל-אֶחָת לֵאמֹר, יֵלֶכְהָ הַלֹּוֹד לְחַלּוֹת אֶת-פְּנֵי יְהוָה, וּלְבַקֵּשׁ, אֶת-יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת; אֵלֶיךָ, גַּם-אֲנִי.

21 and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying: Let us go speedily to entreat the favour of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will go also.

כב וּבָאוּ עַמִּים רַבִּים וְגוֹיִם עַצוּמִים, לְבַקֵּשׁ אֶת-יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת בִּירוּשָׁלַם, וּלְחַלּוֹת, אֶת-פְּנֵי יְהוָה. { ס }

22 Yea, many peoples and mighty nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favour of the LORD. {S}

כג כֹּה-אָמַר, יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת, בַּיָּמִים הַהֵמָּה, אֲשֶׁר יַחֲזִיקוּ עֲשָׂרָה אַנְשִׁים מִכָּל לְשׁוֹנוֹת הַגּוֹיִם; וְהִחֲזִיקוּ בְּכַנֵּף אִישׁ יְהוּדִי לֵאמֹר, יֵלֶכְהָ עִמָּכֶם--כִּי שָׁמַעְנוּ, אֱלֹהִים עִמָּכֶם. { ס }

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold, out of all the languages of the nations, shall even take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying: We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'