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#### 1. Vayikra

16:16:

טז וָכָפֶּר עַל-הַקֹּדֵשׁ, מִטָּמָאֹת בָּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, וּמִפְּשָׁעֵיהָם, לְכַל-חַטאֹתַם; וְכַן יַעֲשֶׂה, לָאהֵל מוֹעֵד, הַשֹּׁכֵן אָתַּם, בָּתוֹךְ טָמְאֹתַם.

Thus [the high priest] shall make atonement for the sanctuary, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel, and because of their transgressions, all their sins; and so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which remains with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.

16:30:

ל כִּי-בַיּוֹם הַזָּה יִכַפֶּר עַלֵיכֶם, לְטַהֶּר אֵתְכֵם: מִכֹּל, חַטֹאֹתֵיכֶם, לְפָנֵי יִהוָה, תִּטְהָרוּ.

For on this day atonement shall be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins you shall be clean before the Lord.

#### 2. 1 Melachim 8:31–40

אֵת אֲשֶׁר יֶחֲטָא אִישׁ לְרֵעַהוּ, וְנָשָׁא-בוֹ אֶלָה לְהַאֲלֹתוֹ; וּבָא, אֶלָה לְפְנֵי מִזְבַּחְדּ-בַּבּיִת הַזֶּה . <sup>לב</sup> וְאַהָּה תִּשְׁמַע הַשָּׁמִים, וְעָשִׁיתָ וְשָׁפַטְתָּ אֶת-עֲבָדִיף--לְהַרְשִׁיעַ רָשָׁע, לָתַת דַּרְכּוֹ בְּרֹאשׁוֹ; וּלְהַצְּדִּיק צַדִּיק, לָתֶת לוֹ כְּצִדְקֶתוֹ . לֹּ בְּהַנְּגַף עַמְּדְּ יִשְׁרָאֵל, לֹפְנֵי אוֹיִב--אֲשֶׁר יֶחָטְאוּ-לְהָ; וְשָׁבוּ אֵלִידְ וְהוֹדוּ אֶת-שְׁמֶד, וְהַתְּפַּלְלוּ וְהִתְפַּלְלוּ וְהִתְםּנְנוּ אֵלִידְ בַּבִּית הַזֶּה . לִּוֹאְהָה, מִּשְׁמע הַשְּׁמִה, אֲשֶׁר נָתַתָּ, לַאֲבוֹתָם. { ס {להְבְּהַעָּצֵר שָׁמִים וְלֹא-יִהְיֶה מְטֶר, כִּי יֶחָטְאוּ-לָדְּ; וְהַתְפַּלְלוּ אֶל-הַמֶּלוֹם הַזָּה, וְהוֹדוּ אֶת-שְׁמֶּד, וּמַחַטְּאתָם יְשׁוּבוּוְ, כִּי תַעְּנֵם . לוֹ וְאָהָה תִּשְׁמִע הַשְׁמִים לְכוֹיְ וְעָהָה לְעִמְּדְ לְעַמְּדּ לְנַחָלָה. { סְלֹחָתָּ לְטִפִּאת עֲבָדִידְּ וְעַמְּדְ יִשְׂרָאֵל--כִּי תוֹרֵם אֶת-הַדֶּרְדָּ הַטוֹּבְה, אֲשֶׁר יֵלְכִּבְּי בְּיִרְיִה, בְּעָרִין שְּעָרִיו--בְּל-נָתָה לְעַמְּדְ לְנַחָלָה. { סְלֹחְתָּ לְבִידִידְּ וְעִבֶּבְי יִצְר-לוֹ אִיבוֹ, בְּאֶרָץ שְׁעָרִיו--בְּל-נָגַע, כָּל-מָחֲלָה. לֹח כָּל-הְפָּלְה כִל-הְחָבָּה, אֲשֶׁר תִּדְע אֶת-לְבָבוֹ, וְעָשִׁת מְדָע אֶת-לְבָבוֹ, וּפְלּה, לָבָב כִּל-בְּנִי, הָאָדֶם . מֹ לְמֵבוֹ וְנִילְהָה וְעָשִׁית, וְנְשָׁית, וְנְעִיתְּ לְבָבוֹי, וְצְשִׁיך תִּדְע, אֶת-לְבָבוֹי, וְבְשֹּבָּה בָּל-בְּנִין, אֲשֶׁר תִּדַע אֶת-לְבָבוֹ: כִּי-אַתָּה לְבַבּי, אֶת-לְבָב כָּל-בְּנֵי הָאָדָם . מֹּלְמֵבְן, יִרְאוּךְ, בְּשֹׁבְת. לָבֵבוֹ: כִּי-אַתָּה לָבַדְּךָּ, אֶת-לְבָב כָּל-בְּנֵי הָאָדָם . מֹּלְמַבְן, יַרְאוּדְ, בָּל-הַיָּמִים, אֲשֶׁר-בִּם חִיּים עַל-בְּנִי בָּלְיבִי מִּעְים בְּיִבְיוֹן בְּתָּבְים בְּעִים לְבָּבְיּבּי בְּעָבְּיך בָּלְבב בָּל-בְּנֵי הְשָּבְים בֹּי בְּיבּים בְּעִבּים.

- <sup>31</sup> 'If someone sins against a neighbour and is given an oath to swear, and comes and swears before your altar in this house, <sup>32</sup>then hear in heaven, and act, and judge your servants, condemning the guilty by bringing their conduct on their own head, and vindicating the righteous by rewarding them according to their righteousness. <sup>33</sup>'When your people Israel, having sinned against you, are defeated before an enemy but turn again to you, confess your name, pray, and plead with you in this house, <sup>34</sup>then hear in heaven, forgive the sin of your people Israel, and bring them again to the land that you gave to their ancestors.
- <sup>35</sup> 'When heaven is shut up and there is no rain because they have sinned against you, and then they pray towards this place, confess your name, and turn from their sin, because you punish them, <sup>36</sup> then hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel, when you teach them the good way in which they should walk; and grant rain on your land, which you have given to your people as an inheritance. <sup>37</sup> 'If there is famine in the land, if there is plague, blight, mildew, locust, or caterpillar; if their enemy besieges them in any of their cities; whatever plague, whatever sickness there is; <sup>38</sup> whatever prayer, whatever plea there is from any individual or from all your people Israel, all knowing the afflictions of their own hearts so that they stretch out their hands towards this house; <sup>39</sup> then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, forgive, act, and render to all whose hearts you know—according to all their ways, for only you know what is in every human heart— <sup>40</sup> so that they may fear you all the days that they live in the land that you gave to our ancestors.

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### 3. Yeshayahu 43:22-26

ְלְאֹ-אֹתִי קֶרָאתָ, יַעֲלְב: כִּי-יָגַעְתָּ בִּי, יִשְׂרָאֵל .כג לֹא-הַבֵיאתָ לִּי שֵׁה עֹלֹתֶיךּ, וּזְבָחֶיךּ לֹא כִבַּדְתָּנִי; לֹא הֶעֲבַדְתִּידְּ בְּמְנְחָה, וְלֹא הוֹגְעְתִּידְ בִּלְבוֹנָה .כד לֹא-קַנִיתָ לִי בַכֶּסֶף קָנָה, וְחַלֶּב זְבָחֶיךּ לֹא הַרְוִיתָנִי; אַךְ, הֶעֲבַדְתַנִי בְּחַטֹאותִידּ, הוֹגְעְתַּנִי, בַּעֲוֹנֹתֶיךּ .כהאָנֹכִי אָנֹכִי הוּא מֹחֶה פְשָׁעֵיךּ, לְמַעֲנִי: וְחַטֹאתֵידְ, לֹא אֶזְכֹּר .כו הַזְכִּירֵנִי, נִשְׁפְטָה יָחַד; ספֵּר אַתָּה, לְמַעֲן תִּצְדָּק.

Yet you did not call upon me, O Jacob; but you have been weary of me, O Israel! You have not brought me your sheep for burnt-offerings, or honoured me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with offerings, or wearied you with frankincense. You have not bought me sweet cane with money, or satisfied me with the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins; you have wearied me with your iniquities. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins. Accuse me, let us go to trial; set forth your case, so that you may be proved right. Your first ancestor sinned, and your interpreters transgressed against me. Therefore I profaned the princes of the sanctuary, I delivered Jacob to utter destruction, and Israel to reviling.

#### 4. Nehemiah 8:1–9:

נַיּצְסְפִּוּ כָּל־הָעָם פְּאִישׁ אֶחָׁד אֶל־הָרְחוֹב אֲשֶׁר לִפְגֵי שַׁעִר־הַמֵּיִם נִיְּאֹמְרוֹ לְעָזְרֵא הַפֹּבֵׁר לְהָבִיא אֶת־סַפֶּר תוֹרָת מֹשֶׁה אֲשֶׁר־ בְּנָה יְהֹוָה אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל: נַיָּבִיא עֶזְרֵא הַפֹּהֵן אֱת־הַתּוֹרָה לְפְגֵי הַקְּהָל מֵאֵישׁ וְעִד־אִשָּׁה וְלַל מֵבְין לְשָׁמֵע בְּיִוֹם אֶחָד לַחָדֶשׁ הַשְּׁבִיצִי: נַיִּקְרָא־בוֹ לְפְגֵי הָרְחוֹב אֲשֵׁר וּ לְפְגֵי שַׁעַר־הַמִּיִם מִן־הָאוֹר עַד־מִחֲצִית הַיּוֹם גָגֶד הָאֲנָשִׁים וְהַפָּשִׁים וְהַפָּבִייִם וְאָזְגִי בְּלִּהְיָם אֶבְרִיה וְמִשְׁמֹאֹלוֹ בְּדָיָה וּמְשְׁמֹאֹלוֹ בְּדָיָה וּמְישָׁאֵל וּמִלְכִּיָּה וְחָשְׁבַּדָּנָה זְכַרְיָה מְשַׁלֵם: {פּ} נִיּיְהָתְּה וֹמְשְׁמֵּל כָּל־הָעָם הָיֵה וּכְפְתָחוֹ צֵמְדִוּ נִמְשְׁל וּמִלְכָּיָה וְחָשְׁבַּדָּנָה וְחָשְׁבַּדְּנָה זְכַרְיָה מְשַׁלֵם: {פּ} נִיּשְׁמַל כְּלּהֹעָם הָיֵה וּכְשְׁתָּל וְמִלְכָּי וְחָשְׁבָּרְ וְחָלְכָיְה וְמִשְׁבֵּר זְבְרָיִה מְשְׁלֵם: {פּלְ־הָעָם הָּנָה וֹמְשְׁמֹּלוֹ בְּדָיְהָ וְמִשְׁתְּל וּמִלְכָּיָה וְחָשְׁבָּר וְבְלְיִה מְבְיבִיה מְשְׁלֵם: {פְּלִיהְעָם עִּנְרָיְהְיֹם הָבְינִים אֶת־הָעָם לַפִּיל וְשְׁבְרָוּ וְשָׁבְרָב, וֹיִלְרְא בְּבָּבְר בְּמִלְר וְבִילְים הְבִּיבִים אֶתְרּהָעם הְנִיּל וְשְׁבְרָה וְמָעְה וְּלִים מְבִינִים אֶת־הָעָם לְּבִיל וְשְׁבְרָים בְּבְּלְרִים בְּנִים לְּכִילִי שְּבִּיל וְשְׁבְרָים בְּלְבִים בְּתְבֹים בְּלִים מְבְינִים אֶת־הָּעָם לְּכִילִים אְנְדִים בְּלִים בְּלִים אְלִייִם אֶת־הָעָם לְּכִילִים אְנְיִבְים בּּלְרִים מְבִּבְיוֹ וְשְלִב הְנִים בְּבְיים בְּעִבְשׁ בְּיִבְים בְּלִים אְבִיל וְשְּבִּב בְּשִׁתְעם אֵת־דְּבָבְי הַמְלְיִים אְבִילִים בְּלִים בְּיִבְים בְּיִבְים בְּעִבּיב בְּים בְּעִים אָּבְילוּים מְבְיִים בְּעָם לִּבְים בִּים בִּיְבִים בְּיִבְים בְּיִבְים בְּיִב בִּים בְּיִם בְּיִם בְּלִים בְּיִבּים בְּעִבּים בְּיִבְים בְּיִבּים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיִבְים בְּיבִים בְּיבִים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּים בְּיבִים בְּיִבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְּים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים בְּיבְים

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law... So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

9:2-37:

ב נִיּבָּדְלוּ זֶרַע יִשְּׂרָאֵל, מִכּּל בְּנֵי נַכָר; נַיַּעַמְדוּ, נַיִּתְנְדּוּ עַל-חַטֹּאֹתֵיהֶם, נַעֲוֹנוֹת, אֲבֹתֵיהֶם גֹ נַיָּקוּמוּ, עַל-עָמְדָם, נַיִּקְרְאוּ בְּסֵכֶּר תּוֹרַת יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיהֶם, רְבִעִּית הַיּוֹם; וּרְבִעִית מִתְנִדִּים וּמִשְׁתַּחְוִים, לֵיהוָה אֱלֹהֵיהֶם. {פּ{ ד נִיָּקֶם עַל-מַעֲלֵה הַלְוִיִּם, יֵשׁוּעַ וּבָנִי קַדְמִיאֵל שְׁבַנְיָה בַּנִּי שֵׁרְבָיָה הוֹדְיָה, שְׁבַנְיָה בְּמָחִיָּה, קּוֹמוּ בָּרְכוּ אֶת-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם, מִן-אֱלֹהֵיהֶם .ה נִיאֹמְרוּ הַלְוִיִּם יֵשׁוּעַ וְקַדְמִיאֵל בָּנִי חְשַׁבְנָיָה שַׁרַבָיָה הוֹדִיָּה, שְׁבַנְיָה בְּמַחְיָה, קוֹמוּ בָּרְכוּ שֻׁהַ בְּבָּרָה וּמְרֹבֶּר הִעִּלֹם; וִיבַרְכוּ שָׁהַ בְּבָּדְּ, וּמְרוֹמֵם עַל-כַּל-בָּרָכַה וֹתְהַלָּה .וֹ אַתַּה-הוּא יִהוָה, לְבַדְּדְּ-את אַתַּה עַשִּׁיתַ אָת-

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קשׁמֵים שָׁמֵי הַשַּׁמֵים וַכל-צָבאם הארץ וַכל-אֲשֶׁר עלִיה הַיַּמִים וַכל-אֲשֶׁר בַּהֶם, וְאַתּה מְחַיֵּה אַת-כַּלִם; וּצָבא הַשְּׁמֵים, לְּדְּ - מְשָׁתַּחַוִים .ז אַתָּה-הוּא, יָהוָה הָאֱלֹהִים, אֲשֶׁר בַּחַרְתַּ בִּאַבְרָם, וְהוֹצֵאתוֹ מֵאוּר כַּשִּׁדִּים; וְשַׂמְתַּ שָׁמוֹ, אַבְרָהָם לְבַבוֹ, נַאֲמֵן לְפַנֵידָּ, וְכַרוֹת עָמוֹ הַבָּרִית לָתֶת אֶת-אָרֵץ הַכְּנַעֲנִי הַחָתִּי הָאָמֹרִי וְהַכְּרַזִּי וְהַיָבוּסִי וְהַגָּרְגַשִׁי, לַתֶּת לְזַרְעוֹ; וַתַּקְם, אַת-דָּבַרִידָּ, כִּי צַדִּיק, אַתַּה . טוַתַּרֵא אֵת-עָנִי אַבֹתֵינוּ, בִּמְצְרַיִם; וָאֵת-זַעַקַתַם שַׁמַעִתַּ, עַל-יַם-סוּף .י וַתְּתֵּן אֹתֹת וּמֹפְתִים בְּפַרְעֹה וּבְכַל-עֲבַדֵּיו, וּבְכַל-עֲם אַרְצוֹ--כִּי יַדַעְהַ, כִּי הָזִידוּ עַלִיהָם; וַתַּעַשֹּ-לְדָּ שֶׁם, כְּהַיּוֹם הַזָּה .יא וָהַיַּם בַּקּעְתַּ לְפְנֵיהֶם, וַבְעַמוּד בַּיַבַשָּה; וָאֵת-רֹדְפֵיהֵם הָשָׁלַכָּתַּ בָמָצוֹלֹת, כִּמוֹ-אֱבֶן--בְּמַיִם עוֹיִם . יב וּבְעַמוּד עַנַן, הָנְחִיתַם יוֹמַם; וּבְעַמוּד אָשׁ, לַיָלָה, לָהָאִיר לַהָם, אֶת-הַדֶּרֶךְ אָשֶׁר יֵלְכוּ-בַהּ יג וְעַל הַר-סִינַי יַרַדְתַּ, וַדְבֶּר עָמַהֶם מְשַׁמַיִם; וַתְּתַּן לָהֶם מְשָׁפַּטִים יִשַׁרִים, וְתוֹרוֹת אֱמֶת--חָקִים וּמָצִוֹת, טוֹבִים . ידוָאֶת-שַׁבַּת קַדְשִׁדְּ, הוֹדַעָהַ לַהָם; וּמָצְוֹת וָחַקִּים, וְתוֹרַה, צָוִּיתַ לַהָם, בִּיַד משה עַבְדֵּךּ .טו וַלָחֶם מִשַּׁמַיִם נַתַּתָּה לָהֶם, לִרְעַבַם, וּמִיִם מְסֵלַע הוֹצֵאתַ לָהֶם, לִצְמַאָם; וַתֹּאמֵר לָהֶם, לַבוֹא לַרֲשֶׁת אֶת-ָהַאַבץ, אַשֶּׁר-נַשַּׂאתַ אָת-יַדְדָּ, לַתֵּת לַהָּם . טז וָהָם וַאֲבֹתִינוּ, הַזִידוּ; וַיַּקְשׁוּ, אֵת-עַרְפַּם, וָלֹא שַׁמְעוּ, אֵל-מְצוֹתֵידְּ .יז וַיִּמְאַנוּ לִשְׁמֹעַ, וְלֹא-זַכָרוּ נָפָלָאֹתֵיךּ אֲשֶׁר עֲשִׂיתַ עָמָהֶם, נַיַּקְשׁוּ אֵת-עַרְפַּם, נַיִּתְּנוּ-רֹאֹשׁ לַשׁוּב לְעַבָּדָתַם בִּמְרַיַם; וְאַתַּה אֱלוֹהָ סְלִיחוֹת ָחַנּוּן וַרַחוּם, אֶרֶךְ-אַפַּיִם וַרַב-וחסד חֶסֶד--וָלֹא עֲזַבְתַּם .יח אַף, כִּי-עַשׂוּ לָהֶם עַגֶל מַסֵּכָה, וַיּאמְרוּ, זָה אֱלֹהֶיךְ אֲשֶׁר הֶעֵלְדְּ ממצרים: וַיַּעשוּ, נַאצוֹת גַּדֹלוֹת. יט וַאָתה בַּרָחַמִידָּ הַרְבִּים, לֹא עַזָבתם בַּמַדְבַּר; אֶת-עַמוּד הַעַנוְ לֹא-סר מַעַלִיהָם בִּיוֹמם, לָהַנְחֹתָם בְּהַדֶּרֶךְ, וָאֶת-עַמּוּד הָאֵשׁ בְּלִיָלָה לְהָאִיר לָהֶם, וְאֶת-הַדֶּרֶךְ אֲשֶׁר יֵלְכוּ-בָהּ וּמַנְךּ לֹא-מַנַעִתַּ מִפִּיהָם, וּמַיִם נַתַתַּה לַהֶם לִצְמַאָם .כא וָאַרְבַּעִים שַׁנַה כִּלְכַּלְתַּם בַּמִּדְבַּר, לֹא חַסֵרוּ; שַׁלְמֹתֵיהֶם לֹא בַלוּ, ָוָרְגְלֵיהֶם לֹא בָצֵקוּ .כב וַתִּתַּן לָהֶם מַמְלָכוֹת וַעֲמָמִים, וַתַּחְלְקֵם לְפַאָה; וַיִּירְשׁוּ אֶת-אֶרֶץ סִיחוֹן, וְאֶת-אֶרֶץ מֶלֶךְ חֶשְׁבּוֹן, וָאָת-אָרֶץ, עוֹג מֶלֶד-הַבַּשַׁן .כג וּבָנֵיהָם הַרְבִּיתַ, כָּכֹכְבֵי הַשַּׁמַיִם; וַתַּבִיאָם, אֵל-הַאַרֵץ, אֲשֶׁר-אַמֶּרְתַּ לְאֲבֹתִיהָם, לְבוֹא ַלָרַשֶּׁת .כד וַיַּבֹאוּ הַבַּנִים, וַיִּירִשׁוּ אֶת-הַאָבֵץ, וַתַּכָנַע לִפְנֵיהֶם אֵת-יֹשָׁבֵי הַאָבֵץ הַכְּנַעַנִים, וַתִּתְנַם בִּיַדַם; וְאֵת-מַלְכֵיהֶם וְאֵת-עַמְמֵי הָאָרֶץ, לַעֲשׁוֹת בָּהֶם כִּרְצוֹנֶם .כה וַיִּלְכְּדוּ עָרִים בְּצוּרֹת, וַאֲדָמָה שְׁמֵנָה, וַיִּירְשׁוּ בָּתִּים מְלַאִים-כָּל-טוּב בּרוֹת חֲצוּבִים -בָּרָמִים וְזֵיתִים וְעֵץ מַאֲכָל, לָרֹב; וַיֹּאכָלוּ וַיִּשְׂבִּעוּ וַיִּשְׁמִינוּ, וַיִּתעַדְנוּ בִּטוּבָדְ הַגָּדוֹל .כו וַיַּמְרוּ וַיִּמְרָדוּ בַּדְ, וַיַּשְׁלְכוּ אֵת-תּוֹרַתִּךְ אַחָרֵי גַּנַם, וָאֵת-נָבִיאֵיךָ הַרָגוּ, אֲשֶׁר-הַעִידוּ בַם לַהַשִּׁיבַם אֱלֵיךָ; וַיַּעֲשׂוּ, נַאַצוֹת גִּדוֹלֹת .כז וַתִּתִּנַם בְּיֵד צַרֵיהַם, וַיָּצֵרוּ לָהֶם; וּבְעֵת צָרַתָם, יִצְעַקוּ אֵלֵיךּ, וְאַתָּה מִשָּׁמַיִם תִּשְׁמַע, וּכְרַחֲמֵיךּ הָרַבִּים תִּתַן לָהֶם מוֹשִׁיעִים וְיוֹשִׁיעוּם מִיַּד צַרִיהֵם .כח וֹכָנוֹחַ לַהֶּם--יַשׁוּבוּ, לַעֲשׁוֹת רַע לְפָנֶיךּ; וַתַּעַזְבֵם בִּיַד אֹיִבֵיהֶם, וַיִּישׁוּבוּ וַיִּזְעֶקוּדְ, וְאַתָּה מִשְּׁמֵיִם ָּבֶּטִיךְ וּבָמָיִרָּ בָּרָחַמֵיךּ רַבּוֹת עִתִּים .כט וַתַּעַד בָּהֶם לַהֲשִׁיבָם אֶל-תּוֹרָתֶךּ, וְהַמָּה הַזִּידוּ וְלֹא-שָׁמְעוּ לְמִצְוֹתֶיךּ וּבְמִשְׁפָּטֶיךְ ָחָטָאוּ-בָם, אֲשֶׁר-יַצְשֶׂה אָדָם, וְחָיָה בָהֶם; וַיִּהְנוּ כָתַף סוֹרֶרֶת, וְעַרְפָּם הִקְשׁוּ וְלֹא שַׁמֵעוּ .ל וַתִּמְשֹׁךְ עַלֵיהֶם שַׁנִים רַבּּוֹת, וַתַּעַד בַּם בִּרוּחַדָּ בִּיַד-נָבִיאֵידְ וָלֹא הָאֵזִינוּ; וַתִּתִּנַם, בִּיַד עַמֵּי הָאַרַצֹת . לא וּבְרַחַמֵידְ הַרַבִּים לֹא-עַשִּׁיתַם כַּלָה, וְלֹא עַזַבָּתַם: כִּי אֵל-חַנוּן וַרַחוּם, אַתַּה . לב וַעַתַּה אַלהֵינוּ הָאֵל הַגַּדוֹל הָגָּבוֹר וָהַנּוֹרֵא, שׁוֹמֶר הַבָּרִית וְהַחֶּסֶד--אַל-יָמְעַט לְפַנֵּיךּ הַזָּה .לג וָאַתַּה צַדִּיק, עַל כַּל-הַבַּא עַלֵינוּ: כִּי-אֱמֶת עַשִּׁיתַ, וַאֲנַחָנוּ הַרְשַׁעְנוּ .לד וְאֵת-מְלַכֵינוּ שַׂרֵינוּ כֹּהָנֵינוּ וַאֲבֹתֵינוּ, לא עָשׂוּ תּוֹרַתֶּדְ; וָלֹא הָקשִׁיבוּ, אֶל-מִצְוֹתֵידְ, וּלְעַדְוֹתֵידְ, אֲשֶׁר הַעִּידֹתַ בָּהֶם .לה וָהֵם בִּמַלְכוּתַם וּבְטוּבְדְּ הָרֶב אֲשֶׁר-נַתַתַּ לָהֶם, וּבָאָרַץ הרחבה וָהַשָּׁמֵנה אֲשֶׁר-נַתַתּ לְפָנֵיהַם--לֹא עֲבדוּךּ; וָלֹא-שׁבוּ, מַמַעַלְלִיהַם הרעִים .לו הָנָה אַנַחָנוּ הַיּוֹם, עֲבדִים; ּוָהָאָרֵץ אֲשֶׁר-נַתַתָּה לַאֲבֹתִינוּ, לָאֱכֹל אֵת-פַּרָיָה וְאֵת-טוּבָה--הִנֵּה אֲנַחָנוּ עֲבַדִים, עַלֵיהַ .לז וּתִבוּאַתַה מַרְבָּה, לַמְּלָכִים אֲשֶׁר-נַתַתָּה עַלֵינוּ--בָּחַטֹאותֵינוּ; וְעַל גִּוִיּתֵנוּ מֹשָׁלִים וּבְבָהֵמְתֵנוּ, כִּרְצוֹנַם, וּבְצַרַה גִּדֹלַה, אֲנַחִנוּ.

Then those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their ancestors. They stood up in their place and read from the book of the law of the Lord their God for a fourth part of the day, and for another fourth they made confession and worshipped the Lord their God... And Ezra said: 'You are the Lord, you alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. To all of them you give life, and the host of heaven worships you. <sup>7</sup>You are the Lord, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham; <sup>8</sup>and you found his heart faithful before you, and made with him a covenant to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Jebusite, and the Girgashite; and you have fulfilled your promise, for you are righteous. 'And you saw the distress of our ancestors in Egypt and heard their cry at the Red Sea... 'But they and our ancestors acted presumptuously and stiffened their necks and did

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not obey your commandments; <sup>17</sup>they refused to obey, and were not mindful of the wonders that you performed among them; but they stiffened their necks and determined to return to their slavery in Egypt. But you are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and you did not forsake them. <sup>18</sup>Even when they had cast an image of a calf for themselves and said, "This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt", and had committed great blasphemies, <sup>19</sup>you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness; the pillar of cloud that led them in the way did not leave them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night that gave them light on the way by which they should go.... <sup>23</sup>You multiplied their descendants like the stars of heaven, and brought them into the land that you had told their ancestors to enter and possess. <sup>24</sup>So the descendants went in and possessed the land, and you subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hands, with their kings and the peoples of the land, to do with them as they pleased. <sup>25</sup>And they captured fortress cities and a rich land, and took possession of houses filled with all sorts of goods, hewn cisterns, vineyards, olive orchards, and fruit trees in abundance; so they ate, and were filled and became fat, and delighted in your great goodness.... 26 'Nevertheless they were disobedient and rebelled against you and cast your law behind their backs and killed your prophets, who had warned them in order to turn them back to you, and they committed great blasphemies. <sup>27</sup>Therefore you gave them into the hands of their enemies, who made them suffer. Then in the time of their suffering they cried out to you and you heard them from heaven, and according to your great mercies you gave them saviours who saved them from the hands of their enemies. <sup>28</sup>But after they had rest, they again did evil before you, and you abandoned them to the hands of their enemies, so that they had dominion over them; yet when they turned and cried to you, you heard from heaven, and many times you rescued them according to your mercies....

32 'Now therefore, our God—the great and mighty and awesome God, keeping covenant and steadfast love—do not treat lightly all the hardship that has come upon us, upon our kings, our officials, our priests, our prophets, our ancestors, and all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria until today. <sup>33</sup>You have been just in all that has come upon us, for you have dealt faithfully and we have acted wickedly... <sup>36</sup>Here we are, slaves to this day—slaves in the land that you gave to our ancestors to enjoy its fruit and its good gifts. <sup>37</sup>Its rich yield goes to the kings whom you have set over us because of our sins; they have power also over our bodies and over our livestock at their pleasure, and we are in great distress.'

### 5. Daniel 9:1-10:

א בִּשְׁנַת אַחַת, לְדְרָיָנֶשׁ בֶּן-אֲחַשְׁנַרוֹשׁ--מָזֶרע מָדִי: אֲשֶׁר הָמְלֹך, עַל מַלְכוּת כַּשְׁדִים .ב בִּשְׁנַת אַחַת, לְמְלְכוֹ, אֲנִי דָנָיֵאל, בִּיבֹּל, בִּיבָּל, בְּסְבָּרִים: מִסְפַּר הַשָּׁנִים, אֲשֶׁר הָנָה דָבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-יִרְמְיָה הַנָּבִיא, לְמַלֹּאוֹת לְחָרְבוֹת יְרוּשָׁלִם, שַׁבְעִּים שָׁנָה .ג נָאָתְנָה, אָנָּא אֶת-פָּנִי, אֶל-אֲלָה לִיהוָה אֱלֹהִים, לְבַקְּשׁ הְּפָּלָה, וְמַחֲנוּנִים--בְּצוֹם, וְשֹׁק וָאֵפֶר .ד וָאָתְפַלְלָה לִיהוָה אֱלֹהי, וָאָתְנָה, שְׁמֵר הַבְּרִית וְהַחֶּסֶד, לְאֹהֶבִיו וּלְשׁמְרֵי מִצְוֹתְיוֹ .ה חָטָאנוּ וְעָוִינוּ, והרשענו הִרְשׁעְנוּ וּמְרָדְנוּ; אֲלֹרְי, הָאֵלְה, וֹמְמִשְׁפָּטִיף .ו וְלֹא שָׁמִעְנוּ, אֶל-צְבָבֶיְהְ הַּנְּבִיאִים, אֲשֶׁר דִּבְּרוּ בְּשׁמְהְ, אֶל-מְלָבִינוּ שָׁרִינוּ, בַּלִי בִּשְׁרָבִי בְּיוֹם הַיָּה, וְלְנוּ בֹּשְׁת הַפָּנִים כִּיּוֹם הַזָּה; לְאִישׁ יְהוּדָה, וֹלְישִׁלָם, וּלְכָל-יִשְׁרָאֵל הַקּרֹבִים עָב הָצְקְבָה הְצָחְתָם שָׁם, בְּמַעְלָם אֲשֶׁר מְצְלוּ-בָּך .ח יְהנָה, לְנוּ בֹּשֶׁת הַפָּנִים לְמְלְכֵינוּ לְשָׁרִינוּ, בְּנִי בִּלְרִבִים וְלָבוּ בִּשְׁר הָטְאנוּ, לָךְ .ט לַאלּנִי אֱלֹהִינוּ, הָרַחְמִים וְהַסְּלְחוֹת: כִּי מְרַדְנוּ, בּּוֹ יִ וְלֹא שְׁמִעְנוּ, בְּיִד עֲבָדִיו הַנְּבִיאוּם וְהַסְּלְחוֹת: כִּי מְרַדְנוּ, בּּוֹ יִ וְלִא שְׁמִבוּוּ, בְּיִדְי הַנְּבִייוּ, בְּלָּרִי הַנְּלִי הָבְּיִים בְּבָּיִיוּ הַנְּבִייוּ, בָּקִיים הְבָּבִיוּ הַנְּבִינוּ, בְּיִד עֲבָדָיו הַנְּבָּיִיים .

In the first year of Darius son of Ahasuerus, by birth a Mede, who became king over the realm of the Chaldeans— <sup>2</sup>in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, perceived in the books the number of years that, according to the word of the Lord to the prophet Jeremiah, must be fulfilled for the devastation of Jerusalem, namely, seventy years. <sup>3</sup> Then I turned to the Lord God, to seek an answer by prayer and supplication with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. <sup>4</sup>I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession,

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saying, 'Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, keeping covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments, <sup>5</sup>we have sinned and done wrong, acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances. <sup>6</sup>We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land.

'Righteousness is on your side, O Lord, but open shame, as at this day, falls on us, the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. <sup>8</sup>Open shame, O Lord, falls on us, our kings, our officials, and our ancestors, because we have sinned against you. <sup>9</sup>To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, <sup>10</sup>and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.

### 6. Baruch 1:15-2:18

The Lord our God is in the right, but there is open shame on us today, on the people of Judah, on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, <sup>16</sup> and on our kings, our rulers, our priests, our prophets, and our ancestors, <sup>17</sup> because we have sinned before the Lord. <sup>18</sup>We have disobeyed him, and have not heeded the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in the statutes of the Lord that he set before us. <sup>19</sup> From the time when the Lord brought our ancestors out of the land of Egypt until today, we have been disobedient to the Lord our God, and we have been negligent, in not heeding his voice. ... The Lord our God is in the right, but there is open shame on us and our ancestors this very day. <sup>7</sup> All those calamities with which the Lord threatened us have come upon us.

#### 7. B. Yoma 85b

ָּדָרָשׁ רַבִּי אֶלְעָזָר בֶּן עֲזַרְיָה: ״מִכּּל חַטאֹתֵיכֶם לֹפְנֵי ה׳ תִּטְהָרוּ״. עֲבֵירוֹת שֶׁבֵּין אָדָם לַמָּקוֹם — יוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים מְכַפֵּר. עֵבֵירוֹת שֵׁבֵּין אָדָם לָחָבֵירוֹ — אֵין יוֹם הַכִּפּוּרִים מִכַפֶּר עַד שֵׁיִרַצָּה אֶת חָבֵירוֹ.

Rabbi Elazar ben Azarya taught a point from the verse: "From all your sins you shall be cleansed before the Lord" (Leviticus 16:30). For transgressions between a person and God, Yom Kippur atones; however, for transgressions between a person and another, Yom Kippur does not atone until he appeases the other person.

#### 8. B. Bava Kama 92a

**מַתְנִּי '**אַף עַל פִּי שֶׁהוּא נוֹתֵן לוֹ אֵין נִמְחָל לוֹ עַד שֶׁיְבַקֵּשׁ מִמֶּנוּ שֶׁנָּאֱמֵר וְעַתָּה הָשֵׁב אֵשֶׁת וְגוֹ' וּמִנַּין שֶׁאָם לֹא מָחַל לוֹ שֶׁהוּא אַכְזָרִי שֶׁנָּאֱמֵר וַיִּתְפַּלֵל אַבְרָהָם אָל הָאֱלֹהִים וַיִּרְפָּא אֱלֹהִים אָת אֲבִימֶלֶךְ וְגוֹ'

Despite the fact that the assailant who caused damage gives to the victim all of the required payments for the injury, his transgression is not forgiven for him in the heavenly court until he requests forgiveness from the victim, as it is stated that God told Abimelech after he had taken Sarah from Abraham: "Now therefore restore the wife of the man; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for you, and you shall live" (Gen 20:7)... And from where is it derived that if the victim does not forgive him that he is cruel? As it is stated: "And Abraham prayed to God; and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bore children" (Gen 20:17).