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BLESS THE LORD, WHO IS TO BE BLESSED

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BLESSED IS ADONAI, WHO IS BLESSED FOREVER AND EVER

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Chayei Sarah – Life of Sarah

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Blessing The Reading Of The Torah

**Barukh ata Adonai Eloheynu, melekh ha-olam,
Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe**

**Asher bechar banu mik-kol ha-am-mim venatan la-nu et
Torato,**

Who chose us from all the people and gave us His Torah

**Baruch ata Adonai, no-tein Ha-Torah
Blessed are you, Lord, giver of the Torah**

Blessing over the reader of Torah

May He who blessed our fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob bless
oooooooo because he has come up for the honor of Yah, for the
honor of the Torah and for the honor of the Shabbat. In this merit
may the Holy One, Blessed be He, protect and deliver oooooooooo
from all trouble and distress, from all affliction and illness, and
may He send blessing and success to all his endeavors, together
with all Israel and all his brethren;
and the congregation says,
In Yeshua's Name
Amen.

Genesis 25:12 - 15

12 Now these are the genealogies of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar, Sarah's Egyptian slave-girl, bore to Abraham.

13 These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names according to their descendants: Ishmael's firstborn, Nebaioth, then Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam,

14 Mishma, Dumah, Massa,

15 Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedem.

Genesis 25:16 - 18

16 These are Ishmael's sons and these are their names, by their unwalled and walled settlements, twelve princes according to their clans.

17 These are the years of Ishmael's life: 137 years. He breathed his last, died and was gathered to his peoples.

18 Then they dwelled from Havilah to Shur, which is east of Egypt as you go toward Assyria. Over against all his brothers he fell.



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Signs

"Signs", by Canadian rock group The Five Man Electrical Band (formerly The Staccatos), was written by lead vocalist Les Emmerson. It was released as a B-side single in 1970 from their "Good-byes and Butterflies" album and then re-released as an A-side single in 1971 where it reached #3 on the US Billboard Hot 100 chart who ranked it as the No. 24 song for that year.

It is reported to have sold more than 2 million copies worldwide, earning a gold award, and has become the band's signature recording. The lyrics are intended to give voice to those without power or property rights, which in many cases were young people. Emmerson wrote the song after taking a road trip on Route 66 in California where he noticed a scores of billboards that obscured the beautiful scenery begging the question: Who is allowed to put up signs that interfere with nature, and who gets to make the rules that appear on them?One thing is certain, contrary to the intent of the song, no doubt there probably were signs outside The Five Man Electrical Band's concert venues that read something like "Must have a ticket to enter".

Genesis 24:1 - 4

1 Now Abraham was old, advanced in years, and Yah blessed Abraham in everything.

2 Then Abraham said to his servant (Eliezer), the oldest of his household who managed everything that belonged to him, “Now put your hand under my thigh,

3 so that I may make you take an oath by Yah, the Elohim of heaven and the Elohim of earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from among the daughters of the Canaanites among whom I am dwelling.

4 On the contrary, to my land and to my relatives you must go and get a wife for my son Isaac.

Genesis 24:5 - 7

5 But the servant said to him, “Suppose the woman were unwilling to follow after me to this land? Should I then have your son go back to the land you came from?”

6 Abraham said to him, “See to it that you don’t return my son there.

7 YHWH, the Elohim of heaven, who took me from my father’s house and from my native land and who spoke to me and made a pledge to me saying, ‘To your seed I will give this land’—He will send His angel before you and you will take a wife for my son from there.

Genesis 24:5 - 7

8 If the woman is not willing to follow after you, then you will be free from this oath of mine. Nevertheless, you must not return my son there.”

9 So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and he made a pledge to him concerning this matter.

10 Then the servant took ten of his master’s camels and left with all the best of his master’s things in his hand. Then he arose and went to Aram-Naharaim, to Nahor’s city.

11 Then he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at evening time, the time for the going out to draw water.

Seeking a Sign From Yah

Genesis 24

12 “Yah, the Elohim of Abraham my master,” he said, “please make something happen before me today, and show loyalty to Abraham my master.

13 Look, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are going out to draw water.

14 Now let it be that the young woman to whom I say, ‘Please tip your jar so that I may drink,’ and she will say, ‘Drink—and I’ll also water your camels’—let her be the one You have appointed for your servant Isaac. So by this I’ll know that You have shown graciousness to my master.”

Genesis 24:15 - 17

15 Now before he had finished speaking, behold there was Rebekah (who was born to Bethuel son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother) going out with her jar on her shoulder.

16 Now the young woman was very good looking, a girl of marriageable age, and she was a virgin. She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up.

17 Then the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please let me sip a little water from your jar."

Genesis 24:18 - 20

18 So she said, “Drink, my lord,” and she quickly lowered her jar onto her hand and gave him a drink.

19 Now when she finished giving him a drink, she said, “I’ll also draw water for your camels until they’ve finished drinking.”

20 So she quickly poured out her jug into the trough, ran back to the well to draw water, and drew water for all his camels,

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24 She said to him, "I'm the daughter of Bethuel, son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor." 25 She also said to him, "There's both straw and plenty of feed with us, as well as room to spend the night."

26 Then the man bowed down and worshipped YHWH,

27 and he said, "Blessed be YHWH, the Elohim of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken His loyalty and His truth toward my master. As for me, YHWH has guided me in the way to the house of my master's brothers."

Gideon Asks For A Sign

Judges 6:15 Then he said to him, “Me, my Elohim? With what would I deliver Israel? Look, my family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.”

16 But Yah said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you will strike down Midian as if it were one man.”

17 Then he said to Him, “If now I have found favor in Your eyes, then please, show me a sign that it is really You talking with me.

18 Please, don’t leave from here, until I come to You and bring out my offering and lay it before You.” So He said, “I will stay until you come back.”

Gideons Sign

Judges 6:21 Then the angel of Yah put out the end of the staff that was in His hand and touched the meat and the matzah. Fire sprang up from the rock and consumed the meat and the matzah. Then the angel of Yah vanished from his sight.

22 When Gideon realized that He was the angel of Adonai, Gideon said, “Alas, my Elohim YHWH! For I have seen the angel of Yah face to face!”

23 But Yah said to him, “Shalom to you. Fear not, you will not die.”

24 So Gideon built an altar there to YHWH and called it “YHWH-shalom.” To this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Gideons Second Sign

Judges 6:36 Then Gideon said to Yah, “If You are going to deliver Israel by my hand, as You have spoken,

37 see, I am putting a fleece of wool on the threshing-floor. If there is dew only on the fleece, and all the ground is dry, then I will know that You will deliver Israel by my hand, as You have spoken.”

38 And it was so. When he rose up early next day, he squeezed the fleece and wrung dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water.

Gideons Second Sign

Judges 6:39 Then Gideon said to Yah, “Let not Your anger burn against me if I speak once more. Let me please test once more with the fleece—let it now be dry only on the fleece, but let there be dew over all the ground.”

40 Yah did so that night, since it was dry only on the fleece, and there was dew over all the ground.

YHWH Tests Gideon

Judges 7

2 But YHWH said to Gideon, “Too many are the people who are with you, for Me to give the Midianites into their hand. Otherwise Israel would glorify itself against Me saying, ‘My own hand has delivered me.’

3 So now, make proclamation in the ears of the people saying, ‘Whoever is afraid or anxious may turn back and leave from Mount Gilead.’” So 22,000 people turned back, while ten thousand remained.

Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him, rose up early and camped beside En-harod, while the camp of Midian was north of them, by Gibeath-moreh, in the valley.

YHWH Tests Gideon

Judges 7:4 But YHWH said to Gideon, “The people are still too many. Bring them down to the water and I will test them for you there. Now it will be that he of whom I say to you, ‘This will go with you,’ he will go with you, but anyone of whom I say to you, ‘This one will not go with you,’ he will not go.”

5 So he brought the troops down to the water, and YHWH said to Gideon, “You are to set apart everyone who laps the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, and everyone who bows down on his knees to drink.

6 Now the number of those who lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was 300 men, but all the rest of the people bowed down on their knees to drink water.

YHWH Tests Gideon

Judges 7:7 Then YHWH said to Gideon, “With the 300 men who lapped I will deliver you and give the Midianites into your hand. So let all the other people go, every man to his place.”

8 So the 300 took provisions and their shofarot in their hands. He sent all the other men of Israel each to his tent, but he kept the 300 men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

9 It came to pass the same night that Adonai said to him, “Arise, get down against the camp, for I have given it into your hand.

YHWH Encourages Gideon

Judges 7:10 But if you are afraid to go down, first go down to the camp with your attendant Purah.

11 Then you will hear what they are saying, and after that your hands will be strengthened to attack the camp.” So he went down with his attendant Purah to an outpost of the army that was in camp.

12 Now the Midianites, the Amalekites and all the people of the east were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels were countless, as numerous as the sand on the seashore.

YHWH Reveals the Enemies Fear

Judges 7:13 Yet when Gideon came, behold, there was a man relating a dream to his fellow, saying, “Listen, I just now had a dream: there was a loaf of barley bread that came tumbling into the camp of Midian, came up to a tent and struck it so it fell, and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat.”

14 His companion answered and said, “This is nothing less than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, a man of Israel—YHWH has delivered Midian and all the camp into his hand!”

Gideon Worships YHWH

Judges 7:15 Now when Gideon heard the account of the dream and its interpretation, he bowed in worship. Then he returned to the camp of Israel and said, "Arise! For YHWH has given into your hand the camp of Midian."

Ahaz Needs a Sign

Isaiah 7:1 When Ahaz son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, was king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel marched up to fight against Jerusalem, but they could not overpower it.

2 Now the house of David was told, “Aram has allied itself with Ephraim”; so the hearts of Ahaz and his people were shaken, as the trees of the forest are shaken by the wind.

9 The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah’s son.

If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.’”

Ahaz Rejects a Sign

Isaiah 7:10 Again the YHWH spoke to Ahaz,

11 “Ask Yah your Elohim for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights.”

12 But Ahaz said, “I will not ask; I will not put Elohim to the test.”

13 Then Isaiah said, “Hear now, you house of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of humans? Will you try the patience of Yah also?”

Yah Gives A Sign

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Yah himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him *Immanuel*.

15 He will be eating curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right,

16 for before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.

17 The Lord will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria.”

Yeshua and The Pharisees

Matthew 12

38 Then some of the Torah scholars and Pharisees answered Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."

39 But Yeshua replied to them, "An evil and adulterous generation clamors for a sign, yet no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

40 For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.

Yeshua and The People Again

Matthew 16

1 Now the Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Yeshua, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven.

2 But He replied to them, “When evening comes, you say, ‘Fair weather coming, for the sky is red,’

3 and in the morning, ‘Stormy weather today, for the sky is red and gloomy.’ You know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times!

4 An evil and adulterous generation clamors for a sign, yet no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah.” And leaving them behind, He went away.

Yeshuas Resurrection As A Sign

John 2

18 The Judean leaders responded, “What sign do You show us, since You are doing these things?”

19 “Destroy this Temple,” Yeshua answered them, “and in three days I will raise it up.”

20 The Judean leaders then said to Him, “Forty-six years this Temple was being built, and You will raise it up in three days?”

21 But He was talking about the temple of His body.

22 So after He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He was talking about this. Then they believed the Scripture and the word that Yeshua had spoken.

Yeshua and Nicodemus

1 Now there was a man, a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jewish people.

2 He came to Yeshua at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that You, a teacher, have come from Yah. For no one can perform these signs which You do unless Yah is with Him!”

3 Yeshua answered him, “Amen, amen I tell you, unless one is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of Yah.”

Born From Above

4 “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus said to Him. “He cannot enter his mother’s womb a second time and be born, can he?”

5 Yeshua answered, “Amen, amen I tell you, unless one is born of water and spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of Yah.

6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not be surprised that I said to you, ‘You all must be born from above.’

Make Me A Sign For Good

Psalm 86: A Prayer From King David

15 But You, my Elohim, are a compassionate and gracious Elohim, slow to anger, full of love and truth.

16 Turn to me and be gracious to me. Give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your maidservant.

17 Make me a sign for good, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed.

For You, YHWH, have helped me and comforted me.

The Greatest Sign Is In The Commandments

Mark 12

28 One of the Torah scholars came and heard them debating. Seeing that Yeshua had answered them well, he asked Him, “Which commandment is first of all?”

29 Yeshua answered, “The first is, ‘Shema Yisrael, Adonai Eloheinu, Adonai echad. Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.

30 And you shall love Yah your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

31 The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Becoming A Sign

Zechariah 3:7 ‘Thus says YHWH-Tzva’ot, “If you will walk in My ways and keep My charge, then you will judge My House and watch over My courts and I will give you a place to walk among these standing here.

8 Listen well, Joshua kohen gadol, both you and your companions seated before you, because they are men who are a sign—behold, I will bring forth My servant the Branch.

9 For behold! The stone I have laid before Joshua is one stone with seven facets. On it I will engrave an inscription,” declares YHWH-Tzva’ot, “that I will remove the iniquity of this land in one day.

10 In that day,” declares Adonai-Tzva’ot, “every man will invite his neighbor to sit under the vine and under the fig tree.”

What Should Our Signs Be

- Love Yah - John 14:15 “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.
- Practice Forgiveness - Matthew 6:14 “For if you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.
- Follows Yeshua In All His Ways – John 8:12 Yeshua spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. The one who follows Me will no longer walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Our Signs

- Having Salvation and Teaching Salvation –

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For YHWH did not destine us for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah.

10 He died for us so that, whether we may be awake or asleep, we may live together with Him.

11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up—just as you in fact are doing.

Our Signs

- Having Salvation and Teaching Salvation –

Mark 16:15 He told them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News to every creature.

16 He who believes and is immersed shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned.

17 These signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak new languages;

18 they will handle snakes; and if they drink anything deadly, it will not harm them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.”

Our Signs

- Dwelling on Heavenly Things –

Colossians 3:1 Therefore, if you have been raised up with Messiah, keep seeking the things above—where Messiah is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Focus your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Messiah in God

4 When Messiah, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him, in glory!

Our Signs

- Dwelling on Heavenly Things –

Bringing Forth Good Fruits –

John 15:4 Abide in Me, and I will abide in you. The branch cannot itself produce fruit, unless it abides on the vine. Likewise, you cannot produce fruit unless you abide in Me.

Our Signs

- Live A Godly Life – Titus 2:11 For the grace of Yah has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,
12 training us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live in a manner that is self-controlled and righteous and godly in the present age.
13 We wait for the blessed hope and appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Messiah Yeshua.
14 He gave Himself for us so that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and so that He might purify for Himself a chosen people, zealous for good deeds.
15 So communicate these things, and encourage and correct with complete authority. Let no one look down on you.

Our Signs

- To Be Hungry and Thirsty For Righteousness –

Matthew 5:6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied

- Being Merciful –

Matthew 5:7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.

- Being Pure In Heart

- Matthew 5:8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see YHWH.

Our Signs

- Living Through Messiah Yeshua

Galatians 2:20 and it is no longer I who live, but Messiah lives in me. And the life I now live in the body, I live by trusting in Ben-Elohim—who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Our Signs

- Living In A New Nature

Colossians 3:8 But now, set them all aside—anger, rage, malice, slander, and foul language out of your mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another. After all, you have taken off the old self with its practices

10 and have put on the new self that is being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of the One who created him.

11 Here there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, savage, slave and free; but Messiah is all, and in all.

Conclusion

Ecclesiastes 12

13 A final word, when all has been heard: Fear YHWH and keep His mitzvot! For this applies to all mankind.

14 Yah will bring every deed into judgment, including everything that is hidden, whether it is good or evil.



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