## אז בהלוך ירמיהו – קינה לט׳ באב

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In that moment The Holy One blessed is He was crying and saying, 'Woe is to me for my house. My children, where are you? My priests, where are you? My beloved, where are you? What can I do for you!? I warned you, but you did not repent.' The Holy One blessed is He said to Jeremiah, 'Today I am like a man who had one son. He made a [wedding?] canopy [for the son], and [the son] died under his canopy. There is no pain for me nor for my son. (G-d is numbed by the tragedy) [Jeremiah] go and call Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses out from their graves, since they know how to cry.' [Jeremiah] said, 'Master of the world I do not know where Moses is buried.' The Holy One blessed is He said to him, "Stand on the bank of the Jordan, and raise your voice and call out, 'Son of Amram Son of Amram, stand and gaze upon your sheep whom the enemies swallowed." Immediately Jeremiah went to the Machpelah cave and said to the Fathers of yore, 'Stand, for the time has arrived when you are summoned before The Holy One blessed is He.' They said to [Jeremiah], 'Why?' [Jeremiah] said to them, 'I do not know.' Since he feared they would say, 'In your days this happened to our children.' (i.e. it was Jeremiah's fault) Jeremiah set them down, and he stood on the bank of the Jordan and called out, 'Son of Amram Son of Amram, Stand up. The time has arrived that you are summoned before The Holy One blessed is He.' [Moses] said to him, 'What is special about today, that I am being summoned before The Holy One blessed is He.' Jeremiah said to him, 'I do not know.' Moses set him [Jeremiah?] down and went to the ministering angels, since he knew them from the giving of the Torah. [Moses] said to them, 'Ministers of the lofty ones, do you know anything about why I am summoned before The Holy One blessed is He.' They said to him, 'Son of Amram, don't you know that the Temple was destroyed and Israel was exiled.' [Moses] cried and wept until he reached the Fathers of yore. Immediately they too tore their garments and cried and wept until [they reached] the Temple gates. When The Holy One blessed is He saw them, immediately *The LORD God of hosts* summoned on that day to weeping and lamenting, to tonsuring and girding with sackcloth. (Isaiah 22:12) If this was not written in scripture it would be impossible to say. They went weeping from gate to gate like a man whose deceased is placed before him. The Holy One blessed is He lamented and said, 'Woe is to the king who succeeded in his youth, but failed in his old age.' Rabbi Shmuel bar Nachman

בּאוֹתַהּ שַׁעַה הַיָּה הַקַּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּךְ הוּא בּוֹכֶה ואומר אוי לִי עַל בֵּיתִי, בָּנֵי הֵיכָן אַתֵּם, פֿהַנֵי הֵיכָן אַתַּם, אוֹהַבַי הֵיכַן אַתַּם, מַה אַעשה לַכֶם, התריתי בַּכֶם ולא חוַרתם בָּתְשׁוּבָה. אָמַר הַקַּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּדְ הוּא לִיִרְמִיָה, אַנִי דוֹמֶה הַיּוֹם לָאַדָם שֶׁהַיַה לוֹ בֵּן יִחִידִי וְעַשַּׁה לוֹ חַפַּה וּמֵת בָּתוֹדְ חַפַּתוֹ, וְאֵין לִדְּ פָאָב לא עַלַי וָלא עַל בָּנִי, לֶדְ וּקְרַא לאברהם ליצחק וליעקב ומשה מקבריהם, שַׁהֵם יוֹדָעִים לְבִכּוֹת. אָמֵר לְפָנָיו רְבּוֹנוֹ שֵׁל עוֹלַם אֵינִי יוֹדֵעַ הֵיכַן משֵׁה קבוּר, אַמַר לו הַקַּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּדְ הוּא לֶךְ עֲמֹד עַל שִׂפַת הַיַּרְדֵּן והַרֶם קוֹלָדְ וּקָרָא בָּן עַמָרָם בָּן עַמַרָם עַמד וּרָאֵה צֹאנְדְּ שֵׁבָּלֶעוּם אוֹיִבִים. מִיָּד הָלַדְ יַרְמִיַה לָמַעַרָת הַמַּכְפֵּלָה וָאַמֵּר לַאֲבוֹת הַעוֹלַם, עִמִדוּ שָׁהָגִּיעַ זְמַן שֵׁאַתֵּם מִתְבַּקּשִׁין לפני הקדוש ברוך הוא, אמרו לו למה, אַמַר לַהֶם אֵינִי יוֹדֶע, מִפְּנֵי שֵׁהַיַה מִתְיַרֵא שַלא יאמרוּ בַּיַמֵיךּ הַיִתָה לְבַנֵינוּ זאת. הְנִּיחָן יִרְמְיָה וְעֲמַד עַל שְׂפַת הַיַּרְדֵּן וְקָרָא בּן עַמְרָם בֵּן עַמְרָם עַמֹד הִגִּיעַ זְמַן שֵׁאַתָּה מָבַקָּשׁ לִפָּנֵי הַקָּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּדְ הוּא. אַמֵּר לוֹ מַה הַיּוֹם מִיּוֹמֵיִם שָאַנִי מִבְקָּשׁ לְפָנֵי הַקָּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּדְ הוּא, אַמַר לוֹ יַרְמִיַה אֵינִי יוֹדֵעַ. הָנִּיחוֹ משָׁה וָהַלַּדְּ אֲצֵל מַלְאֲכֵי הַשַּׁרֵת, שהיה מכיר אותן משעת מתן תורה, אמר לַהֶם מִשַּׁרְתֵּי עֵלִיוֹנִים כָּלוּם אַתֵּם יוֹדְעִים מִפְּנֵי מַה אֵנִי מִתְבַּקֵשׁ לִפְנֵי הַקַּדושׁ בַּרוּדְ הוא, אַמָרוּ לוֹ בֶּן עַמָרַם אִי אַתַּה יוֹדֵע שבית המקדש חרב וישראל גלו, והיה צועק ובוכה עד שהגיע לאבות העולם, מיָד אף הם קרעוּ בגדיהם והניחוּ ידיהם על רָאשֵׁיהֶם וָהָיוּ צוֹעַקִים וּבוֹכִין עַד שַׁעַרֵי בֵּית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ, כֵּיוָן שֵׁרָאָה אוֹתַם הַקַּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּדְ הוּא מִיַּד וַיִּקְרָא הי א-להים צְבַאוֹת בַּיוֹם הַהוּא לָבָכִי וּלְמִסְפֵּד וּלְקַרְחַה וָלַחֵגר שַׂק (ישעיה כב) וָאָלְמַלֵא מִקְרָא שֶׁכַּתוּב אָי אַפְשַׁר לָאַמִרוֹ, וְהַיוּ בּוֹכִין וְהוֹלְכִין מִשַּׁעַר זָה לִשַּעַר זָה, כָּאַדָם שָׁמֵּתוֹ מוּטֵל לְפַנֵיו, וָהָיָה הַקַּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּךְ הוּא סוֹפֶד וְאוֹמֵר אוֹי לוֹ לַמֵּלֶךְ שַבַּקַטְנוּתוֹ הַצְלִיחַ וּבְּזָקְנוּתוֹ לא הָצְלִיחַ .אָמַר רַבִּי שִׁמוּאֵל בַּר נַחְמַן, בְּשָׁעַה

said, when the Temple was destroyed, Abraham came before The Holy One blessed is He weeping, tearing out his beard and his hair, slapping himself in the face, and tearing his clothes and ashes on his head. He was walking through the Temple lamenting and crying. He said before The Holy One blessed is He, 'Why did I make myself different from every nation and language to be brought to such shame and embarrassment as this... Abraham said before The Holy One blessed is He, 'Master of the world why have you exiled my children and passed them into the hands of the nations who have killed them with all manner of strange deaths? And you destroyed the Temple; the place where I offered my son as a burnt offering before you.' The Holy One blessed is He said to Abraham, 'Your children have sinned and transgressed the entire Torah and the 22 letters within it.' As it is written (Daniel 9:11), "All Israel has violated your teaching." Abraham said before The Holy One blessed is he, 'Who among them has testified against Israel that they transgressed your Torah?' [G-d] said to him, 'The Torah will come and testify against Israel.' Immediately the Torah came to testify against them. Abraham said to her (the Torah), 'My daughter (term of endearment), you are coming to testify against Israel, who transgressed all your commandments, and you have no shame in front of me. Remember the day that The Holy One blessed is He passed you to every nation and language, and no one desired to accept you until my children came to Mount Sinai and accepted and honored you. And now you are coming to testify against them on their day of distress.' When the Torah heard this, she stood to the side and did not testify against them. The Holy One blessed is He said to Abraham the 22 letters will come to testify against Israel. Immediately the 22 letters came. Alef came to testify against Israel that they transgressed the Torah. Abraham said to her, 'Alef you are the head of all the letters, and you came to testify against Israel on the day of their distress. Remember the day that The Holy One blessed is He was revealed on Mount Sinai, and he began with you (Exodus 20:2) "I The LORD am you G-d". No nation or language accepted you except my children, and you are coming to testify against my children?' Immediately Alef stood to the side, and did not testify against them. Bet came to testify against Israel. Abraham said to her, 'My daughter, you are coming to testify against my children, who are quick to follow the five books of the Torah of which you are the head.' As it is written (Genesis 1:1)"When G-d began to create." Immediately Bet stood to the side, and did not testify. Gimel came to testify against Israel. Abraham said to her, 'Gimel you are coming to testify against my children, who have transgressed the Torah. There is no nation that fulfills the commandment of Tzitzit, of which you are placed at its

שַׁחַרָב בֵּית הַמִּקְדֵּשׁ בַּא אַבַרָהַם לְפַנֵי הַקָּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּדָ הוּא בּוֹכֶה וּמְמַרֵט זָקַנוֹ ותוֹלֵשׁ שַעַרוֹת ראשוֹ וּמַכֶּה אֶת פַּנַיו וְקוֹרֵע אֶת בְּגָדָיו וְאֵפֶר עַל ראשׁוֹ, וְהָיָה מְהַלֵּדְ בָּבֵית הַמִּקְדַשׁ וְסוֹפֵד וְצוֹעֵק, אַמַר לְפָנֵי הַקָּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּךְ הוּא מִפְּנֵי מַה נִשְׁתַּנֵּיתִי מִכַּל אָפֶה וָלַשׁוֹן שָבַּאתִי לִידֵי בּוּשַׁה וּכְלְמַה זאת... אַמַר אַבַרָהַם לִפְנֵי הַקַּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּדְ הוא, רַבּוֹנוֹ שֵׁל עוֹלַם מִפְּנֵי מַה הָגְלֵיתַ אֵת בַנֵי וּמְסַרְתַּן בִּידֵי הַאְמוֹת וַהַרְגוּם בִּכַל מיתות משנות, והחרבת את בית המקדש מַקום שָהַעַלֵיתִי אַת יִצְחַק בְּנִי עוֹלַה לְפַנֵידְ. אָמַר לוֹ הַקַּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּדְ הוּא לְאַבְרָהָם בָּנֵידְ חַטָאוּ וַעֲבָרוּ עַל כַּל הַתּוֹרָה וְעַל עֲשָׁרִים ושתים אותיות שבה, הדא הוא דכתיב (דניאל ט) וכל ישראל עברו את תורתד. אַמַר אַבַרָהַם לִפָּנֵי הַקָּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּדְ הוּא רְבּוֹנוֹ של עולם מִי מֵעִיד בַּהֶם בִּיִשְׁרָאֵל שַעַבְרוּ אֶת תּוֹרָתֶדְּ, אָמַר לוֹ תַּבֹא תוֹרָה וְתַעִיד בַּהֶם בִּישַׁרָאֵל, מַיַּד בַּאַה תוֹרָה לַהַעִיד בַּהָן, אַמַר לָהּ אַבָרָהָם בִּתִּי אַתִּ בָּאָה לְהָעִיד בָּהֶן בִּישִׂרָאֵל שֵׁעַבָּרוּ עַל מְצְוֹתַיִּדְ וְאֵין לַדְּ בּשֵׁת פַּנִים מִפָּנַי, זְכָרִי יוֹם שֶׁהֶחֵזִירֵדְ הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּדְ הוּא עַל כָּל אָמָה וִלָשׁוֹן וִלֹא רָצוּ לַקַבְּלֶךְ עַד שָבָּאוּ בַנֵי לָהַר סִינֵי וַקְבָּלוּ אוֹתָדְּ וִכִבָּדוּדְ, וְעַכִשָּׁו אַתִּ בָּאָה לְהָעִיד בָּהֵם בִּיוֹם צַרַתַם. כֵּיוַן שֵׁשַּׁמִעַה תּוֹרָה כַדְּ עַמְדַה לְצַד אֵחָד וָלֹא הֵעִידָה בָּהֵן. אָמַר לוֹ הַקְּדוֹשׁ בַּרודְ הוא לָאַבְרָהַם יַבאוּ עֵשָׁרִים ושְׁתֵּיִם אותיות ויעידו בַּהֶן בִּישַׁרָאֵל. מִיַּד בַּאוּ עשרים ושתים אותיות, בַּאַה אלייף לַהַעִיד בִּיִשְׂרָאֵל שֵׁעָבָרוּ עַל הַתּוֹרָה, אָמַר לָהּ אַבְרַהַם, אל״ף אַתִּ ראשׁ לְכָל הָאוֹתִיּוֹת וּבַאת לָהַעִיד בִּיִשְׂרָאֵל בִּיוֹם צַרַתַם, זָכָרִי יום שַּנְגַלַה הַקַּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּךְ הוּא עַל הַר סִינַי וּפַתַח בַּדְּ(שמות כ) אַנֹכִי הי א-להידְ, וְלֹא קבָּלוּדְ אָמַה וַלַשׁוֹן אֱלָא בַּנֵי, וְאַתַּ בַּאת לָהַעִיד בָּבַנִי. מִיַּד עַמְדֵה אל״ף לְצֵד אֲחֲד וְלֹא הֵעִידָה בָּהֶן. בָּאתָה בייית לְהָעִיד בַּהֶם בִּיִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמֵר לָהֹ אַבְרָהָם בְּתִּי אַתִּ בָּאת לָהָעִיד עַל בָּנַי, שַׁהֶם זְרִיזִין בַּחַמְשָּׁה חַמְשֵׁי תוֹרָה שֵׁאַתִּ בָּרֹאשׁ הַתּוֹרָה, הַדָּא הוּא -דָכָתִיב (בראשית א) בַּרֵאשִׁית בַּרַא א להים, מַיַּד עַמְדָה בי״ת לְצֵד אֵחַד וְלֹא הַעִידַה כָּלוּם. בַּאתַה גימ״ל לְהַעִיד בָּיִשְׂרָאֵל, אָמַר לָהּ אַבְרָהָם גימ״ל אַתּּ בַּאת לָהַעִיד בָּבַנִי שֵעַבְרוּ עַל הַתּוֹרָה, כִּלוּם יֵשׁ

head, except my children.' As it is written (<u>Deuteronomy</u> 22:12) "You shall make tassels." Immediately Gimel stood to the side, and did not testify. When all the letters saw that Abraham had silenced them, they were ashamed and they stood amongst themselves and did not testify against Israel. Immediately Abraham opened up before The Holy One blessed is He and said, 'Master of the world, at one hundred years [of age] you gave me a son, and when he became an adult and was a lad of thirty seven years, you said to me, "bring him as a burnt offering before me." I acted upon him with cruelty and I did not pity him, rather I myself forced him. [Yet] you will not remember this for me, and you will not not have mercy upon my children!'

Isaac opened up and said, 'Master of the world, when Dad told me (Genesis 22:8) "G-d will see to the sheep for His burnt offering, my son." I did not hesitate on his words, and I bound myself with the will of my heart upon the altar and I stretched my neck under the knife. [Yet] you will not remember this for me and you will not have mercy for my children.'

Jacob opened up and said, 'Master of the world, did I not stand in Laban's house for twenty years, and when I left his house Esau the wicked attacked me and sought to kill my children, so I gave myself up to die for them. And now they have been given to their enemies like sheep to the slaughter, after I raised them like the chicks of chickens. I was burdened with the pain of raising children, for most of my days I was in great pain because of them. And yet you will not remember this for me to have mercy for my children.'

Moses opened and said, 'Master of the world was I not the faithful shepherd of Israel for forty years; I ran in front of them like a horse in the desert. But when the time came to enter the land, you decreed upon me that my bones would fall in the desert. And now that [Israel] was exiled, you sent for me to lament and cry for them... When Moses came to the fathers of yore, they said to him, 'What have the enemies done with our children?' [Moses] said to them, 'Some they killed, some they forced their hands behind their backs, some are tied in iron chains, some are stripped naked, some died on the road and their corpses [were left] for the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the land, some were thrown out in the sun hungry and thirsty.' Immediately they all opened up and wept and lamented with lamentations... Moses said further before him, 'Master of the world you wrote in your Torah (Leviticus 22:28) "However, no animal from the herd or from the flock shall be slaughtered on the

אָפֶּה שֶׁמְקַיֶּמֶת מִצְוַת צִיצִית שֻׁאַהְ נְתוּנָה בָּרְאשׁ, אֶלֶּא בָּנֵי, הֲדָא הוּא דְכְתִיב (דברים כב, יב )גְּדָלִים תַּעֲשֶׂה לָּךְ. מִיָּד עֲמְדָה גימ״ל לְצַד אֶחָד וְלֹא הֵעִידָה כְּלוּם. וְכֵיוָן שֶׁרָאוּ פָל הָאוֹתִיּוֹת שֶׁהשְׁתִּיקָן אַבְרָהָם, נִתְבַּיְשׁוּ וְעָמְדוּ בְּעַצְמָן וְלֹא הֵעִידוּ בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל. מִיָּד בְּנֹת אַבְרָהָם לְפָנֵי הַקָּדוֹשׁ בָּרוּךְ הוּא וְאָמֵר רְבּוֹנוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלָם לְמֵאָה שָׁנָה נָתַתָּ לִי בֵּן, וֹלְשֶׁעַמִד עַל דַּעְתוֹ וְהָיָה בָּחוּר בֶּן שְׁלשִׁים וְנַעֲשֵׂיתִי עָלָיו כְּאַכְוָרִי וְלֹא רְחַמְתִּי עָלָיו, וְנַעֲשֵׂיתִי עָלָיו כְּאַכְוֹרִי וְלֹא רְחַמְתִּי עָלָיו, לִי זֹאת וְלֹא תִרְחֵם עַל בַּנֵי.

פָּתַח יִצְחָק וְאָמֵר רְבּוֹנוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלָם, כְּשֶׁאָמֵר לִי אַבָּא (בראשית כב, חַ )א-להים יִרְאֶה לּוֹ הַשֶּׁה לְעֹלֶה בְּנִי, לֹא עִכַּבְתִּי עַל דְּבָרֶיךְּ וְעֵּעֲקַדְתִּי בְּרְצוֹן לִבִּי עַל גַּבֵּי הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וּצְשַׁאְתִּי אֶת צַנָּארִי תַּחַת הַסַּכִּין, וְלֹא תְּלַשְׁתְּי אֶת צַנָּארִי תַּחַת הַסַּכִּין, וְלֹא תְּלַכֵּה לִי זֹאת וָלֹא תְּרָחֶם עַל בַּנַי.

פָּתַח יַצְקֹב וְאָמֵר רְבּוֹנוֹ שֶׁל עוֹלָם, לֹא עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה עְמַדְתִּי בְּבֵית לָבָן, וּכְשֶׁיּצָאתִי מִבֵּיתוֹ פָּגַע בִּי עֵשָׂו הָרָשֶׁע וּבִקֵּשׁ לַהַרֹג אֶת בָּנֵי וּמָסַרְתִּי עַצְמִי לְמִיתָה עֲלֵיהֶם, וְעַכְשָׁו נָמְסְרוּ בְּיַד אוֹיְבֵיהֶם כַּצאון לְטִבְחָה, לְאַחֵר וְטְבַלְתִּי עֲלֵיהֶם צַעַר גִּדּוֹל בָּנִים, כִּי רֹב יָמֵי הָיִיתִי בְּצַעַר גָּדוֹל בַּעֲבוּרָם, וְעַתָּה לֹא תִזְכֹּר לִי זֹאת לְרָחֵם עַל בָּנֵי.

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same day with its young." Have they not already killed so many sons with their mothers, and you are silent.'

In that moment Rachel our mother jumped before The Holy One blessed is He and said, 'Master of the world it is revealed before you that Jacob your servant loved me the most. He worked for my father for me for seven years, and when those seven years were completed and the time of my marriage to my husband arrived, my father thought to switch me with my sister. It was very hard for me because I had a solution. I informed my husband and I gave him a signal so that he could recognize me over my sister so that my father could not switch me. After that I regretted it, so I controlled my desire and I had mercy on my sister that she should not be embarrassed. That evening they switched me for my sister, and I gave my sister all the signals that I gave my husband, so that he would think that she was Rachel. Not only that, I went underneath the bed, that he was sleeping on with my sister, and when he would speak to her, she remained quiet, I answered him for everything so that he would not recognize the voice of my sister. I performed a kindness for her, and I was not jealous and I did not embarrass her. What am I, flesh, blood, dirt, and ashes, [but] I was not jealous of my sister-wife nor did I embarrass or shame her. And you living existing King, merciful one, why were you jealous of idol worship that contains nothing real? And yet you exiled my children and they were killed at the sword and the enemies did with them as they pleased. Immediately the mercy of The Holy One blessed is He rolled forth and he said, 'Because of you Rachel, I am returning Israel to their place.' As it is written (Jeremiah 31:15) "Thus said the LORD: A cry is heard on high -Wailing, bitter weeping- Rachel weeping for her children. She refuses to be comforted for her children, who are gone." And it is written (Jeremiah 31:16) "Thus said the LORD: Retrain your voice from weeping, your eyes from shedding tears; For there is a reward for your labor etc." And it is written (Jeremiah 31:17) "And there is hope for your future -declares the LORD: Your children shall return to their country."

וַהֲלֹא כְּבָר הָרְגוּ בָּנִים וְאִמּוֹתֵיהֶם כַּפָּה וַכַפַה וָאַתָּה שׁוֹתֵק.

בָּאוֹתַהּ שַׁעַה קַפָּצָה רַחֵל אָמֵנוּ לִפָּנֵי הַקַּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּדְ הוּא וָאַמְרַה רְבּוֹנוֹ שֵׁל עוֹלַם, גַּלוּי לפַנִידְ שִיּעַקב עַבִּדְדְ אֲהַבַנִי אַהַבָּה יתֵרָה ָועַבַד בִּשָּׁבִילִי לָאַבַּא שָׁבַע שַׁנִים, וּכְשֶׁהְשָׁלִימוּ אוֹתַן שֶׁבַע שַׁנִים וְהָגִּיעַ זְמַן יָשׁוּאַי לָבַעִלִי, יַעַץ אַבִי לְהַחְלִיפֵנִי לְבַעִלִי בָּשָׁבִיל אַחוֹתִי, וְהַקְשָׁה עַלֵי הַדַּבַר עַד מַאֹד כִּי נוֹדַעַה לִי הַעֲצַה, וְהוֹדַעָתִּי לְבַעְלִי וּמַסַרְתִּי לוֹ סִימַן שֵׁיַכִּיר בֵּינִי וּבֵין אַחוֹתִי פַדִי שַלא יוּכַל אַבִי לַהַחַלִיפַנִי, וּלָאַחַר כַּן יָחַמְתִּי בְּעַצְמִי וְסָבַלְתִּי אֵת תַּאֲוָתִי וְרְחַמְתִּי על אַחותי שלא תֵצָא לְחֶרְפַּה, וַלַעָרֶב חַלְפוּ אַחותי לְבַעְלִי בַּשְׁבִילִי, וּמַסַרְתִּי לַאַחותי כַּל הַסִּימַנִין שַׁמַּסַרְתִּי לְבַעְלִי, כָּדֵי שֵׁיָהֵא סָבוּר שַׁהִיא רָחֵל. וִלֹא עוֹד אֵלָּא שַׁנְּכְנַסְתִּי תַּחַת הַמְּטָה שָהַיַה שוֹכֶב עם אַחוֹתִי וְהַיַה מְדַבֶּר עְמָה וְהִיא שׁוֹתֶקֶת וַאֲנִי מְשִׁיבַתּוּ עַל כַּל דַּבַר וְדַבַר, כָּדֵי שֵׁלֹא יַכִּיר לְקוֹל אַחוֹתִי וגַמַלְתִּי חֶסֶד עְמַה, וַלֹא קנַאתִי בַּהּ וַלֹא הוצאתיה לחרפה. ומה אני שאני בשר ודם עָפָר וָאֵפֶר לֹא קַנֵּאתִי לַצַּרָה שֵׁלִּי וִלֹא הוצאתיה לבושה ולחרפה, ואתה מלך חי וְקַיַּם, רַחֲמַן, מִפְּנֵי מַה קַנֵאתַ לַעֲבוֹדַת פוכבים שאין בַּה מַמַשׁ, וְהָגְלֵיתַ בַּנֵי וְנֵהֶרְגוּ בַּחֶרֶב וְעֲשׁוּ אוֹיִבִים בַּם כִּרְצוֹנָם. מִיַּד נִתגַּלִגָּלוּ רַחֲמֵיו שֵׁל הַקַּדוֹשׁ בַּרוּדְ הוּא ואַמַר, בַּשְּבִילֶדְ רַחֵל אַנִי מַחַזִיר אַת יִשְׂרָאֵל לִמְקוֹמָן, הַדָּא הוּא דְכָתִיב (ירמיה לא, טו) :כה אַמַר ה׳ קול בַּרַמַה נִשְׁמֵע נָהִי בַּכִי תַמְרוּרִים רָחֱל מְבַכָּה עַל בַּנֵיהַ מֵאֲנָה להנחם על בניה כי איננו. וכתיב (ירמיה לא, טז) :כֹּה אַמַר הי מִנְעִי קוֹלֶךְ מְבֵּכִי וְעֵינַיִדְ מִדְּמַעָה כִּי יֵשׁ שַׂכַר לִפְעַלַּתֶדְ וגוי, וֹכַתִיב (ירמיה לא, יוֹ )וְיֵשׁ תִּקְוָה לְאַחֲרִיתֵדְ נאם הי ושבו בנים לגבולם.

## אָז בַהֲלוֹךְ יִרְמְיָהוּ - רבי אלעזר הקליר English translation by Rabbi Gabriel Kretzmer Seed

Then as Jeremiah went to the graves of the ancestors and their beloved limbs were sleeping. [He asked] "How can you be slumbering? Your children have been exiled and have been speared by the captors' swords. Where is the merit of their ancestors when they are in a dry and forsaken land?"

אָז בַהֲלוֹף יִרְמְיָהוּ עַל קִבְרֵי אָבוֹת וְנָם עֵצֵמוֹת חֲבִיבוֹת מָה אָתֵם שׁוֹכְבוֹת

בְגֵיכֶם גָלוּ וּבִתְּקוּם וְאַיֵה זְכוּת אָבוֹת בְאֶרֶץ תַלְאוּבוֹת :

גַעוּ כַלַּם בָּקִינִים עַל חֵסְרוֹן בַּנִים

They [the ancestors] all cried out in dirges.

Their lips vibrated with the call of petition to the face of the One Who Dwells on High. And where is the promise of "I will remember for you the covenant with the early ones"

They desecrated my glory without benefit, and they had no fear or distress. And I turned my eyes away from them and they did not mourn or cease to sin. How can I be silent when they say "it is not from God"

The father of many nations raised his voice on their behalf and begged for mercy from before the Mighty One. Was it for nothing that I passed ten tests for their benefit? And now I see their brokenness. And where is the promise "Don't fear Abram [your reward will be very great]"

They went astray and became strangers by worshipping strange gods.

They took counsel together to carve cisterns, broken cisterns which cannot hold water. And how can I be silent at the desecration of the Ten Commandments?

Thus cried out Isaac to the One Who Abides in the Skies: Was it for naught that I willingly was bound on the altar and my skin was flayed. And where is the promise, "and I will fulfill My covenant through Isaac?"

They embittered Jeremiah and made impure Mount Moriah. I cannot bear these sounds which come up from the earth. And how can I be silent at the killing of Zechariah?

[Jacob] the one raised in the house of study began to speak, and mighty tears flowed down his cheek. My children who I raised with toil, how have they been divided and taken away from me through destruction. And how is the blood of Zechariah avenged with the blood of the thousands who died in his stead?

The faithful shepherd spoke, covered and dirty with ashes: The sheep which you asked me to carry in my bosom has been split up suddenly. And where is the promise that "Israel will not be widowed?"

The sound of Leah's cry beats in her heart. Rachel her sister cries for her children. Zilpah beats her face. Bilhah hold out both of her hands and wails.

Return, o pure ones to your slumber, I will surely fulfill all of your requests. I have been exiled to Babylonia because of you, and I will return with the exiled of your children.

דּוֹבַבוּ בְּקוֹל תַּחֲנוּנִים בְּנֵי שׁוֹכֵן מְעוֹנִים וְאַיֵּה הַבְּטָחַת וְזָכַרְתִּי לָהֶם בְּרִית רְאשׁוֹנִים\*:

הֵם הֵמִירוּ כְבוֹדִי\* בְּתֹהוּ וְלֹא פָּחֲדוּ וְלֹא רָהוּ\*

וָאַעְלִּים עֵינַי מֵהֶם\* וְלֹא נָהוּ וְלֹא שָׁהוּ וָאֵידְּ אֵתָאַפַּק עַל אֵמִירַת לֹא הוּא\* :

זָעַק אַב הֲמוֹן\* בַּעֲבוּרָם וְחַנֵּן פְּנֵי אֵל רם

חָנָם גַפֵּיתִי עֶשֶּׁר בְּחִינוֹת עֲבוּרָם וְהֵן חָזִּיתִי שִׁבְרָם וְאַיֵּה הַבְּטָחַת אַל תִּירָא אַבָּרָם\*:

טַעוּ לְהְזָּרוֹת בַּעבוֹדוֹת זָרוֹת

יָעֲצוּ לַחְצֹב בּארוֹת בּארֹת נִשְׁבָּרוֹת\* וְאֵיךְ אֶתְאַפַּק עַל בִּטוּל עֲשֶׂרֶת הַדָּבָרוֹת:

כַּה צָוַח יִצְחָק פָּנֵי שׁוֹכֵן שַׁחַק

לַשָּׁלְא בִּי שֶּׁבַּח הוּחַק וְהֵן זַרְעִי נִשְּׁחַק וְנִמְחַק וְאֵיֵּה הַבְּטָחַת וְאֶת בְּרִיתִי אַקִּים אֶת יִצְחַק\*:

מֶרוּ בְּיִרְמְיָה וְטִמְּאוּ הַר הַמֹּרְיָּה נִלְאֵיתִי נְשׁוֹא\* גְעָיָה עוֹלָה לִי מִנְשִׁיָּה וָאֵידְ אֶתָאַפַּק בַּהַרִינַת וָכַרְיָה∗:

סָח יֻלֹּד בְּתֵלֵף דְּמָעוֹת כְּתַנִּין זוֹלֵף

עולָלֵי שָׁשָּפַּחְתִּי\* בְּעֶלֶף אֵיף נָּזוּ מֶנִּי בְּחֶלֶף וְאֵיף הָבְּרַע מֶנִּי דְּמִים בְּדָמִים כַּמַּה אַלֶּף:

פָּץ רוֹעַה נָאֵמֶן כָּפוּשׁ בָּאֵפֵר וּמֻדִמָן

צאן אֲשֶׁר בְּחֵיקִי הָאֲמָן\* וְאֵידְּ נָּזוּ בְּלֹא זְמֵן וָאַיֵּה הַבָּטָחַת כִּי לֹא אַלְמַן\*:

קול בַּכִי לֵאַה מִתוֹפֶפֵת עַל לַבַבְהַ\*

ַרָחֵל אֲחוֹתָהּ מְבַכָּה עַל בָּנֶיהָ\* וָלְפָּה מַכָּה פָּנֶיהָ בִּלְהָה מְקוֹנֶנֶת בִּשְׁתֵּי יָדֶיהָ

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תְמִימִים לִמְנוּחַתְכֶם מַלֵּא אֲמַלֵּא כָּל מִשְׁאֲלוֹתֵיכֶם שֻׁלַּחְתִּי בָּבֶלָה לְמַעַוְכֶם\* הִוְנִי מְשׁוֹבֵב גָּלוּת בְּנִיכֶם :

And where is the promise of "I will remember for you the covenant with the early ones"	וְאַיֵּה הַבְּטָחַת וְזָכַרְתִּי לָהֶם בְּרִית רָאשׁוֹנִים
2. Vayikra 26	ויקרא כו
<sup>45</sup> but I will for their sake remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God. I am The Lord."	מה וְזָבַרְתִּי לָהֶם, בְּרִית רָאשׁנִים: אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי-אֹתָם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לְעֵינֵי הַגּוֹיִם, לִהְיוֹת לָהֶם לֵא-להיםאֲנִי ה'.

They desecrated my glory without benefit	הֵם הֵמִירוּ כְבוֹדִי בְּתֹהוּ
3. Jerimiah 2	ירמיהו ב
"Has a nation changed <i>its</i> gods, which really are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit.	יא הַהֵימִיר גּוֹי אֱלהִים, וְהַמְּה לֹא אֱלֹהִים; <b>וְעַמִּי הֵמִיר כְּבוֹדוֹ, בְּלוֹא יוֹעִיל</b> .

and they had no fear or distress.	וְלֹא פָחֲדוּ וְלֹא רָהוּ
4. Isaiah 44	ישעיהו מד
<sup>6</sup> This is what The Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, The Lord of Armies, says: "I am the first, and I am the last; and besides me there is no God. <sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Who will call, and will declare it and set it in order for me, since I established the ancient people? Let them declare the things that are coming, and that will happen. <sup>8</sup> Don't fear, neither be afraid. Haven't I declared it to you long ago, and shown it? You are my witnesses. Is there a God besides me? Indeed, there is not. I don't know any other Rock."	וּ כּה-אָמַר ה' מֶלֶּדְ-יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגֹאֲלוֹ, ה' צְבָאוֹת: אֲנִי רָאשׁוֹן וַאֲנִי אַחֲרוֹן, וּמִבּלְעָדֵי אֵין א-להים זּ וּמִי-כָמוֹנִי יִקְרָא, וְיַגִּידֶהָ וְיַעְרְכֶּהָ לִי, מִשּׂוּמִי, עַם- עוֹלָם; וְאֹתִיּוֹת וַאֲשֶׁר תָּבאׁנָה, יַגִּידוּ לָמוֹ ח <b>אַל-תִּבְחָדוּ, וְאַל-תִּרְהוֹ</b> הֲלֹא מֵאָז הִשְׁמַעְתִּיךְ וְהַנַּדְתִּי, וְאַתֶּם עֵדִי; הֲיֵשׁ מֱאָז הִשְּׁמַעְתִּיךְ וְאֵין צוּר בַּל-יָדְעְתִּי.

And I turned my eyes away from them and they did not mourn or cease to sin	וָאַעְלִּים עֵינַי מֵהֶם וְלֹא נָהוּ וְלֹא שָׁהוּ
5. Isaiah 1	ישעיהו א
<sup>5</sup> When you spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes from you. Yes, when you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood.	<b>טו</b> וּבְפָּרִשְׂכֶם כַּפֵּיכֶם, <b>אַעְלִים עֵינֵי מִכֶּם</b> גַּם כִּי- תַרְבּוּ תְפָלָּה, אֵינֶנִּי שֹׁמֵעֵ: יְדֵיכֶם, דָּמִים מָלֵאוּ.

How can I be silent when they say "it is not from God"	וְאֵידְּ אֶתְאַפַּק עַל אֲמִירַת לא הוּא
6. Jeremiah 5	ירמיהו ה
<sup>11</sup> For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me," says The Lord.	יא כִּי בָגוֹד בָּגְדוּ בִּי, בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל וּבֵית יְהוּדָהנְאֻם-ה' .יב כְּחֲשׁוּ, בַּה',

<sup>12</sup> They have denied The Lord, and said, "It is not he; neither shall	וַיּאמְרוּ, <b>לוֹא־הוּא</b> ; וְלֹא-תָבוֹא עָלֵינוּ
evil come on us; neither shall we see sword nor famine.	ָרָעָה, וְחֶרֶב וְרָעָב לוֹא נִרְאֶה.

And where is the promise "Don't fear Abram"	יְאַיֵּה הַבְּטָחַת אַל תִּירָא אַבְרָם:
7. Bereshit 15	בראשית טו
After these things the word of The Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." Abram said, "Lord The Lord, what will you give me, seeing I go childless, and he who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"	אַ אַחַר חַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, הָיָה דְבַר-ה' אֶל- אַרְרָם, בַּמַּחֲזֶה, לֵאמֹר: אַ <b>ל-תִּירָא אַבְּרָם</b> , אָנֹכִי מָגֵן לָדְּשְּׂכָרְדָּ, הַרְבֵּה מְאֹד .בּ וַיּאמֶר אַבְרָם, אֲדֹנִי ה' מַה-תִּּעֶן-לִי, וְאָנֹכִי, הוֹלֵדְ עָרִירִי; וּבָן-מֶשֶׁק בֵּיתִי, הוּא דַּמֶשֶׂק אֱלִיעֶזֶר.

The father of many nations raised his voice on their behalf and begged for mercy from before the Mighty One.	זָעַק אַב הֲמוֹן בַּעֲבוּרָם וְחִנֵּן פְּנֵי אֵל רָם
8. Bereshit 17	בראשית יז
<sup>4</sup> "As for me, behold, my covenant is with you. You will be the father of a multitude of nations.	ד אַנִי, הָנֵּה בְּרִיתִּי אִתָּדְּ ; וְהָיִיתָ, <b>לְאַב</b> הַמוֹן גּוֹיִם.

They took counsel together to carve cisterns, broken cisterns which cannot hold water.	יָצְצוּ לַחְצֹב בּארוֹת בּארֹת נִשְׁבָּרוֹת
9. Jeremiah 2	ירמיהו ב
13"For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the spring of living waters, and cut them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.	יג כִּי-שְׁתַּיִם רָעוֹת, עָשָּׂה עַמִּי: אֹתִי עָזְבוּ מְקוֹר מֵיִם חַיִּים, לַחְצֹב לָהֶם בֹּארוֹת בֹּארֹת נִשְׁבָּרִים, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-יָכָלוּ הַמָּיִם.

And where is the promise, "and I will fulfill My covenant through Isaac?"	וְאַיֵּה הַבְּטָחַת וְאֶת בְּרִיתִּי אָקִים אֶת יִצְחָק:
10. Bereshit 17	בראשית יז
<sup>21</sup> But my covenant I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this set time next year."	<b>כא וְאֶת-בְּרִיתִּי, אָקִים אֶת-יִצְחָק</b> , אֲשֶׁר תֵּלֵד לְדְּ שָׁרָה לַמּוֹעֵד הַזֶּה, בַּשְׁנָה הָאַחֶרֶת.

I cannot bear these sounds which come up from the earth.	נְלְאֵיתִי נְשׂוֹא גְעָיָה עוֹלָה לִי מִנְשִׁיָּה
11. Isaiah 1	ישעיה א

<sup>14</sup> My soul hates your New Moons and your appointed feasts.
They are a burden to me. I am weary of bearing them.

יד חָדְשֵׁיכֶם וּמוֹעֲדֵיכֶם שְׂנְאָה נַפְשִׁי, הָיוּ עָלַי לָטֹרַח; **נִלְאֵיתִּי, נְשֹא**.

And how can I be silent at the killing of Zechariah?	:וְאֵידְּ אֶתְאַפַּק בַּהָרִיגַת זְכַרְיָה
12. II Chronicles 24	דברי הימים ב כד
<sup>20</sup> The Spirit of God came on Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God, 'Why do you disobey the commandments of The Lord, so that you can't prosper? Because you have forsaken The Lord, he has also forsaken you." <sup>21</sup> They conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of The Lord.	<ul> <li>לַ וְרוּחַ א-להים, לָבְשָׁה אֶת-זְכַרְיָה בֶּן- יְחוֹיָדְע הַכּהַן, וַיַּצְמֹד, מֵעַל לָעָם; וַיּאֹמֶר לָהֶם כֹּה אָמֵר הָא-להים, לָמָה אַתֶּם עֹבְרִים אֶת-מִצְוֹת ה' וְלֹא תַצְלִיחוּכִּי- עַזְרְתֶּם אֶת-ה', וַיַּצְוֹב אֶתְכֶם .כֹּא וַיִּקְשְׁרוּ עָלָיו, וַיִּרְגְּמֵחוּ אֶבֶן בְּמִצְוַת הַמֶּלֶךְ, בַּחֲצַר,</li> <li>עָלָיו, וַיִּרְגְמֵחוּ אֶבֶן בְּמִצְוַת הַמֶּלֶךְ, בַּחֲצַר,</li> <li>בֵּית ה'.</li> </ul>

My children who I raised with toil,	עולָלַי שָׁשָּפַּחְתִּי בְּעֶלֶף
13. Eichah 2	איכה ב
<sup>22</sup> You have called, as in the day of a solemn assembly, my terrors on every side; There was none that escaped or remained in the day of The Lord's anger: Those that I have dandled and brought up has my enemy consumed.	כב תִּקְרָא כִיוֹם מוֹעֵד מְגוּרֵי מִסָּבִיב, וְלֹא הָיָה בְּיוֹם אַף-ה' פָּלִיט וְשָׂרִיד: אֲשֶׁר- <b>טִבַּחְתִּי</b> וְרִבִּיתִי, אֹיְבִי כִּלֶּם.

The sheep which you asked me to carry in my bosom	צאו אֲשֶׁר בְּחֵיקִי הָאֲמָן
14. Bemidbar 11	במדבר יא
<sup>12</sup> Have I conceived all this people? Have I brought them forth, that you should tell me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing infant, to the land which you swore to their fathers?'	<ul> <li>יב הָאָנֹכִי הָרִיתִּי, אֵת כָּל-הָעֶם הַיֶּהאִם-אָנֹכִי,</li> <li>יְלְדְתִּיהוּ: כִּי-תֹאמֵר אֵלַי שְׂאֵהוּ בְּחֵיקֶדּ, כַּאֲשֶׁר יִשְׂא</li> <li>הָאֹמֵן אֶת-הַיֹּנֵק, עַל הָאֲדָמָה, אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתָּ לַאֲבֹתָיו.</li> </ul>

And where is the promise that "Israel will not be widowed?"	וְאַיֵּה הַבְּטָחַת כִּי לא אַלְמָן
15. Jeremiah 51	ירמיהו נא
<sup>5</sup> For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, of his God, of The Lord of Armies; though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel.	<b>ה כִּי לא-אַלְמָן יִשְׂרָאֵל וִיהוּדָה</b> , מֵא-להיומֵה', צְבָאוֹת: כִּי אַרְצָם מָלְאָה אָשָׁם, מִקְּדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל.

The sound of Leah's cry beats in her heart.	קוֹל בְּכִי לֵאָה מְתוֹפֶפֶת עַל לְבָבֶהָ
16. Nahum 2	נחום ב

<sup>7</sup> It is decreed: she is uncovered, she is carried away; and her handmaids moan as with the voice of doves, beating on their breasts.	<b>ת</b> וְהַצַב, גַּלְתָה הֹעֲלֶתָה; וְאַמְהֹתֶיהָ, מְנַהֲגוֹת כְּקוֹל יוֹנִים, <b>מְתֹבְּפֹת, עַל-לִּבְבֵהֶן</b> .
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Rachel her sister cries for her children.	רָחֵל אֲחוֹתָהּ מְבַכָּה עַל בָּנֶיהָ
17. Jeremiah 31	ירמיהו לא
<sup>15</sup> Thus says The Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more. <sup>16</sup> Thus says The Lord: Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded, says The Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. <sup>17</sup> There is hope for your latter end, says The Lord; and <i>your</i> children shall come again to their own border.	יד פֹה אָמַר ה', קוֹל בְּרָמָה נִשְׁמָע נְהִי בְּכִי תַמְרוּרִיםיְחֵל, מְבַכָּה עַל-בָּנֶיהָ; מֵאֲנָה לְהְנָּחֵם עַל-בָּנֶיהָ, כִּי אֵינֶנּוּ. טוֹ כֹּה אָמַר ה', מִנְעִי קוֹלַדְ מִבֶּכִי, וְעִינַיִּדְ, מִדְמְעָה: כִּי יֵשׁ שְׂכָר לִפְּעֻלֶּתִדְּ נְאֻם-ה', וְשָׁבוּ מֵאֶרֶץ אוֹיֵב .טוֹ וְיֵשׁ-תִּקְוָה לְאַחֲרִיתֵדְּ, נְאָם-ה'; וְשָׁבוּ בָנִים, לִגְבוּלָם. וְשָׁבוּ בָנִים, לִגְבוּלָם.

I have been exiled to Babylonia because of you	שַׁלַחְתִּי בָּבֶלָה לְמַעַנְכֶם
18. Isaiah 43	ישעיהו מג
<sup>14</sup> Thus says The Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For your sake, I have sent to Babylon, and I will bring all of them down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships of their rejoicing.	יד כֹּה-אָמַר ה' גֹּאַלְכֶם, קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל: <b>לְמַעַנְכֶם שִּׁלַחְתִּי בָבֶלָה</b> , וְהוֹרַדְתִּי בָּרִיחִים כָּלָם, וְכַשְׁדִּים, בָּאֲנִיוֹת רְנָתָם.