

Deuteronomy and Divine-Human Communication

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- Exodus 6:10** .א. שמות ו'י'
(10) The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, (י) וַיְדַבֵּר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר:
- Deuteronomy 9:10** .ב. דברים ט'י'
(10) And ה' gave me the two tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God, with the exact words that ה' had addressed to you on the mountain out of the fire on the day of the Assembly. (י) וַיִּתֵּן ה' אֵלַי אֶת־שְׁנֵי לוחֹת הַאֲבָנִים כְּתוּבִים בְּאֶצְבָּע אֱלֹקִים וְעַל־יָדָם כְּכֹל־הַדְּבָרִים אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר ה' עִמָּכֶם בְּהָר מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ בְּיוֹם הַקָּהָל:
- Deuteronomy 5:4** .ג. דברים ה'ד'
(4) Face to face ה' spoke to you on the mountain out of the fire— (ד) פָּנִים | בְּפָנִים דִּבֶּר ה' עִמָּכֶם בְּהָר מִתּוֹךְ הָאֵשׁ:
- Exodus 33:11** .ד. שמות ל"ג:יא
(11) ה' would speak to Moses face to face, as one person speaks to another... (יא) וַדַּבֵּר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה פָּנִים אֶל־פָּנִים כַּאֲשֶׁר יְדַבֵּר אִישׁ אֶל־רֵעֵהוּ...

5. **Exodus 8:13-15**

(13) And they did so. Aaron held out his arm with the rod and struck the dust of the earth... all the dust of the earth turned to lice... (14) The magicians did the like with their spells to produce lice, but they could not...

(15) Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God!" ...

ה. שמות ח'י"ג-ט"ו

(יג) וַיַּעֲשׂוּ-כֵן וַיִּטּוּ אֶת־יָדוֹ בְּמִטְהוֹ וַיִּפֹּף אֶת־עֹפֶר הָאָרֶץ... כָּל־עֹפֶר הָאָרֶץ הָיָה כִּנִּים... (יד) וַיַּעֲשׂוּ-לֵן הַחֲרָטְמִים בְּלִטְיָהֶם לְהוֹצִיא אֶת־הַכִּנִּים וְלֹא יָכְלוּ...:

(טו) וַיֹּאמְרוּ הַחֲרָטְמִים אֶל־פַּרְעֹה אֲצַבֵּעַ אֱלֹקִים הוּא ...

6. **Pirkei Avot 5:6**

(6) Ten things were created on the eve of the Sabbath at twilight, and these are they: [1] the mouth of the earth, [2] the mouth of the well, [3] the mouth of the donkey, [4] the rainbow, [5] the manna, [6] the staff [of Moses], [7] the shamir, [8] the letters, [9] the writing, [10] and the tablets...

ו. משנה אבות ה'ר'

(ו) עֲשָׂרָה דְבָרִים נִבְרָאוּ בְעֶרְבַ שְׁבֵת בֵּין הַשְּׁמָשׁוֹת, וְאֵלוֹ הֵן, פִּי הָאָרֶץ, וּפִי הַבְּאֵר, וּפִי הָאֲתוֹן, וְהַקֶּשֶׁת, וְהַמָּן, וְהַמַּטֵּה, וְהַשְּׁמִיר, וְהַכֶּתֵב, וְהַמִּכְתָּב, וְהַלּוּחֹת...:

7. **Deuteronomy 7:12-13**

(12) And if you do obey these rules and observe them carefully, your God יהוה will maintain faithfully for you the covenant made on oath with your fathers: (13) [God] will favor you and bless you and multiply you—blessing your issue from the womb and your produce from the soil, your new grain and wine and oil, the calving of your herd and the lambing of your flock...

ז. דברים ז'י"ב-י"ג

(יב) וְהָיָה | עֲקֵב תִּשְׁמְעוּן אֶת הַמִּשְׁפָּטִים הָאֵלֶּה וּשְׁמַרְתֶּם וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֹתָם וְשָׁמַר ה' אֱלֹהֵיךָ לְךָ אֶת־הַבְּרִית וְאֶת־הַחֹסֶד אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּע לְאַבְתָּיךָ: (יג) וְאַהֲבָה וּבִרְכָה וְהִרְבֵּה וּבִרְךָ פְרִי־בִטְנֶךָ וּפְרִי־אֲדָמָתְךָ דִּגְנֶךָ וְתִירֹשֶׁךָ וַיִּצְהָרֶךָ שְׂגַר־אֲלֹפִיךָ וַעֲשִׂיתָ צִדְקָה ...

8. **Deuteronomy 11:10-17**

(10) For the land that you are about to enter and possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come. There the grain you sowed had to be watered by your own labors, like a vegetable garden; (11) but the land you are about to cross into and possess, a land of hills and valleys, soaks up its water from the rains of heaven. (12) It is a land which your God ה' looks after, on which your God ה' always keeps an eye, from year's beginning to year's end.

(13) If, then, you obey the commandments...(14) I will grant the rain for your land in season

AND IF NOT..

(17) The LORD's anger will flare up against you, shutting up the skies so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its produce...

9. **Deuteronomy 8:5**

(5) Bear in mind that your God ה' disciplines you just as a father disciplines his son.

10. **Deuteronomy 8:2-5**

(3) [God] subjected you to the hardship of hunger and then gave you manna to eat, which neither you nor your ancestors had ever known, in order to teach you that a human being does not live on bread alone, but that one may live on anything that ה' decrees. (4) The clothes upon you did not wear out, nor did your feet swell these forty years.

ה. **דברים י"א:י-יז**

(י) כִּי הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה בֹאֲשֶׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ לֹא כְאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם הִוא אֲשֶׁר יֵצְאתֶם מִשָּׁם אֲשֶׁר תִּזְרַע אֶת־זֵרְעֶךָ וְהִשְׁקִיתָ בְּרַגְלֶךָ כַּגֵּן הַיָּרֵק: (יא) וְהָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אַתֶּם עֹבְרִים שָׁמָּה לְרִשְׁתָּהּ אֶרֶץ הָרִים וּבְקִעֹת לְמִטַּר הַשָּׁמַיִם תִּשְׁתֶּה־מִּמֶּי: (יב) אֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ דֹרֵשׁ אֹתָהּ תָּמִיד עֵינֵי ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ בָּהּ מִרְשִׁית הַשָּׁנָה וְעַד אַחֲרִית שָׁנָה:

(יג) וְהָיָה אִם־שָׁמַעַתְּ תִשְׁמְעוּ אֶל־מִצְוֹתַי... (יד) וְנָתַתִּי מִטַּר־אֲרָצְכֶם בְּעִתּוֹ ...

(יז) וְחָרָה אַפִּי־ה' בְּכֶם וְעָצַר אֶת־הַשָּׁמַיִם וְלֹא־יִהְיֶה מָטָר וְהִיאֲדָמָה לֹא תִתֵּן אֶת־יְבוּלָהּ...

ו. **דברים ח:ה'**

(ה) וַיִּדְעַתְּ עַם־לְבַבְךָ כִּי כַּאֲשֶׁר יִיַסֵּר אִישׁ אֶת־בְּנוֹ ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ מִיַּסְרֶךָ:

ז. **דברים ח:ב'-ה'**

(ג) וַיַּעֲנֶךָ וַיִּרְעַבְךָ וַיֹּאכְלֶךָ אֶת־הַמָּן אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יָדַעְתָּ וְלֹא יָדְעוּן אֲבֹתֶיךָ לְמַעַן הוֹדִיעֶךָ כִּי לֹא עַל־הַלֶּחֶם לְבַדּוֹ יִחְיֶה הָאָדָם כִּי עַל־כָּל־מוֹצֵא פִי־ה' יִחְיֶה הָאָדָם: (ד) שְׂמֹלְתְךָ לֹא בִלְתָהּ מִעֲלֶיךָ וְרַגְלֶךָ לֹא בָצְקָה זֶה אֲרַבְעִים שָׁנָה:

11. **I Samuel 28:6**

(6) And Saul inquired of the LORD, but the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim, or by prophets.

יא. שמואל א כ"ח:ו'

(ו) וַיִּשְׁאַל שְׂאוּל בַּיהוָה וְלֹא עָנָהוּ ה' גַּם בְּחִלְמוֹת גַּם בַּאוּרִים גַּם בַּנְּבִיאִים:

12. **Genesis 28:12-19**

(12) He had a dream; a stairway was set on the ground and its top reached to the sky, and messengers of God were going up and down on it.

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

(19) He named that site Bethel...

יב. בראשית כ"ח:י"ב-י"ט

(יב) וַיִּחְלֵם וַהֲגִיה סֹלֶם מִצֶּבֶב אֶרְצָה וְרֵאשׁוֹ מִגִּיעַ הַשָּׁמַיְמָה וַהֲגִיה מִלְּאֲכָי אֱלֹהִים עֹלִים וְיֹרְדִים בּוֹ:

(יז) וַיִּירָא וַיֹּאמֶר מֶה־נּוֹרָא הַמָּקוֹם הַזֶּה אֵין זֶה כִּי אִם־בַּיִת אֱלֹהִים וְזֶה שַׁעַר הַשָּׁמַיִם:

(יט) וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שֵׁם־הַמָּקוֹם הַהוּא בֵּית־אֵל...

13. **Deuteronomy 18:10-18**

(10) Let no one be found among you who consigns a son or daughter to the fire, or who is an augur, a soothsayer, a diviner, a sorcerer, (11) one who casts spells, or one who consults ghosts or familiar spirits, or one who inquires of the dead... (14) Those nations that you are about to dispossess do indeed resort to soothsayers and augurs; to you, however, your God 'ה has not assigned the like.

(15) From among your own people, your God 'ה will raise up for you a prophet like myself; that is whom you shall heed. (16) This is just what you asked of your God 'ה at Horeb, on the day of the Assembly, saying, "Let me not hear the voice of my God 'ה any longer or see this wondrous fire any more, lest I die." (17) Whereupon 'ה said to me, "They have done well in speaking thus. (18) I will raise up for them from among their own people a prophet like yourself, in whose mouth I will put My words and who will speak to them all that I command;

14. **Deuteronomy 34:10-11**

(10) Never again did there arise in Israel a prophet like Moses—whom 'ה singled out, face to face, (11) for the various signs and portents that 'ה sent him to display in the land of Egypt...

15. **Joshua 5:12**

(12) On that same day, when they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. The Israelites got no more manna; that year they ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

דברים י"ח:י"א-י"ח

(י) לֹא־יִמָּצֵא בְךָ מַעֲבִיר בְּנוֹ-וּבִתּוֹ בְּאֵשׁ קִסְמִים קְסָמִים מְעוֹנָן וּמְנַחֵשׁ וּמְכַשֵּׁף: (יא) וְחֹבֵר חֶבֶר וְשֹׂאֵל אוֹב וְיִדְעוּנִי וְדֹרֵשׁ אֱלֹהֵי־מֵתִים: (יד) כִּי הַגּוֹיִם הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר אָתָּה יוֹרֵשׁ אוֹתָם אֶל־מְעוֹנָנִים וְאֶל־קִסְמִים יִשְׁמְעוּ וְאָתָּה לֹא כֹן גִּתּוֹ לְךָ ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ:

(טו) נִבְיָא מִקִּרְבְּךָ מֵאַחֶיךָ כַּמִּנִּי יָקִים לְךָ ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ אֵלָיו תִּשְׁמָעוּן: (טז) כְּכֹל אֲשֶׁר־שָׁאַלְתָּ מֵעַם ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ בְּחֹרֵב בְּיוֹם הַקֶּהֱל לֵאמֹר לֹא אֶסֶף לִשְׁמֹעַ אֶת־קוֹל ה' אֱלֹהֵי וְאֶת־הָאֵשׁ הַגְּדֹלָה הַזֹּאת לֹא־אֶרְאֶה עוֹד וְלֹא אֶמּוֹת: (יז) וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֵלַי הִיטִיבוּ אֲשֶׁר דִּבַּרוּ: (יח) נִבְיָא אָקִים לְהֵם מִקִּרְבֵּי אַחֵיהֶם כַּמֹּד וְנָתַתִּי דְבָרִי בְּפִיו וְדִבַּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת כָּל־אֲשֶׁר אֶצְוֶנוּ:

דברים ל"ד:י"א-י"א

(י) וְלֹא־קָם עוֹד בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל כַּמֹּשֶׁה אֲשֶׁר יָדָעוּ ה' פָּנִים אֶל־פָּנִים: (יא) לְכָל־הָאֲתָת וְהַמוֹפְתִים אֲשֶׁר שָׁלַח ה' לַעֲשׂוֹת בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם...

יהושע ה':י"ב

(יב) וַיִּשְׁבֹּת הַמָּן מִמַּחֲרַת בְּאַכְלָם מַעֲבֹור הָאָרֶץ וְלֹא־הָיָה עוֹד לִבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מִן וַיֹּאכְלוּ מִתְּבוֹאֹת אֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן בַּשָּׁנָה הַהִיא:

16. **II Kings 20:8-11**

(8) Hezekiah asked Isaiah, “What is the sign that GOD will heal me ...

(11) So the prophet Isaiah called to GOD, and the shadow that had descended on the dial was made to recede ten steps.

טז. מלכים ב כ':ח-י"א

(ח) וַיֹּאמֶר חִזְקִיָּהוּ אֶל־יִשְׁעִיָּהוּ מַה אוֹת כִּי־יִרְפָּא ה' לִי...

(יא) וַיִּקְרָא יִשְׁעִיָּהוּ הַנְּבִיא אֶל־ה' וַיֵּשֶׁב אֶת־הַצֵּל בְּמַעְלֹת אֲשֶׁר יָרְדָה בְּמַעְלֹת אֲחֻזַּי אַחֲרֵינִי עֶשְׂרֵי מַעְלֹת:

17. **II Kings 18:4**

(4) ...He also broke into pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until that time the Israelites had been offering sacrifices to it; it was called Nehushtan.

יז. מלכים ב י"ח:ד'

(ד)...וַכָּתַתְּ נָחֹשׁ הַנְּחָשׁת אֲשֶׁר־עָשָׂה מֹשֶׁה כִּי עַד־הַיָּמִים הָהֵמָּה הָיוּ בְנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל מְקַטְרִים לוֹ וַיִּקְרָא־לוֹ נְחֻשְׁתָּן:

18. **Ezra 2:63**

(63) [The questionable priests were ordered] not to eat of the most holy things until a priest with Urim and Thummim should appear.

יח. עזרא ב':ס"ג

(סג)... לֹא־יֵאכְלוּ מִקֹּדֶשׁ הַקְּדוּשִׁים עַד עֹמֵד כִּהְיוּ לְאוּרִים וּלְתֻמִּים:

19. **I Kings 8:11**

(11) and the priests were not able to remain and perform the service because of the cloud, for the Presence of the LORD filled the House of GOD—

יט. מלכים א ח':י"א

(יא) וְלֹא־יָכְלוּ הַכֹּהֲנִים לַעֲמֹד לְשֶׁרֶת מִפְּנֵי הָעָנָן כִּי־מָלֵא כְבוֹד־ה' אֶת־בַּיִת ה':

20. **I Kings 9:2-3**

(2) GOD appeared to Solomon a second time... (3) GOD said to him, “I have heard the prayer and the supplication that you have offered to Me. I consecrate this House that you have built and I set My name there forever. My eyes and My heart shall ever be there.

כ. מלכים א ט':ב-ג'

(ב) וַיֵּרָא ה' אֶל־שְׁלֹמֹה שְׁנִיתָ... (ג) וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֵלָיו שְׁמַעְתִּי אֶת־תַּפִּלָּתְךָ וְאֶת־תַּחֲנֻנְךָ אֲשֶׁר הִתְחַנַּנְתָּה לְפָנָי הִקְדַּשְׁתִּי אֶת־הַבַּיִת הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר בָּנִיתָ לְשׁוֹם־שְׁמִי שָׁם עַד־עוֹלָם וְהָיוּ עֵינָי וְלִבִּי שָׁם כָּל־הַיָּמִים:

21. **II Kings 1:2-4**

(2) Ahaziah fell through the lattice in his upper chamber at Samaria and was injured...

(3) An angel of GOD said to Elijah the Tishbite, "Go and confront the messengers of the king of Samaria and say to them..."

(4) Thus said the LORD: You shall not rise from the bed you are lying on, but you shall die." And Elijah went.

כא. **מלכים ב' א':ב-ד'**

(ב) וַיִּפֹּל אַחַזְיָה בְּעֵד הַשִּׁבְכָה בְּעִלְיָתוֹ
אֲשֶׁר בְּשֹׁמְרוֹן וַיַּחַל...

(ג) וּמִלְאָךְ ה' דִּבֶּר אֶל-אֱלִיָּה הַתִּישְׁבִי
קוֹם עֲלֵה לְקִרְאֵת מִלְאָכָי מִלְּדֹ-שֹׁמְרוֹן
וּדְבַר אֱלֹהִים... (ד)...כֹּה-אָמַר ה' הַמַּטָּה
אֲשֶׁר-עָלִיתָ שָׁם לֹא-תִרְדּ מִמֶּנֶּה כִּי מוֹת
תָּמוּת וַיֵּלֶךְ אֱלִיָּה:

22. **Malachi 3:22-23**

(22) Remember the Torah of My servant Moses, whom I charged at Horeb with laws and rules for all Israel. (23) Lo, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the coming of the awesome, fearful day of the LORD.

כב. **מלאכי ג':כ"ב-כ"ג**

(כב) זָכְרוּ תוֹרַת מֹשֶׁה עַבְדִּי אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִי
אוֹתוֹ בְּחֶרֶב עַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל חֻקִּים
וּמִשְׁפָּטִים: (כג) הִנֵּה אֲנִכִּי שֶׁלַח לְכֶם אֶת
אֱלִיָּה הַנִּבְיָא לִפְנֵי בּוֹא יוֹם ה' הַגָּדוֹל
וְהַנּוֹרָא:

23. **Sanhedrin 11a**

The Sages taught: After the last of the prophets, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi, died, the Divine Spirit of prophetic revelation departed from the Jewish people. But nevertheless, they were still utilizing a Divine Voice, which they heard as a kind of echo of prophecy.

כג. **סנהדרין י"א א**

ת"ר משמתו נביאים האחרונים חגי
זכריה ומלאכי נסתלקה רוח הקודש
מישראל ואף על פי כן היו משתמשין
בבת קול

24. **Seder Olam Rabbah 30**

... he was the Alexander of Macedonia that ruled twelve years. Up until that time there were prophets who prophesied by the holy spirit; from that time forth "Incline your ear and listen to the words of the sages."
(Proverbs 22:17)

כד. **סדר עולם רבה ל'**

... הוא אלכסנדרוס מקדון שמלך י"ב
שנה, עד כאן היו הנביאים מתנבאים
ברוח הקדש, מכאן ואילך, הט אזנך
ושמע דברי חכמים (משלי כב יז)

25. **Megillah 31b**

These curses in Leviticus **are stated in the plural, and Moses pronounced them from the mouth of the Almighty.** As such, they are more severe. However, **these** curses in Deuteronomy **are stated in the singular, and Moses said them on his own,** like the rest of the book of Deuteronomy. They are therefore less harsh.

כה. מגילה ל"א ב

הִלְלוּ בְּלִשׁוֹן רַבִּים אֲמֹרוֹת, וּמֹשֶׁה מִפִּי
הַגְּבוּרָה אָמַרְוּ, וְהִלְלוּ בְּלִשׁוֹן יְחִיד
אֲמֹרוֹת, וּמֹשֶׁה מִפִּי עֲצָמוֹ אָמַרְוּ.

