

The Early Prophets - One Book, One Theme - class # 37

The 'Hand of G-d' in Song & Psalms ["shirat David"]

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Introduction

As we will be celebrating both Yom ha'Zikaron and Yom ha'Atzmaut this week, and as we near the conclusion of our study of Sefer Shmuel; today's shiur will focus on "shirat David" – i.e. chapter 22 of Shmuel bet (which is also Psalm 18) – to understand its prophetic purpose in Sefer Shmuel and its special meaning today.

Review - what we have identified in the final unit

GAD [in Shmuel bet]

**Chapters 21-> 24 – The earlier years of David's united monarchy -
- the subtopics within this unit**

Noting their underlying military theme, and why logically, they seem to have taken place earlier in the life of King David, but after his Kingdom is firmly established.

chapter 21 – The revenge of the Givonim on the house of Shaul
plus a few short stories re: David's war with the Plishtim

chapter 22 – "shirat David"
– The Psalm/ Song David sang after his military victories

chapter 23 - the 'heroes' of David's army [and their rank]

chapter 24 - David 'mistakenly' commissions a census of the nation
followed by the severe Divine punishment –
then David repents / and buys the field of Aravna the
Jeubsite - [on the very site that later becomes the
Temple mount]

note how the Prophet Gad, is a key character in this final chapter
& hence, only logical to assume that he is its author –

If so, then possibly this entire unit may be the 'hand of Gad'

Note how the first and last chapters focus on 'sin & punishment'
While the middle unit focuses on military success & 'song'

Let's review first the middle unit

Noting the 4 short paragraphs at the end of chapter 21

All describing great military victories:

Shmuel bet chapter 21 - why David stopped leading his troops in battle...

טו וַתְּהִי-עוֹד מִלְחָמָה לַפְּלִשְׁתִּים, אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל; וַיֵּרֶד דָּוִד וְעַבְדָּיו עִמוֹ, וַיִּלָּחֲמוּ אֶת-פְּלִשְׁתִּים--וַיַּעַף דָּוִד.

15 And the Philistines had war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines; and David waxed faint.

טז וישבו (וַיִּשְׁבּוּ) בְּנֵב אֲשֶׁר בִּילִידֵי הָרָפָה, וּמִשְׁקַל קִינוֹ שְׁלֹשׁ מֵאוֹת מִשְׁקַל נְחֹשֶׁת, וְהוּא, חֲגוּר חֲדָשָׁה; וַיֹּאמֶר, לְהַכּוֹת אֶת-דָּוִד.

16 And Ishbibenob, who was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with new armour, thought to have slain David.

יז וַיַּעֲזֹר-לוֹ אַבִּישַׁי בֶּן-צְרוּיָה, וַיִּדֹּף אֶת-הַפְּלִשְׁתִּי וַיִּמָּתֵהוּ; אַז נִשְׁבְּעוּ אַנְשֵׁי-דָוִד לוֹ לֵאמֹר, לֹא-תֵצֵא עוֹד אֶתָּנוּ לַמִּלְחָמָה, וְלֹא תִכָּבֵה, אֶת-נֵר יִשְׂרָאֵל. {פ}

17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying: 'Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the lamp of Israel.' {P}

יח וַיְהִי, אַחֲרֵי-כֵן, וַתְּהִי-עוֹד הַמִּלְחָמָה בְּגוֹב, עִם-פְּלִשְׁתִּים; אַז הִכָּה, סִבְכַי הַחֹשְׁתִּי, אֶת-סָף, אֲשֶׁר בִּילִידֵי הָרָפָה. {ס}

18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again war with the Philistines at Gob; then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Saph, who was of the sons of the giant. {S}

יט וַתְּהִי-עוֹד הַמִּלְחָמָה בְּגוֹב, עִם-פְּלִשְׁתִּים; וַיִּדֹּף אֶלְחָנָן בֶּן-יַעֲרִי אֲרָגִים בֵּית הַלְחָמִי, אֶת-גְּלִית הַגִּתִּי, וַעֲץ חֲנִיתוֹ, כַּמְּנוֹר אֲרָגִים. {ס}

19 And there was again war with the Philistines at Gob; and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Beth-lehemite slew Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. {S}

כ וַתְּהִי-עוֹד מִלְחָמָה, בְּגַת; וַיְהִי אִישׁ מִדִּין (מָדוֹן), וְאֶצְבָּעַת יָדָיו וְאֶצְבָּעַת רַגְלָיו שֵׁשׁ וְשֵׁשׁ עֶשְׂרִים וְאַרְבַּע מִסָּפָר, וְגַם-הוּא, יָלַד לְהָרָפָה.

20 And there was again war at Gath, where was a champion, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant.

כא וַיַּחַרֵף, אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל; וַיַּכֵּהוּ, יְהוֹנָתָן, בֶּן-שִׁמְעִי (שִׁמְעָה), אֶחָי דָּוִד.

21 And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him.

כב אֶת-אַרְבַּעַת אֵלֶּה יָלְדוּ לְהָרָפָה, בְּגַת; וַיִּפְּלוּ בַיַּד-דָּוִד, וּבַיַּד עַבְדָּיו. {ש}

22 These four were born to the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

Then chapter 22 - "shirat David

Note in chapter 23, another short song, followed by war-hero stories

Now we will focus on the shira: in chapter 22

Note how David relates to the 'Hand of G-d'

- א וַיְדַבֵּר דָּוִד לַיהוָה, אֶת-דְּבָרֵי
הַשִּׁירָה הַזֹּאת, {ס}
בְּיוֹם הַצִּיל יְהוָה אֶתוֹ {ר}
מִכַּף כָּל-אִיבָיו, וּמִכַּף שָׂאוּל.
- ב וַיֹּאמֶר: יְהוָה סִלְעִי וּמִצְדָּתִי,
{ר} וּמִפְּלִטִי-לִי.
- ג אֱלֹהֵי צוּרִי, אֲחֹסֶה-בּוֹ; {ס}
מִגִּנִּי וּקְרוֹן יִשְׁעֵי, {ר} מִשָּׂגְבִי
וּמְנוּסֵי, {ס} מִשְׁעֵי,
מִחֲמַס תִּשְׁעֵנִי. {ר}
- ד מִהֲלַל, אֶקְרָא יְהוָה; {ס}
וּמֵאִיבֵי, אֲוִשֶׁעַ. {ר}
- ה כִּי אֶפְנִי, מִשְׁבְּרֵי-מָוֶת; {ס}
נַחֲלֵי בְּלִיעֵל, יִבְעֹתָנִי. {ר}
- ו חֲבָלֵי שָׂאוּל, סָבְבֵנִי; {ס}
קִדְמֹנִי, מִקִּשְׁי-מָוֶת. {ר}
- ז בְּצָר-לִי אֶקְרָא יְהוָה, וְאֵל-
אֱלֹהֵי אֶקְרָא; {ס} וַיִּשְׁמַע
מִהִיכָלוֹ קוֹלִי, וְשׁוֹעֲתֵי בְּאָזְנָיו....
- 1 And David spoke unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul;
- 2 and he said: The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
- 3 The God who is my rock, in Him I take refuge; my shield, and my horn of salvation, my high tower, and my refuge; my saviour, Thou savest me from violence.
- 4 Praised, I cry, is the LORD, and I am saved from mine enemies.
- 5 For the waves of Death compassed me. The floods of Belial assailed me.
- 6 The cords of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of Death confronted me.
- 7 In my distress I called upon the LORD, yea, I called unto my God; and out of His temple He heard my voice, and my cry did enter into His ears.

Next section – not the transition

- יז יִשְׁלַח מִמְרוֹם, יִקְחֵנִי; {ס}
יִמְשֵׁנִי, מִמַּיִם רַבִּים. {ר}
- יח יִצִּילֵנִי, מֵאִיבֵי עֹז; {ס}
מִשִּׁנְאָי, כִּי אִמְצוּ מִמֶּנִּי. {ר}
- יט יִקְדָּמֵנִי, בְּיוֹם אִיִּדִי; וַיְהִי
יְהוָה מִשְׁעוֹן, לִי. {ס}
- כ וַיֵּצֵא לִמְרוֹחַב, אֶתִּי; {ר}
יַחֲלִצֵנִי, כִּי-חָפֵץ בִּי. {ס}
- כא יִגְמֹלֵנִי יְהוָה, כְּצַדִּיקְתִּי; {ר}
כִּבְרֵי יָדַי, יִשִּׁיב לִי. {ס}
- 17 He sent from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters;
- 18 He delivered me from mine enemy most strong, from them that hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
- 19 They confronted me in the day of my calamity; but the LORD was a stay unto me.
- 20 He brought me forth also into a large place; He delivered me, because He delighted in me.
- 21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me.

- כב** כִּי שָׁמַרְתִּי, דְּרָכֵי יְהוָה; {ר}
וְלֹא רָשַׁעְתִּי, מֵאֱלֹהֵי. {ס}
- כג** כִּי כָל-מִשְׁפָּטוֹ, לִנְגִדִי;
וְחֻקֹּתָיו, לֹא-אָסוּר מִמֶּנָּה. {ר}
- כד** **וְאֵהִיָּה תָמִים, לוֹ;** {ס}
וְאֶשְׁתַּמְרָה, מֵעֲוֹנֵי. {ר}
- כה** וַיִּשָּׁב יְהוָה לִי, כְּצַדִּיקְתִּי;
{ס} כְּבָרִי, לִנְגִד עֵינָיו. {ר}
- כו** עִם-חָסִיד, תִּתְחַסֵּד; {ס}
עִם-גִּבּוֹר תָּמִים, תִּתְמָם. {ר}
- כז** עִם-נָבֵר, תִּתְבָּר; {ס} וְעִם-
עֲקֹשׁ, תִּתְפַּל. {ר}
- כח** וְאֶת-עַם עֲנִי, תוֹשִׁיעַ; {ס}
וְעֵינֶיךָ עַל-רָמִים, תִּשְׁפִּיל. {ר}
- כט** כִּי-אֲתָה נִירִי, יְהוָה; {ס}
וַיְהוָה, יַגִּיהַ חֹשֶׁכִי. {ר}
- ל** **כִּי בָכָה, אָרוּץ גְּדוּד;** {ס}
בְּאֱלֹהֵי, אֲדַלֵּג-שׁוּר. {ר}
- לא** הָאֵל, תָּמִים דְּרָכּוֹ; אֲמַרְתַּ
**יְהוָה, צְרוּפָה-- {ס} מִגֵּן הוּא,
לְכָל הַחֹסִים בּוֹ. {ר}**
- לב** כִּי מִי-אֵל, מִבְּלַעְדֵי יְהוָה;
{ס} וּמִי צוּר, מִבְּלַעְדֵי אֱלֹהֵינוּ...

Skipping to concluding lines:

- מז** חִי-יְהוָה, וּבְרוּךְ צוּרִי; {ס}
וַיְרָם, אֱלֹהֵי צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל. {ר}
- מח** הָאֵל, הַנִּתֵּן נִקְמַת לִי; {ס}
וּמְרִיד עַמִּים, תַּחְתֵּנִי. {ר}
- מט** וּמוֹצִיאִי, מֵאִיְבֵי; וּמְקַמִּי, תְּרוּמְמִנִי,
{ס} מֵאִישׁ חֲמָסִים, תַּצִּילֵנִי. {ר}

נ על-פִּן אוֹדֶה יְהוָה, בְּגוֹיִם ; {ס}
וּלְשִׁמְךָ, אֲזַמְּרָה. {ר} 50 Therefore I will give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, among the nations, and will sing praises unto Thy name.

נא מגדיל (מגדול), יְשׁוּעוֹת מִלְּפָנָי ;
וַעֲשֵׂה-חֶסֶד לְמִשְׁיְׁחֹו {ס} לְדָוִד
וּלְזָרְעוֹ, עַד-עוֹלָם. {ר} {ש} 51 A tower of salvation is He to His king; and showeth mercy to His anointed, to David and to his seed, for evermore.

Note connection to the conclusion of “shirat Chana: [shmuel alpeh chapter 2]

ח מִקִּים מֵעַפְרֵ דָל, מֵאַשְׁפַּת יְרִים אֲבִיוֹן,
לְהוֹשִׁיב עִם-נְדִיבִים, וְכִסֵּא כְבוֹד יִנְחֹלֵם : כִּי
לִיהוָה מְצַקִּי אֶרֶץ, וַיִּשֶׁת עֲלֵיהֶם תְּבַל. 8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, He lifteth up the needy from the dung-hill, to make them sit with princes, and inherit the throne of glory; for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and He hath set the world upon them.

ט רַגְלֵי חֲסִידוֹ יִשְׁמֵר, וּרְשָׁעִים בַּחֹשֶׁךְ יִדְמוּ :
כִּי-לֹא בְכַח, יִגְבֹּר-אִישׁ. 9 He will keep the feet of His holy ones, but the wicked shall be put to silence in darkness; for not by strength shall man prevail.

י יְהוָה יַחַתּוּ מְרִיבֹו, עָלוּ בְּשִׁמִּים
יַרְעֵם--יְהוָה, יַדִּין אַפְסִי-אֶרֶץ ; וַיִּתֵּן-
עֹז לְמִלְּפָנָי, וַיָּרֶם קַרְן מִשְׁיְׁחֹו. {פ} 10 They that strive with the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them will He thunder in heaven; the LORD will judge the ends of the earth; and He will give strength unto His king, and exalt the horn of His anointed

In light of this, lets note transition from Tehillim 106 to 107

106 – how bad Am Yisrael has been in our relationship with Hashem

א הַלְלוּ-יְהוָה : 1 Hallelujah. {N}
הוֹדוּ לַיהוָה כִּי-טוֹב-- כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֶסֶדּוֹ. O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good; for His mercy endureth for ever.

ב מִי--יִמְלַל, גְּבוּרוֹת יְהוָה ;
יִשְׁמִיעַ, כָּל-תְּהִלָּתוֹ. 2 Who can express the mighty acts of the LORD, or make all His praise to be heard?

ג אֲשֶׁרֵי, שְׁמֵרֵי מִשְׁפָּט ;
עֹשֵׂה צְדָקָה בְּכָל-עֵת. 3 Happy are they that keep justice, that do righteousness at all times.

ד זְכַרְנִי יְהוָה, בְּרָצוֹן עֲמָךְ ; פִּקְדֹנַי,
בִּישׁוּעָתֶךָ. 4 Remember me, O LORD, when Thou favourest Thy people; O think of me at Thy salvation;

ה לְרֵאוֹת, בְּטוֹבַת בְּחִירֶיךָ-- לְשִׂמְחָה,
בְּשִׂמְחַת גּוֹיֶךָ ; לְהִתְהַלֵּל, עִם-נַחְלָתֶךָ. 5 That I may behold the prosperity of Thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation, {N} that I may glory with Thine inheritance.

ו חָטְאנוּ עִם-אֲבוֹתֵינוּ ; הִעֲוִינוּ הַרְשָׁעָנוּ. 6 We have sinned with our fathers, we have done iniquitously, we have dealt wickedly.

ז אֲבוֹתֵינוּ בְּמִצְרַיִם, לֹא-הִשְׁכִּילוּ
נִפְלְאוֹתֶיךָ-- לֹא זָכְרוּ, אֶת-רַב חֲסָדֶיךָ ;
וַיִּמְרוּ עַל-יָם בַּיַּם-סוּף.... 7 Our fathers in Egypt gave no heed unto Thy wonders; {N} they remembered not the multitude of Thy mercies; {N} but were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea.

Continues with how bad we were in the desert until entering the Land..

Then continues to time period of the Shoftim – note the cycle:

- 34 They did not destroy the peoples, as the LORD commanded them;
לד לא-הִשְׁמִידוּ, אֶת-הָעַמִּים-
- אֲשֶׁר אָמַר יְהוָה לָהֶם.
- 35 But mingled themselves with the nations, and learned their works;
לה וַיִּתְעַרְבוּ בַּגּוֹיִם ; וַיִּלְמְדוּ, מֵעֲשֵׂיהֶם.
- 36 And they served their idols, which became a snare unto them;
לו וַיַּעֲבְדוּ אֶת-עֲצָבֵיהֶם ;
וַיְהִיו לָהֶם לְמוֹקֵשׁ.
- 37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons,
לז וַיִּזְבְּחוּ אֶת-בְּנֵיהֶם ,
וְאֶת-בָּנוֹתֵיהֶם-- לְשֵׁדִים.
- 38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan; {N} and the land was polluted with blood.
לח וַיִּשְׁפְּכוּ דָם נָקִי, דַּם-בְּנֵיהֶם וּבָנוֹתֵיהֶם--
אֲשֶׁר זָבְחוּ, לְעֲצָבֵי כְּנָעַן; וַתִּחַנַּף הָאָרֶץ, בַּדָּמִים.
- 39 Thus were they defiled with their works, and went astray in their doings.
לט וַיִּטְמְאוּ בְּמַעֲשֵׂיהֶם ; וַיִּזְנוּ, בְּמַעַלְלֵיהֶם.
- 40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against His people, and He abhorred His inheritance.
מ וַיַּחַר-אַף יְהוָה בְּעַמּוֹ;
וַיִּתְעַב, אֶת-נַחֲלָתוֹ.
- 41 And He gave them into the hand of the nations; and they that hated them ruled over them.
מא וַיִּתְּנֵם בְּיַד-גּוֹיִם ;
וַיִּמְשְׁלוּ בָהֶם, שְׂנְאֵיהֶם.
- 42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were subdued under their hand.
מב וַיִּלְחָצוּם אוֹיְבֵיהֶם ;
וַיִּכְנָעוּ, תַּחַת יָדָם.
- 43 Many times did He deliver them; {N} but they were rebellious in their counsel, and sank low through their iniquity.
מג פְּעָמִים רַבּוֹת, יִצִּילֶם:
וְהֵמָּה, יִמְרוּ בַעֲצָתָם ; וַיִּמְכּוּ, בְּעוֹנָם.
- 44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress, when He heard their cry;
מד וַיִּרְא, בְּצַר לָהֶם- בְּשָׁמְעוֹ, אֶת-רִנָּתָם.
- 45 And He remembered for them His covenant, and repented according to the multitude of His mercies.
מה וַיִּזְכֹּר לָהֶם בְּרִיתוֹ;
וַיִּנְחַם, כְּרַב חַסְדּוֹ.
- 46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captive.
מו וַיַּתֵּן אוֹתָם לְרַחֲמִים-
- לְפָנָי, כָּל-שׁוֹבֵייהֶם.
- 47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, {N} that we may give thanks unto Thy holy name, that we may triumph in Thy praise.
מז הוֹשִׁיעֵנו, יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ,
וְקַבְּצֵנוּ, מִן-הַגּוֹיִם :
לְהַדוֹת, לְשֵׁם קְדוֹשְׁךָ לְהִשְׁתַּבַּח, בְּתִהְלֶךְךָ.

Note how this leads into Tehillim 107

- 1 'O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever.'
הָדוּ לַיהוָה כִּי-טוֹב : כִּי לְעוֹלָם חַסְדּוֹ.
- 2 So let the redeemed of the LORD say, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the adversary;
ב יֹאמְרוּ, גְּאוּלֵי יְהוָה-
אֲשֶׁר גָּאֵלָם, מִיַּד-צָר.
- 3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the sea.
ג וַיִּמְאַרְצוֹת, קַבְּצָם :
מִמִּזְרָח וּמִמְעַרְב ; מִצָּפוֹן וּמִיָּם.

א	הָדוּ לַיהוָה כִּי-טוֹב: כִּי לְעוֹלָם חֲסָדוֹ.
ב	יֹאמְרוּ, גְּאוּלַי יְהוָה-- אֲשֶׁר גָּאֵלָם, מִיַּד-צָר.
ג	וּמֵאֲרָצוֹת, קִבְּצָם: מִמִּזְרַח וּמִמְעַרְב; מִצְפּוֹן וּמִיָּם.
ד	תָּעוּ בַמִּדְבָּר, בִּישִׁימוֹן דָּרְדָּר; עִיר מוֹשֵׁב, לֹא מָצְאוּ.
ה	רְעִבִים גַּם-צִמְאִים-- נַפְשָׁם, בָּהֶם תִּתְעַטֵּף.
ו	וַיִּצְעְקוּ אֶל-יְהוָה, בְּצָר לָהֶם; מִמִּצּוֹקוֹתֵיהֶם, יִצִּילֵם.
ז	וַיִּדְרִיכֵם, בְּדֶרֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל-- לִלְכֹת, אֶל-עִיר מוֹשֵׁב.
ח	יֹדוּ לַיהוָה חֲסָדוֹ; וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו, לְבַנֵי אָדָם.
ט	כִּי-הִשְׁבִּיעַ, נַפֶּשׁ שִׁקְקָה; וְנָפֶשׁ רְעֵבָה, מִלֶּא-טוֹב.
י	יֹשְׁבֵי, חֲשֵׁד וְצַלְמוֹת; אֲסִירֵי עֵנִי וּבְרָזָל.
יא	כִּי-הִמְרוּ אֶמְרֵי-אֵל; וַעֲצַת עֲלִיוֹן נֶאֱצוּ.
יב	וַיִּכְנַע בַּעֲמַל לָבָם; כְּשֵׁלוֹ, וְאִין עֹזֵר.
יג	וַיִּצְעְקוּ אֶל-יְהוָה, בְּצָר לָהֶם; מִמִּצּוֹקוֹתֵיהֶם, יוֹשִׁיעֵם.
יד	וַיִּצִיאֵם, מִחֲשֵׁד וְצַלְמוֹת; וּמוֹסְרוֹתֵיהֶם יִנְתַּק.
טו	יֹדוּ לַיהוָה חֲסָדוֹ; וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו, לְבַנֵי אָדָם.
טז	כִּי-שֹׁבֵר, דִּלְתוֹת נַחֲשֶׁת; וּבְרִיחֵי בְרָזָל גִּדְעוּ.
יז	אֲוֹלִים, מִדֶּרֶךְ פֶּשַׁע; וַיַּעֲזֹבוּהֶם, יִתְעַנּוּ.
יח	כָּל-אֲכָל, תִּתְעַב נַפְשָׁם; וַיִּגִּיעוּ, עַד-שַׁעְרֵי מוֹת.
יט	וַיִּצְעְקוּ אֶל-יְהוָה, בְּצָר לָהֶם; מִמִּצּוֹקוֹתֵיהֶם יוֹשִׁיעֵם.
כ	יִשְׁלַח דְּבָרוֹ, וַיִּרְפָּאֵם; וַיִּמְלֹט, מִשְׁחִיתוֹתָם.
כא	יֹדוּ לַיהוָה חֲסָדוֹ; וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו, לְבַנֵי אָדָם.
כב	וַיִּזְבְּחוּ, זִבְחֵי תוֹדָה; וַיִּסְפְּרוּ מַעֲשָׂיו בִּרְנָה.
כג	יֹרְדֵי הַיָּם, בְּאֲנִיּוֹת; עֹשֵׂי מְלָאכָה, בְּמִים רַבִּים.
כד	הִמָּה רָאוּ, מַעֲשֵׂי יְהוָה; וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו, בְּמִצּוֹלָה.
כה	וַיֹּאמְרוּ--וַיַּעֲמִד, רוּחַ סֶעֱרָה; וַתִּרְוַם גְּלִיו.
כו	יָעֲלוּ שָׁמַיִם, יִרְדּוּ תְהוֹמוֹת; נַפְשָׁם, בְּרָעָה תִתְמוּגַג.
כז	יַחוּגּוּ וַיִּנוּעוּ, כְּשִׁפּוֹר; וְכָל-חֲכֻמָּתָם, תִּתְבַּלַּע.
כח	וַיִּצְעְקוּ אֶל-יְהוָה, בְּצָר לָהֶם; וּמִמִּצּוֹקוֹתֵיהֶם, יוֹצִיאֵם.
כט	יָקַם סֶעֱרָה, לְדָמָמָה; וַיִּיחֹשׁוּ, גְּלִיהֶם.
ל	וַיִּשְׁמְחוּ כִי-יִשְׁתַּקּוּ; וַיִּנַּחֵם, אֶל-מַחוּז חֲפָצָם.
לא	יֹדוּ לַיהוָה חֲסָדוֹ; וְנִפְלְאוֹתָיו, לְבַנֵי אָדָם.
לב	וַיִּרְוַם מוֹהוֹ, בְּקַהֲל-עָם; וּבְמוֹשֵׁב זִקְנִים יִהְלֹהוּ.
לג	יֵשׁם נְהָרוֹת לְמִדְבָּר; וּמִצְאֵי מַיִם, לְצַמְאוֹן.
לד	אֲרָץ פְּרִי, לְמַלְחָה; מִרְעַת, יוֹשְׁבֵי בָהּ.
לה	יֵשׁם מִדְבָּר, לְאֵגֶם-מַיִם; וְאֲרָץ צִיָּה, לְמִצְאֵי מַיִם.
לו	וַיּוֹשֵׁב שָׁם רְעִיבִים; וַיִּכּוֹנְנוּ, עִיר מוֹשֵׁב.
לז	וַיִּזְרְעוּ שְׂדוֹת, וַיִּטְעוּ כְרָמִים; וַיַּעֲשׂוּ, פְּרֵי תְבוּאָה.
לח	וַיִּבְרָכֵם וַיִּרְבוּ מְאֹד; וּבָהֶמְתֶּם, לֹא יִמְעִיט.
לט	וַיִּמְעִטוּ וַיִּשְׁחוּ-- מַעֲצָר רָעָה וַיִּגּוּן.
מ	שִׁפְדָּ בּוּז, עַל-נְדִיבִים; וַיִּתְעַם, בְּתֵהוּ לֹא-דָרְדָּר.
מא	וַיִּשְׁגַּב אֲבִיוֹן מַעוֹנִי; וַיִּשֶׁם כְּצֹאן, מִשְׁפָּחוֹת.
מב	יִרְאוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּשְׁמְחוּ; וְכָל-עוֹלָה, קִפְצָה פִּיהָ.
מג	מִי-חֲכָם וַיִּשְׁמְרוּ-אֱלֹהֵי; וַיִּתְבוּנְנוּ, חֲסָדֵי יְהוָה.

- 33 **לג** יִשֶׁם נְהָרוֹת לְמִדְבָּר; וּמְצַיֵּי מַיִם, לְצִמְאוֹן. 33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and watersprings into a thirsty ground;
- 34 **לד** אֶרֶץ פְּרִי, לְמִלְחָה; מִרְעֵת, יוֹשְׁבֵי בָהּ. 34 A fruitful land into a salt waste, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
- 35 **לה** יִשֶׁם מִדְבָּר, לְאֵגֶם-מַיִם; וְאֶרֶץ צְיָה, לְמְצַיֵּי מַיִם. 35 He turneth a wilderness into a pool of water, and a dry land into watersprings.
- 36 **לו** וַיּוֹשֶׁב שָׁם רְעֵבִים; וַיִּכְוֲנֵנוּ, עִיר מוֹשָׁב. 36 And there He maketh the hungry to dwell, and they establish a city of habitation;
- 37 **לז** וַיִּזְרְעוּ שָׂדוֹת, וַיִּטְעוּ כִּרְמִים; וַיַּעֲשׂוּ, פְּרִי תְבוּאָה. 37 And sow fields, and plant vineyards, which yield fruits of increase.
- 38 **לח** וַיְבָרְכֵם וַיִּרְבוּ מְאֹד; וּבְהֶמְתָּם, לֹא יִמְעִיט. 38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly, and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
- 39 **לט** וַיִּמְעָטוּ וַיִּשְׁחֻ-; מַעֲצָר רָעָה וַיִּגְוֹן. 39 Again, they are minished and dwindle away through oppression of evil and sorrow.
- 40 **מ** [שִׁפְדָּ בּוֹז, עַל-נְדִיבִים; וַיִּתְעַם, בְּתֵהוּ לֹא-דֶרֶךְ. 40 He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the waste, where there is no way.
- 41 **מא** וַיִּשְׁגַּב אֲבִיוֹן מֵעוֹנֵי; וַיִּשֶׁם כְּצֹאן, מִשְׁפָּחוֹת. 41 Yet setteth He the needy on high from affliction, and maketh his families like a flock.
- 42 **מב** יִרְאוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּשְׂמְחוּ; וְכָל-עוֹלָה, קִפְצָה פִּיהָ. 42 The upright see it, and are glad; and all iniquity stoppeth her mouth.
- 43 **מג** מִי-חָכֵם וַיִּשְׁמַר-אֱלֹהֵי; וַיִּתְבּוֹנְנוּ, חֲסֵדֵי יְהוָה. 43 Whoso is wise, let him observe these things, and let them consider the mercies of the LORD.

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