

# Source sheet for "Shem Hashem" / God's Name-a Biblical Mega-theme

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## A. Genesis Chapter 4 - Something goes 'wrong'

כו וילָשֶׁת גַּם-הוּא יֶלֶד-בֶּן, וַיִּקְרָא אֶת-שְׁמוֹ אֶנוֹשׁ; אַז הוֹחֵל, לְקַרְא בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה.  
26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh; then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

## B. Genesis Chapter 11 - Migdal Bavel - God is 'upset'

ג וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ אֶל-רֵעֵהוּ, הֲבֵה נִלְבְּנָה לְבִנִּים, וְנִשְׂרָפָה, לְשִׂרְפָה...  
3 And they said one to another: 'Come, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly.' And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

ד וַיֹּאמְרוּ הֲבֵה נִבְנֶה-לָנוּ עִיר, וּמִגְדָּל וְרֵאשׁוּ בְשָׁמַיִם, וְנַעֲשֶׂה-לָנוּ, שֵׁם: פֶּן-נִפּוּץ, עַל-פְּנֵי כָל-הָאָרֶץ.  
4 And they said: 'Come, let us build us a city, and a tower, with its top in heaven, and let us make us a name; lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.'

## C. Avraham is chosen; then calls in His Name / Genesis chapter 12

א וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל-אַבְרָם, לֵךְ-לְךָ...  
1 God said unto Abram: 'Get thee out ...

ח וַיַּעֲתֵק מִשָּׁם הַהָרָה, מִקְדָּם לְבֵית-אֵל--וַיֵּט אֹהֶל... וַיִּבֶן-שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ לַיהוָה, וַיִּקְרָא בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה  
8 And he removed from thence unto the mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west...and he builded there an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD

## D. The purpose for being chosen [before destruction of Sedom] /Breishit 18

יז וַיְהוָה, אָמַר: הַמְכַסֶּה אֲנִי מֵאַבְרָהָם, אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה. וְאַבְרָהָם--הֵיזוּ יִהְיֶה לְגוֹי גָדוֹל, וְעַצוֹם; וְנִבְרַכּוּ-בּוֹ--כָּל, גּוֹיֵי הָאָרֶץ. יט כִּי יִדְעֵתִיו, לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר יַעֲוֶה אֶת-בְּנָיו וְאֶת-בֵּיתוֹ אַחֲרָיו, וְשָׁמְרוּ דְרֹךְ יְהוָה, לַעֲשׂוֹת צְדָקָה וּמִשְׁפָּט--לְמַעַן, הִבִּיא יְהוָה עַל-אַבְרָהָם, אֶת אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר, עָלָיו.  
17 And the LORD said: 'Shall I hide from Abraham that which I am doing;--18. for Abraham is destined to become a great nation, and through him all the nations of the earth shall be blessed! 19 For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which He had spoken.'

## E. I Kings Chapter 8 / Solomon's prayer when Temple is complete

מא וְגַם, אֶל-הַנִּכְרִי, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-מֵעַמְּךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל הוּא וּבֵא מֵאָרֶץ רְחוֹקָה, לְמַעַן שְׁמֹךְ.  
41 Moreover concerning the stranger that is not of Thy people Israel, when he shall come out of a far country for Thy name's sake--

## F. I Kings Chapter 10 When Queen of Sheba visits - it works!

א וּמִלְכַת-שֶׁבַא, שָׁמְעַת אֶת-שְׁמַע שְׁלֹמֹה--לְשֵׁם יְהוָה; וַתָּבֵא לְנִסְתּוֹ, בְּחִידוֹת.  
1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon because of the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.