

The Prophets and Psalmists as Exegetes - Class # 1

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How Yeshayahu Understood Sefer Breishit - Part I

Intro - The purpose of Prophecy

The Navi's primary job was to 'shape' Jewish history, rather than to predict what will be. Hence, the Navi's understanding of God's expectations from His People, would guide how, when, and why the Navi would rebuke the Nation. As God's primary guide for why He chose Am Yisrael is developed thematically through the laws and stories in Chumash, it only makes sense that when we analyze the prophecies of the great prophets, we should be able to find how they understood core Biblical themes.

In our opening study of the Navi Yeshayahu - we will take a look at the opening two chapters of his book, to show how he interpreted some key themes in Sefer Breishit,

I. Issaiah chapter 1 - Don't give me that 'bull' & the story of Sedom.

**א חֲזוֹן, יִשְׁעֶיהוּ בֶן-אֲמוֹץ, אֲשֶׁר חָזָה, עַל-
יְהוּדָה וִירוּשָׁלַם--בִּימֵי עֲזִיָּהוּ יוֹתָם אַחַז
יְחִזְקִיָּהוּ, מֶלֶכִי יְהוּדָה.**

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

**ב שָׁמְעוּ שָׁמַיִם וְהָאָרֶץ, כִּי יְהוָה
דִּבֶּר: בָּנִים גִּדְּלֹתַי וְרוֹמְמֹתַי, וְהֵם פָּשְׁעוּ בִּי.**

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the LORD hath spoken: Children I have reared, and brought up, and they have rebelled against Me.

**ג יָדַע שׁוֹר קִנְהוֹ, וַחֲמֹר אָבוֹס בְּעֻלּוֹ; יִשְׂרָאֵל לֹא יָדַע,
עַמִּי לֹא הִתְבּוֹנֵן.**

3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, My people doth not consider.

**ד הוּי גּוֹי חַטָּא, עִם כָּבֵד עוֹן--זָרַע מְרֵעִים, בָּנִים
מִשְׁחִיתִים; עֲזָבוּ אֶת-יְהוָה, נֹאצוּ אֶת-קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל--
נָזְרוּ אַחֲזָר....**

4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that deal corruptly; they have forsaken the LORD, they have contemned the Holy One of Israel, they are turned away backward.

**ז אֶרְצְכֶם שְׁמָמָה, עָרֵיכֶם שְׂרָפוֹת אֵשׁ; אֲדַמְתֶּכֶם,
לִנְגִדְכֶם זָרִים אֹכְלִים אֹתָהּ, וְשִׁמְמָה, כְּמַהֲפַכַת זָרִים.
כְּעִיר נְצוּרָה.**

7 Your country is desolate; your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by floods.

**ח וְנוֹתְרָה בֵּת-צִיּוֹן, כְּסִכָּה בְּכָרֶם; כְּמִלוּנָה בְּמִקְשָׁה,
כְּעִיר נְצוּרָה.**

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

ט לולי יהוה צבאות, הותיר לנו שריד כמעט--
כסדם היינו, לעמרה דמינו. {פ}

9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, we should have been like unto Gomorrah. {P}

י שמעו דבר-יהוה, קציני סדם; האזינו תורת אלהינו, עם עמרה.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.

יא למא-לי רב-זבחיכם יאמר יהוה, שבעתי עלות אילים וחלב מריאים; ודם פרים וכבשים ועתודים, לא חפצתי.

11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me: saith the LORD; I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats.

יב כי תבאו, לראות פני--מי-בקש זאת מידכם, רמס חצרי.

12 When ye come to appear before Me, who hath required this at your hand, to trample My courts?

יג לא תוסיפו, הביא מנחת-שוא--קטרת תועבה היא, לי; חדש ושבת קרא מקרא, לא-אוכל און ועצרה.

13 Bring no more vain oblations; it is an offering of abomination unto Me; new moon and sabbath, the holding of convocations--I cannot endure iniquity along with the solemn assembly.

יד חדשיכם ומועדיכם שנאה נפשי, היו עלי לטרח; נלאיתי, נשא.

14 Your new moons and your appointed seasons My soul hateth; they are a burden unto Me; I am weary to bear them.

טו ובפרשכם פפיכם, אעלים עיני מכם-- גם כי-תרבו תפלה, אינני שמע: ידיכם, דמים מלאו.

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide Mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood.

טז רחצו, הזכו--הסירו רע מעלליכם, מנגד עיני: חדלו, הרע.

16 Wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes, cease to do evil;

יז למדו היטב דרשו משפט, אשרו חמוץ; שפטו יתום, ריבו אלמנה. {ס}

17 Learn to do well; seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. {S}

יח לכו-נא ונזכחה, יאמר יהוה; אם-יהיו חטאיכם כשנים כשגל ילבינו, אם-יאדימו כתולע כצמר יהיו.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

יט אם-תאבו, ושמעתם--טוב הארץ, תאכלו.

19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land;

כ ואם-תמאנו, ומריתם--חרב תאכלו, כי פי יהוה דבר. {פ}

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken. {P}

כא אֵיכָה הִיְתָה לְזוֹנָה, קָרְיָה נְאֻמָּנָה ;
מִלֵּאתִי מִשְׁפָּט, צְדָק יָלִין בָּהּ -- וְעַתָּה מְרַצְחִים.

21 How is the faithful city become a harlot!
She that was full of justice, righteousness
lodged in her, but now murderers.

כב כֶּסֶףְךָ, הָיָה לְסִיגִים ; סְבֵאֶךָ, מָהוּל בַּמַּיִם.

22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine
mixed with water.

כג שָׂרִיָדְךָ סוֹרְרִים, וְחֻבְרֵי גְנָבִים -- כָּלוּ אֹהֶב
שְׂחָד, וְרֹדֵף שְׁלֵמָנִים ; יְתוֹס לֹא יִשְׁפֹּטוּ,
וְרִיב אֶלְמָנָה לֹא-יָבוֹא אֲלֵיהֶם. {ס}

23 Thy princes are rebellious, and
companions of thieves; every one loveth
bribes, and followeth after rewards; they
judge not the fatherless, neither doth the
cause of the widow come unto them. {S}

כד לָכֵן, נָאִם הָאֲדוֹן יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת--אֲבִיר,
יִשְׂרָאֵל: הוּי אֲנַחֵם מִצָּרֵי, וְאֲנַקְמָה מֵאוֹיְבָי.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of
hosts, the Mighty One of Israel: Ah, I will
ease Me of Mine adversaries, and avenge
Me of Mine enemies;

כה וְאֶשְׁיבָה יָדֵי עֲלִיָדְךָ, וְאֶצְרֹף כְּבֹר סִיגֵיָדְךָ ;
וְאֶסְרָה, כָּל-בְּדִילֵיָדְךָ.

25 And I will turn My hand upon thee, and
purge away thy dross as with lye, and will
take away all thine alloy;

כו וְאֶשְׁיבָה שֹׁפְטֵיָדְךָ כְּבָרָאשְׁנָה, וְיַעֲצִיָדְךָ
כְּבִתְחִלָּה ; אַחֲרֵי-כֵן, יִקְרָא לְךָ עִיר הַצְּדָקָה--
קָרְיָה, נְאֻמָּנָה.

26 And I will restore thy judges as at the
first, and thy counsellors as at the
beginning; afterward thou shalt be called
the city of righteousness, the faithful city.

כז צִיּוֹן, בְּמִשְׁפָּט תִּפְדָּה ; וְשָׁבְיָהּ, בְּצִדְקָה.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and
they that return of her with righteousness.

Key observations:

1. Comparing the people to Sodom & Amora

To emphasize type of destruction / or REASON for punishment

2. Focus on "tzedek u'misphat" - clearly - underlying theme

3. Allusion to the fact that God is not answering prayer in the Temple,

Nor is He impressed by their holidays or korbanot

[in fact, they appear to be counter productive]

Our key contention:

Yeshayahu assumes his audience is aware of Sefer Breishit

Yeshayahu assumes that Sefer Breishit has a theme

[Relating to WHY God chose a nation]

Yeshayahu assumes that there is a reason for punishment,

And the purpose of prayer must be 'transformative'

II The centrality of Sedom in the life of Avraham Avinu

Breishit chapter 13

- א** וַיַּעַל אַבְרָם מִמִּצְרַיִם הוּא וְאִשְׁתּוֹ וְכָל-אֲשֶׁר-לוֹ, וְלוֹט עִמּוֹ--הַנְּגִבָה.
- 1** And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the South.
- ב** וְאַבְרָם, כָּבֵד מְאֹד, בַּמָּקְנָה, בַּכֶּסֶף וּבַזָּהָב.
- 2** And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.
- ג** וַיֵּלֶךְ, לְמִסְעָיו, מִנְּגִב, וְעַד-בֵּית-אֵל--עַד-הַמָּקוֹם, אֲשֶׁר-הָיָה שָׁם אֹהֶלָה בְּתַחֲלָה, בֵּין בֵּית-אֵל, וּבֵין הָעֵי.
- 3** And he went on his journeys from the South even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Ai;
- ד** אֶל-מָקוֹם, הַמִּזְבֵּחַ, אֲשֶׁר-עָשָׂה שָׁם, בְּרֵאשִׁיטָה; וַיִּקְרָא שָׁם אַבְרָם, בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה.
- 4** unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first; and Abram called there on the name of the LORD.
- ה** וְגַם-לְלוֹט--הַהֶלֶךְ, אֶת-אַבְרָם: הָיָה צֹאן-וּבָקָר, וְאֹהֲלִים.
- 5** And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.
- ו** וְלֹא-נִשְׂאָ אֹתָם הָאָרֶץ, לְשִׁבְתָּ יַחְדָּו: כִּי-הָיָה רְכוּשָׁם רָב, וְלֹא יָכֻלוּ לְשִׁבְתָּ יַחְדָּו.
- 6** And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together; for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.
- ז** וַיְהִי-רִיב, בֵּין רְעֵי מִקְנֵה-אַבְרָם, וּבֵין, רְעֵי מִקְנֵה-לוֹט; וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי, וְהַפְּרִזִּי, אֲזוּ, יָשָׁב בְּאֶרֶץ.
- 7** And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle. And the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelt then in the land.
- ח** וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָם אֶל-לוֹט, אֵל-נָא תְהִי מְרִיבָה בֵּינִי וּבֵינֶךָ, וּבֵין רְעֵי, וּבֵין רְעֵיךָ: כִּי-אֲנָשִׁים אַחִים, אֲנַחְנוּ.
- 8** And Abram said unto Lot: 'Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we are brethren.
- ט** הֲלֹא כָל-הָאָרֶץ לְפָנֶיךָ, הַפָּרֶד נָא מֵעָלַי: אִם-הִשְׂמַאל וְאִימָנָה, וְאִם-הַיְמִין וְאִשְׁמֹאֵלָה.
- 9** Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me; if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou take the right hand, then I will go to the left.'
- י** וַיִּשָּׂא-לוֹט אֶת-עֵינָיו, וַיִּרְא אֶת-כָּל-כַּפְּר הַיַּרְדֵּן, כִּי כָלָה מִשְׁקָה--לְפָנֵי שַׁחַת יְהוָה, אֶת-סְדוֹם וְאֶת-עֲמֹרָה, כְּגֹן-יְהוָה כְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, ---- בְּאֶכָה צֶעַר.
- 10** And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou goest unto Zoar.
- יא** וַיִּבְחַר-לוֹ לוֹט, אֶת כָּל-כַּפְּר הַיַּרְדֵּן, וַיִּסַּע לוֹט, מִמָּקְדָם; וַיִּפְרְדּוּ, אִישׁ מֵעַל אָחִיו.
- 11** So Lot chose him all the plain of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed east; and they separated themselves the one from the other.
- יב** וַיֵּשֶׁב אַבְרָם, יָשָׁב בְּאֶרֶץ-כְּנָעַן; וְלוֹט, יָשָׁב בְּעָרֵי הַכַּפְּר, וַיֵּאָהֵל, עַד-סְדוֹם.
- 12** Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the Plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom.

יג וְאֲנָשֵׁי סְדֹם, רָעִים וְחַטָּאִים, לִיהוָה, מְאֹד.

13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners against the LORD exceedingly.

יד וַיְהוֹה אָמַר אֶל-אַבְרָם, אַחֲרֵי הַפָּרֶד-לוֹט מֵעֵמוֹ, שָׂא נָא עֵינֶיךָ וּרְאֵה, מִן-הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר-אַתָּה שָׂם--צָפְנָה וְנִגְבָּה, וְקִדְמָה וַיְמִינָה.

14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him: 'Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward and southward and eastward and westward;

טו כִּי אֶת-כָּל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-אַתָּה רֹאֶה, לָךְ אֶתְּנֶנָּה, וְלִזְרַעְךָ, עַד-עוֹלָם.

15 for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

טז וְשָׂמֵתִי אֶת-זֶרְעֶךָ, כַּעֲפַר הָאָרֶץ: אֲשֶׁר אִם-יֹכֵל אִישׁ, לִמְנוֹת אֶת-עֲפַר הָאָרֶץ--גַּם-זֶרְעֶךָ, יִמְנָה.

16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth; so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered.

יז קוּם הִתְהַלֵּךְ בְּאָרֶץ, לְאָרְכָּהּ וּלְרֵחְבָּהּ: כִּי לָךְ, אֶתְּנֶנָּה.

17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for unto thee will I give it.'

יח וַיֵּאָהֵל אַבְרָם, וַיָּבֵא וַיֵּשֶׁב בְּאֵלְנֵי מַמְרֵא--אֲשֶׁר בְּחֶבְרוֹן; וַיְבִן-שָׁם מִזְבֵּחַ, לִיהוָה. {פ}

18 And Abram moved his tent, and came and dwelt by the terebinths of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

Breishit chapter 3:

כב וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים, הֵן הָאָדָם הִיָּה כָאֶחָד מִמֶּנּוּ, לְדַעַת, טוֹב וְרָע; וְעַתָּה פֶּן-יִשְׁלַח יָדוֹ, וְלָקַח גַּם מֵעֵץ הַחַיִּים, וְאָכַל, וַחֵי לְעֹלָם.

כג וַיִּשְׁלַחֵהוּ יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים, מִגֶּן-עֵדֶן--לְעַבֵּד, אֶת-הָאֲדָמָה, אֲשֶׁר לָקַח, מִשָּׂם.

כד וַיִּגְרֶשׁ, אֶת-הָאָדָם; וַיִּשְׁכֵּן מִקְדָּם לְגֶן-עֵדֶן אֶת-הַכְּרָבִים, וְאֵת לְהֵט הַחֲרִב הַמַּתְהַפֶּכֶת, לְשָׂמֹר, אֶת-דֶּרֶךְ עֵץ הַחַיִּים

Chapter 11 - Midgal Bavel

א וַיְהִי כָל-הָאָרֶץ, שָׂפָה אַחַת, וּדְבָרִים, אֶחָדִים.

1 And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech.

ב וַיְהִי, בְּנִסְעֵם מִקְדָּם; וַיִּמְצְאוּ בְקֵעָה בְּאָרֶץ שִׁנְעָר, וַיֵּשְׁבוּ שָׁם.

2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

ג וַיֹּאמְרוּ אִישׁ אֶל-רֵעֵהוּ, הֲבֵה נִלְבְּנָה לְבָנִים, וְנִשְׂרָפָה, לְשִׂרְפָּה; וַתְּהִי לָהֶם הַלְּבִנָּה, לְאָבֹן, וְהַחֲמֶר, הָיָה לָהֶם לַחֲמֶר.

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-לָּנוּ עִיר, וּמְגִדָּל וְרֹאשׁוֹ בַשָּׁמַיִם, וְנַעֲשֶׂה-לָּנוּ, 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.'

ה וַיֵּרֵד יְהוָה, לִרְאוֹת אֶת-הָעִיר וְאֶת-הַמְּגִדָּל, אֲשֶׁר בָּנוּ, בְּנֵי הָאָדָם.

5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men build.

ו וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, הֲנִי עַם אֶחָד וְשִׂפָּה אַחַת לְכָלָם, זֶה, הַחֲלָם לַעֲשׂוֹת; וְעַתָּה לֹא-יַבְצֵר מֵהֶם, כָּל אֲשֶׁר יִזְמוּ לַעֲשׂוֹת.

6 And the LORD said: 'Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is what they begin to do; and now nothing will be withholden from them, which they purpose to do.'

Breishit chapters 18-19

א וַיֵּרָא אֵלָיו יְהוָה, בְּאֵלֵי מַמְרָא; וְהוּא יֹשֵׁב פֶּתַח-הָאֵהָל, כְּחֹם הַיּוֹם.

1 And the LORD appeared unto him by the terebinths of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day;

ב וַיִּשָּׂא עֵינָיו, וַיֵּרָא, וְהִנֵּה שְׁלֹשָׁה אַנְשִׁים, נֹצְבִים עָלָיו; וַיֵּרָא, וַיָּרָץ לְקִרְאוֹתָם מִפֶּתַח הָאֵהָל, וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ, אָרְצָה.

2 and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood over against him; and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed down to the earth,

Followed by 6 more psukim - highlighting "hachnasat orchim"

Verses 9 thru 15

ט וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֵלָיו, אַיֵּה שָׂרָה אִשְׁתְּךָ; וַיֹּאמֶר, הִנֵּה בָאֵהָל.

9 And they said unto him: 'Where is Sarah thy wife?' And he said: 'Behold, in the tent.'

י וַיֹּאמֶר, שׁוּב אָשׁוּב אֵלֶיךָ כְּעֵת חַיָּה, וְהִנֵּה-בֶן, לְשָׂרָה אִשְׁתְּךָ; וְשָׂרָה שָׁמְעַת פֶּתַח הָאֵהָל, וְהוּא אַחֲרָיו.

10 And He said: 'I will certainly return unto thee when the season cometh round; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son.' And Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind him.--

The tiding that Avraham & Sarah will give birth to a child:

Yitzchak...

"What's so bad about Sodom?"

Breishit chapters 18 - 19

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked out toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. 17 And the LORD said: 'Shall I hide from Abraham that which I am doing; 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 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 hath spoken of him.'

20 And the LORD said: 'Verily, the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and, verily, their sin is exceeding grievous. 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto Me; and if not, I will know.' 22 And the men turned from thence, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

23 And Abraham drew near, and said: 'Wilt Thou indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt Thou indeed sweep away and not forgive the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? ...' 26 And the LORD said: 'If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will forgive all the place for their sake.'

Chapter 19 1 And the two angels came to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom; and Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them; and he fell down on his face to the earth; 2 and he said: 'Behold now, my lords, turn aside, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your way.' And they said: 'Nay; but we will abide in the broad place all night.' 3 And he urged them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both young and old, all the people from every quarter. 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him: 'Where are the men that came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.' 6 And Lot went out unto them to the door, and shut the door after him. 7 And he said: 'I pray you, my brethren, do not so wickedly. 8 Behold now, I have two daughters that have not known man.... And they said: 'This one fellow came in to live here and now he judges us! We will deal worse with you, than with them.' And they pressed the door...

בראשית יח טז וַיִּקְמוּ מִשָּׁם הָאֲנָשִׁים וַיִּשְׁקְפוּ עַל-
פְּנֵי סְדֹם וְאַבְרָהָם--הַלֵּךְ עִמָּם, לְשַׁלְחָם.

יז וַיְהִי הָאָמֵר הַמִּכְסָּה אֲנִי מֵאַבְרָהָם,
אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי עֹשֶׂה. יח וְאַבְרָהָם--הֲיִן
יְהִי לְגוֹי גָדוֹל, וְעַצוֹם; וְנִבְרָכוּ-בּוֹ--
כָּל, גּוֹיֵי הָאָרֶץ. יט כִּי יִדְעֶתִיו לְמַעַן
אֲשֶׁר יֵצֵא אֶת בְּנָיו וְאֶת-בֵּיתוֹ אַחֲרָיו,
וְשָׁמְרוּ דְרֹךְ יְהוָה, לַעֲשׂוֹת צְדָקָה
וּמִשְׁפָּט--לְמַעַן, הִבִּיא יְהוָה עַל-אַבְרָהָם,
אֶת אֲשֶׁר-דִּבֶּר, עָלָיו.

כ וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, זַעֲקַת סְדֹם וְעִמְרָה כִּי-
רָבָה; וְחַטָּאתָם--כִּי כְבֹדָה, מְאֹד.
כא אֲרֹדָה-נָא וְאַרְאֶה,
הַכְּצַעֲקֹתָהּ הַבָּאָה אֵלַי עֲשׂוּ כָלָה;
וְאִם-לֹא, אֲדַעָה...

כג וַיִּגַּשׁ אַבְרָהָם, וַיֹּאמֶר: הֲאֵף תִּסְפֶּה,
צַדִּיק עִם-רָשָׁע. כד אוֹלֵי יֵשׁ חַמְשִׁים
צַדִּיקִים, בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר; הֲאֵף תִּסְפֶּה וְלֹא-תִשָּׂא
לְמַקּוֹם, לְמַעַן חַמְשִׁים הַצַּדִּיקִים אֲשֶׁר
בְּקִרְבָּהּ...

כו וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, אִם-אֶמְצָא בְּסְדֹם חַמְשִׁים
צַדִּיקִים בְּתוֹךְ הָעִיר--וְנִשְׂאֹתִי לְכָל-הַמָּקוֹם,
בְּעִבּוּרָם....

יט א/ וַיָּבֹאוּ שְׁנֵי הַמַּלְאָכִים סְדֹמָה, בְּעָרֵב,
וְלוֹט, יֹשֵׁב בְּשַׁעַר-סְדֹם; וַיֵּרָא-לוֹט וַיִּקָּם
לְקִרְאתָם, וַיִּשְׁתַּחוּ אַפָּיִם אַרְצָה. ב וַיֹּאמֶר
הִנֵּה נָא-אֲדֹנָי, סוּרוּ נָא אֶל-בַּיִת עֲבַדְכֶם וְלִינוּ
וְרַחְצוּ רַגְלֵיכֶם, וְהִשְׁכַּמְתֶּם, וְהִלַּכְתֶּם
לְדַרְכְּכֶם; וַיֹּאמְרוּ לֹא, כִּי בְּרַחוּב נָלִין.

ג וַיִּפְצַר-בָּם מְאֹד--וַיִּסְרוּ אֵלָיו, וַיָּבֹאוּ
אֶל-בַּיִתוֹ; וַיַּעַשׂ לָהֶם מִשְׁתֶּה, וּמִצּוֹת
אֶפֶה וַיֹּאכְלוּ. ד טָרַם, וַיִּשְׁכְּבוּ, וְהָאֲנָשִׁי
הָעִיר אֲנָשִׁי סְדֹם נִסְבּוּ עַל-הַבַּיִת, מִנְעַר
וְעַד-זָקוֹן: כָּל-הָעָם, מִקְצָה.

ה וַיִּקְרְאוּ אֶל-לוֹט וַיֹּאמְרוּ לוֹ, אֵיךְ
הָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר-בָּאוּ אֵלֶיךָ הִלְלָה הוֹצִיאָם
אֵלֵינוּ וְנִדְעָה אֹתָם.

Yechezkel 16:48-49

49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom: pride, fulness of bread, and careless ease was in her and in her daughters; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

Shmuel Bet chapter 8

14 - And the LORD gave victory to David whithersoever he went. 15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed justice and righteousness unto all his people.

Tehillim 72

1 To Shlomo - Give the king Thy judgments, O God, and Thy righteousness unto the king's son; 2 That he may judge Thy people with righteousness, and Thy poor with justice. 3 Let the mountains bear peace to the people, and the hills, through righteousness. 4 May he judge the poor of the people, and save the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor...

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render tribute; the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. 11 Yea, all kings shall prostrate themselves before him; all nations shall serve him. 12 For he will deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. 13 He will have pity on the poor and needy, and the souls of the needy he will save. 14 He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence,....

1 Kings Chapter 10

1 And 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. 2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bore spices and gold very much, and precious stones; and when she was come to Solomon, she spoke with him of all that was in her heart. 3 And Solomon told her all her questions... 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, 5 and the food of his table... there was no more spirit in her. 6 And she said to the king: 'It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom. 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold, the half was not told me; thou hast wisdom and prosperity exceeding the fame which I heard.

8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, that stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. 9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel; because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made He thee king, to do justice and righteousness.'

יחזקאל טז מט:

הִנֵּה-זֶה הָיָה, עֲוֹן סְדֹם אֲחוֹתֶיךָ : גָּאוֹן שְׁבַעַת-לֶחֶם וְשִׁלּוֹת הַשֶּׁקֶט... וַיֵּד-עֲנִי וְאָבִיוֹן, לֹא הִחֲזִיקָה.

שמואל ב פרק ח יד... וַיֹּשַׁע יְהוָה אֶת-דָּוִד, בְּכָל אֲשֶׁר הִלָּךְ. טו וַיִּמְלֹךְ דָּוִד, עַל-כָּל-יִשְׂרָאֵל; וַיְהִי דָוִד עֹשֶׂה מִשְׁפָּט וַצְדָקָה לְכָל-עַמּוֹ.

תהילים פרק עב

א לְשִׁלְמוֹה : אֱלֹהִים--מִשְׁפָּטֶיךָ, לְמִלְכֶךָ יְהוָה; וַצְדָקֶתְךָ לְבֶן-מִלְכֶךָ. ב יְדִין עַמֶּיךָ בְּצָדֶק; וַעֲנִיֶיךָ בְּמִשְׁפָּט. ג יִשְׂאוּ הָרִים שְׁלוֹם לָעָם; וַיִּגְבְּעוּת, בְּצָדֶקָה. יִשְׁפֹּט עַנְיֵי עַם יוֹשְׁעֵי, לְבָנֵי אָבִיוֹן; וַיִּדְכֵּא עוֹשֵׁק... י מַלְכֵי תַרְשִׁישׁ וְאֲיִים, מִנְחָה יִשְׁבּוּ; מַלְכֵי שֶׁבַא וְסָבָא אֲשֶׁכֶר יִקְרִיבוּ. יא וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ-לוֹ כָּל-מַלְכִים כָּל-גּוֹיִם וַעֲבָדוּהוּ. יב כִּי-יֵצֵא, אָבִיוֹן מִשׁוֹעַ; וְעַנִּי, וְאִין-עֹזֵר לוֹ. יג יַחַס, עַל-דַּל וְאָבִיוֹן; וַנִּפְשׁוּת אָבִיוֹנִים יוֹשִׁיעַ.

מלכים א פרק י

א וּמִלְכַת-שֶׁבַא, שָׁמְעַת אֶת-שְׁמֵעַ שְׁלֹמֹה--לְשֵׁם יְהוָה; וַתָּבֵא לְנִסְתּוֹ, בְּחִידוֹת. ב וַתָּבֵא יְרוּשָׁלַיִם, בְּחִיל כְּבֹד מְאֹד, גְּמִלִים נִשְׂאִים בְּשָׁמִים וְזָהָב רַב-מְאֹד, וְאֶבֶן יָקָרָה; וַתָּבֵא, אֶל-שְׁלֹמֹה, וַתְּדַבֵּר אֵלָיו, אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר הָיָה עִם-לִבָּהּ. ג וַיִּגְדַּל-לָהּ שְׁלֹמֹה, אֶת-כָּל-דְּבָרֶיהָ... ו וַתֹּאמֶר אֶל הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲמַת הָיָה הַדָּבָר, אֲשֶׁר שָׁמַעְתִּי בְּאַרְצֵי... וְלֹא-הָאֲמַנְתִּי לְדַבְרִים, עַד אֲשֶׁר-בָּאתִי וַתְּרַאֲנֵה עֵינַי, וְהִנֵּה לֹא-הִגַּד-לִי, הַחֲצִי... ח אֲשֶׁרִי אֲנִשִּׁיךָ, אֲשֶׁרִי עֲבַדְיָךְ אֱלֹהֵי, הָעַמִּים לְפָנֶיךָ תִּמְיֵד, הַשְׁמַעִים אֶת-חֲכָמְתֶךָ. ט יְהִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ, בְּרוּךְ, אֲשֶׁר חִפָּץ בְּךָ, לְתַתֶּךָ עַל-כִּסֵּא יִשְׂרָאֵל--בְּאַהֲבַת יְהוָה אֶת-יִשְׂרָאֵל, לְעַלְמֵם, וַיִּשְׁימֶךָ לְמֶלֶךְ, לַעֲשׂוֹת מִשְׁפָּט וַצְדָקָה.

