

OFF-RAMP TORAH

A JUDICIOUS DEPARTURE FROM
THIS WEEK'S TORAH PORTION



February 21, 2026

“Fostering diverse modes of attention to textual details cultivates correlative forms of attention to the world and divine reality”

Michael Fishbane (1943-), *Sacred Attunement: A Jewish Theology*

ברוך אתה יי, אלהינו מלך העולם,
אשר קדשנו במצוותיו, וצונו לעסוק בדברי תורה :

TO START: *Parashat-haShavu'a* Stats

Weekly Portion: *T'rumah* Exodus 25:1-27:19

Sequence in Torah cycle: 18th of 54

Sequence in Exodus: 7th of 11



WHERE WE'RE GOING INSTEAD, and why

Selections from I Kings 5-7

Context: *This week's portion describes capitalization of— and the specifications for—the Mishkan ("Divine] Abode") which the Israelites are to construct in the Sinai Wilderness as the focal point for their ever-moving encampment.*

Content: *Today we focus instead on the Haftarah assignment for this week: a description of the corresponding mobilization of materiel for Solomon's construction of a permanent shrine in Jerusalem, centuries later.*

Background: a reverent narrative *ex post facto*, from the 1st century CE -

A) Josephus Flavius (37?-100? CE), *Antiquities of the Jews*, 7:13:4-10 - Now King David had resolved to call [the threshing-floor of Ha'aravnah the Jebusite north of the city (see II Samuel 24:21ff)] “The Altar of All the People” [ολον βωμὸν προσαγορεῦσαι τοῦ λαοῦ] and to build there a temple to God. But God sent the prophet to inform him that it should be his son who would build Him an altar— that son who was to take the kingdom after him.

After the delivery of this prophecy, the king appointed **eighty thousand workers** to be hewers of stone, **and another multitude** to **carry** the stones, **over all of whom he set supervisors**. He also prepared a great quantity of iron and brass for this project, together with many exceeding large cedar trees he was supplied with by the Tyrians and Sidonians.

Population of Israel, in David's time:

stated - 1.5 million adult males
projected - 1.2 million people

$\frac{1}{4}$ (300,000) are “able-bodied”
 $\therefore 80,000 = 27\%$

He then informed his courtiers that all these things had now been prepared, **that he might leave materials ready for the building of the temple** to his son, who was to reign after him.

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This Week's Haftarah, from the 10th century BCE -

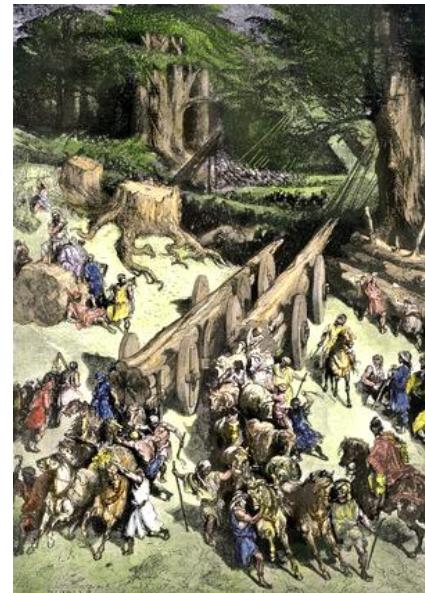
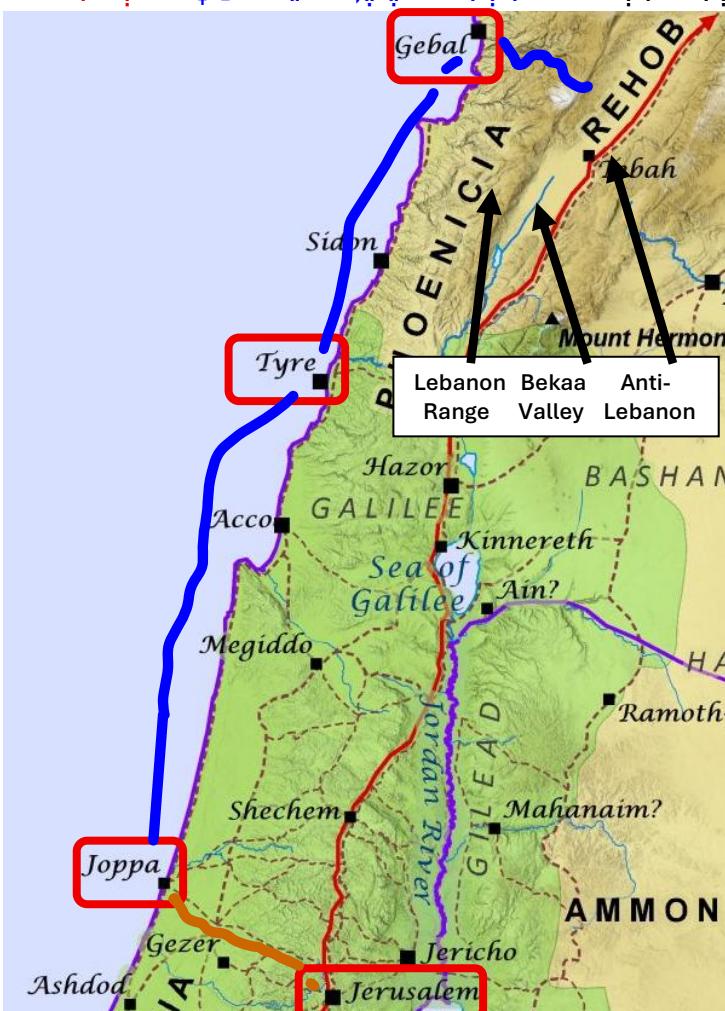
ויהי נטו חכמה לשלה ממה כאשר דבר לו ויהי שלם בין חירם ובין שלמה ויברתו
ברית שנייהם

B1) I Kings 5:26-6:13 - The Eternal One had given Solomon wisdom, just as promised. There was friendship between Hee-Ram [the Phoenician King of Tyre] and Solomon, and the two of them made a treaty.

ויעל המלך שלמה מיס מפל ישראל ויהי המס
שלשים אלף איש וישלחם לבנון עשרת
אלפים בחודש חליפות חדש יהיו לבנון שנים
חדשים בביתו ואנירים על המס

King Solomon established a public-works program of 30,000 men from all over Israel, whom he sent to [hew and dress cedars in] the Lebanon [Mountain range] ten thousand a month in rotation— spending one month in the Lebanon, and two months at home. The labor coordinator was **AdoniRam**.

ויהי לשלה שבעים אלף נשא סבל ושמנים



אלף חצב בהר לבד משלמי הנאים לשלה אשר על המלאכה שלשת אלפים ישלח מאות הרים בעם העשים במלאה ויצו המלך וישעו אבני גדרות אבני יקירות לישד הבית אבני גזית Solomon also had **seventy thousand porters**, with **eighty thousand quarriers** in the hills, to produce and transport huge blocks of choice stone, so that the foundations of the House might be laid with hewn stones. **ויפלו בני שלמה ובני חירום** **ומגבלים ויקינו העצים** **והאבניים לבנות הבית**

They were shaped by Solomon's own masons, as well as those of Hee-Ram and others in Gebal [=Byblos, at the mouth of the Ibrahim River]. Thereby did they make ready the shaped timbers and hewn stones for building the House.

וַיְהִי בָּשָׁמָנים שָׁנָה וְאֶרְבָּעָ מֵאוֹת שָׁנָה לְצָאת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מִאָרֶץ מִצְרָיִם בְּשָׁנָה
הַרְבִּיעִית בְּחִזְשׁ זֹה הַיּוֹם הַרְדִּשׁ הַשְׁנִי לְמַלְךָ שְׁלֹמֹה עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיַּבְנֵן הַבָּיִת לִיהְוָה

So it is that—in the 480th year after the Israelites left the land of Egypt, in the month of Ziv (that is, The Second Month [= Iyyar = May]) **in the fourth year of his reign over Israel** [= 965 BCE]—Solomon began to build the House of The Eternal One.

וְעֹשֶׂרִים רְחָבוֹ וְהַבָּיִת אֲשֶׁר בָּנָה הַמֶּלֶךְ שְׁלֹמֹה לִיהְוָה שְׁשִׁים אַמְתָּה אֶרְכָּו וְשֶׁלְשִׁים
אַמְתָּה קֹמְתָּו

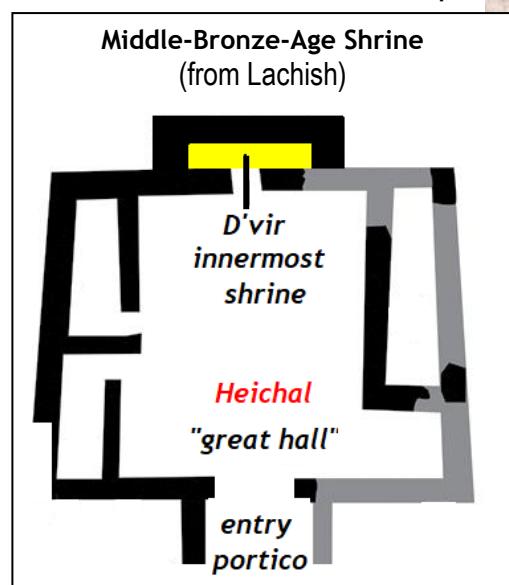
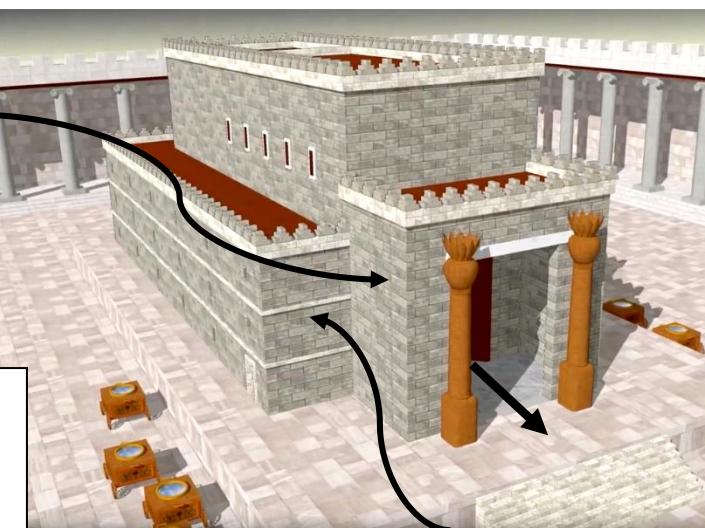
The House that King Solomon built for The Eternal One was 60 cubits [90 feet] long; 20 cubits [30 feet] wide; and 30 cubits [45 feet] high.

וְהַאֲוָלָם עַל פִּנְיֵי **הַיּוֹם** הַבָּיִת
 עֹשֶׂרִים אַמְתָּה אֶרְכָּו עַל פִּנְיֵי רְחָבָה
 הַבָּיִת עֲשָׂר בָּאַמְתָּה רְחָבוֹ עַל פִּנְיֵי
הַבָּיִת

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 60 \times 20 \times 30 \text{ cubits} \\
 & = (10 \times 6) \times (10 \times 2) \times (10 \times 3) \\
 & = \underline{\underline{6 \times 2 \times 3}} \\
 & = (5 \times 12) \times (5 \times 4) \times (5 \times 6) \\
 & = \underline{\underline{12 \times 4 \times 6}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The entry portico in front of **the Great Hall** of the House was 20 cubits long— along the breadth of the House— and 10 cubits deep to the front of the House.

וַיַּבְנֵן עַל קַיר הַבָּיִת יְצִיעָה
 סְבִיב אֶת קִירוֹת הַבָּיִת
 סְבִיב לְהַיּוֹם וְלְדָבֵר וַיַּעֲשֵׂה
צָלָעוֹת סְבִיב



Against the outside wall of the House— the outside walls of the House enclosing **the Great Hall** and **the Shrine**— he built a three-storied structure, **with side chambers all around**.

וְהַבָּיִת בְּהַבְנָתוֹ אָבִן שְׁלֹמֹה מִסְעָ נְבָנָה
**וּמִקְבּוֹת וּמִגְּרוֹזָן כֹּל כָּלִי בְּרַזְל לֹא נִשְׁמַע בַּבָּיִת
 בְּהַבְנָתוֹ**

While the House was being built, only finished stones cut at the quarry were used, so that **no hammer or ax or any iron tool was heard** in the House while it was being built.

Exodus 20:22 - If you make Me an altar of stone, you may not build it of hewn stones;

כִּי מִרְבֵּךְ הַנְּפָתָח עַלְיָה וְתִמְלִילָה
 by taking your sword to it, you desecrate it.

פָּתַח הָאָלָע הַתִּיכְנָה אֶל בְּתַרְן
 הַבָּיִת הַיּוֹמִית וּבְלוּלִים יַעֲלוּ עַל
 הַתִּיכְנָה וַיָּמָן הַתִּיכְנָה אֶל
 הַשְּׁלְשִׁים

The entrance to the middle story of the side chambers was on the right [= South] side of the House, while winding stairs led up to the middle chambers, and from the middle chambers to the third story.

וַיַּבְנֵן אֶת הַבַּיִת וַיַּכְלְהֵה וַיַּסְפֹּן אֶת הַבַּיִת גָּבִים וְשְׁדָרֹת בָּאֲרוֹזִים וַיַּבְנֵן אֶת הַצִּיעַן עַל כָּל הַבַּיִת חַמְשׁ אַמּוֹת קָוָמָתוֹ וַיַּאֲחַז אֶת הַבַּיִת בָּעֵץ אֲרוֹזִים

When he finished building the House, **he paneled the House with beams and panels of cedar**. He built the storied structure against the entire House—each story 5 cubits high—so that **the whole House was encased with wood of cedar**.

Leviticus 14:2 -	used in purification ritual for the healed <i>M'tzora</i> .
Numbers 19:6 -	burned with the red heifer to make the Water of Purification.
Aromatherapy -	insect repellent; astringent; antiseptic. purifying aura.
	soothing calming fragrance (cf. <i>רִיחַ נִיחַח</i> “an ameliorative scent”).
folklore -	connect with the Divine, while cleansing negative energy.

A painful epilogue -

וַיָּבֹא כָל קְהֻל יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֹּדְבְּרוּ אֶל רַחֲבָעָם לְאמֹר אָבִיך הַקְשָׁה אֶת עַלְנוֹ וְאַתָּה עַתָּה עַתָּה הַקְל מְעַבְדָת אָבִיך הַקְשָׁה וּמְעַלְוֹ הַכְבֵד אֲשֶׁר נָתַן עַלְנוֹ וּנְעַבְדֵך

C) I Kings 12:3-4, 12:14, 12:18 - All the assemblage of the Israelites came and addressed [Solomon's son and heir] R'hav'Am as follows: “**Your father made our yoke heavy**. “But if you will now alleviate the **harsh labor** your father laid on us, and his **heavy yoke** he placed upon us, we will serve you.”



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וַיֹּאמֶר אֲלֵיכֶם כְּעֵצַת הַלְּדִים לְאֹמֶר אָבִי הַכְּבִיד אֶת עֲלָכֶם וְאַנְּאִי אָסִיף עַל עֲלָכֶם

[Against the counsel of his advisors, but] as goaded by the prompting of his younger followers, [R'hav'Am] replied to them: “My father [Solomon] made your yoke heavy, yet **I will increase your burden!**

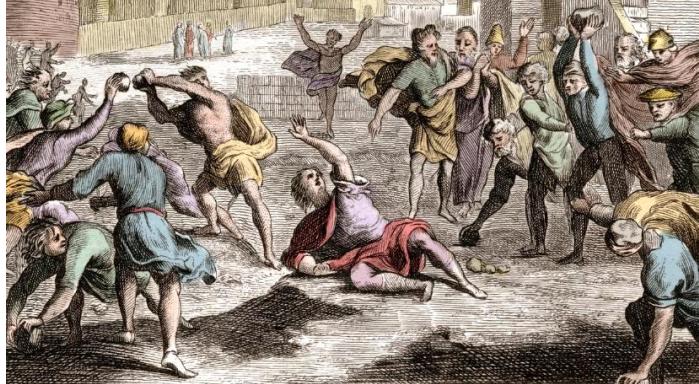
אָבִי יִסְרָאֵל אַתֶּכָם בְּשׁוֹטִים וְאַנְּאִי אַיִשֵּׁר אַתֶּכָם בְּעַקְרָבִים

“My father lashed you with whips, but **I will flog you with scorpions!**”

וַיִּשְׁלַח הַמֶּלֶךְ רַחֲבָעָם אֶת אֲדֹנִי רָם אֲשֶׁר עַל הַמֶּסֶת

וַיַּרְגְּמוּ כָל יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּפָנָיו אֶבֶן וַיָּמָת וַיַּמַּלֵּךְ רַחֲבָעָם

הַתְּאִמֵּץ לְעֹלוֹת בְּמִרְכָּבָה לְנַס יְרוּשָׁלָם



King R'hav'Am brought forth AdoniRam, who was the labor coordinator—but all Israel pelted him to death with stones, at which R'hav'Am hastened to mount his chariot and flee to Jerusalem.

The death of AdoniRam
unknown illustrator, 1811

An emphasis on what truly matters -

וַיֹּהִי דָּבָר יְהוָה אֶל שְׁלֹמֹה לְאֹמֶר הַבַּיִת הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה בְּנָה אָמֵן תָּלֶךְ בְּחַקְתַּי
וְאַתָּה מְשֻׁפְטִי תַּעֲשֶׂה וְשִׁמְרָתְךָ אֶת כָּל מִצְוֹתִי לְלַכְתָּ בְּחַם

B2) I Kings 6:13 - Then the word of The Eternal One came to Solomon, “With regard to this House you are building—if you follow My laws and observe My rules and faithfully keep all of My commandments, comporting yourself thereby,

וְתַקְמִתִּי אֶת דְּבָרֵי אֶתְךָ אֲשֶׁר דִּבְרָתִי אֶל דָוִד אָבִיךָ וְשִׁכְנָתִי בְּתוֹךְ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְלֹא אָזַב אֶת עַמִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל

“then I will fulfill for you the promise that I gave to your father David: ‘I will abide among the children of Israel, and I will never forsake My people Israel’.”

A corresponding background narrative -

וַיֹּהִי כִּי יִשְׁבֵן הַמֶּלֶךְ בְּבִיתוֹ וַיְהִזְהֶר הַנִּיחָה לֹו מִסְבֵּב מִכֶּל אִיבִּיו וַיֹּאמֶר הַמֶּלֶךְ אֶל
נָתָן הַנְּבִיא רָאָה נָא אָנֹכִי יוֹשֵׁב בְּבֵית אֶרְזִים וְאֶרְזָן הָאֱלֹהִים יִשְׁבֶּן בְּתוֹךְ הַיְרִיעָה

D) II Samuel 7:1-16 - Once [David] was settled in his palace, and The Eternal One had granted him safety from all the enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan: “Here I am dwelling in a cedar palace, while the Ark of The Eternal One abides in a tent!”

וַיֹּאמֶר נָתָן אֶל הַמֶּלֶךְ כֹּל אֲשֶׁר בְּלַבְבָּךְ לְדֹעַ שְׁהָ כִּי יְהֹוָה עָמָךְ

Nathan said to the king, “Go and do whatever you have in mind, for The Eternal One is with you.”

**וַיֹּהֶי בְּלִילָה הַהוּא וַיֹּהֶי דָּבָר יְהוָה אֶל נָתָן לֵאמֹר לְךָ וְאֶמְرָתָךְ אֶל עַבְדֵי אֶל דָּוֹד פָּה
אָמַר יְהוָה הַאֲתָה תְּבִנָה לִי בֵּית לְשִׁבְטֵי**

Yet that very night the word of The Eternal One came to Nathan: “Go and say to My servant David: “Thus said The Eternal One: **‘Are you the one to build Me a house to dwell in?**

**כִּי لֹא יִשְׁבְּתִי בְּבֵית לְמִיּוֹם הַעַלְמָיוֹת אֶת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל מִמְּצָרִים וְעַד הַיּוֹם הַזֶּה
וְאַחֲרֵה מִתְהַלֵּךְ בְּאָהָל וּבְמִשְׁקָן בְּכָל אֲשֶׁר הַתְּהַלְּכָתִי בְּכָל בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל הַזֶּה
דָּבְרָתִי אֶת אַחֲד שְׁבָטִי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִי לְרַעֲוֹת אֶת עַמִּי אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל לְאָמַר
לְמֹה לֹא בָנִיתָם לִי בֵּית אֲרוֹזִים**

“““From the day that I brought the people of Israel out of Egypt to this day I have not dwelt in a house, but have moved about in Tent and Tabernacle. As I moved about wherever the Israelites went, **did I ever speak, to any of the tribal leaders whom I appointed to care for My people Israel, a single word, asking ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’**

**וְעַתָּה כִּי תֹאמֶר לְעַבְדֵי לְדָוֹד פָּה אָמַר יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת אֲנִי לְקֹחַתִּיךְ מִן הַצּוֹהָר
הַצָּאוֹן לְהִיּוֹת נָגִיד עַל עַמִּי עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל וְאַחֲרֵה עַמְּךָ עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּכָל אֲשֶׁר הַלְּכָתִי וְאַכְרְתָה אֶת
כָּל אִיבִּיךְ מִפְנִיק וְעָשָׂתִי לְךָ שְׁמָךְ גָּדוֹל בְּשָׁם הַגְּדָלִים אֲשֶׁר בָּאָרֶץ וְשָׁמְתִי מִקּוֹם
לְעַמִּי לִיְשָׂרָאֵל וּנְטוּעָתִיו וּשְׁכַנְתִּיו וְלֹא יָרַגְעֶז עוֹד וְלֹא יָסִיףִי בְּנֵי עַלְהָה לְעַנּוֹתָז
פָּאֲשֶׁר בְּרָאשׁוֹנָה וּלְמֹן הַיּוֹם אֲשֶׁר צִוִּיתִי שְׁפָטִים עַל עַמִּי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְהַגִּיחָתִי לְךָ
מִכָּל אִיבִּיךְ**

“Further, say thus to My servant David: “Thus said The Eternal One of Hosts: ‘I took you from the pasture, from following the flock, to be ruler of My people Israel, and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut down all your enemies before you. Moreover, I will give you great renown like that of the greatest men on earth. I will establish a home for My people Israel and will plant them firm, so that they shall dwell secure and shall tremble no more. Iniquitous people shall not oppress them any more as in the past, ever since I appointed chieftains over My people Israel. I will give you safety from all your enemies.

**וְהִגִּיד לְךָ יְהוָה כִּי בֵּית יָעָשָׂה לְךָ יְהוָה
כִּי יָמַלְאֹו יְמִיךְ וְשִׁכְבָּתָךְ אֶת אַבְתִּיךְ
וְהַקִּימָתִי אֶת זָרָעָךְ אַחֲרֵיךְ אֲשֶׁר יָצָא
מִפְנִיךְ וְהַכִּינָתִי אֶת מַמְלָכָתְךָ**

“““The Eternal One declares to you: “The Eternal One will establish a house for you. When your days are done and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, one of your own issue, and **I will establish his monarchy.**

הִוא יְבִנָה בֵּית לְשָׁמֵי וְכִינָתִי אֶת כֶּסֶא

מַמְלָכָתוֹ עַד עוֹלָם אֲנִי אֲחַיָה לוֹ לְאָב וְהִיא יְהִי לְבָנו אֲשֶׁר בְּהָעּוֹתָז וְהַחֲתִי



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בְּשֶׁבֶט אָנָשִׁים וּבְנָגָעִי בְּנֵי אָדָם וְחַסְדִּי לֹא יִסּוּר מִמֶּנוּ כַּאֲשֶׁר הַסְּרִתִּי מִעֵם שָׁאוֹל
אֲשֶׁר הַסְּרִתִּי מִלְּפָנָיכֶךָ וְנִאֲמַנוּ בְּיִתְחָ וּמִמְּלַכְתֶּךָ עַד עוֹלָם לְפָנֶיךָ כִּסְאָךְ יְהִי נְכוֹן
עַד עוֹלָם

“**He shall build a house for My name**, and I will establish his royal throne forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to Me. When he does wrong, I will chastise him (with the rod of mortals, and the blows of humankind)— but I will never withdraw My favor from him, as I withdrew it from Saul, whom I removed to make room for you. Your house and your kingship shall ever be secure before you; **your throne shall be established forever**”””.”

שְׁפָחָנוּ יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ בְּאֵלָיו הַנְּבִיא עֲבָדָךְ, וּבְמַלְכָות בֵּית דָוִד מִשְׁיחָךְ, בִּמְהֻרָה
יָבָא וַיַּגֵּל לְבָנוּ

E) Ashkenazic blessing after the Haftarah - Give us joy— O Eternal One, our God—with the coming of Your servant, the prophet Elijah, to proclaim **the sovereignty of the House of David, Your anointed one** (may he soon come, to rejoice our hearts!).

עַל כִּסְאוֹ לֹא יִשְׁבֶּן זָר וְלֹא יִנְחַלְוּ עוֹד אֶחָרִים אֶת כְּבוֹד
Let no outsider sit upon his throne, nor any others secure the legacy of his glory.

בְּיַד שְׁמַךְ קָדְשָׁךְ נְשָׁבָעְתָּ לֹו שְׁלָא יְכָבֵה גָּרוֹן לְעוֹלָם וְעַד

For You have sworn— by Your Own Name!— that his light would never go out.

בָּרוּךְ אֱתָה יְיָ, מֶלֶךְ דָוִד

Praised are You, Shield of David.

לִמְהּ לֵי רַב זְבַחִיכֶם יַאֲמֵר יְהֹוָה

G) Isaiah 1:11-17 [Haftarah for Shabbat “D’varim”] -

“What need have I of all your sacrifices?” asks The Eternal One.

שְׁבָעָתִי עַלּוֹת אַיִלִים
וְחַלְבָמִים וְמַרְיָאִים וְדַם פְּרִים
וְכְבָשִׂים וְעַתּוֹדִים לֹא חַפְצָתִי
מֵי בְּקַשׁ זֹאת מִידְכֶם רַמֵּס חָצְרִי

“I have had My fill of burnt-offerings of rams;
of suet of fatlings, of the blood of bullocks;
And I take no delight in your lambs and he-goats
when you come to appear before Me.

Who requested such of you? Trample My courts no more.

לֹא תֹּסִיףוּ הַבִּיאָ מִנְחָת שְׁרוֹא
חַדְשׁ וְשִׁבְתָּ קְרָא מִקְרָא
לֹא אָכַל אָוֹן וְעַצְרָה

“Bring no more your grain-offering of **corruption**;
your incense is an affront to Me!

Your service for New-Moon, and Sabbath, and holidays—

these I cannot abide, together with transgression and iniquity!

חַדְשִׁיכֶם וּמְזַעְדִיכֶם שְׁנָאָה נִפְשֵׁי
וּבְפִרְשָׁכֶם כְּפִיכֶם
אַעֲלִים עִינִי מִכֶּם
אַיִּנִי שְׁמַעַ

יְדִיכֶם דְמִים מְלָאוּ

I loathe your New-Moon and holiday feasts;
they are, to Me, a wearying burden.

Thus when you raise your hands, 
I will turn My eyes away from you;
Even should you pray at length,
I will pay no heed—

Your hands are full of blood!

Supplication to Heaven



Canaanite stele from Chatzor,
13th century BCE

H) Micah 6:7-8 [Haftarah for Shabbat "Balaq"] -

Would The Eternal One be pleased with [an offering of] thousands of rams,
or tens of thousands of rivers of precious oil?

הָאָתָן בְּכֹרֵי פְּשָׁעֵי פָּרִי בְּתַנִּי חַטָּאת נְפָשֵׁי

Shall I offer my first-born, [to make expiation] for my transgressions;
the fruit of my womb, as an atonement-offering for my soul?

הָגִיד לְךָ אָדָם מָה טֹב וּמָה יָהּוּ דָּרְשָׁנְמִינָךְ

He has told you, O mortal, **what is good**,

and what The Eternal One expects of you:

כִּי אִם עֲשֹׂות מְשֻׁפְט וְאַחֲבַת חֶסֶד וְהַצְנֵעַ לְכַת עִם אֱלֹהִיךְ

Only to do justly; to love kindness; and to walk in dedication to your God.

פֶּה אָמַר יְהֹוָה צָבָאֹת אֱלֹהִי יִשְׂרָאֵל עַל-וְתִיכְסָפוּ עַל זְבַחֲיכֶם וְאַכְלֵוּ בָשָׂר

I) Jeremiah 7:21-23 [Haftarah for Shabbat "Tzav"] - Thus says The Eternal One of Hosts, the God of Israel: "Add your burnt-offerings to your sacrificial offerings, and you eat the meat.

כִּי לֹא דִבְרָתִי אֶת אֲבֹתֵיכֶם וְלֹא צְוִיתִים בַּיּוֹם הַזֶּה צְוִיתִי אֶתְכֶם מִאָרֶץ מִצְרָיִם עַל דִּבְרֵי עֹלָה וְזֹבֵחַ

"For I did not speak to your forebears— nor instruct them, when I brought them out of Egypt— about matters of burnt-offerings or sacrificial offerings.

כִּי אִם אֶת הַדָּבָר הַזֶּה צְוִיתִי אֶתְכֶם לֵאמֹר שְׁמַעוּ בְּקוֹלִי

"Rather, it was this that I instructed them: 'hearken to My Voice.'

וְהִיִּתִי לְכֶם לְאֱלֹהִים וְאַתֶּם תְּהִיוּ לִי לְעֵם

Exodus 19:5 - אִם שְׁמֹועַ תִּשְׁמַעוּ בְּקָלִי וְשִׁמְרַתֶּם אֶת בְּרִיתִי וְהִיִּתֶם לִי סְגָלָה

וְהִלְכַּתֶּם בְּכָל הַדָּرֶךְ אֲשֶׁר אָצַחְתֶּם לְמַעַן יִיטְבֵּלְכֶם

"Then I will be your God, and you will be My people— **when you conduct yourselves in the manner that I have instructed you**, that it may be well with you'!"