Shoshanas Yaakov

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Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who wages our battles, defends our rights, avenges the wrong done to us, punishes our oppressors in behalf, and brings retribution upon all our mortal enemies. Blessed are You Lord, who exacts payment in behalf of His people Israel from all their oppressors; God who delivers. "The rose [that is] Yaakov was cheerful and glad, when they saw together the royal blue [robes] of Mordechai. You have been their salvation eternally, and their hope throughout generation after generation-to make known that all those who put their hope in You will not be shamed; and they will never be humiliated-all those who take refuge in You. Accursed be Haman, who sought to destroy me; blessed be Mordechai the Jew. Accursed be Zeresh, the wife of my terrorizer; blessed be Esther, who shielded me. And also may Charvona be remembered for good.

בָּרוּף אַתָּה יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶף הָעוֹלָם. הָרָב אֶת רִיבֵנוּ. וְהַדָּן אֶת דִּינֵנוּ. וְהַנּוֹקֵם אֶת נִקְמָתֵנוּ. וְהַנִּפְּרָע לָנוּ מִצְרֵינוּ. וְהַמְשַׁלֵּם גְמוּל לְכָל אוֹיְבֵי נַפְשֵׁנוּ. בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהֹוָה. הַנִּפְּרָע לְעַמוֹ ישְׂרָאֵל מִכָּל צָרֵיהֶם. הָאֵל המושיע

שׁוֹשׁנַת יַעֲקֹב צָהֵלָה וְשָׁמֵחָ, בִּרְאוֹתָם יַחַד מְּכֵלֶת מָרְדְּכִי. מְשׁוּעָתָם הִּיִּתָ לָנֶצַח, וְתִקְוָתָם בְּכָל דּוֹר וָדוֹר. לְהוֹדִיעַ, שֻׁכָּל קֹנֶיךּ לֹא יֵבֹשׁוּ, וְלֹא יִכָּלְמוּ לָנֶצַח כָּל הַחוֹסִים בָּךְ. אָרוּר הָמָן, אֲשֶׁר בִּקֵשׁ לְאַבְּדִי, בָּרוּךְ מִרְדְּכִי הַיְּהוּדִי. אַרוּרָה זֶנִשׁ, אֵשֶׁת מַפְּחִידִי, בְּרוּכָה אֶסְתֵּר בַּעַדִי, וְגַם חַרְבוֹנָה זָכוּר לְטוֹב

₂ Esther 4:3

(3) Also, in every province that the king's command and decree reached, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing, and everybody lay in sackcloth and ashes.—

אסתר ד׳:ג׳

(ג) וּבָכָל־מְדִינָה וּמְדִינָּה מְקוֹם אֲשֶׁר דְּבַר־הַמֶּלֶךְ וְדָתוֹ מַנִּיעַ אֲבֶל נָּדוֹל לַיְּהוּדִִּים וְצָוֹם וּבָכֵי וּמִסְפֵּד עַּקֹק וָאֵפֶר יָצֵע לָרַבִּים

Esther 8:15

אסתר ח׳:ט״ו

(15) Mordecai left the king's presence in royal robes of blue and white, with a magnificent crown of gold and a mantle of fine linen and purple wool. And the city of Shushan rang with joyous cries.

(טו) וּמָרְדָּבֵּי יָצֵא | מִלּפְנֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ זָהָבֹ גְּרוֹלֶה וְתַכְּרִיךְ בָּוּץ וְאַרְנָּמֵן וְהָעִיר שׁוּשָׁן צָהֵלָה וְשַׂמֵחַת

Shabbat 88a

The Gemara cites additional homiletic interpretations on the topic of the revelation at Sinai. The Torah says, "And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the lowermost part of the mount" (Exodus 19:17). Rabbi Avdimi bar Hama bar Hasa said: the Jewish people actually stood beneath the mountain, and the verse teaches that the Holy One, Blessed be He, **overturned the mountain above** the Jews like a tub, and said to them: If you accept the Torah, excellent, and if not, there will be your burial. Rav Aha bar Ya'akov said: From here there is a substantial caveat to the obligation to fulfill the **Torah.** The Jewish people can claim that they were coerced into accepting the Torah, and it is therefore not binding. Rava said: Even so, they again accepted it willingly in the time of Ahasuerus, as it is written: "The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them" (Esther 9:27), and he taught: The Jews ordained what they had already taken upon themselves through coercion at Sinai.

שבת פ״ח א

ויתיצבו בתחתית ההר אמר רב
אבדימי בר חמא בר חסא מלמד
שכפה הקדוש ברוך הוא עליהם את
ההר כגיגית ואמר להם אם אתם
מקבלים התורה מוטב ואם לאו שם
תהא קבורתכם אמר רב אחא בר
יעקב מכאן מודעא רבה לאורייתא
אמר רבא אף על פי כן הדור קבלוה
בימי אחשורוש דכתיב קימו וקבלו
היהודים קיימו מה שקיבלו כבר

- Hosea 14:5-6

(5) I will heal their affliction, Generously will I take them back in love; For My anger has turned away from them. (6) I will be to Israel like dew; He shall blossom like the lily, He shall strike root like a Lebanon tree. הושע י״ד:ה׳-ו׳ (ה) אֶרְפָּא מִישִׁוּבָּחָם אֹהֲבֵם נְדָבֵה כִּי שָׁב אַפִּי מִמֶּנוּ (ו) אָהְיֶה כַטַל לְיִשְׂרָאֵל יפָרָח כַּשִׁישׁנָה וְיַךּ שָׁרָשָׁיו כַּלְּכָנִוֹן



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