

don't worry...  
i've got your back

**Some guy just sold me  
a box full of tzitzis.  
He said it was  
a great deal, no  
strings attached.**

# ELUL INTIMACY

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September 13, 2025 | 20th of Elul, 5785

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OR HAOLAM  
MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE

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The name of the month Elul, like the names of the rest of the Hebrew calendar months, was brought from the Babylonian captivity, and originated from the Akkadian word for “harvest.”

Jewish sources from the 14th century and on, write that the Hebrew word "Elul" can be understood to be an acronym for the phrase "**A**ni **L**'dodi **V**'dodi **L**i" – "I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine"

אֲנִי לְדוֹדִי וְדוֹדִי לִי ← אֵלּוּל ← אֵלּוּל

*Anee l'dodi, v'dodi li*

I am my beloved's and he is mine.



# Elul אֱלוֹל Beloved

## Song of Songs 6.3

I belong to the man I love, and he  
belongs to me.

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*Anee l'dodi, v'dodi li*

I AM MY BELOVED'S

אֲנִי לְדוֹדִי

*Ani l'dodi*



In Jewish tradition, the month of Elul is a time of loving repentance in preparation for the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Of preparing to approach the Sh'khinah, the Beloved.



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It is customary to blow the shofar every morning. The blasts are meant to awaken one's spirits and inspire him to begin the soul searching which will prepare him for the High Holy Days.

As part of this preparation, Elul is the time to begin the sometimes-difficult process of granting and asking for forgiveness. Slikhot prayers. It is also customary to recite Psalm 27 every day from Rosh Hodesh Elul through Hoshanah Rabbah on Sukkot.

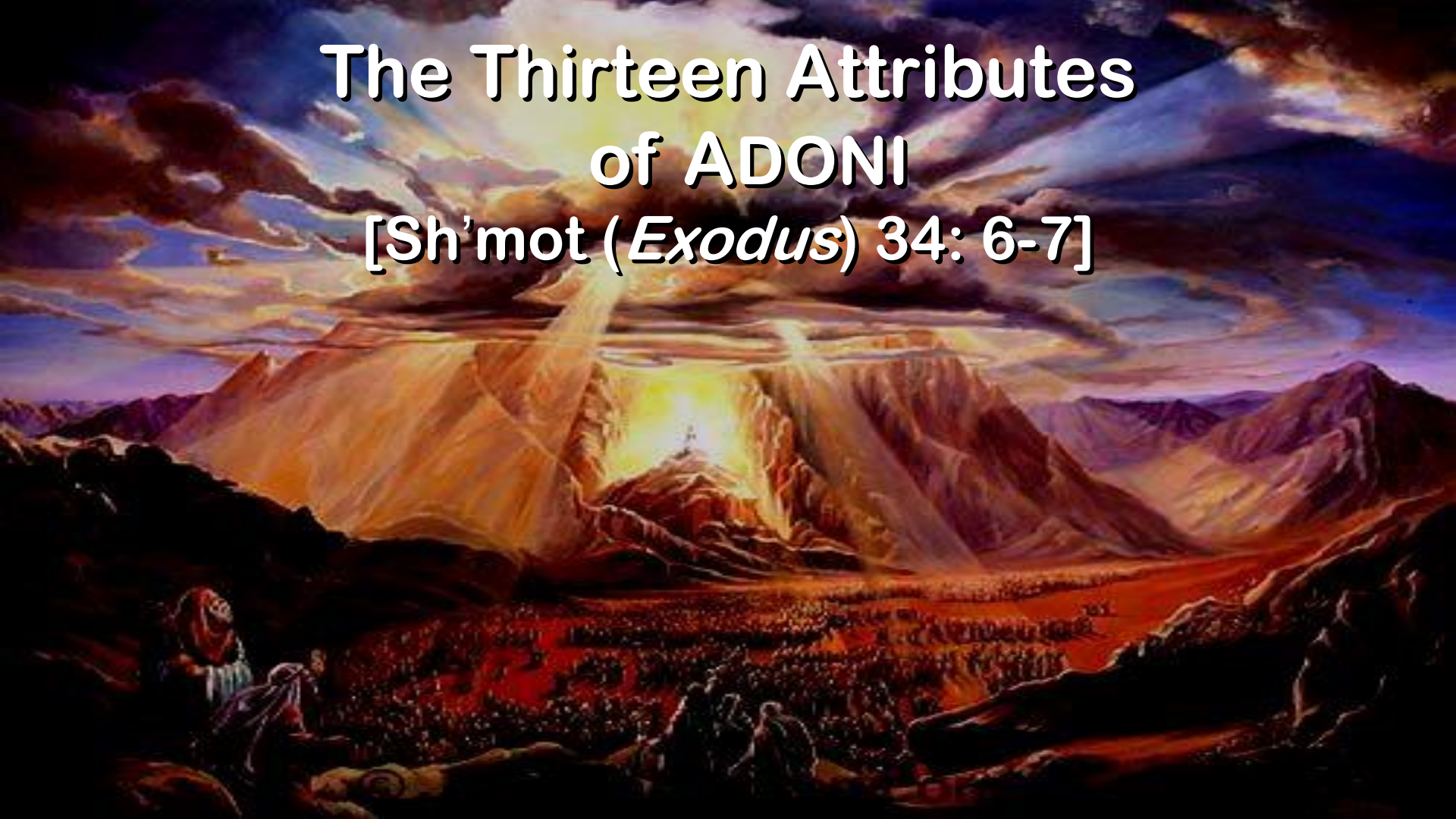
Selikhhot סְלִיחוֹת plural

singular: סְלִיחָה,

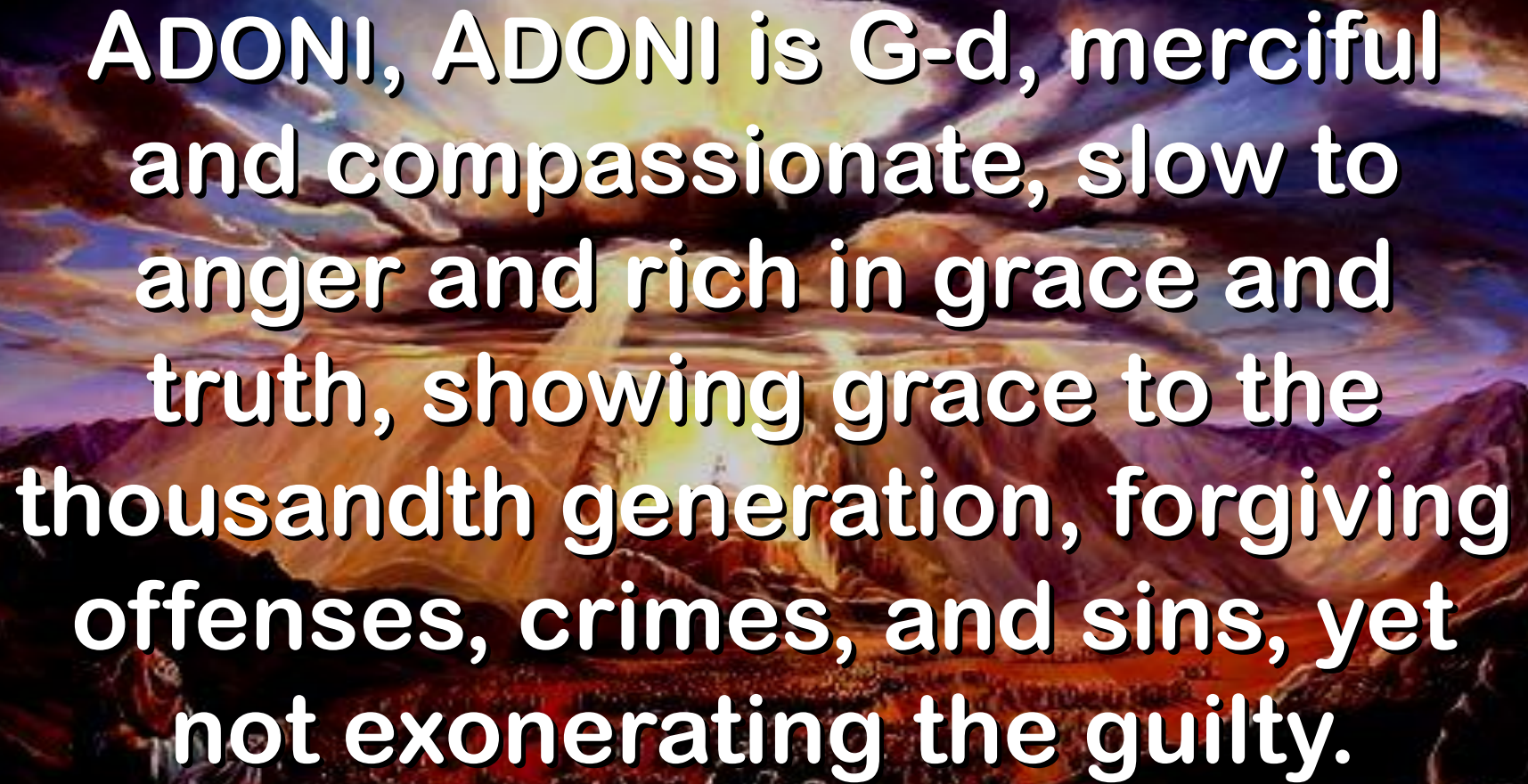
are Jewish penitential poems and prayers, especially those said in the period leading up to the High Holidays, and on fast days. The Thirteen Attributes of Mercy are a central theme throughout these prayers.

# The Thirteen Attributes of ADONI

[Sh'mot (*Exodus*) 34: 6-7]







**ADONI, ADONI is G-d, merciful  
and compassionate, slow to  
anger and rich in grace and  
truth, showing grace to the  
thousandth generation, forgiving  
offenses, crimes, and sins, yet  
not exonerating the guilty.**



אֲדוֹנֵי אֵל רַחוּם וְחַנוּן

*Adoni, Adoni, Ayl ra-khoom  
v'kha-noon*

אַרְךְּ אַפִּימִם, וְרַב חֶסֶד  
וְאֵמֶת

*Eh-rekh a-pi-yeem, v'rav  
khe-sed v'eh-met*

נִצֵּר חֶסֶד לְאֻלְפִים,

נִשָּׂא עוֹן וּפְשָׁע

וְחִטָּא

*No-tsayr khe-sed*

*la-ah-la-feem, no-say ah-von*

*v'feh-shah v'kha-ta-ah*

וְנִקָּה לֹא וְנִקָּה

וְנִקָּה לֹא וְנִקָּה

Pray into Psalm 27.

How does it apply to yourself?

Pray the scriptures:

T'hilim 27 Just one thing have I asked  
of ADONI; only this will I seek:  
to live in the house of ADONI  
all the days of my life,  
to see the beauty of ADONI  
and visit in his temple.



Your face, ADONI, I will seek.  
Do not hide your face from me,  
don't turn your servant away in anger.  
You are my help; don't abandon me;  
don't leave me, God my savior.  
Even though my father and mother  
have left me, ADONI will care for me.



Teach me your way, ADONI;  
lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies —

Surely, I trust that I will see the  
goodness of ADONI in the land of  
the living.

Wait for ADONI. Be strong, let Your  
heart take courage, and wait for  
ADONI.

I would challenge us to enter into  
an Elul seeking of the  
Bridegroom in fasting.

Suggested by Stewart Winograd,  
from Rosh HaShannah Tishri 1  
until Yom Kippur, Tishri 10.

Sept. 24- Oct. 1

From Stewart:

The focus I have been given from the Lord is this:

- Passionate intercession for an awakening (revival) in the body of Messiah, for all believers in Yeshua, starting with our own hearts.

- A desperate cry for a great outpouring of the Ruakh Ha Kodesh. (Like we saw in the Book of Acts and in various times and places in history.) The purpose and desired result of the above leads us to:



- Urgent, compassion-filled prayer for the lost. For the good news of Yeshua's salvation to go viral through His revived body; for a great harvest of thousands, even tens of thousands, of Jews and Gentiles in the coming year.
- Add: End of the current war!

“Is not this the fast I choose: to  
release the bonds of  
wickedness, to untie the cords of  
the yoke, to let the oppressed go  
free, and to tear off every  
yoke?” Isaiah 58:6

Remember the purpose of fasting is to make yourself less sensitive to the things that satisfy your flesh and more sensitive to the things of God's Spirit and to give more time to focused prayer.

We set aside the time we would be preparing meals and eating; to pray, read the Bible, and worship. We are hungry for God and to see His breakthroughs.

Dawn and I have fasted these 10 days for years. The Daniel version.



# Levels of Fasting:

- Ester fast: all food and drink. YK
- Fast from solid foods. [liquids OK]
- Fast from solid foods at a specific time each day (i.e. 10 am-7 pm, sunup to sundown, etc.).
- Fast from solid food one meal per day or eat only one meal of solid food per day.

- Daniel Fast, fast from prepared foods and wine (alcohol).... eat fruits, vegetables, nuts, and liquids.
- You can also mix and match these fasts, perhaps doing a different fast each week of the 40 days.

- In addition to the food-based fasts above, consider adding a fast from your favorite TV show, internet browsing, games, social media, and/or some other pleasures.

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# Brenen and Morgan Beeler on Dobson's Family Talk.



Connecting emotionally

- 1.Spend time together, year-round.
- 2.Pray together daily.
- 3.Play together. Laugh
- 4.Listen.

A romantic couple is shown from behind, embracing each other in a forest. The man is wearing a dark jacket and the woman is wearing a light-colored jacket. They are standing in front of a large, gnarled tree trunk. The background is filled with the silhouettes of other trees and foliage, creating a serene and intimate atmosphere. The overall color palette is dominated by warm, golden-yellow and brown tones, suggesting a sunset or sunrise setting.

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- Worship on Shabbat and stay for Oneg
- Youth group 13-18
- Lo Kashish לא קשיש [not elderly] ~18→~30
- Zeitim זיתים [olives] ~30→~45
- Ladies' Havurah,
- Men's Havurah
- Grandparents [in formation]



# Ingathering / Outreach

Mtt. 28.18-20 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim,

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Mtt. 28.18-20 immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age.”

46th Annual  
Art Westport,  
happened  
September 11-  
13th, 2026

We did “walk  
through”  
Ingathering.  
Much joy!

















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This is a main passion and raison d'être, reason for existence, of Or HaOlam.

This concept can also be a main source of offense.

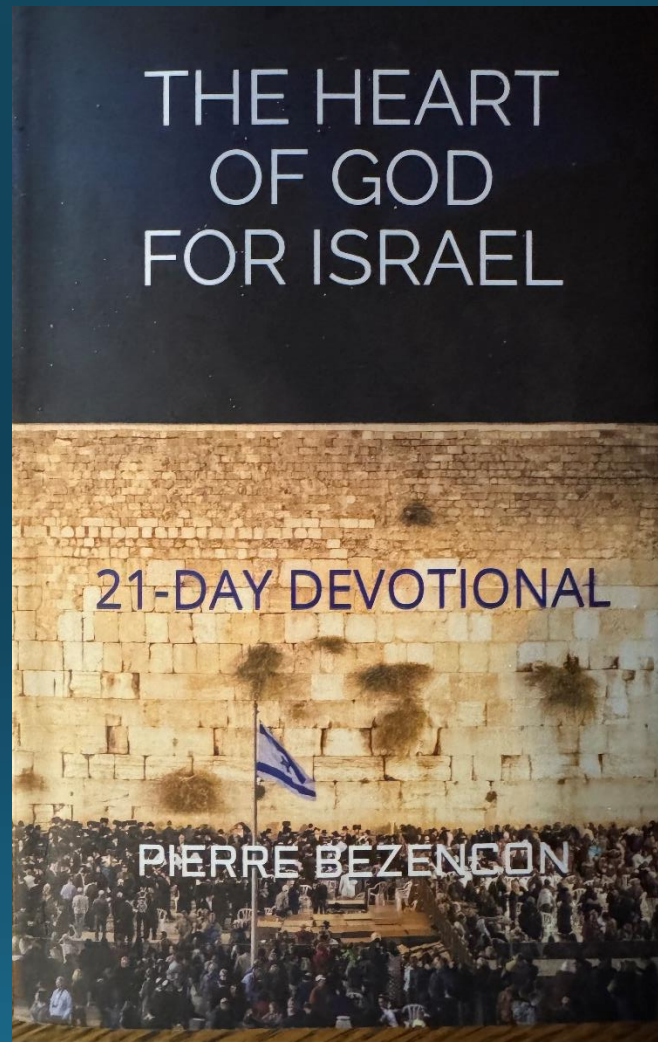


Pierre  
Laurence  
Bezencon





# Pierre's Book



Yeshayahu 54.5-8 For your husband is your Maker, ADONI-Tzva'ot is his name. The Holy One of Isra'el is your Redeemer. He will be called the God of all the earth. For ADONI has called you back like a wife abandoned and grief-stricken; "A wife married in her youth cannot be rejected,"

Hoshea 2.19-20 I will betroth you to Me forever— yes, I will betroth you to Me with righteousness, justice, covenant loyalty and compassion. I will betroth you to Me with faithfulness, and you will know ADONI.

Yeshayahu/Is 49.14-16 “But Tziyon says,  
‘ADONI has abandoned me, ADONI has  
forgotten me.’ Can a woman forget her  
child at the breast, not show pity on  
the child from her womb? Even if  
these were to forget, I would not  
forget you. I have engraved you on the  
palms of my hands, your walls are  
always before me.”

Shmot/Ex 4.22-23 You are to tell Pharaoh:  
'ADONI says, "Isra'el is my firstborn  
son. I have told you to let my son go  
in order to worship me, but you  
have refused to let him go. Well,  
then, I will kill your firstborn son!"

Dvarim/ Dt 1.30-33 ADONI your God, who is going ahead of you, will fight on your behalf, just as he accomplished all those things for you in Egypt before your eyes, and likewise in the desert, where you saw how ADONI your God carried you, like a man carries his child,



Dvarim/ Dt 1.30-33 along the entire way  
you traveled until you arrived at this  
place. Yet in this matter you don't  
trust ADONI your God, even though  
he went ahead of you, seeking out  
places for you to pitch your tents  
and showing you which way to go,  
by fire at night and by a cloud  
during the day.'

Yeshayahu 54.5-8 Thus says your God.  
“Briefly I abandoned you, but with  
great compassion I am taking you  
back. I was angry for a moment and  
hid my face from you; but with  
everlasting grace I will have  
compassion on you,” says ADONI  
your Redeemer.

Dvarim / Dt 32.9-12 But ADONI's portion is His people — Yaakov/ Jacob is the share of His inheritance. He found him in the wilderness land, in the void of a howling waste. He surrounded him, cared for him, guarded him as the pupil of His eye.

Dvarim / Dt 32.9-12 As an eagle stirs up  
its nest, hovers over its young, He  
spreads His wings, catches him,  
lifts him up on His wings. ADONI  
alone guided him— there was no  
foreign god with him.

Beresheet / Gen 17.7 “I am establishing my covenant between me and you, along with your descendants after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting covenant, to be God for you and for your descendants after you.



Beresheet / Gen 17.19    God answered,  
“No, but Sarah your wife will bear  
you a son, and you are to call him  
Yitz’khak [laughter]. I will establish  
my covenant with him as an  
everlasting covenant for his  
descendants after him.

Shmot/ Ex 3.13-15 But Moshe said to God, “Suppose I go to Bnei-Yisrael and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is His Name?’ What should I say to them?” God answered Moshe, “I AM WHO I AM.”

Shmot/ Ex 3.13-15 Then He said, “You are to say to Bnei-Yisrael, ‘I AM’ has sent me to you.” God also said to Moshe: “You are to say to Bnei-Yisrael, ADONI, the God of your fathers, the God of Avraham, Yitskhak, Yaakov, has sent me to you. This is My Name forever, and the Name by which I should be remembered from generation to generation.

Yer/Jer 33.14-17 “Here, the days are coming,” says ADONI, “when I will fulfill this good promise which I have proclaimed for the house of Isra’el and the house of Y’hudah. When those days come, at that time, I will cause to spring up for David a Branch of Righteousness. He will do what is just and right in the land.

Yer/Jer 33.14-17 When those days come,  
Y'hudah will be saved,  
Yerushalayim will live in safety, and  
the name given to her will be ADONI  
Tzidkenu [ADONI our Righteousness].”  
For this is what ADONI says: “There  
will never be cut off from David a  
man to occupy the throne of the  
house of Isra'el.



Yer/Jer 33.31-34 “Here, the days are coming,” says ADONI, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra’el and with the house of Y’hudah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt;

Yer/Jer 33.31-34 because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them,” says ADONI. “For this is the covenant I will make with the house of Isra’el after those days,” says ADONI: “I will put my Torah within them and write it on their hearts;

Yer/Jer 33.31-34 I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will any of them teach his fellow community member or his brother, 'Know ADONI'; for all will know me, from the least of them to the greatest; because I will forgive their wickednesses and remember their sins no more

Ro 11.26-29 All Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer shall come out of Zion. He shall turn away ungodliness from Yaakov Jacob. And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”  
Concerning the Good News,

Ro 11.26-29 they are hostile for your sake; but concerning chosenness, they are loved on account of the fathers, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.



T'hillim / Ps 132.11-14 ADONI swore an oath to David, an oath he will not break: "One of the sons from your own body I will set on your throne. If your sons keep my covenant and my instruction, which I will teach them, then their descendants too, forever, will sit on your throne."

T'hillim / Ps 132.11-14 For ADONI has  
chosen Tziyon, he has wanted it as  
his home. "This is my resting-place  
forever, I will live here because I so  
much want to.

Yeshayahu / Is 62.6-7 I have posted  
watchmen on your walls,  
Yerushalayim; they will never fall  
silent, neither by day nor by night.  
You who call on ADONI, give  
yourselves no rest; and give him  
no rest till he restores  
Yerushalayim and makes it a  
praise on earth.

Yeshayahu/Is 60.1-3 “Arise, shine  
[Yerushalayim], for your light has  
come, the glory of ADONI has risen  
over you. For although darkness  
covers the earth and thick  
darkness the peoples;

Yeshayahu/Is 60.1-3 on you ADONI will  
rise; over you will be seen his glory.  
Nations will go toward your light  
and kings toward your shining  
splendor.



Mt. 23 37-39 “Yerushalayim!  
Yerushalayim! You kill the prophets!  
You stone those who are sent to  
you! How often I wanted to gather  
your children, just as a hen gathers  
her chickens under her wings, but  
you refused! Look! God is  
abandoning your house to you,  
leaving it desolate.

Mt. 23 37-39 For I tell you, from now on,  
you will not see me again until you  
say, 'Blessed is he who comes in  
the name of ADONI.'"

*Barukh ha-ba b'shem ADONI.*

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1. Do you KNOW Yeshua and the assurance of sins forgiven?
2. Are you hearing daily from His Word?
3. How are you applying what you heard?
4. Are you asking this of another?

