

**Till we have built Eden in Israel's varied and challenging land
Bechukotai 2019**

Breishit 2:15-17

<p>G-d took the man and placed him in the Garden of Eden to work it and watch it. G-d gave the man a commandment saying, "You are free to definitely eat from every tree of the garden. But from the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil, do not eat for in the day you eat from it, you will die."</p>	<p>וַיִּקַּח ה' אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאָדָם וַיִּנְחֵהוּ בְּגֶן-עֵדֶן לְעֲבֹדָה וּלְשִׁמְרָה. וַיֹּצֵא ה' אֱלֹהִים עַל-הָאָדָם לֵאמֹר מִכָּל עֵץ-הַגֵּן אָכַל תֹּאכַל. וּמֵעֵץ הַדַּעַת טוֹב וְרַע לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ כִּי בְיוֹם אֲכָלְךָ מִמֶּנּוּ מוֹת תָּמוּת.</p>
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Vayikra 26:3-4

<p>If you follow My laws and are careful to keep My commandments, I will provide you with rain at the right time, so that the land will bear its crops and the trees of the field will provide fruit.</p>	<p>אִם-בְּחֻקֹּתַי תֵּלְכוּ וְאֶת-מִצְוֹתַי תִּשְׁמְרוּ וְעִשִּׂיתֶם אֹתָם. וְנָתַתִּי גֶשְׁמִיכֶם בְּעֵתָם וְנָתַנָּה הָאָרֶץ יְבוּלָה וְעֵץ הַשָּׂדֶה יִתֵּן פְּרִיּוֹ.</p>
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Breishit 3:8

<p>They heard G-d's sound moving about in the garden with the wind of the day. The man and his wife hid themselves from G-d among the trees of the garden.</p>	<p>וַיִּשְׁמְעוּ אֶת-קוֹל ה' אֱלֹהִים מְתַהַלֵּךְ בְּגֶן לְרוּחַ הַיּוֹם וַיִּתְחַבְּאוּ הָאָדָם וְאִשְׁתּוֹ מִפְּנֵי ה' אֱלֹהִים בְּתוֹךְ עֵץ הַגֵּן</p>
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Vayikra 26:12

<p>I will move about among you. I will be a G-d to you, and you will be a nation dedicated to Me.</p>	<p>וְהִתְהַלַּכְתִּי בְּתוֹכְכֶם וְהִיִּיתִי לָכֶם לֵאלֹהִים וְאַתֶּם תִּהְיוּ-לִי לְעָם.</p>
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Breishit 3:17-19

<p>...The ground will therefore be cursed because of you. You will derive food from it with anguish all the days of your life. It will bring forth thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the grass of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat bread...</p>	<p>...אָרוּרָה הָאֲדָמָה בְּעִבּוּרְךָ בְּעֲצָבוֹן תֹּאכְלֶנָּה כָּל יְמֵי חַיֶּיךָ. וְקוֹץ וְדַרְדַּר תַּצְמִיחַ לָךְ וְאָכַלְתָּ אֶת-עֵשֶׂב הַשָּׂדֶה. בְּזַעַת אֶפְיֶךָ תֹּאכַל לֶחֶם...</p>
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Vayikra 26:5

You will have so much that your threshing season will last until your grape harvest, and your grape harvest will last until the time you plant. You will have your fill of food and you will live securely in the land.	וְהָיָה לָכֵן דִּישׁ אֶת-בְּצִיר וּבְצִיר יִשָּׂיג אֶת-זֶרַע וְאָכְלֹתֶם לְחֻמְכֶם לְשִׁבַּע וַיִּשְׂבַּתֶּם לְבִטּוּחַ בְּאֶרְצְכֶם.
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Breishit 3:23

G-d banished man from the Garden of Eden, to work the ground from which he was taken.	וַיִּשְׁלַח ה' אֱלֹהִים מִגֶּן-עֵדֶן לַעֲבֹד אֶת- הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר לָקַח מִשָּׂם.
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Vayikra 26:33

I will scatter you among the nations, and keep the sword drawn against you. Your land will remain desolate, and your cities in ruins.	וְאַתְּכֶם אֲזַרֶּה בְּגוֹיִם וְהִרִיקֹתִי אֶחָרֵיכֶם חֶרֶב וְהִיתָה אֶרְצְכֶם שְׂמָמָה וְעָרֵיכֶם יְהִיוּ חֶרְבָּה.
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William Blake (1757-1827), Jerusalem

And did those feet in ancient time
Walk upon England's mountains green?
And was the holy Lamb of God
On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among these dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental fight,
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,
Till we have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

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