

Will Things Ever Be The Same? - Tisha B'av 5780 - Panel

1) Megillat Eicha (Lamentations) 5:21

Return us, LORD, to You; and we will return! Renew our days as of old!	הַשִּׁיבֵנו יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנָשׁוּבָה [וְנָשׁוּבָה] תִּגְדֵּשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקִדְמָם:
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2) Midrash Eicha Rabbah 5:21

<p><i>“Return us, LORD, to You; and we will return!” (Lamentations 5:21):</i> <i>Knesset Yisrael</i> (the Jewish People) said before the Holy Blessed One: "Master of the universe, it is up to You, "Return Us!". God said to them: "It is up to you, as it is said: "Return to Me, and I will return to you—said God (<u>Malachi 3:7</u>)". They said before him: "Master of the universe, it is up to You, as it is said: "Return again, O God, our helper, revoke Your displeasure with us (<u>Psalms 85:5</u>)" and so it is said: "Return us, LORD, to You; and we will return."</p> <p><i>“Renew our days as of old!”</i> Like Adam, according to what was written: "God drove the man out, and stationed east of the garden of Eden (<u>Genesis 3:24</u>)".</p> <p>Another interpretation: "Renew our days as of old!": According to what was written: "Then the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem shall be pleasing to God <i>as in the days of yore and in the years of old</i> (<u>Malachi 3:4</u>)". <i>"Days of Yore"</i>: This is Moses, as it is written: "Then they remembered the ancient days, him, who pulled his people out (<u>Isaiah 63:11</u>)". <i>"Years of old"</i>: like the years of Solomon.</p> <p>Rabbi says: <i>"Days of Yore"</i>: like the days of Noah, as it is said: "For this to Me is like the waters of Noah (<u>Isaiah 54:9</u>)". <i>"Years of Old"</i>: like the years of Abel, when there was no worship of idols in the world".</p>	<p>הַשִּׁיבֵנו ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנָשׁוּבָה</p> <p>אָמְרָה כְּנֶסֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל לִפְנֵי הַקָּדוֹשׁ בְּרוּךְ הוּא רַבּוֹנוּ שֶׁל עוֹלָם שְׁלָךְ הוּא הַשִּׁיבֵנו. אָמַר לָהֶם שְׁלָכֶם הוּא, שְׁנַאֲמַר (מִלְאֲכֵי ג. ז) שׁוּבוּ אֵלַי וְנָשׁוּבָה אֲלֵיכֶם, נְאֻם ה', אָמְרָה לִפְנֵי רַבּוֹנוּ שֶׁל עוֹלָם שְׁלָךְ הוּא, שְׁנַאֲמַר (תְּהִלִּים פה, ה) שׁוּבֵנו אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׁעֵנוּ, לְכָךְ נְאֻמַּר: הַשִּׁיבֵנו ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנָשׁוּבָה.</p> <p>חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקִדְמָם, כְּאָדָם הַרְאֵשׁוֹן, כְּמָה דָּאֲתָ אָמַר (בְּרֵאשִׁית ג, כד) וַיִּגְרֶשׁ אֶת הָאָדָם וַיִּשְׁכֵּן מִקְדָּם לְגַן עֵדֶן.</p> <p>דָּבָר אַחֵר, חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקִדְמָם, כְּמָה דָּאֲתָ אָמַר (מִלְאֲכֵי ג. ז) וְעָרְבָה לָהּ מְנַחֵת הַיּוֹדָה וִירוּשָׁלַיִם כִּימֵי עוֹלָם וּכְשָׁנִים קְדָמָיוֹת, כִּימֵי עוֹלָם, זֶה מִשְׁהָ, דְּכַתִּיב (יִשְׁעִיָּה סג, יא) וַיִּזְכֹּר יְמֵי עוֹלָם מִשְׁהָ עַמּוֹ.</p> <p>וּכְשָׁנִים קְדָמָיוֹת, כְּשָׁנוֹת שְׁלֹמֹה.</p> <p>רַבִּי אוֹמֵר: כִּימֵי עוֹלָם, כִּימֵי נֹחַ, שְׁנַאֲמַר (יִשְׁעִיָּה נד, ט) כִּי מִי נֹחַ זֹאת לִי.</p> <p>וּכְשָׁנִים קְדָמָיוֹת, כְּשָׁנוֹת הַבַּל, שְׁלֹא הָיְתָה עֲבוֹדַת כּוֹכָבִים עֲדֵין בְּעוֹלָם.</p>
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