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“You have to believe in things that are bigger than yourself,” Mark Zuckerberg, Jewish, told the audience at a Utah conference. “I was raised Jewish and then I went through a period where I questioned things, but now I believe religion is very important,” he wrote.

He attributed his religious evolution to the issues his company has faced over the last few years and the birth of his two daughters, now ages four and two, *Deseret News* reported.

“I try to put my girls to bed every night... I don't always get to do that but that's important to me. Work is important... but at the end of the day we're all people, and you need your family and friends and communities around you.”



Israel's Potato Battery

MONEY & MARRIAGE

A date night worth investing in.

Vayikra/Lev 19.23-25 “When you come into the land and have planted all kinds of trees for food, you are to consider their fruit as forbidden. **Three years it will be forbidden to you.** It is not to be eaten. Then in the **fourth year all its fruit will be holy**, for giving praise to ADONI. In the **fifth year you may eat its fruit.** So it will yield its increase to you. I am ADONI your God.

For calculating the age of a fruit-bearing tree, 15th day of the month of Shvat, Tu BiShvat, ט"ו בשבט, as “birthday of trees.”
This year it’s Monday, Feb. 10.



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Israel's New Year for Trees



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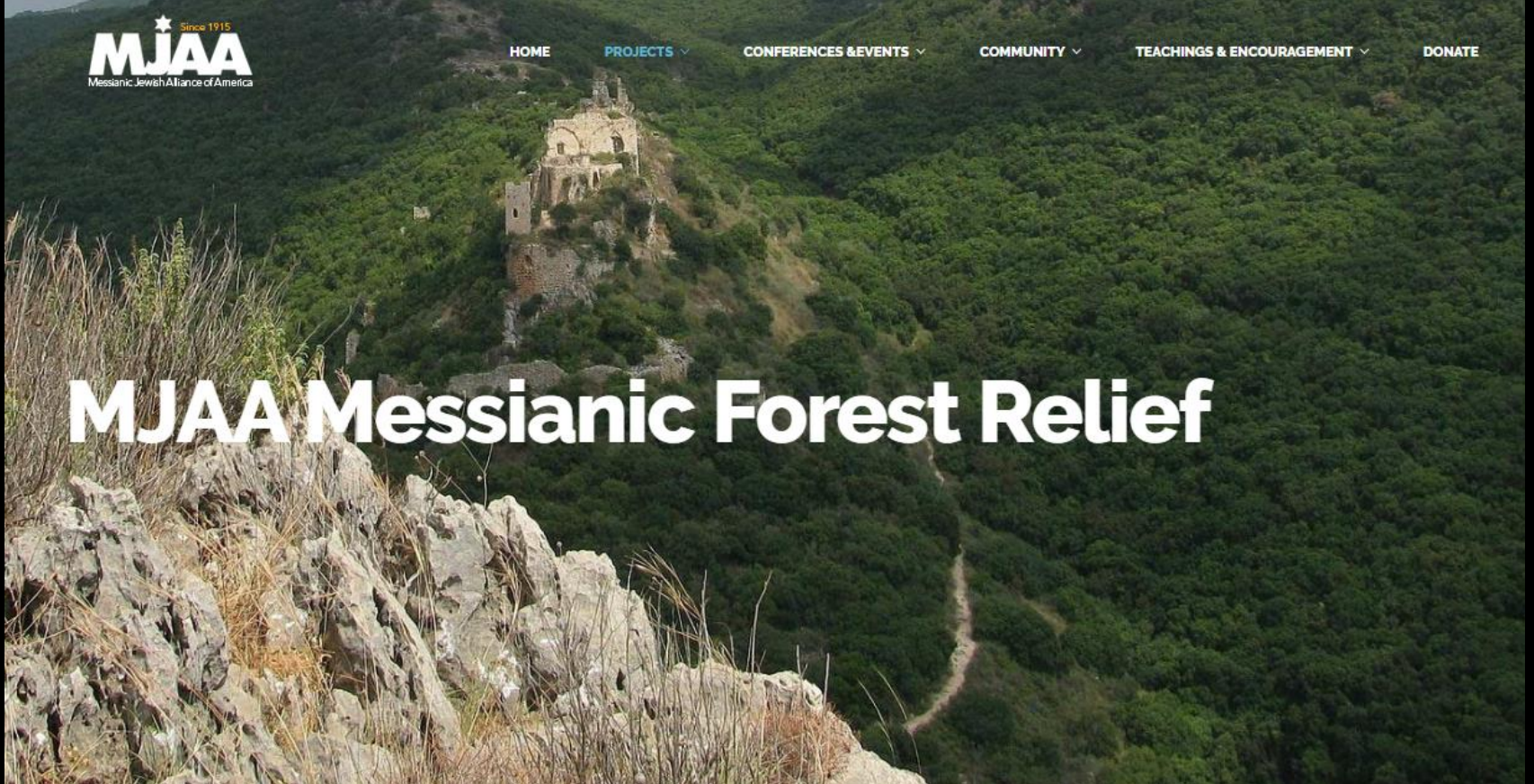
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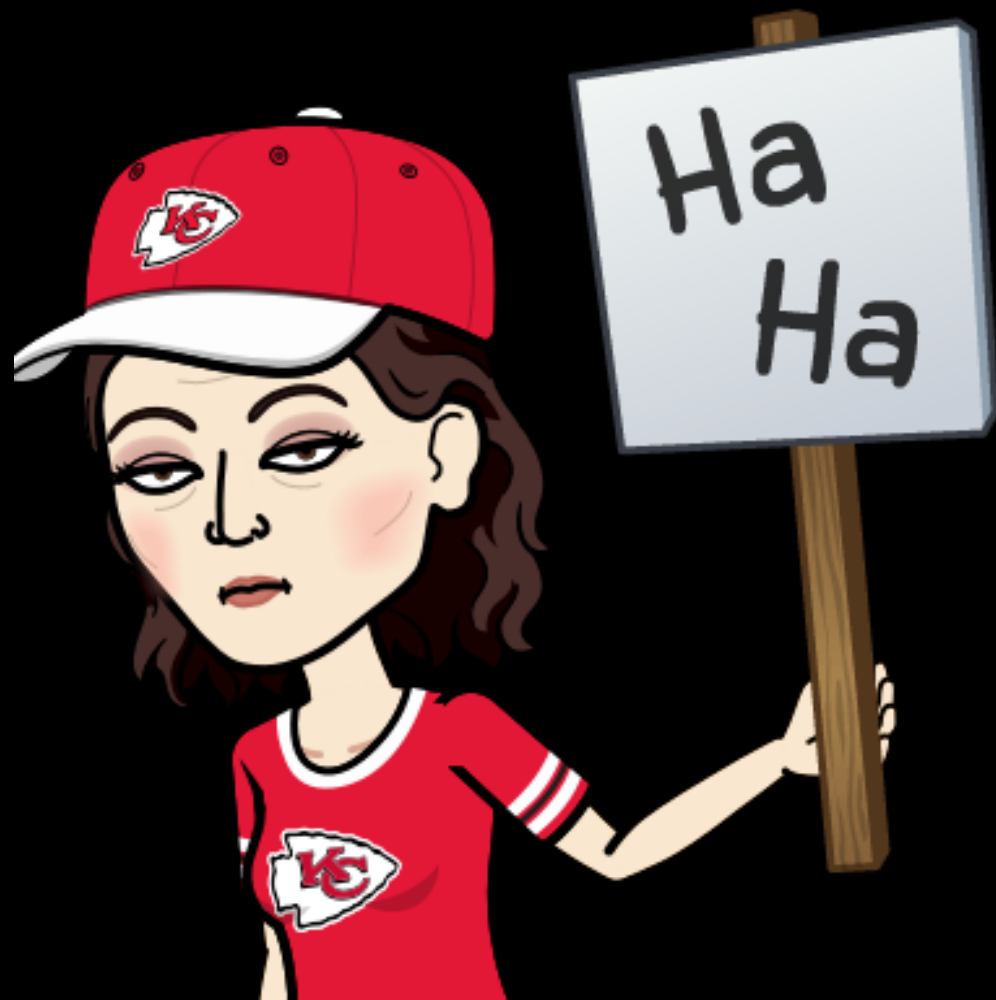
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**Letter to the
Messianic Jews**

1.3b to 1.7

Your Name

Shim-khah שִׁמְכָח

In the Letter to the Messianic Jews/ Hebrews, **which we will now call MJ**, there are at least eighty-six direct references, traceable to at least one hundred Tanakhic passages. So MJ is a string of Tanakhic citations.

MJ is a sort a **commentary**,
directly Spirit inspired and
compiled, focusing on Messiah
the Cohen, the priest. In fact,
that is what MJ was to it's first
hearers, drawing its authority

from the Tanakh, and revealing
the magnificence of Messiah the
Cohen in our Hebrew
scriptures.

It is only **consequentially** an
inspired scripture in and of
itself.

Messiah the Cohen

Messiah the Cohen		Messiah's Priesthood	
Hebrew Title	English Title	Reference in Messianic Jews	Attribute of Priesthood
הַמָּשִׁיחַ בֶּן אֱלֹהִים	Messiah, Son of G-d	1.1 to 2.4	Who the Priest Is
הַמָּשִׁיחַ בֶּן אָדָם	Messiah, Son of Man	2.5 to 4.13	Who the Priest Is
הַמָּשִׁיחַ הַכֹּהֵן	Messiah the Priest	4.14 to 10.18	How the Priest ministered
הַמָּשִׁיחַ הַהֹלֵךְ	Messiah the Way	10.19 to 13.25	What the Priest Accomplished

Outline of this message

1. Mashiakh has come with better cohanut = priesthood
2. Mashiakh has **come with a better Name = nature**, divine nature superior to angels.
3. Application to us of the better name.

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Indeed, when speaking of
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**Five Tanakhic quotes in five
verses of MJ.**

**Interpretation of all the
quotations?**

2nd Temple Times terminology

= First Century C.E.

= Early **תַּנַּיִם** *Tanaim*]

תַּנַּי *Tana* (Aramaic) teacher,

rabbinic authority in time of

Mishnah

Tannaic period

First century principles of Biblical Interpretation [Tannaic]

1. Jewish interpretation and use of Scripture in the first five-plus centuries of this era was much more free-flowing than our contemporary, historical-grammatical approach.

For example: Dvarim 10.12

וְעַתָּה, יִשְׂרָאֵל--מָה יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ, שֶׂאֵל מֵעַמְּךָ:

And now, Israel, **what** does ADONI your G-d ask of you.

The Sages **derive** that one must recite 100 blessings every day—expounding the verse as if it said:

וְעַתָּה, יִשְׂרָאֵל--מֵאָה יְיָ אֱלֹהֶיךָ, שֶׂאֵל מֵעַמְּךָ:

And now, Israel, **one hundred** does...

2. Verses from the Tanakh could be cited on many different levels and for many different purposes.

Viyikra 22.5-7 [A person] who has touched a reptile or insect that can make him unclean, or a man who is unclean for any reason and who can transmit to him his uncleanness - the person who touches any of these will be unclean

until evening and is not to eat
the holy things unless he bathes
his body in water. After sunset
he will be clean; and afterwards,
he may eat the holy things;
because they are his food.

3. The use of the Hebrew Bible in the Messianic Scriptures is completely in line with the Jewish interpretive methods of the day, but often more restrained, contextual, and sober than other Jewish literature.

- Some Tanakhic quotes are evidence / **proof**.
- Some Tanakhic quotes are midrash / explanation / illustration / implication.

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Opening phrase understood.
If I say “Things go better...”



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at the right hand of the Majesty
on High / *HaG'dulah*
*BaM'romim.*₁

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Who is in this seating arrangement?

There is no way G-d could be talking to Himself, to sit by his own right hand. It is reminiscent of the verse in Daniel 7.14, where the Messiah, called the Son of Man, comes to the Ancient of Days.

There are two individuals, invested with divine power, in both these word pictures.

Dan 7.14 I saw in the night visions,
and, behold, **one like a son of
man came with the clouds of
heaven, and came to the ancient
of days,** and they brought him
near before him. And there he
was given dominion,

**Dan 7.14 and glory, and a kingdom,
that all people, nations, and
languages, should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting
dominion, which shall not pass
away, and his kingdom one that
shall not be destroyed.**

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Conclusion of first quote:
Messiah is the divine figure of
Psalm 2. **Better nature and
name than angels!**

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SECOND QUOTE from T'hilim Ps 2.1-5 **Why**
are the nations in an uproar, the
peoples grumbling in vain? The
earth's kings are taking
positions, leaders conspiring
together, against ADONI and his
anoointed.

T'hilim Ps 2.1-5 They cry, "Let's break their fetters! Let's throw off their chains!" He who sits in heaven laughs; ADONI looks at them in derision. Then in his anger he rebukes them, terrifies them in his fury.

T'hilim Ps 2.6-8 "I myself have installed my king on Tziyon, my holy mountain. "I will proclaim the decree: ADONI said to me, 'You are my son; today I became your father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations

T'hilim Ps 2.6-8 your inheritance; the whole wide world will be your possession. You will break them with an iron rod, shatter them like a clay pot.””

In a world of chaos and rebellion against G-d, the Son is appointed as anointed [Messianic] king.

G-d is unequivocally described as having a Son, and this is the oldest reference to it.

In Psalms of Solomon 17. 21-27, this psalm is applied to the Messiah, the Son of David.

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THIRD TANAKH QUOTE: MJ 5b Also, God never said of any angel, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son."

2 Sam 7.14 will be a father for him, and he will be a son

These verses were not traditionally applied to Messiah, but were first addressed to King David, and then midrashically applied to the people of Israel by the rabbis. So this further application fo the psalm to Messiah, by the writer of Mes. Jews, is called a **חידושי** *khiddush*, an innovation.

It is in line with the identification of the Messiah *with* Israel, that occurs several times in the New Covenant, and sometimes seems problematical. We must remember, that this thought is not foreign to Judaism,

for in Ps. 89 promises to Israel
merge with messianic promises.
Here the eternal kingdom of
Messiah is given as a fulfillment
that David's dynasty will rule
forever, and by implication, that
this ever ruling being is
הַמָּשִׁיחַ בֶּן אֱלֹהִים, Messiah, Son of G-d.

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FOURTH QUOTE: MJ 1.3b-7 And again,
when God brings his Firstborn
into the world, he says, “Let all
God’s angels worship him.” 4

from Psalm 97.7 Bow down before
Him, all you gods!
Context...

PS 97.1-3 ADONAI reigns, let the earth rejoice, let the many islands be glad. Clouds and darkness are all around Him. Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. Fire goes before Him and burns up His adversaries on every side.

Vs 1.6 Psalm 97.7 This is also a *khiddush*, innovation. It is from the Septuagint, the LXX, that the Psalm is rendered angels. The Hebrew Psalm says,

הַשְׁתַּחֲוֹדוּ לּוֹ כָּל־אֱלֹהִים

Worship Him all gods

This Tanakhic quote reinforces the concept that the Messiah is better than angels, and therefore, he is G-d, since angels are described as worshiping Him.

The novel interpretation is a midrash, and application of truth, and is consistent with the rest of scripture. However, it is not a proof text of Messiah, **הַמָּשִׁיחַ בֶּן אֱלֹהִים**, Son of G-d, rather an explanation based on other proofs.

FIFTH QUOTE: MJ 1.7 Indeed, when speaking of angels, he says, "... who makes his angels winds and his servants fiery flames";

T'hillim/Ps 104.4 You make winds your messengers, fiery flames your servants

T'hillim/Ps 104.1-3 Bless ADONI, O my soul.
ADONI my God, You are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and
majesty— **wrapping Yourself in light
as a robe**, stretching out heaven like a
curtain, laying beams for His upper
rooms in waters, making the clouds
His chariot, walking on the wings of
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Summary of these MJ quotes

1. Mashiakh sits at the right hand
2. Mashiakh is called “son.”
3. Mashiakh is the royal son.
4. Mashiakh is worshipped by angels
5. Mashiakh is the Lord of light.

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**Application of the principle:
His Name is better than angels**

Mtt 6. 9-10 'Our Father in heaven!
May **your Name be kept holy**. May
your Kingdom come, your will be
done on earth as in heaven.

Yn 17.6 "I **have made Your name
known** to the men of this world
that You gave Me.

Yn 17.26 **I made your Name known to them,** and will continue to make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

Song of Songs 1.2-3 Your love is better than wine. Your ointments have a pleasing fragrance. **Your name is poured out like perfume.**

Yekhez/Ezk 20.41 I will accept you **with your sweet aroma** when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you were scattered.

1 Cor. 2.14-15 For we are the aroma of Messiah to God, among those who are being saved and those who are perishing to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life.

Meaning to us of His Name being known? Our name?

- Character, nature John Fletcher, successor to Wesley. “More seraph like man I have not known, in England or America.”

Does His Name bring joy?

Does our name bring joy?

**Is our name associated with
helpfulness, service, comfort,
support, joy?**

**It's more blessed to give than to
receive. Is your name a giver?**

Why Giving makes you feel good

1. According to researchers at Stony Brook University, when we're generous our brains release several "including dopamine, endorphins that give people a sense of euphoria, and oxytocin, which is associated with tranquility, serenity or inner peace."

2. Generous people are fun to be around, aren't they? they're also generous with their time, their talents, and their words. They encourage others and inspire them to be better than before. They make their friends feel braver, stronger and smarter. And more than that: **Their generosity is contagious.**

3. A 2013 study from Carnegie Mellon University found that people who volunteer around four hours per week are 40% less likely to develop high blood pressure than those who don't volunteer.

4. People in Alcoholics

Anonymous double their chances of success when they help others.

**Is our name associated with
anger, complaints, need for
comfort, need for help, frowns.
When people see you coming,
generally, what...?**

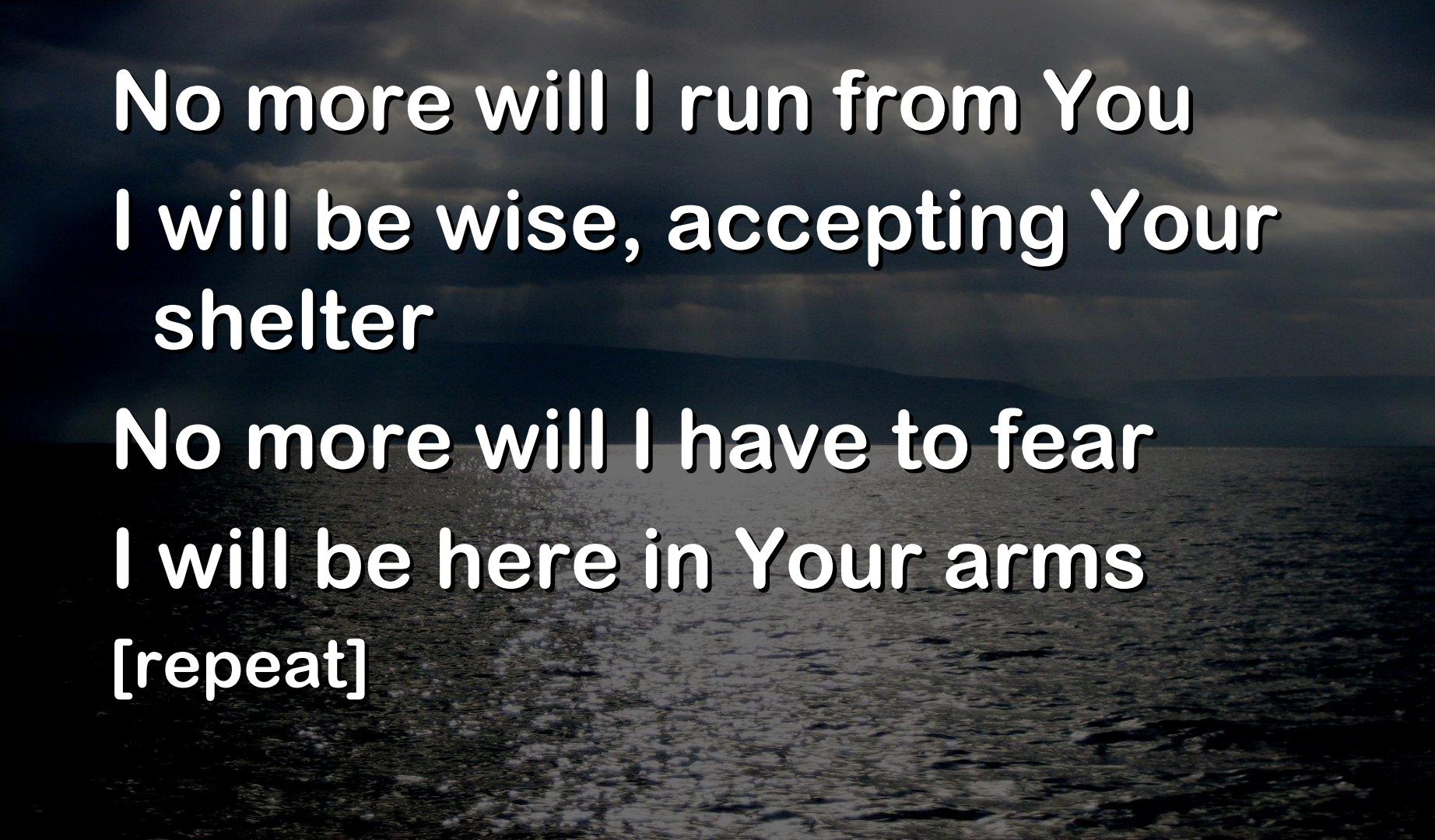
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Your Name

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No more will I run from You
I will be wise, accepting Your
shelter

No more will I have to fear
I will be here in Your arms
[repeat]

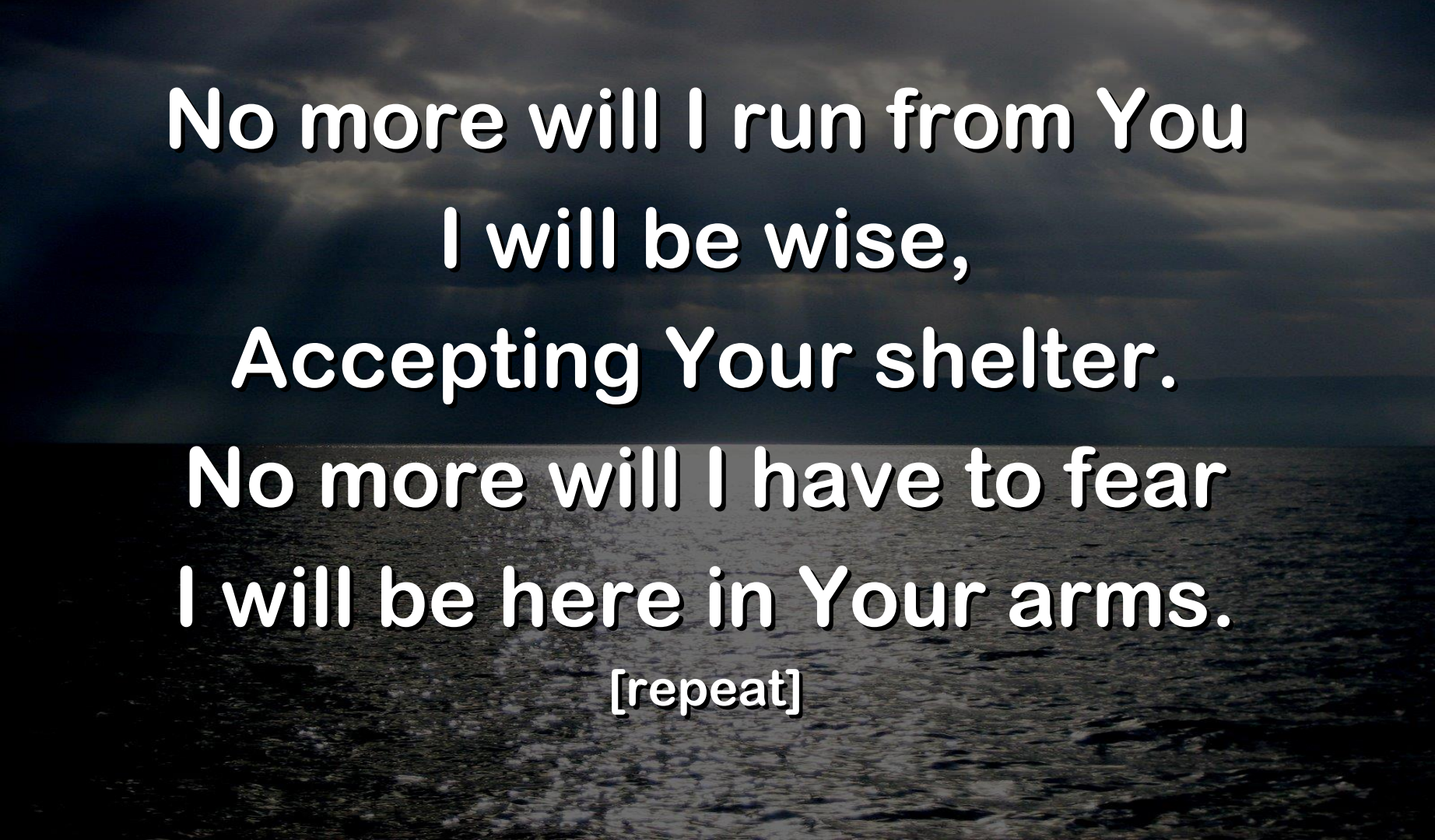
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powers above all kings**

Your Name

You are the Blessed

Prince of Peace

[repeat]



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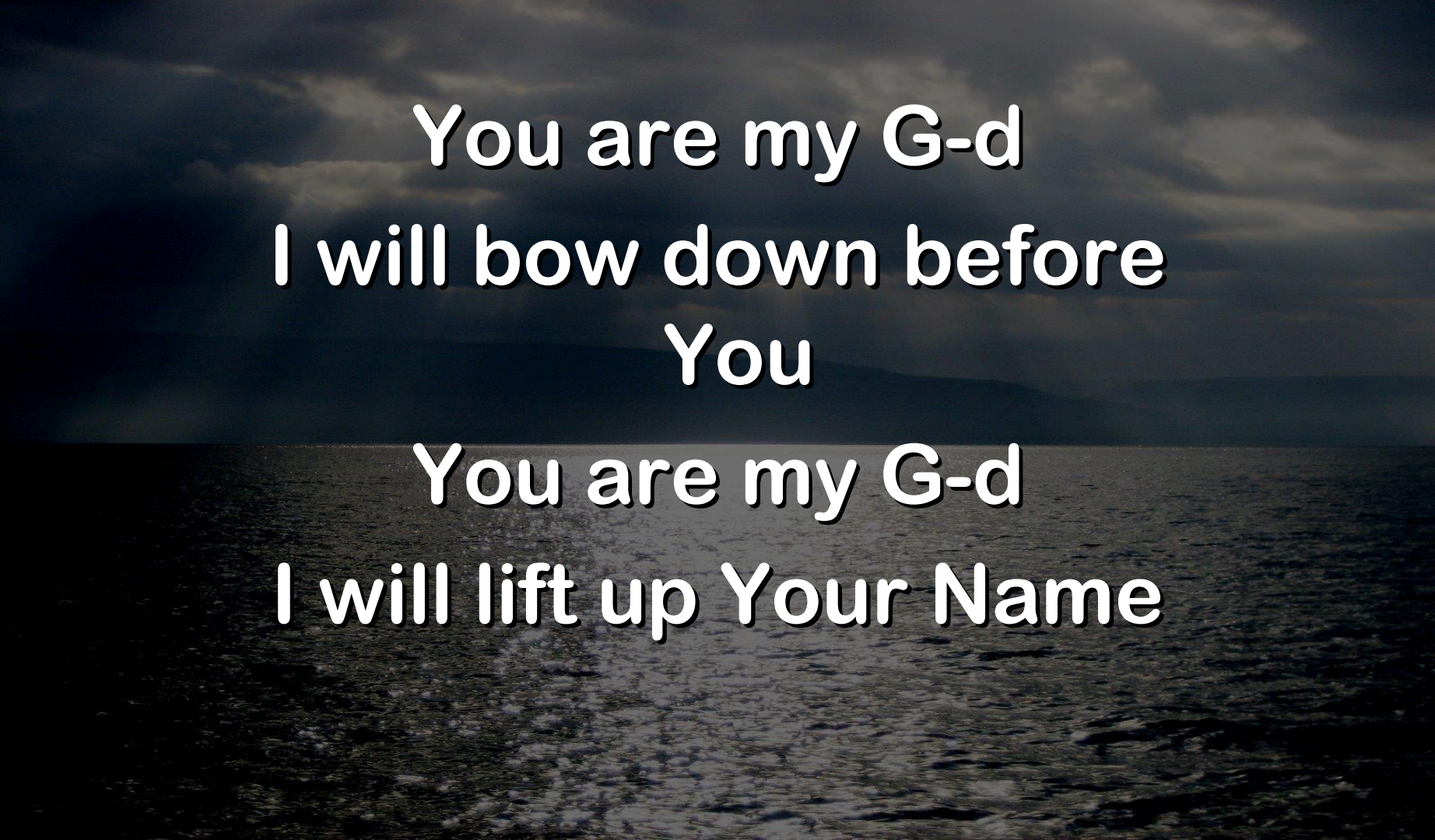
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[Selah] סֵלָה

No one else would ever let me
live this life I live in You.

And no one else could ever take
this place that I have made for
You.

And no one else will ever fit the
mold that You have cast for me

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**You are my G-d
I will bow down before
You**

**You are my G-d
I will lift up Your Name**

**Your Name is above all powers
above all kings**

**Your Name You are the
Blessed Prince of Peace**

[repeat]

שִׁמְךָ

Sheem-kha *[Your Name]*

אֲנוּ אֹהֲבִים אוֹתְךָ

A-nu o-ha-veem ot-kha

[We love You]

[repeat]

ישועֹּ יֵשׁוּעַ
Yeshua

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Yeshua

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