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Master of the world,
if I'm here, everything is here
Here I am, I am ready and prepared,
Here I am, I am ready and prepared,
Master of the world,
if I'm here, everything is here
Here I am, Here I am, Here I am, Here I am

רבנו של עולם, אם אני כאן, הכל כאן
הנני מוכן ומזומן, הנני מוכן ומזומן
רבנו של עולם, אם אני כאן, הכל כאן
הנני, הנני, הנני, הנני

Zusha, Don't leave me on my own



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SOURCE – 1 SAMUEL 3:1-11

Young Samuel was in the service of GOD under Eli. In those days the word of GOD was rare; prophecy was not widespread.

One day, Eli was asleep in his usual place; his eyes had begun to fail and he could barely see. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the temple of GOD where the Ark of God was.

GOD called out to Samuel, and he answered, “I’m coming.”

He ran to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” But he replied, “I didn’t call you; go back to sleep.” So he went back and lay down.

Again GOD called, “Samuel!” Samuel rose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” But he replied, “I didn’t call, my son; go back to sleep.” —

Now Samuel had not yet experienced GOD; the word of GOD had not yet been revealed to him. GOD called Samuel again, a third time, and he rose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.” Then Eli understood that GOD was calling the boy.

And Eli said to Samuel, “Go lie down. If you are called again, say, ‘Speak, GOD, for Your servant is listening.’” And Samuel went to his place and lay down.

GOD started communicating, calling as before:

“Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel answered,

“Speak, for Your servant is listening.”

וְהַנֶּעֱר שְׁמוּאֵל מִשְׁרַת אֶת־ה' לִפְנֵי עֲלִי
וּדְבַר־ה' הָיָה יָקָר בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם אֵין חֲזוֹן
נִפְרָץ:

וַיְהִי בַיּוֹם הַהוּא וְעָלִי שָׁכַב בַּמְּקוֹמוֹ וְעֵינָיו
הִחֲלוּ כְּהוֹת לֹא יוֹכֵל לִרְאוֹת:

וְנֵר אֱלֹקִים טָרָם יִכָּבֵה וּשְׁמוּאֵל שָׁכַב
בְּהִיכָל ה' אֲשֶׁר־שָׁם אֲרוֹן אֱלֹקִים:

וַיִּקְרָא ה' אֶל־שְׁמוּאֵל וַיֹּאמֶר הַנְּנִי:

וַיֵּרָץ אֶל־עָלִי וַיֹּאמֶר הַנְּנִי כִּי־קִרְאתָ לִי

וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא־קִרְאתִי שׁוּב שָׁכַב וַיֵּלֶךְ

וַיִּשְׁכַּב:}

וַיִּסָּף ה' קִרְא עוֹד שְׁמוּאֵל וַיִּקָּם שְׁמוּאֵל

וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל־עָלִי וַיֹּאמֶר הַנְּנִי כִּי קִרְאתָ לִי

וַיֹּאמֶר לֹא־קִרְאתִי בְּנִי שׁוּב שָׁכַב:

וּשְׁמוּאֵל טָרָם יָדַע אֶת־ה' וְטָרָם יָגֵלָה

אֵלָיו דְּבַר־ה':

וַיִּסָּף ה' קִרְא־שְׁמוּאֵל בְּשִׁלִּישַׁת וַיִּקָּם

וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל־עָלִי וַיֹּאמֶר הַנְּנִי כִּי קִרְאתָ לִי

וַיִּבֶן עָלָיו כִּי ה' קִרְא לַנֶּעֱר:

וַיֹּאמֶר עָלִי לִשְׁמוּאֵל לֵךְ | שָׁכַב וְהָיָה

אִם־יִקְרָא אֵלָיֶךָ וְאָמַרְתָּ דְּבַר ה' כִּי שָׁמַעַ

עַבְדְּךָ וַיֵּלֶךְ שְׁמוּאֵל וַיִּשְׁכַּב בַּמְּקוֹמוֹ:

וַיָּבֹא ה' וַיִּתְּצֵב וַיִּקְרָא כָּפְעִים־בְּפַעַם

שְׁמוּאֵל | שְׁמוּאֵל וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמוּאֵל דְּבַר כִּי

שָׁמַע עַבְדְּךָ:

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- How would you react if God called your name?
- What does this story tell us about how God communicates with people? What is clear and what is not?

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SOURCE 2 – GENESIS 22:1-12

Some time afterward, God put Abraham to the test—saying to him, “Abraham.” He answered, “Here I am.”

“Take your son, your favored one, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the heights that I will point out to you.”

So early next morning, Abraham saddled his donkey and took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. He split the wood for the burnt offering, and he set out for the place of which God had told him.

On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place from afar.

Then Abraham said to his servants, “You stay here with the donkey. The boy and I will go up there; we will worship and we will return to you.”

Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and put it on his son Isaac. He himself took the firestone and the knife; and the two walked off together.

Then Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he answered, “Yes, my son.” And he said, “Here are the firestone and the wood; but where is the sheep for the burnt offering?”

And Abraham said, “It is God who will see to the sheep for this burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

They arrived at the place of which God had told him. Abraham built an altar there; he laid out the wood; he bound his son Isaac; he laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

And Abraham picked up the knife to slay his son. Then an angel of GOD called to him from heaven: “Abraham! Abraham!” And he answered, “Here I am.”

“Do not raise your hand against the boy, or do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your favored one, from Me.”

וַיְהִי אַחֲרֵי הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה וְהָאֱלֹקִים נִסָּה אֶת־אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי:

וַיֹּאמֶר קַח־נָא אֶת־בְּנֶךָ אֶת־יִחִידְךָ אֲשֶׁר אַהֲבָתָּ אֶת־יִצְחָק וְלֶרְלֹךְ אֶל־אֶרֶץ מֹרְיָה וְהַעֲלֵהוּ שָׁם לַעֲלֹה עַל אֶחָד הַהָרִים אֲשֶׁר אָמַר אֵלַי:

וַיֵּשְׁכֻם אַבְרָהָם בַּבֹּקֶר וַיַּחֲבֹשׁ אֶת־חֲמֹרֹו וַיִּקַּח אֶת־שְׁנֵי נַעֲרָיו אֹתָו וְאֶת יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ וַיִּבְקַע עֵצִי עֲלָה וַיִּקֶּם וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר־אָמַר־לֹו הָאֱלֹקִים:

בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי וַיֵּשֶׁא אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֵינָיו וַיֵּרָא אֶת־הַמָּקוֹם מֵרֶחֶק:

וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֶל־נַעֲרָיו שְׁבוּ־לָכֶם פֹּה עִם־הַחֲמֹור וְאֲנִי וְהַנֶּעֱר נֵלְכָה עַד־כֹּה וְנִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה וְנִשְׁוֹבָה אֵלֵיכֶם:

וַיִּקַּח אַבְרָהָם אֶת־עֵצֵי הָעֹלָה וַיִּשֶׁם עַל־יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ וַיִּקַּח בְּיָדֹו אֶת־הָאֵשׁ וְאֶת־הַמֶּאֱכָלֶת וַיֵּלְכוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו:

וַיֹּאמֶר יִצְחָק אֶל־אַבְרָהָם אָבִיו וַיֹּאמֶר אָבִי וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִנִּי בְנִי וַיֹּאמֶר הִנֵּה הָאֵשׁ וְהַעֲצִים וְאַיֵּה הַשֶּׂה לַעֲלֹה:

וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם אֱלֹקִים יִרְאֶה־לֹו הַשֶּׂה לַעֲלֹה בְנִי וַיֵּלְכוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם יַחְדָּו:

וַיָּבֹאוּ אֶל־הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אָמַר־לֹו הָאֱלֹקִים וַיִּבְנוּ שָׁם אַבְרָהָם אֶת־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וַיַּעֲרֹךְ אֶת־הָעֵצִים וַיַּעֲקֹד אֶת־יִצְחָק בְּנוֹ וַיִּשֶׁם אוֹתוֹ עַל־הַמִּזְבֵּחַ מִמַּעַל לַעֲצִים:

וַיִּשְׁלַח אַבְרָהָם אֶת־יָדֹו וַיִּקַּח אֶת־הַמֶּאֱכָלֶת לְשַׂחֹט אֶת־בְּנוֹ:

וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו מֵאֹךְ הִ' מִן־הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיֹּאמֶר אַבְרָהָם | אַבְרָהָם וַיֹּאמֶר הֲנִנִּי:

וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־תִּשְׁלַח יָדְךָ אֶל־הַנֶּעֱר וְאַל־תַּעַשׂ לוֹ מְאוּמָה כִּי | עֵתָה יָדַעְתִּי כִּי־יִרְאֵה אֱלֹהִים אֶתָּה וְלֹא חֲשַׁכְתָּ אֶת־בְּנֶךָ אֶת־יִחִידְךָ מִמֶּנִּי:

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SOURCE 3 – GENESIS 46:1-7

So Israel set out with all that was his, and he came to Beer-sheba, where he offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac.
God called to Israel in a vision by night: “Jacob! Jacob!” He answered, “Here.”
“I am God, the God of your father. Fear not to go down to Egypt, for I will make you there into a great nation.
I Myself will go down with you to Egypt, and I Myself will also bring you back; and Joseph’s hand shall close your eyes.”
So Jacob set out from Beer-sheba. The sons of Israel put their father Jacob and their children and their wives in the wagons that Pharaoh had sent to transport him;
and they took along their livestock and the wealth that they had amassed in the land of Canaan. Thus Jacob and all his offspring with him came to Egypt:
he brought with him to Egypt his sons and grandsons, his daughters and granddaughters—all his offspring.

וַיֵּסַע יִשְׂרָאֵל וְכָל־אֲשֶׁר־לּוֹ וַיָּבֹא בְּאֶרֶץ
שְׁבַע וַיִּזְבַּח זִבְחִים לֵאלֹהֵי אָבִיו יַצְחָק׃
וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים | לְיִשְׂרָאֵל בְּמֵרָאֵת
הַלַּיְלָה וַיֹּאמֶר יַעֲקֹב | יַעֲקֹב וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי׃
וַיֹּאמֶר אָנֹכִי הָאֵל אֱלֹהֵי אָבִיךָ אֵל־תִּירָא
מִדֶּרֶה מִצְרַיִם כִּי־לִגְוִי גָדוֹל אֲשִׁימָךְ
שָׁם׃
אָנֹכִי אֵרָד עִמָּךְ מִצְרַיִם וְאָנֹכִי אֶעֱלֶךְ
גַּם־עֹלָה וַיֹּסֶף יֵשׁוּעַ יְדוֹ עַל־עֵינָיו׃
וַיָּקָם יַעֲקֹב מִבְּאֵר שְׁבַע וַיֵּשְׂאוּ בָנָיו
יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־יַעֲקֹב אֲבִיהֶם וְאֶת־טַפָּם
וְאֶת־נִשְׁיָהֶם בְּעֶגְלוֹת אֲשֶׁר־שָׁלַח פָּרָעָה
לְשֵׂאת אֹתָם׃
וַיָּקָחוּ אֶת־מִקְנֵיהֶם וְאֶת־רִכּוּשָׁם אֲשֶׁר
רָכְשׁוּ בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן וַיָּבֹאוּ מִצְרַיִם יַעֲקֹב
וְכָל־זֶרְעוֹ אִתּוֹ׃
בָּנָיו וּבְנֵי בָנָיו אֹתוֹ בָּנְתָיו וּבָנוֹת בָּנָיו וְכָל־
זֶרְעוֹ הָבִיֵּא אֹתוֹ מִצְרַיִם׃

SOURCE 4 – EXODUS 3:1-10

Now Moses, tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian, drove the flock into the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
An angel of GOD appeared to him in a blazing fire out of a bush. He gazed, and there was a bush all aflame, yet the bush was not consumed.
Moses said, “I must turn aside to look at this marvelous sight; why doesn’t the bush burn up?”
When GOD saw that he had turned aside to look, God called to him out of the bush: “Moses! Moses!” He answered, “Here I am.”

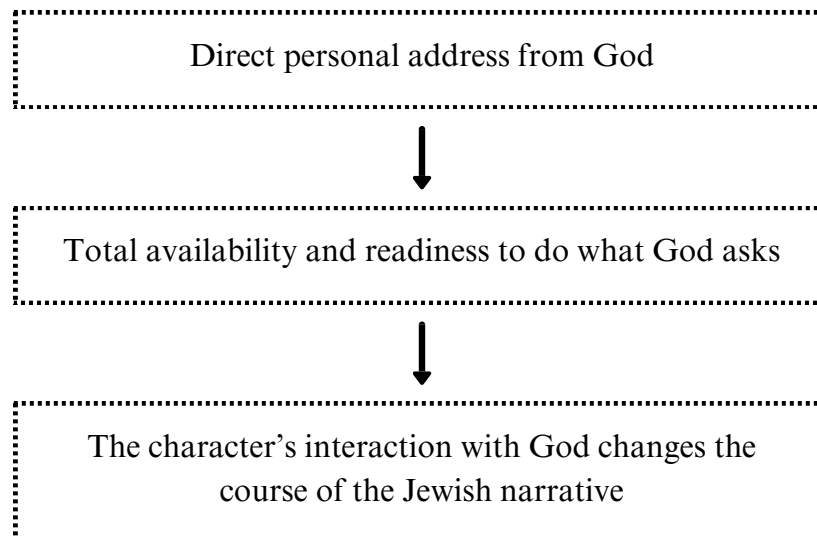
וּמֹשֶׁה הָיָה רֹעֶה אֶת־צֹאֵן יִתְרוֹ חֹתֵנוֹ
כִּהְיוּ מִדְּבַר וַיִּנְהַג אֶת־הַצֹּאֵן אַחֲרֵי הַמִּדְבָּר
וַיָּבֹא אֶל־הַר הָאֱלֹהִים חֹרֶב׃
וַיֵּרָא מֶלֶאךָ ה' אֵלָיו בְּלִבְתֹּאֵשׁ מִתּוֹךְ
הַסִּנֵּה וַיֵּרָא וְהִנֵּה הַסִּנֵּה בֹעֵר בָּאֵשׁ
וְהַסִּנֵּה אֵינּוּ אֵכָל׃
וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה אֶסְרֶה־נָּא וְאֶרְאֶה אֶת־
הַמֶּרְאֶה הַגָּדֹל הַזֶּה מִדּוּעַ לֹא־יִבְעַר
הַסִּנֵּה׃
וַיֵּרָא ה' כִּי סָר לְרֹאיוֹת וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו
אֱלֹהִים מִתּוֹךְ הַסִּנֵּה וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה מֹשֶׁה
וַיֹּאמֶר הִנְנִי׃

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SOURCE 5 – HINEINI MOMENTS STRUCTURE



Character	God's ask	How it changes the narrative:
Abraham	First: To sacrifice his son Isaac. Then: To stop the sacrifice.	Tests Abraham's faith, reaffirming his commitment to God and God's commitment to him and his people
Jacob / Israel	To go down to Egypt without fear.	Authorizes descent to Egypt which begins the nation's formation.
Moses	To return to Egypt and free the Israelites from slavery.	Moses is made leader of the Jewish people and the exodus begins
Samuel	To deliver judgment against Eli's household.	Samuel is made a prophet who establishes the monarchy and keeps them in line with God's word