

"I Can See Clearly Now..."
The Gift of sight in Jewish tradition

1. Opening our Eyes

Psalm 121

<p>I lift up my eyes to the mountains. From where does my help come?</p> <p>My help comes from God, Who made heaven and earth.</p> <p>He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.</p> <p>Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.</p> <p>The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.</p> <p>The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.</p> <p>The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.</p> <p>The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.</p>	<p>שִׁיר לַמַּעֲלוֹת אֲשָׁא עֵינַי, אֶל-הַהָרִים-- עֲזָרִי, מֵעַם הִי--עֲשֵׂה, מֵאִן, יָבֹא עֲזָרִי אֶל-יְתֵן לַמּוֹט רַגְלִי; אֶל-שָׁמַיִם וְאָרֶץ הִנֵּה לֹא-יָנוּם, וְלֹא יִישָׁן-- יָנוּם, שֹׁמְרֵךְ הִי שֹׁמְרֵךְ; הִי צִלָּה, עַל-שׁוֹמֵר, יִשְׂרָאֵל יוֹמָם, הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לֹא-יִכָּפֵה; וַיָּרַח יָד יְמִינֶךָ הִי, יִשְׁמְרֶךָ מִכָּל-רָע: יִשְׁמַר, אֶת-בְּלִילָהּ הִי, יִשְׁמַר-צִאֲתֶךָ וּבּוֹאֲתֶךָ-- מֵעַתָּה, נִפְשֶׁךָ וְעַד-עוֹלָם</p>
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II. Seeing

Bamidbar 22-24

² Balak son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. ³ Moab was alarmed because that people was so numerous. Moab dreaded the Israelites, ⁴ and Moab said to the elders of Midian, "Now this horde will lick clean all that is about us as an ox licks up the grass of the field." Balak son of Zippor, who was king of Moab at that time, ⁵ sent messengers to Balaam son of Beor in Pethor, which is by the Euphrates, in the land of his kinsfolk, to invite him, saying, "There is a people that came out of Egypt; it hides the earth from view, and it is settled next to me. ⁶ Come then, put a curse upon this people for me, since they are too numerous for me; perhaps I can thus defeat them and drive them out of the land. For I know that he whom you bless is blessed indeed, and he whom you curse is cursed."⁷ The elders of Moab and the elders of Midian, versed in divination, set out. They came to Balaam and gave him Balak's message. ⁸ He said to them, "Spend the night here, and I shall reply to you as the Lord may instruct me." So the Moabite dignitaries stayed with Balaam. ⁹ God came to Balaam and said, "What do these people want of you?" ¹⁰ Balaam said to God, "Balak son of Zippor, king of Moab, sent me this message: ¹¹ Here is a people that came out from Egypt and hides the earth from view. Come now and curse them for me; perhaps I can engage them in battle and drive them off." ¹² But God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them. You must not curse that people, for they are blessed."¹³ Balaam arose in the morning and said to Balak's dignitaries, "Go back to your own country, for the Lord will not let me go with you." ¹⁴ The Moabite dignitaries left, and they came to Balak and said, "Balaam refused to come with us."¹⁵ Then Balak sent other dignitaries, more numerous and distinguished than the first. ¹⁶ They came to Balaam and said to him, "Thus says Balak son of Zippor: Please do not refuse to come to me. ¹⁷ I will reward you richly and I will do anything you ask of me. Only come and damn this people for me." ¹⁸ Balaam replied to Balak's officials, "Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not do anything, big or little, contrary to the command of the Lord my God. ¹⁹ So you, too, stay here overnight, and let me find out what else the Lord may say to me." ²⁰ That night God came to Balaam and said to him, "If these men have come to invite you, you may go with them. But whatever I command you, that you shall do."²¹ When he arose in the morning, Balaam saddled his ass and departed with the Moabite dignitaries. ²² But God was incensed at his going; so an angel of the Lord placed himself in his way as an adversary. He was riding on his she-ass, with his two servants alongside, ²³ when the ass caught sight of the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. The ass swerved from the road and went into the fields; and Balaam beat the ass to turn her back onto the road. ²⁴ The angel of the Lord then stationed himself in a lane between the vineyards, with a fence on either side. ²⁵ The ass, seeing the angel of the Lord, pressed herself against the wall and squeezed Balaam's foot against the wall; so he beat her again. ²⁶ Once more the angel of the Lord moved forward and stationed himself on a spot so narrow that there was no room to swerve right or left. ²⁷ When the ass now saw the angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam; and Balaam was furious and beat the ass with his stick.²⁸ Then the Lord opened the ass's mouth, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you that you have beaten me these three times?" ²⁹ Balaam said to the ass, "You have made a mockery of me! If I had a sword with me, I'd kill you." ³⁰ The ass said to Balaam, "Look, I am the ass that you have been riding all along until this day! Have I been in the habit of doing thus to you?" And he answered, "No."³¹ Then the Lord uncovered Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, his drawn sword in his hand; thereupon he bowed right down to the ground. ³² The angel of the Lord said to him, "Why have you beaten your ass these three times? It is I who came out as an adversary, for the errand is obnoxious to me. ³³ And when the ass saw me, she shied away because of me those three times. If she had not shied away from me, you are the one I should have killed, while sparing her." ³⁴ Balaam said to the angel of the Lord, "I erred because I did not know that you were standing in my way. If you still disapprove, I will turn back." ³⁵ But the angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men. But you must say nothing except what I tell you." So Balaam went on with Balak's dignitaries.³⁶ When Balak heard that Balaam was coming, he went out to meet him at Ir-moab, which is on the Arnon border, at its farthest point. ³⁷ Balak said to Balaam, "When I first sent to invite you, why didn't you come to me? Am I really unable to reward you?" ³⁸ But Balaam said to Balak, "And now that I have come to you, have I the power to speak freely? I can utter only the word that God puts into my mouth."³⁹ Balaam went with Balak and they came to Kiriath-huzoth. ⁴⁰ Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and had them served to Balaam and the dignitaries with him. ⁴¹ In the morning Balak took Balaam up to Bamoth-baal. From there he could see a portion of the people.

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¹ Balaam said to Balak, "Build me seven altars here and have seven bulls and seven rams ready here for me." ² Balak did as Balaam directed; and Balak and Balaam offered up a bull and a ram on each altar. ³ Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stay here beside your offerings while I am gone. Perhaps the Lord will grant me a manifestation, and whatever He reveals to me I will tell you." And he went off alone. ⁴ God manifested Himself to Balaam, who said to Him, "I have set up the seven altars and offered up a bull and a ram on each altar." ⁵ And the Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, "Return to

Balak and speak thus.⁶ So he returned to him and found him standing beside his offerings, and all the Moabite dignitaries with him. ⁷ He took up his theme, and said:

From Aram has Balak brought me, Moab's king from the hills of the East: Come, curse me Jacob, Come, tell Israel's doom! ⁸ How can I damn whom God has not damned, How doom when the Lord has not doomed? ⁹ As I see them from the mountain tops, Gaze on them from the heights, There is a people that dwells apart, Not reckoned among the nations, ¹⁰ Who can count the dust of Jacob, Number the dust-cloud of Israel? May I die the death of the upright,

May my fate be like theirs! ¹¹ Then Balak said to Balaam, "What have you done to me? Here I brought you to damn my enemies, and instead you have blessed them!" ¹² He replied, "I can only repeat faithfully what the Lord puts in my mouth." ¹³ Then Balak said to him, "Come with me to another place from which you can see them--you will see only a portion of them; you will not see all of them--and damn them for me from there." ¹⁴ With that, he took him to Sedehzophim, on the summit of Pisgah. He built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on each altar. ¹⁵ And [Balaam] said to Balak, "Stay here beside your offerings, while I seek a manifestation yonder." ¹⁶ The Lord manifested Himself to Balaam and put a word in his mouth, saying, "Return to Balak and speak thus." ¹⁷ He went to him and found him standing beside his offerings, and the Moabite dignitaries with him. Balak asked him, "What did the Lord say?" ¹⁸ And he took up his theme, and said:

Up, Balak, attend, Give ear unto me, son of Zippor! ¹⁹ God is not man to be capricious, Or mortal to change His mind. Would He speak and not act, Promise and not fulfill? ²⁰ My message was to bless: When He blesses, I cannot reverse it.

²¹ No harm is in sight for Jacob, No woe in view for Israel. The Lord their God is with them, And their King's acclaim in their midst. ²² God who freed them from Egypt Is for them like the horns of the wild ox.

²³ Lo, there is no augury in Jacob, No divining in Israel: Jacob is told at once, Yea Israel, what God has planned. ²⁴ Lo, a people that rises like a lion, Leaps up like the king of beasts, Rests not till it has feasted on prey And drunk the blood of the slain. ²⁵ Thereupon Balak said to Balaam, "Don't curse them and don't bless them!" ²⁶ In reply, Balaam said to Balak, "But I told you: Whatever the Lord says, that I must do." ²⁷ Then Balak said to Balaam, "Come now, I will take you to another place. Perhaps God will deem it right that you damn them for me there." ²⁸ Balak took Balaam to the peak of Peor, which overlooks the wasteland. ²⁹ Balaam said to Balak, "Build me here seven altars, and have seven bulls and seven rams ready for me here." ³⁰ Balak did as Balaam said: he offered up a bull and a ram on each altar.

Chapter 24

¹ Now Balaam, seeing that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, did not, as on previous occasions, go in search of omens, but turned his face toward the wilderness. ² As Balaam looked up and saw Israel encamped tribe by tribe, the spirit of God came upon him. ³ Taking up his theme, he said:

Word of Balaam son of Beor, Word of the man whose eye is true, ⁴ Word of him who hears God's speech, Who beholds visions from the Almighty, Prostrate, but with eyes unveiled: ⁵ How fair are your tents, O Jacob, Your dwellings, O Israel! ⁶ Like palm-groves that stretch out, Like gardens beside a river, Like aloes planted by the Lord, Like cedars beside the water; ⁷ Their boughs drip with moisture, Their roots have abundant water. Their king shall rise above Agag, Their kingdom shall be exalted. ⁸ God who freed them from Egypt Is for them like the horns of the wild ox. They shall devour enemy nations, Crush their bones, And smash their arrows. ⁹ They crouch, they lie down like a lion, Like the king of beasts; who dare rouse them? Blessed are they who bless you, Accursed they who curse you! ¹⁰ Enraged at Balaam, Balak struck his hands together. "I called you," Balak said to Balaam, "to damn my enemies, and instead you have blessed them these three times! ¹¹ Back with you at once to your own place! I was going to reward you richly, but the Lord has denied you the reward." ¹² Balaam replied to Balak, "But I even told the messengers you sent to me, ¹³ 'Though Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not of my own accord do anything good or bad contrary to the Lord's command. What the Lord says, that I must say.' ¹⁴ And now, as I go back to my people, let me inform you of what this people will do to your people in days to come." ¹⁵ He took up his theme, and said: Word of Balaam son of Beor, Word of the man whose eye is true, ¹⁶ Word of him who hears God's speech, Who obtains knowledge from the Most High, And beholds visions from the Almighty, Prostrate, but with eyes unveiled: ¹⁷ What I see for them is not yet, What I behold will not be soon: A star rises from Jacob, A scepter comes forth from Israel; It smashes the brow of Moab, The foundation of all children of Seth. ¹⁸ Edom becomes a possession, Yea, Seir a possession of its enemies; But Israel is triumphant. ¹⁹ A victor issues from Jacob To wipe out what is left of Ir. ²⁰ He saw Amalek and, taking up his theme, he said: A leading nation is Amalek; But its fate is to perish forever. ²¹ He saw the Kenites and, taking up his theme, he said: Though your abode be secure, And your nest be set among cliffs, ²² Yet shall Kain be consumed, When Asshur takes you captive. ²³ He took up his theme and said: Alas, who can survive except God has willed it! ²⁴ Ships come from the quarter of Kittim; They subject Asshur, subject Eber. They, too, shall perish forever. ²⁵ Then Balaam set out on his journey back home; and Balak also went his way.

Bamidbar Rabbah 20:2

What did he see? . . . It would have been better for the wicked if they had been blind, for their eyes bring evil on the world. In regard to the Generation of the Flood it is written, The sons of God saw (Gen. 6:2). It is also written, And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw (Gen. 9:22), and again it is written, And the princes of Pharaoh saw her (Gen. 12:15). It is the same with all the other cases, and it is the same here: And Balak saw.

וירא בלק בן צפור - מה ראה? ... נוח לרשעים, שיהיו סומין שעיניהם מביאין רעה לעולם. בדור המבול כתיב (בראשית ו): ויראו בְּנֵי-הָאֱלֹקִים. וכתיב (שם ט): וירא חם אבי כנען. וכתיב (שם יב): ויראו אתה שרי פרעה וכן כולם, וכאן, וירא בלק

Genesis 6:1-2

1 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, 2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives, whomsoever they chose.

א וַיְהִי כִּי-הִחַל הָאָדָם, לָרֹב עַל-פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה; וּבָנוֹת, יִלְדוּ לָהֶם. ב וַיִּרְאוּ בְּנֵי-הָאֱלֹקִים אֶת-בָּנוֹת הָאָדָם, כִּי טֹבֹת הָנָה; וַיִּקְחוּ לָהֶם נָשִׁים, מִכֹּל אֲשֶׁר בָּחָרוּ.

Genesis 9:12

And Noah the husbandman began, and planted a vineyard. And he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father...

כ וַיִּחַל נֹחַ, אִישׁ הָאֲדָמָה; וַיִּטַּע, כֶּרֶם. כא וַיִּשְׁתֶּה מִן-הַיַּיִן, וַיִּשְׁכָּר; וַיִּתְגַּל, בְּתוֹךְ אֹהֶלֶה. כב וַיִּרְא, חָם אָבִי כְנַעַן, אֶת, עֶרְוַת אָבִיו; וַיַּגִּד לְשָׁנֵי-אָחִיו, בַּחוּץ.

Genesis 12:14-15

And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. And the princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.

יד וַיְהִי, כְּבּוֹא אַבְרָם מִצְרָיִמָה; וַיִּרְאוּ הַמִּצְרַיִם אֶת-הָאִשָּׁה, כִּי-יָפָה הוּא מְאֹד. טו וַיִּרְאוּ אֹתָהּ שְׂרֵי פְרַעֲהוּ, וַיְהַלְלוּ אֹתָהּ אֶל-פְּרַעֲהוּ; וַתִּשְׁחַח הָאִשָּׁה, בֵּית פְּרַעֲהוּ.

III. Noticing

Exodus 3:1-6

<p>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. ² An angel of the Lord 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. ³ Moses said, "I must turn aside to look at this marvelous sight; why doesn't the bush burn up?" ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to look, God called to him out of the bush: "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And He said, "Do not come closer. Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. ⁶ I am," He said, "the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.</p>	<p>א ומִשֶׁה, הָיָה רֹעֵה אֶת-צֹאן יִתְרוֹ חֹתֵנוֹ-- כֹּהֵן מִדְיָן; וַיִּנְהַג אֶת-הַצֹּאן אַחֲרֵי הַמִּדְבָּר, וַיָּבֹא אֶל-הַר הָאֱלֹקִים חֲרָבָה. ב וַיֵּרָא מִלְאָךְ ה' אֵלָיו, בְּלַבַּת-אֵשׁ--מִתּוֹךְ הַסִּנֵּה; וַיֵּרָא, וְהִנֵּה הַסִּנֵּה בֹעֵר בְּאֵשׁ, וְהַסִּנֵּה, אֵינָנוּ אֲכָל. ג וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה--אֲסַרְהָ נָא וְאֶרְאֶה, אֶת-הַמַּרְאֶה הַגָּדֹל הַזֶּה: מִדַּוְעָ, לֹא-יִבְעַר הַסִּנֵּה. ד וַיֵּרָא ה', כִּי סָר לִרְאוֹת; וַיִּקְרָא אֵלָיו אֱלֹקִים מִתּוֹךְ הַסִּנֵּה, וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה--וַיֹּאמֶר הַנְּנִי. ה וַיֹּאמֶר, אֶל-תִּקְרַב הָלֵם; שֶׁל-נִעְלִיף, מֵעַל רִגְלֶיךָ--כִּי הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר אַתָּה עוֹמֵד עָלָיו, אֲדָמַת-קֹדֶשׁ הוּא. ו וַיֹּאמֶר, אֲנֹכִי אֱלֹקֵי אֲבִיךָ, אֱלֹקֵי אַבְרָהָם אֱלֹקֵי יִצְחָק, וְאֱלֹקֵי יַעֲקֹב; וַיִּסְתֵּר מֹשֶׁה, פָּנָיו, כִּי יָרָא, מִהִבֵּית אֶל-הָאֱלֹקִים</p>
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IIIV. Opening Our Eyes... With God's Help

Genesis 21:14-20

<p>¹⁴ Early next morning Abraham took some bread and a skin of water, and gave them to Hagar. He placed them over her shoulder, together with the child, and sent her away. And she wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵ When the water was gone from the skin, she left the child under one of the bushes, ¹⁶ and went and sat down at a distance, a bowshot away; for she thought, "Let me not look on as the child dies." And sitting thus afar, she burst into tears.</p>	<p>יז וַיִּשְׁכֶּם אַבְרָהָם בְּבִקְרַת וַיִּקַּח-לָחֶם וְחֶמֶת מַיִם וַיִּתֵּן אֶל-הָגָר שֵׁם עַל-שִׁכְמָהּ, וְאֶת-הַיֶּלֶד--וַיִּשְׁלַחָהּ; וַתֵּלֶךְ וַתִּתַּע, בְּמִדְבַר בְּאֵר שֶׁבַע. טו וַיִּכְלוּ הַמַּיִם, מִן- הַחֶמֶת; וַתִּשְׁלַךְ אֶת-הַיֶּלֶד, תַּחַת אֶחָד הַסִּיחִים. טז וַתֵּלֶךְ וַתֵּשֶׁב לָהּ מִנְּגֹד, הַרְחֵק כְּמֹטְחוֹי קֶשֶׁת, כִּי אָמְרָה, אֶל-אֶרְאֶה בְּמוֹת הַיֶּלֶד; וַתֵּשֶׁב מִנְּגֹד, וַתִּשָּׂא אֶת-קִלְעָהּ וַתִּבְדֵּךְ. יז וַיִּשְׁמַע אֱלֹקִים, אֶת-קוֹל הַנְּעִר, וַיִּקְרָא מִלְאָךְ אֱלֹקִים אֶל-הָגָר מִן-</p>
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<p>¹⁷ God heard the cry of the boy, and an angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has heeded the cry of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him by the hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water, and let the boy drink. ²⁰ God was with the boy and he grew up; he dwelt in the wilderness and became a bowman.</p>	<p>הַשָּׁמַיִם, וַיֹּאמֶר לָהּ מֵה-לֶךְ הָגָר; אֶל- תִּירָאִי, כִּי-שָׁמַע אֱלֹהִים אֶל-קוֹל הַנֶּעֱר בְּאֶשֶׁר הוּא-שָׁם. יַחַד קוֹמִי שְׂאִי אֶת-הַנֶּעֱר, וְחַזִּיקִי אֶת-יָדָךְ בּוֹ: כִּי-לְגוֹי גָּדוֹל, אֲשִׁימְנֶנּוּ. יֵט וַיִּפְקַח אֱלֹקִים אֶת-עֵינֶיהָ, וַתֵּרָא בְּאֵר מַיִם; וַתֵּלֶךְ וַתִּמְלֵא אֶת- הַחֲמַת, מַיִם, וַתִּשְׁק, אֶת-הַנֶּעֱר. כַּוְיָהִי אֱלֹקִים אֶת-הַנֶּעֱר, וַיִּגְדַּל; וַיֵּשֶׁב, בְּמִדְבָּר, וַיְהִי, רֹבֵה קֶשֶׁת. וַיֵּשֶׁב, בְּמִדְבַר פָּאֲרָן; וַתִּקַּח-לוֹ אִמּוֹ אִשָּׁה, מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם.</p>
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V. God-Vision

Genesis 16:13

<p>And she called the Lord who spoke to her, "You Are El-roi," "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "Have I not gone on seeing after He saw me!"</p>	<p>וַתִּקְרָא שְׁם-ה' הַדֹּבֵר אֵלֶיהָ, אַתָּה קָל רְאִי: כִּי אָמְרָה, הִנֵּם הֵלֵם רְאִיתִי-- אַחֲרֵי רְאִי.</p>
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Mishnah Rosh Hashana 1:2

<p>The world is judged four times a year: On Pesach for the harvest; on Shavuot for fruit trees; on the New Year all of the inhabitants of the world pass before God like Bnei Maron, as it is stated: "The One Who created [sees together] their hearts, the One Who understands all of their actions" (Tehillim/Psalms 33:15). And on Sukkot there is judgment for water.</p>	<p>בארבעה פרקים העולם נידון בפסח על התבואה בעצרת על פירות האילן בראש השנה כל באי עולם עוברין לפניו כבני מרון שנאמר היוצר יחד לבם המבין אל כל מעשיהם) תהלים לג) ובחג נידונין על המים.</p>
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Talmud Bavli, Rosh HaShanah 18a

<p>Talmud Bavli, Rosh HaShanah 18a What is meant by the expression “Bnei Maron”? Here it was translated as “Bnei Amarna.” Reish Lakish explained, “Like the heights of the House of Maron.” Rav Yehudah said in the name of Shmuel, “Like the soldiers of the House of David.” Rabba Bar Bar Chana said in the name of Rabbi Yochanan, “All of them are judged at the same time.”</p>	<p>מאי כבני מרון הכא תרגימו כבני אמרנא ריש לקיש אמר כמעלות בית מרון רב יהודה אמר שמואל כחיילות של בית דוד אמר רבה בר בר חנה אמר רבי יוחנן וכולן נסקרין בסקירה אחת.</p>
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Rashi , ibid.

<p>“Like Bnei Amarna.” Like sheep counted for tithing, filing past in single file through a small opening, two cannot fit through together.</p>	<p>כבני אימרנא : ככבשים שמונין אותם לעשרן ויוצאין זה אחר זה בפתח קטן שאין יכולין לצאת כאחד.</p>
<p>“Like the Heights of the House of Maron” – where there is a narrow path, and there is not enough room for two people to travel alongside one another, and there is a steep valley on either side of the path.</p>	<p>כמעלות בית מרון : הדרך קצר, ואין שנים יכולין לילך זה בצד זה, שהעמק עמוק משני צידי הדרך :</p>
<p>“Like the soldiers of the House of David” – “Like Bnei Maron,” i.e. like soldiers in the king’s army. Maron is an expression of mastery and lordship; such is the way one counts soldiers as they march out to battle one after the other.</p>	<p>כחיילות של בית דוד : וכבני מרון כבני חיילות של מלך מרון לשון מרות ואדנות, וכך היו מונין אותם יוצאים זה אחר זה, בצאתם למלחמה :</p>

