



**THE JEWISH BIG BANG:  
THE GRADUAL EXPANSION OF THE HEBREW BIBLE**

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## A.

### 1. Joshua 1:1

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' attendant

### 2. Joshua 1:6-7

Be strong and resolute, for you shall apportion to this people the land that I swore to their fathers to assign to them. <sup>7</sup>But you must be very strong and resolute to observe faithfully all the Teaching that My servant Moses enjoined upon you. Do not deviate from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

### 3. Malachi 3:22-24

Be mindful of the Teaching of My servant Moses, whom I charged at Horeb with laws and rules for all Israel.

<sup>23</sup>Lo, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before the coming of the awesome, fearful day of the Lord. <sup>24</sup>He shall reconcile parents with children and children with their parents, so that, when I come, I do not strike the whole land with utter destruction.

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### 4. Psalms 1:1-3

Happy is the man who has not followed the counsel of the wicked,  
or taken the path of sinners,

or joined the company of the insolent.

<sup>2</sup>rather, the teaching of the Lord is his delight,

and he studies that teaching day and night.

<sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted beside streams of water,

which yields its fruit in season,

whose foliage never fades,

and in whatever he does he will be successful.

## B.

### 1. 2 Chronicles 36:22-23

And in the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, when the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah was fulfilled, the Lord roused the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia to issue a proclamation throughout his realm by word of mouth and in writing, as follows: <sup>23</sup>Thus said King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord God of Heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and has charged me with building Him a House in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. And one of you of all His people,, the Lord his God be with him and let him go up.'

### 2. Ezra 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, when the word of the Lord spoken by Jeremiah was fulfilled, the Lord roused the spirit of King Cyrus of Persia to issue a proclamation throughout his realm by word of mouth and in writing as follows: <sup>2</sup>Thus said King Cyrus of Persia: The Lord God of Heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and has charged me with building Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah.<sup>3</sup>Anyone of you of all His people—may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem that is in Judah and build the House of the Lord God of Israel, the God that is in Jerusalem;<sup>4</sup>and all who stay behind, wherever he may be living, let the people of his place assist him with silver, gold, goods, and livestock, besides the freewill offering to the House of God that is in Jerusalem.'

### 3. Daniel 1:1-4 ,6, 21

<sup>1</sup>In the third year of the reign of King Jehoiakim of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon came to Jerusalem and laid siege to it. <sup>2</sup>The Lord delivered King Jehoiakim of Judah into his power, together with some of the vessels of the House of God, and he brought them to the land of Shinar to the house of his god; he deposited the vessels in the treasury of his god. <sup>3</sup>Then the king ordered Ashpenaz, his chief officer, to bring some Israelites of royal descent and of the nobility<sup>4</sup>yhouths without blemish, handsome, proficient in all wisdom, knowledgeable and intelligent, and capable of serving in the royal palace—and teach them the writings and the

language of the Chaldeans.

<sup>6</sup>Among them were the Judahites Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

<sup>21</sup>Daniel was there until the first year of King Cyrus.

## C.

### 1. 1 Samuel 10:9-12

As [Saul] turned around to leave Samuel, god gave him another heart; and all those signs were fulfilled that same day. <sup>10</sup>And when they came there, to the Hill, he saw a band of prophets coming toward him. Thereupon the spirit of God gripped him, and he spoke in ecstasy among them. <sup>11</sup>When all who knew him previously saw him speaking in ecstasy together with the prophets, the people said to one another, 'What's happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul too among the prophets?' <sup>12</sup>But another person there spoke up and said, 'And who are their fathers?' Thus the proverb arose, 'Is Saul too among the prophets?'

### 2. 1 Samuel 19:20-24

And Saul sent messengers to seize David. They saw a band of prophets speaking in ecstasy, with Samuel standing by as their leader; and the spirit of God came upon Saul's messengers and they too began to speak in ecstasy. <sup>21</sup>When Saul was told about this, he sent other messengers; but they too spoke in ecstasy. Saul sent a third group of messengers and they also spoke in ecstasy. <sup>22</sup>So he himself went to Ramah. When he came to the great cistern at Secu, he asked, 'Where are Samuel and David?' and was told that they were at Naioth in Ramah. <sup>23</sup>He was on his way there, to Naioth in Ramah, when the spirit of God came upon him too; and he walked on, speaking in ecstasy, until he reached Naioth in Ramah. <sup>24</sup>Then he too stripped off his clothes and he too spoke in ecstasy before Samuel; and he lay naked all that day and all night. That is why people say, 'Is Saul too among the prophets?'

## D.

### 1. Ovdiah 2

I will make you least among nations, You shall be most despised.

### 2. Genesis 27:15

Rebekah then took the best clothes of her older son Esau, which were there in the house, and had her younger son Jacob put them on.

### 3. Genesis 25:23

And the Lord answered her, 'Two nations are in your womb, two separate peoples shall issue from your body; One people shall be mightier than the other, and the older shall serve the younger.'

### 4. Genesis 25:34

Jacob then gave Esau bread and lentil stew; he ate and drank, and he rose and went away. Thus did Esau despise his birthright.

## E.

### Genesis 6:1-4

When men began to increase on earth and daughters were born to them, <sup>2</sup>the divine beings saw how beautiful the daughters of men were and took wives from among those that pleased them. <sup>3</sup>The Lord said, 'My breath shall not abide in man forever, since he too is flesh; let the days allowed him be one hundred and twenty years.' <sup>4</sup>It was then, and later too, that the Nephilim appeared on earth—when the divine beings cohabited with the daughters of men, who bore them offspring. They were the heroes of old, the men of renown.