

1. Devarim 18

כִּי אַתָּה בָּא אֶל־הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר־יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ נָתַן לָךְ לֹא־תִלְמַד לַעֲשׂוֹת פְּתוּעֵבֶת הַגּוֹיִם הֵם:

9. When you enter the land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to imitate the abhorrent practices of those nations.

לֹא־יִמָּצֵא בְּךָ מַעֲבִיר בְּנוֹ־וּבִתּוֹ בָּאֵשׁ קֶסֶם קְסָמִים מְעוֹגֵג וּמְנַחֵשׁ וּמְכַשֵּׁף:

10. Let no one be found among you who consigns his son or daughter to the fire, or who is an augur, a soothsayer, a diviner, a sorcerer,

וְחֹכֵךְ חֲכָךְ וְשֹׂאֵל אוֹב וְיִדְעוֹנִי וְדֹרָשׁ אֶל־הַמֵּתִים:

11. one who casts spells, or one who consults ghosts or familiar spirits, or one who inquires of the dead.

כִּי־תוֹעֵבֶת יְהוָה כָּל־עֲשֵׂה אֵלֶּה וּבְגִלְלֵי הַתּוֹעֵבֶת הָאֵלֶּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ מוֹרִישׁ אוֹתָם מִפְּנֵיךָ:

12. For anyone who does such things is abhorrent to the LORD, and it is because of these abhorrent things that the LORD your God is dispossessing them before you.

תָּמִים תְּהִלָּה עִם יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ:

13. You must be wholehearted with the LORD your God.

Rashi: תמים תהיה עם ה' אלהיך. התהלך עמו בתמימות, ותצפה לו, ולא תחקר אחר העתידות, אלא כל מה שיבא עליך קבל בתמימות ואז תהיה עמו ולחלקו

THOU SHALT BE PERFECT WITH THE LORD THY GOD — walk before him whole-heartedly, put thy hope in Him and do not attempt to investigate the future, but whatever it may be that comes upon thee accept it whole-heartedly, and then thou shalt be with Him and become His portion

2. Sifrei Devarim 173:3

תמים תהיה עם ה' אלהיך. כשאתה תם, חלקך עם ה' אלהיך. וכן דוד אומר (תהלים כז) ואני בתומי אלך, פדני וחנני. (תהלים מ"א:י"ג) ואני בתומי תמכת בי, ותציבני לפניך לעולם

"Whole shall you be with the L-rd your G-d": When you are whole, your lot will be with the L-rd your G-d." And thus did David say (Psalms 26:11) "And I in My wholeness will go — redeem me and be gracious unto me," and (Ibid. 41:13) "And I, in my wholeness You supported me, and You placed me before You forever."

3. Pesachim 113b

מניין שאין שואלין בכלדיים שנאמר תמים תהיה עם ה' אלהיך

From where is it derived that one may not consult astrologers? As it is stated: "You shall be wholehearted with the Lord your God" ([Deuteronomy 18:13](#)).

4. Shabbos 156b

דַּרְבִּי עֲקִיבָא הוּא לִיה בְּרֵתָא, אָמַר לִיה פְּלָדָא: הָהוּא יוֹמָא דְעֵיילָה לְבִי גִנְנָא, טְרִיק לֵה חִיּוּא, וּמִיתָא

Rabbi Akiva had a daughter, and Chaldean astrologers told him that on the same day that she enters the wedding canopy, a snake will bite her and she will die.

Tosfot

ובספרי דרש מנין שאין שואלין בגורלות תמים תהיה וגורל וחוזר בכוכבים חדא מילתא היא:

5. Shulchan Aruch 179:1

אין שואלין בחוזים בכוכבים ולא בגורלות: הגה משום שנאמר תמים תהיה עם ה' אלהיך (ב"י בשם (תוספות דע"פ ובשם ספרי) וכ"ש דאסור לשאול בקוסמים ומנחשים ובמכשפים (פסקי מהרא"י סי' צ"ו

6. Vayikra 16: 7-8

וְלָקַח אֶת־שְׁנֵי הַשְּׁעִירִם וְהֶעֱמִיד אֹתָם לִפְנֵי יְהוָה פְּתַח אֹהֶל מוֹעֵד:

Aaron shall take the two he-goats and let them stand before the LORD at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting;

וְנָתַן אֶתְּוֹ עַל־שְׁנֵי הַשְּׁעִירִם גּוּרְלוֹת גּוּרָל אֶחָד לַיהוָה וְגּוּרָל אֶחָד לְעִזְאֵזֶל:

and he shall place lots upon the two goats, one marked for the LORD and the other marked for Azazel.

7. Joshua 15:1

וַיְהִי הַגּוּרָל לַמַּטֵּה בְנֵי יְהוּדָה לְמִשְׁפַּחְתָּם אֶל־גְּבוּל אֲדָוָם מִדְּבַר־צֹן נֹגֶבָה מִקְצֵה תִמְנָן:

The portion that fell by lot to the various clans of the tribe of Judah lay farthest south, down to the border of Edom, which is the Wilderness of Zin.

16:1

וַיֵּצֵא הַגּוּרָל לְבְנֵי יוֹסֵף מִיַּרְדֵּן יְרִיחוֹ לְמִי יְרִיחוֹ מִזְרְחָהּ הַמִּדְבָּר עַלֶּה מִיְּרִיחוֹ בְּהָר בֵּית־אֵל:

The portion that fell by lot to the Josephites ran from the Jordan at Jericho—from the waters of Jericho east of the wilderness. From Jericho it ascended through the hill country to Bethel.

18:6

וְאַתֶּם תִּכְתְּבוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ שִׁבְעָה חֲלָקִים וְהִבֵּאתֶם אֵלַי הֵנָּה וְיִרְיֵיתִי לָכֶם גּוֹרֶל פֹּה לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ:

When you have written down the description of the land in seven parts, bring it here to me. Then I will cast lots for you here before the LORD our God.

8. Shmuel 1 14:42

וְאַתֶּם תִּכְתְּבוּ אֶת־הָאָרֶץ שִׁבְעָה חֲלָקִים וְהִבֵּאתֶם אֵלַי הֵנָּה וְיִרְיֵיתִי לָכֶם גּוֹרֶל פֹּה לִפְנֵי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ:

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9. The Vilna Gaon by Betzalel Landau pages 223,224

Take a book containing the Five Books of Moses, which has been checked to ensure that there are no mistakes, and which does not have anything besides the text of the Five Books of

Moses — e.g., *Targum Onkelos* or *Haftoros*. Place the little finger of the right hand on the verse, "This is the account of the descendants of Adam ..." (*Bereishis* 5:1) and the little finger of the left hand on the last words in the Torah, "before the eyes of all Israel" (*Devarim* 34:12). Place the rest of your thumbs to open the book. From the page to which the book opens count seven more pages, and on the eighth page count seven lines. In the eighth line, count seven words, and the next word will be related to the matter on which you sought guidance.

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answers they sought.

(Joshua 21:4, "and from the tribe of Benjamin by lot," identified the body in the first grave under consideration as Benjamin Boguslavsky. I Samuel 9:21, "Am I not *ben yemini*, a Benjaminite"—Odéd ben-Yemini. Genesis 46:26, "All the persons belonging to Yaakov"—this identified the body in the grave under consideration as Yaakov ben-Attar. Genesis 47:16, "And Joseph said: Bring your cattle"—Joseph Baruch. Hosea 7:10, "the pride, *gaon*, of Israel answers"—Eytan Gaon. I Kings 17:23, "And Eliyahu took the child"—Eliyahu Hershkovitz. Deuteronomy 33:18, "And of Zevulun he said"—Yitzhak Zevuloni. Psalms 132:9, "Let your *kohanim* be clothed with righteousness"—Alexander Cohen. Psalms 110:4, "The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind: you are a *kohen*"—Yaakov Cohen. Jeremiah 51:49, "Babylon must fall for the slain of Israel"—Israel Merzel. Psalms 27:4, "One thing *sha'alti*, have I asked"—Sha'ul Panueli.)

11. Chagiga 15b

תקפיה עייליה לבי מדרשא א"ל לינוקא פסוק לי פסוקך אמר לו (ישעיהו מח, כב) אין שלום אמר ה' לרשעים עייליה לבי כנישתא אחריתי א"ל לינוקא פסוק לי פסוקך אמר לו (ירמיהו ב, כב) כי אם תכבסי בנתר ותרבי לך בורית נכתם עונך לפני

Nevertheless, Rabbi Meir took hold of him and brought him to the study hall. Aher said to a child: Recite your verse that you studied today to me. He recited the following verse to him: "There is no peace, said the Lord, concerning the wicked" (Isaiah 48:22). He brought him to another study hall. Aher said to a child: Recite your verse to me. He recited to him: "For though you wash with niter, and take for you much soap, yet your iniquity is marked before Me" (Jeremiah 2:22).

12. Gitten 56a

א"ל לינוקא פסוק לי פסוקך אמר ליה (יחזקאל כה, יד) ונתתי את נקמתי באדום ביד עמי ישראל וגו' אמר קודשא בריך הוא בעי לחרובי ביתיה ובעי לכפורי ידיה בהוא גברא ערק ואזל ואיגייר ונפק מיניה ר"מ

Nero then conducted another test: He said to a child: Tell me a verse that you learned today. He said to him as follows: "And I will lay My vengeance upon Edom by the hand of My people Israel" (Ezekiel 25:14). Nero said: The Holy One, Blessed be He, wishes to destroy His Temple, and He wishes to wipe his hands with that man, i.e., with me.

13. Gitten 68a

כי קא נפיק כרו ליה בירא ושדו ליה ציפתא עילויה ואמרי ליה ליתי מר לינח נחר ליה רב חסדא מאחוריה אמר ליה לינוקא פסוק לי פסוקיך אמר ליה (שמואל ב ב, כא) נטה לך על ימינך או על שמאלך אמר ליה לשמעיה מאי קא חזית אמר ליה ציפתא דשדיא אמר ליה הדר מינה

When Rav Sheshet was exiting the house of the Exilarch the servants dug a pit and placed a reed mat [tzifta] on top of it so that the pit would not be noticed. And they said to Rav Sheshet: The Master, i.e., Rav Sheshet, should come and rest for a short time, and they intended for him to fall and be hurt. Rav Ḥisda, who was also present, snorted [neḥar] to him from behind in order to signal to him. Rav Sheshet said to a child who was there: Recite your verse for me that you studied today. The child said to him: "Turn to your right or to your left" (II Samuel 2:21). Rav Sheshet, who was blind, said to his servant: What do you see? His servant said to him: I see a mat that has been placed on the ground. Rav Sheshet said to him: Turn away from it and we will go around it.

14. Esther Raba 7:17

When Haman and his crew saw that Mordecai was running after the children, they followed him to find out what he would ask them. When Mordecai caught up to the children, he said to one of them, "Quote to me the verse you are learning." He said, "Do not fear sudden terror or the disaster of the wicked when it comes" (Prov. 3:25). The second joined in and said, "I also learned Tanakh today and the last verse I ended on was: Hatch a plot-- it will be foiled! Agree on an action-- it will not succeed. For with us is God!" (Isa. 8:10) The third joined in and said, "Til you grow old, I will still be the same. When you turn gray, it is I who will carry. I was the Maker and I am the Carrier, I will carry and rescue you." (Isa. 46:4) When Mordecai heard this, he laughed and was overjoyed. Haman asked him, "Why are you so joyful about the words of these children?" Mordecai said, "Because they have given me the good word that I shouldn't fear from the wicked scheme you are plotting against us!" Haman was angered and said, "I will lift my hand first against these children."

15. Rambam Hilchos Avodas Kochavim 11:5

וכן השואל לתינוק אי זה פסוק אתה לומד אם אמר לו פסוק מן הברכות ישמח ויאמר זה סימן טוב כל אלו וכיוצא בהן מתר הואיל ולא כון מעשיו ולא נמנע מלעשות אלא עשה זה סימן לעצמו לדבר שכתב היה: הרי זה מתר

one who asks a child, What Verse art thou studying? if he mentioned to him a Verse of the blessings, he may rejoice and say: "This is of good omen". All such and the like is permitted; seeing that he neither regulated his actions nor withheld himself from performing them by

these signs, save that he made for himself a mark of a thing which already had come to pass, observe, this is permitted.

16. Taz - ופסוק לי פסוקיך הוי כעין נבואה קטנה -

17. Pirkei Avos 5:22

בֶּן בָּג בָּג אֹמֵר, הִפֹּךְ בָּהּ וְהִפֹּךְ בָּהּ, דְּכֻלָּא בָּהּ, וּבָהּ תִּתְחַזֵּי, וְסִיב וּבִלְהָ בָּהּ, וּמִנָּה לֹא תִזְוַע, שְׂאִין לָךְ
מִדָּה טוֹבָה הִימָנָה:

Ben Bag Bag said: Turn it over, and [again] turn it over, for all is therein. And look into it;
And become gray and old therein; And do not move away from it, for you have no better
portion than it.

18. אם בקשת ליטול עצה מן התורה הוי נוטל, וכן דוד הוא אומר בפקודיך אשיחה.

Yalkut shimoni 960:10