



First Failures: Falling Apart and Starting Over in the Book of Genesis

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Genesis 1

א בראשית ברא אלהים את השמים ואת הארץ: ...
ד וברא אלהים את האור כי טוב
י ... וברא אלהים כי טוב:
יב וברא אלהים כי טוב:
יח... וברא אלהים כי טוב:
כא... וברא אלהים כי טוב:
כה ... וברא אלהים כי טוב:

לא וברא אלהים את כל אשר עשה והנה טוב מאד ויהי ערב ויהי בקר יום הששי: (פ)

1 When God began to create heaven and earth...

4 God saw that the light was **good**... (Day 1)

10... And God saw that this was **good**. (Day 3)

12... And God saw that this was **good**. (Day 3)

18... And God saw that this was **good**. (Day 4)

21... And God saw that this was **good**. (Day 5)

25 ... And God saw that this was **good**. (Day 6)

31 And God saw all that He had made, and found it **very good**. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Genesis 2:18

ויאמר יהוה אלהים לא טוב היות האדם לבדו אעשה לו עזר כנגדו:

Adonai God said, "It is **not good** for man to be alone; I will make a fitting helper for him."

Genesis 6:5-7

וירא יהוה כי רבה רעת האדם בארץ וכל ליצר מחשבת לבו רק רע כל היום:

וינחם יהוה כי עשה את האדם בארץ ויתעצב אל לבו:

ויאמר יהוה אמחה את האדם אשר בראתי מעל פני האדמה מאדם עד בהמה עד רמש ועד עוף השמים כי נחמתי כי עשיתם:

Adonai saw that **great was human wickedness** on earth, and how every impulse of his consciousness was **nothing but bad**, all the time. And **Adonai regretted** that [God] had made the human on earth, and [God's] heart was saddened. Adonai said, "I will blot out from the earth the human whom I created—human together with beasts, creeping things, and birds of the sky; **for I regret** that I made them."

1. Bereshit Rabbah 3:7

אָמַר רַבִּי יְהוּדָה בַּר סִימּוֹן, יְהִי עֶרֶב אִין פְּתִיב פְּאָן, אֶלְא וְיְהִי עֶרֶב, מִפְּאָן שֶׁהָיָה סֵדֶר זְמַנִּים קִדְּם לְכַן. אָמַר רַבִּי אֲבָהוּ מִלְּמַד שֶׁהָיָה בּוֹרָא עוֹלָמוֹת וּמַחְרִיבֵן, עַד שֶׁבָּרָא אֶת אֱלֹהֵי, אָמַר דִּין הִנֵּן לִי, יִתְהוֹן לָא הִנֵּן לִי. אָמַר רַבִּי פְּנִיחָס טַעֲמִיָּה דְרַבִּי אֲבָהוּ (בְּרַאשִׁית א, לֹא): וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת כָּל אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וְהִנֵּה טוֹב מְאֹד, דִּין הִנֵּן לִי יִתְהוֹן לָא הִנֵּן לִי.

Rabbi Yeudah bar Simon said: it does not say, 'It was evening,' but 'And it was evening.' We derive that there was a time-system prior to this.

Rabbi Abbahu said: This teaches us that God would go on creating worlds and destroying them, until God created these, saying, 'This one pleases me; those did not please me.'

Rabbi Pinhas said, Rabbi Abbahu derives it from here: 'And God saw all that God had made, and behold it was very good,' (Gen. 1:31) as if to say, 'This one pleases me, those others did not please me.'

2. Bereshit Rabbah 1:4

בְּרַאשִׁית בְּרָא אֱלֹהִים שֵׁשׁ דְּבָרִים קִדְּמוּ לְבְרִיאַת הָעוֹלָם יֵשׁ מֵהֵן שֶׁנִּבְרְאוּ וַיֵּשׁ מֵהֵן שֶׁעָלוּ בְּמַחֲשַׁבָּה לְהִבְרָאוֹת הַתּוֹרָה וְהַכֶּסֶף הַכְּבוֹד נִבְרָאוּ ... הָאֲבוֹת וְיִשְׂרָאֵל וּבֵית הַמִּקְדָּשׁ וּשְׁמוֹ שֶׁל מֹשִׁיחַ עָלוּ בְּמַחֲשַׁבָּה לְהִבְרָאוֹת ... רַבִּי אֲהָבָה בְּרַבִּי זְעִירָא אָמַר אִף הַתְּשׁוּבָה שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר (שֵׁם ז) בְּטֶרֶם הָרִים יוֹלְדוּ וְאוֹתָהּ הַשְּׂעָה תִּשָּׁב אֲנוֹשׁ עַד דְּכֹא וְגו' "In the beginning God created" (Gen. 1:1). Six things preceded the creation of the world; some of them were actually created, while the creation of the others was contemplated. The Torah and the Throne of Glory were created...The Patriarchs, the People Israel, the Temple and the name of the Messiah were contemplated but not created... **Rabbi Ahavah ben Rabbi Ze'ira said: Also, Repentance, as it is written, "Before the mountains were brought forth . . ."** (Ps. 90:2), and from that very moment, "You turn the human being to contrition, and say: Repent, children of humanity" (ib. 3).

3. Berakhot 34b

דָּאָמַר רַבִּי אֲבָהוּ: מְקוֹם שֶׁבְּעָלֵי תְּשׁוּבָה עוֹמְדִין צְדִיקִים גְּמוּרִים אֵינָם עוֹמְדִין
As Rabbi Abbahu said: In the place where ba-alei teshuvah stand, even the wholly righteous do not stand.

4. Gittin 43a

רַבָּה בַּר רַב הוּנָא ...דְּרַשׁ (יִשְׁעִיהוּ ג, ו) וְהַמְכַשְׁלָה הַזֹּאת תַּחַת יָדֶיךָ: אִין אָדָם עוֹמֵד עַל דְּבַרֵי תּוֹרָה אֲלֵא אִם כֵּן נִכְשָׁל בְּהֵן
Rabba bar Rav Huna ...interpreted "And let this stumbling-block be under your hand" (Isaiah 3:6): "A person cannot stand on [fulfill, truly understand] words of Torah unless they have stumbled in them."

5. Proverbs 24:16

כִּי שֹׁבֵעַ | יִפּוֹל צְדִיק וְקָם וְיִשְׁעִים יִכְשְׁלוּ בְּרָעָה:
Seven times the righteous man falls and gets up, While the wicked are tripped by one misfortune.

6. quoted in David Bashevkin, Sin-a-gogue - Sin and Failure in Jewish Thought, page 26 (attrib. to Rabbi Rob Scheinberg)

As Elie Wiesel said, "God gave Adam a secret -- and that secret was not how to begin, but how to begin again."

7. Megillah 25a-b

Our Rabbis taught: Some portions [of the Scripture] are both read and translated, some are read but not translated... The following are both read and translated: ...

The story of Tamar and Yehudah is both read and translated. Certainly! — We might think that [we should forbear] out of respect for Yehudah. Therefore we are told [that this is no objection]; [the passage] really redounds to his credit, because [it records that] he confessed....

8. Genesis Rabbah 93:6

ד"א ויגש אליו יהודה ר' יהודה ר' נחמיה ורבנן

"Then Yehudah came near (*vayigash*) to him" (Genesis 44:18).

Rabbi Yehudah, Rabbi Nehemiah, and the Rabbis commented.

ר' יהודה אומר הגשה למלחמה היך מד"א (שמואל ב י) ויגש יואב והעם אשר עמו למלחמה

Rabbi Yehudah said: He came near for battle, as it says, "So Yoav and the people that were with him drew near to battle" (2 Sam. 10:13).

רבי נחמיה אומר הגשה לפיוס המד"א (יהושע יד) ויגשו בני יהודה אל יהושע לפייסו

Rabbi Nehemiah said: He came near for conciliation, as it says, "Then the children of Yehudah drew near to Joshua" (Josh. 14:6) -- to conciliate him.

רבנן אמרי הגשה לתפלה (מלכים א יח) ויגש אליהו הנביא ויאמר ה' אלהי וגו'

The Rabbis said: He came near to pray, as it says, "And it came to pass at the time of the evening offering, that Elijah the prophet came near" (1 Kings 18:36).

ר"א אמר פשט להון אם למלחמה אני בא אם לפיוס אני בא אם לתפלה אני בא

Rabbi Leazar combined all these views: I come whether it be for battle, for conciliation, or for prayer.

A door closes

The last time we met
I wish the sun had been shining,
I wish I had been as gentle
with you as with my babies
still wet from the womb.
I wish I had better understood
what you were saying, underneath
the words, and addressed myself
to those underneath words.

I wish you had seen me
once more — a soft woman,
worthy of trust, full
of affection and respect.
Instead you saw — what? --
someone angry, demanding,
dangerous. Instead we sparred,
your heart on guard as if
we had never trusted.

But then the moments
when your eyes were full,
they were saying something —
what? I was so tight, intent
on stories, pulling out of you
stories I thought I needed, deserved,
stories that seemed important.
Instead I should have asked, *What are your eyes saying?*

A missed meeting is someone's fault,
isn't it? And the temptation is great
to blame, conclude the fault
was his — if only he hadn't
fought me, if only he had given
what I asked for. And the pain
is great to imagine the mistakes
were mine — if not for me, it all
would have turned out beautifully.

10. Genesis 38

<p>(1) About that time Judah left his brothers and camped near a certain Adullamite whose name was Hirah. (2) There Judah saw the daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua, and he married her and cohabited with her. (3) She conceived and bore a son, and he named him Er. (4) She conceived again and bore a son, and named him Onan. (5) Once again she bore a son, and named him Shelah; he was at Chezib when she bore him. (6) Judah got a wife for Er his first-born; her name was Tamar. (7) But Er, Judah's first-born, was displeasing to the LORD, and the LORD took his life. (8) Then Judah said to Onan, "Join with your brother's wife and do your duty by her as a brother-in-law, and provide offspring for your brother." (9) But Onan, knowing that the seed would not count as his, let it go to waste whenever he joined with his brother's wife, so as not to provide offspring for his brother. (10) What he did was displeasing to the LORD, and He took his life also. (11) Then Judah said to his daughter-in-law Tamar, "Stay as a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up"—for he thought, "He too might die like his brothers." So Tamar went to live in her father's house. (12) A long time afterward, Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died. When his period of mourning was over, Judah went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, together with his friend Hirah the Adullamite. (13) And Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is coming up to Timnah for the sheepshearing." (14) So she took off her widow's garb, covered her face with a veil, and, wrapping herself up, sat down at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown up, yet she had not been given to him as wife. (15) When Judah saw her, he took her for a harlot; for she had covered her face. (16) So he turned aside to her by the road and said, "Here, let me sleep with you"—for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. "What," she asked, "will you pay for sleeping with me?" (17) He replied, "I will send a kid from my flock." But she said, "You must leave a pledge until you have sent it." (18) And he said, "What pledge shall I give you?" She replied, "Your seal and cord, and the staff which you carry." So he gave them to her and slept with her, and she conceived by him. (19) Then she went on her way. She took off her veil and again put on her widow's garb. (20) Judah sent the kid by his friend the</p>	<p>א ויהי בעת ההוא, וירד יהודה מאת אחיו; ויט עד-איש עדלמי, ושמו חירה. ב וירא-שם יהודה בת-איש כנעני, ושמו שוע; ויקחה, ויבא אליה. ג ותהר, ותלד בן; ויקרא את-שמו, ער. ד ותהר עוד, ותלד בן; ותיקרא את-שמו, אונן. ה ותסף עוד ותלד בן, ותיקרא את-שמו שלה; והיה בכזיב, בלדתה אתו. ו ויקח יהודה אשה, לער בכורו; ושמה, תמר. ז ויהי, ער בכור יהודה--רע, בעיני יהוה; וימתהו, יהוה. ח ויאמר יהודה לאונן, בא אל-אשת אחיך ויבם אותה; והקם זרע, לאחיך. ט וינדע אונן, כי לא לו יהיה הזרע; והיה אם-בא אל-אשת אחיו, ושחת ארצה, לבלתי נתן-זרע, לאחיו. י וירע בעיני יהוה, אשר עשה; וימת, גם-אתו. יא ויאמר יהודה לתמר בלתו שבי אלמנה בית-אביך, עד-יגדל שלה בני--כי אמר, פן-ימות גם-הוא כאחיו; ותלך תמר, ותשב בית אביה. יב וירבו, הימים, ותמת, בת-שוע אשת-יהודה; וינחם יהודה, ויעל על-גזי צאנו הוא וחירה רעהו העדלמי--תמנתה. יג ויגד לתמר, לאמר: הנה חמיך עלה תמנתה, לגז צאנו. יד ותסר בגדי אלמנותה מעליה, ותכס בצעיף ותתעלף, ותשב בפתח עינים, אשר על-דרך תמנתה: כי ראתה, כי-גדל שלה, והוא, לא-נתנה לו לאשה. טו ויראה יהודה, ויחשבה לזונה: כי כסתה, פניה. טז ויט אליה אל-הדרך, ויאמר הבה-נא אבוא אליך, כי לא ידע, כי בלתו הוא; ותאמר, מה-תתן-לי, כי תבוא, אלי. יז ויאמר, אנכי אשלח גדי-עזים מן-הצאן; ותאמר, אם-תתן ערבון עד שלחך. יח ויאמר, מה הערבון אשר אתן-לך, ותאמר חתמך ופתילך, ומטף אשר בידך; ויתן-לה ויבא אליה, ותהר לו. יט ותקם ותלך, ותסר צעיפה מעליה; ותלבש, בגדי אלמנותה. כ וישלח יהודה את-גדי</p>
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Adullamite, to redeem the pledge from the woman; but he could not find her. (21) He inquired of the people of that town, "Where is the cult prostitute, the one at Enaim, by the road?" But they said, "There has been no prostitute here." (22) So he returned to Judah and said, "I could not find her; moreover, the townspeople said: There has been no prostitute here." (23) Judah said, "Let her keep them, lest we become a laughingstock. I did send her this kid, but you did not find her." (24) About three months later, Judah was told, "Your daughter-in-law Tamar has played the harlot; in fact, she is with child by harlotry." "Bring her out," said Judah, "and let her be burned." (25) As she was being brought out, she sent this message to her father-in-law, "I am with child by the man to whom these belong." And she added, "Examine these: whose seal and cord and staff are these?" (26) Judah recognized them, and said, "She is more in the right than I, inasmuch as I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he was not intimate with her again. (27) When the time came for her to give birth, there were twins in her womb! (28) While she was in labor, one of them put out his hand, and the midwife tied a crimson thread on that hand, to signify: This one came out first. (29) But just then he drew back his hand, and out came his brother; and she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" So he was named Perez. (30) Afterward his brother came out, on whose hand was the crimson thread; he was named Zerah.

הַעֲזִים, בְּיַד רָעָהוּ הַעֲדֵלְמִי, לְקַחַת הָעֶרְבוֹן, מִיַּד הָאִשָּׁה; וְלֹא, מִצָּאָה. כֹּא וַיִּשְׁאַל אֶת-אֲנָשֵׁי מְקוֹמָהּ, לֵאמֹר, אֵינָה הַקְּדֻשָּׁה הוּא בְּעֵינַיִם, עַל-הַדָּרָךְ; וַיֹּאמְרוּ, לֹא-הִיְתָה בָּזֶה קְדֻשָּׁה. כִּב וַיֵּשֶׁב, אֶל-יְהוּדָה, וַיֹּאמֶר, לֹא מִצָּאָתִי; וְגַם אֲנָשֵׁי הַמָּקוֹם אָמְרוּ, לֹא-הִיְתָה בָּזֶה קְדֻשָּׁה. כִּג וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה תִּקַּח-לָהּ, פֶּן נִהְיֶה לְבוֹז; הִנֵּה שְׁלַחְתִּי הַגְּדִי הַזֶּה, וְאַתָּה לֹא מִצָּאָתָה. כֹּד וַיְהִי כַּמְשָׁלֶשׁ חֳדָשִׁים, וַיִּגַּד לְיְהוּדָה לֵאמֹר זָנַתָּה תָמַר כְּלֵתָךְ, וְגַם הִנֵּה הָרָה, לְזִנְוִנַיִם; וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה, הוֹצִיאֹהָ וְתִשְׂרָף. כֵּה הוּא מוֹצֵאָת, וְהִיא שְׁלַחָה אֶל-חַמִּיָּה לֵאמֹר, לֹאִישׁ אֲשֶׁר-אַלְּה לּוֹ, אֲנֹכִי הָרָה; וְתֹאמֶר, הֲכֵר-נָא--לְמִי הַחֲתָמֹת וְהַפְּתִילִים וְהַמָּטָה, הָאֵלֶּה. כִּו וַיִּכָּר יְהוּדָה, וַיֹּאמֶר צְדָקָה מִמֶּנִּי, כִּי-עַל-כֵּן לֹא-נִתְּתִיָּה, לְשַׁלְּחָה בְּנִי; וְלֹא-יִסֹּף עוֹד, לְדַעְתָּה. כִּז וַיְהִי, בַּעֲת לְדָתָה; וְהִנֵּה תֹאוֹמִים, בְּבִטְנָה. כִּח וַיְהִי בְלִדְתָהּ, וַיִּתֵּן-יָד; וְתִקַּח הַמְּנִלְדָּת, וְתִקְשֶׁר עַל-יָדוֹ שָׁנִי לֵאמֹר, זֶה, יֵצֵא רֵאשִׁיטָה. כִּט וַיְהִי כַּמְשֵׁיב יָדוֹ, וְהִנֵּה יֵצֵא אַחִיו, וְתֹאמֶר, מִה-פָּרַצְתָּ עַלִּיד פָּרָץ; וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ, פָּרָץ. ל וְאַחַר יֵצֵא אַחִיו, אֲשֶׁר עַל-יָדוֹ הַשְּׂנִי; וַיִּקְרָא שְׁמוֹ, זֶרַח. { ס }

11. Genesis 43:8-10

(8) Then Judah said to his father Israel, "Send the boy in my care, and let us be on our way, that we may live and not die—you and we and our children. (9) I myself will be surety for him; you may hold me responsible: if I do not bring him back to you and set him before you, I shall stand guilty before you forever. (10) For we could have been there and back twice if we had not dawdled."

ח וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוּדָה אֶל-יִשְׂרָאֵל אָבִיו, שְׁלַחָה הַנֶּעַר אִתִּי--וְנִקְוָמָה וְנִלְכָה; וְנִחְיֶה וְלֹא נָמוּת, גַּם-אֲנַחְנוּ גַם-אַתָּה גַם-טַפְּנוּ. ט אֲנֹכִי, אֶעֱרָבְנוּ--מִיָּדִי, תִּבְקָשְׁנוּ: אִם-לֹא הִבִּיאֲתִיו אֵלַיךְ וְהִצַּגְתִּיו לְפָנֶיךָ, וְחִטָּאתִי לָךְ כָּל-הַיָּמִים י כִּי, לֹלֵא הַתְּמַהְמְהָנוּ--כִּי-עַתָּה שְׂבִנוּ, זֶה פְּעַמַּיִם.

12. Genesis 44:18-45:2

(18) Then Judah went up to him and said, "Please, my lord, let your servant appeal to my lord, and do not be impatient with your servant, you who are the equal of Pharaoh. (19) My lord asked his servants, 'Have you a father or another brother?' (20) We told my lord, 'We have an old father, and there is a child of his old age, the youngest; his full brother is dead, so that he alone is left of his mother, and his father dotes on him.' (21) Then you said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, that I may set eyes on him.' (22) We said to my lord, 'The boy cannot leave his father; if he were to leave him, his father would die.' (23) But you said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, do not let me see your faces.' (24) When we came back to your servant my father, we reported my lord's words to him. (25) "Later our father said, 'Go back and procure some food for us.' (26) We answered, 'We cannot go down; only if our youngest brother is with us can we go down, for we may not show our faces to the man unless our youngest brother is with us.' (27) Your servant my father said to us, 'As you know, my wife bore me two sons. (28) But one is gone from me, and I said: Alas, he was torn by a beast! And I have not seen him since. (29) If you take this one from me, too, and he meets with disaster, you will send my white head down to Sheol in sorrow.' (30) "Now, if I come to your servant my father and the boy is not with us—since his own life is so bound up with his— (31) when he sees that the boy is not with us, he will die, and your servants will send the white head of your servant our father down to Sheol in grief. (32) Now your servant has pledged himself for the boy to my father, saying, 'If I do not bring him back to you, I shall stand guilty before my father forever.' (33) Therefore, please let your servant remain as a slave to my lord instead of the boy, and let the boy go back with his brothers. (34) For how can I go back to my father unless the boy is with me? Let me not be witness to the woe that would overtake my father!" (1) Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried

יח ויגש אליו יהודה, ויאמר בי אדני, ידבר נא עבדך דבר באזני אדני, ואל יחר אפך בעבדך: כי כמוך, כפרעה. יט אדני שאל, את עבדיו לאמר: היש לכם אב, או- אח. כ ונאמר, אל אדני, יש לנו אב זקן, וילד זקנים קטן; ואחיו מת, וינותר הוא לבדו לאמו ואביו אהבו. כא ותאמר, אל עבדיך, הורדהו, אלי; ואשימה עיני, עליו. כב ונאמר, אל אדני, לא יוכל הנער, לעזב את- אביו: ועזב את- אביו, ומת. כג ותאמר, אל עבדיך, אם- לא ירד אחיכם הקטן, אתכם-- לא תספון, לראות פני. כד ויהי כי עלינו, אל עבדך אבי; ונגד- לו-- את, דברי אדני. כה ויאמר, אבינו: שבו, שברו- לנו מעט- אכל. כו ונאמר, לא נוכל לרדת: אם- יש אחינו הקטן אתנו, וירדנו-- כי- לא נוכל לראות פני האיש, ואחינו הקטן איננו אתנו. כז ויאמר עבדך אבי, אלינו: אתם ידעתם, כי שנים לדה- לי אשתי. כח ויצא האחד, מאתי, ואמר, אדן טרף טרף; ולא ראיתיו, עד- הנה. כט ולקחתם גם- את- זה מעם פני, וקרהו אסון-- והורדתם את- שיבתי ברעה, שאלה. ל ועתה, כבאי אל- עבדך אבי, והנער, איננו אתנו; ונפשו, קשורה בנפשו. לא והיה, כראותו כי- אין הנער-- ומת; והורידו עבדך את- שיבת עבדך אבינו, ביוגון-- שאלה. לב כי עבדך ערב את- הנער, מעם אבי לאמר: אם- לא אביאנו אליך, וחסאתי לאבי כל- הימים. לג ועתה, ישב- נא עבדך תחת הנער-- עבד, לאדני; והנער, יעל עם- אחיו. לד כי- אידן אעלה אל- אבי, והנער איננו אתי: פן אראה ברע, אשר ימצא את- אבי

א ולא יכל יוסף להתאפק, לכל הנצבים עליו, ויקרא, הוציאו כל- איש מעלי; ולא עמד איש אתו, בהתנדוע יוסף אל- אחיו. ב ויתן את- קלו, בבכי; וישמעו מצרים, וישמע בית פרעה

<p>out, "Have everyone withdraw from me!" So there was no one else about when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. (2) His sobs were so loud that the Egyptians could hear, and house of Pharoah heard.</p>	
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