

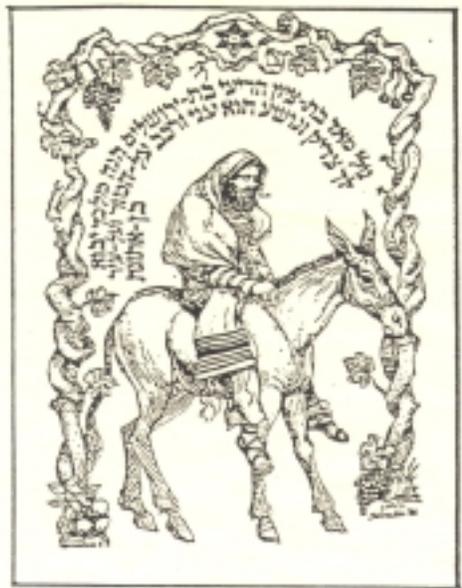
מְלָכוּת בֵּית דָּוִד

The Kingdom of the House of David

The fifteenth Benediction of the Shemonei Esrei is the prayer for the coming of Messiah and His rule upon the earth. The Sages taught (in the Talmud, *Megillah* 18a) that the order of these prayers was patterned after Hosea 3:5,

“Afterward the sons of Israel will return (to Jerusalem) and seek Adonai their G-d and David their king; and they will come trembling to Adonai and to His goodness in the last days.”

Thus, the prayer for the coming Messiah immediately follows the prayer for the rebuilding of Jerusalem. As HaShem restores Jerusalem to His people, so He is preparing for the return of Messiah and the establishment of His reign from Zion.



The actual prayer is worded this way:

The sprout of David, Your servant, speedily cause to flourish
and exalt His power with Your deliverance.
For Your deliverance we hope all day long.
Blessed are You, Adonai,
Who causes to sprout the power of salvation.

The fact that the Messiah is referred to as “a sprout” is taken from the language of the prophet Isaiah.

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.
And the Spirit of Adonai will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit
of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of Adonai. (Is 11:1-2)

For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot,
And like a root out of parched ground . . . (Is. 53:2)

Thus we pray for the return of Yeshua to reign over us as our rightful King!

And if I go and
prepare a place
for you, I will
come again, and
receive you to
Myself; that
where I am,
there you may
be also.

John 14:3



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