

If My People will Turn . . .

a case for

Corporate Repentance

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5 steps to teshuva

1. Remorse
2. Confession
3. Restitution
4. Forgiveness
5. Forsaking the Sin

^{NKJ} **Psalm 38:18** For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin.

Study Plan -

Israel – a corporate people

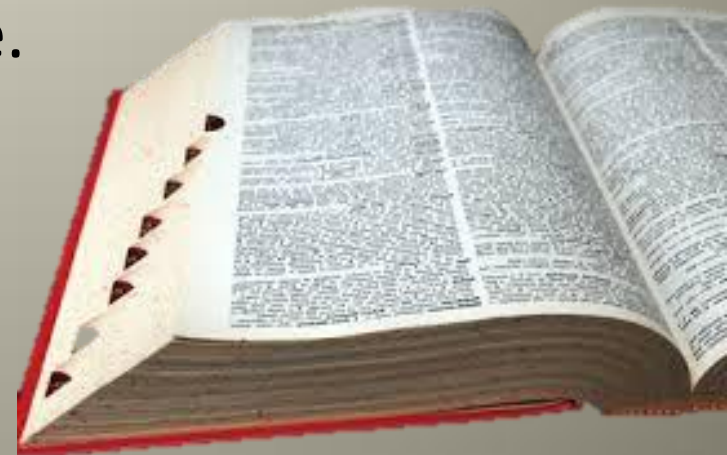
Is there a need for corporate repentance

What we can do

Webster's Dictionary (1913 edition) defines “corporate” as:

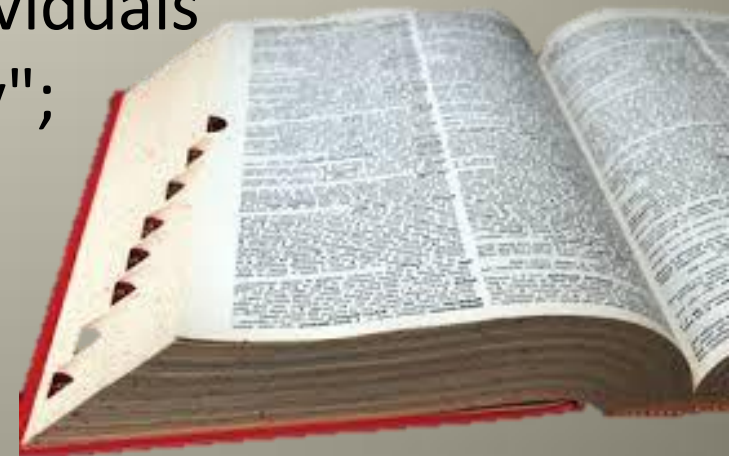
- Formed into a body by legal enactment; united in an association, and endowed by law with the rights and liabilities of an individual; incorporated; as, a corporate town.
- Belonging to a corporation or incorporated body
- United; general; collectively one.

<http://www.webster-dictionary.org/>



The WordNet Dictionary defines it this way:

1. of or belonging to a corporation; "corporate rates"; "corporate structure"
2. possessing or existing in bodily form; "what seemed corporal melted as breath into the wind"- Shakespeare; "an incarnate spirit"; "'corporate' is an archaic term"
3. done by or characteristic of individuals acting together; "a joint identity"; "the collective mind"; "the corporate good"





NKJ **1 Corinthians 12:12-14** ¹²

For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body -- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free -- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many.



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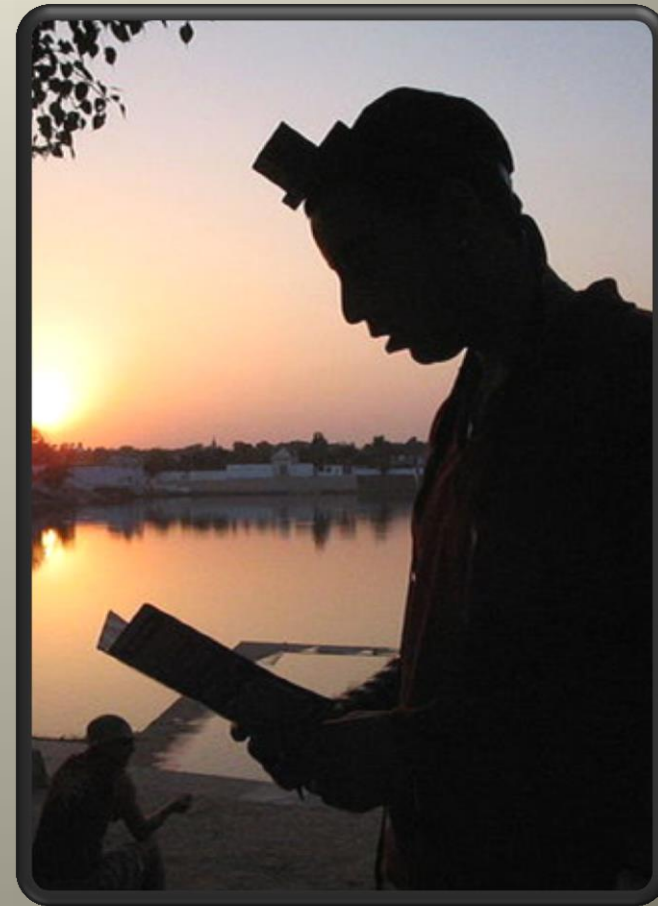
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Amidah – *the Standing Prayers*

1 – **Avot** (Fathers)

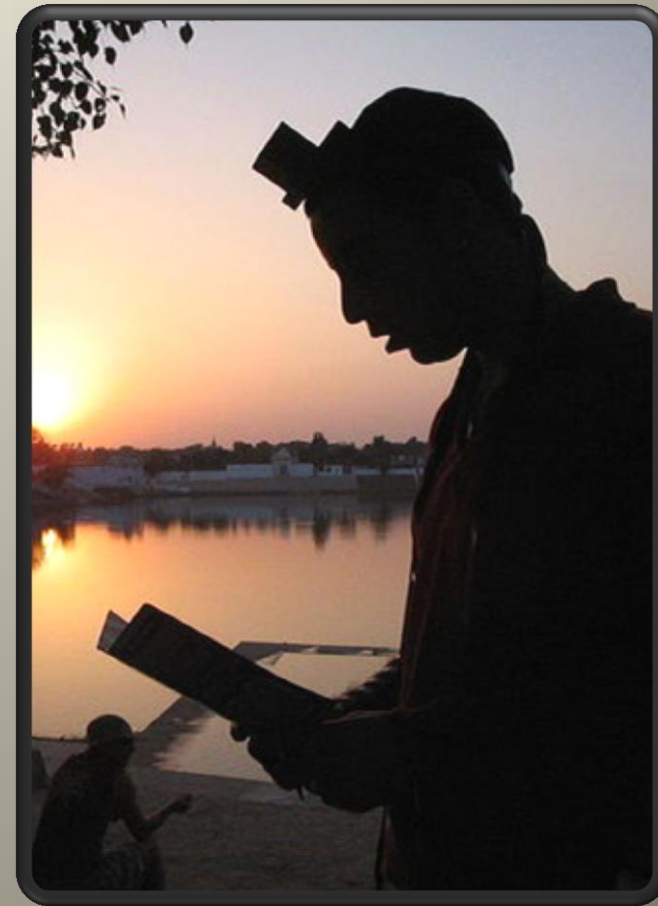
“Blessed are you, O Lord our God
and God of our fathers, the God of
Abraham . . .”



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6 – **Seliah** (Forgiveness)

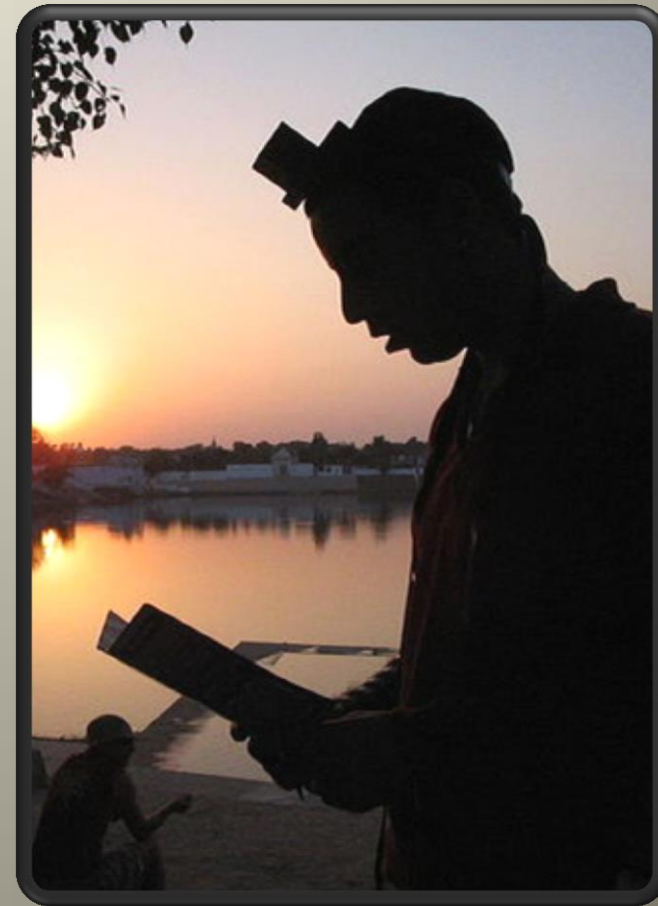
“Forgive us, O our Father, for we have sinned; pardon us, O our King, for we have transgressed; for you pardon and forgive.”



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18 – **Birkat Hodaah** (Thanksgiving)

We will give you thanks and declare your praise for our lives that are committed into your hands, for our souls that are entrusted to you,



NKJ **Deuteronomy 1:22-26** "And everyone of you came near to me and said, 'Let us send men before us, and let them search out the land . . . ²⁵ " . . . and they brought back word to us, saying, '*It is* a good land which the LORD our God is giving us.' ²⁶ " Nevertheless you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the LORD your God . . . "



NKJ **Joshua 7:10-11** ¹⁰ So the LORD said to Joshua: "Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? ¹¹ "Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed My covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put *it* among their own stuff.

NKJ **Lamentations 5:7-8** ⁷ Our fathers sinned *and are* no more, But we bear their iniquities. ⁸ Servants rule over us; *There is* none to deliver *us* from their hand.

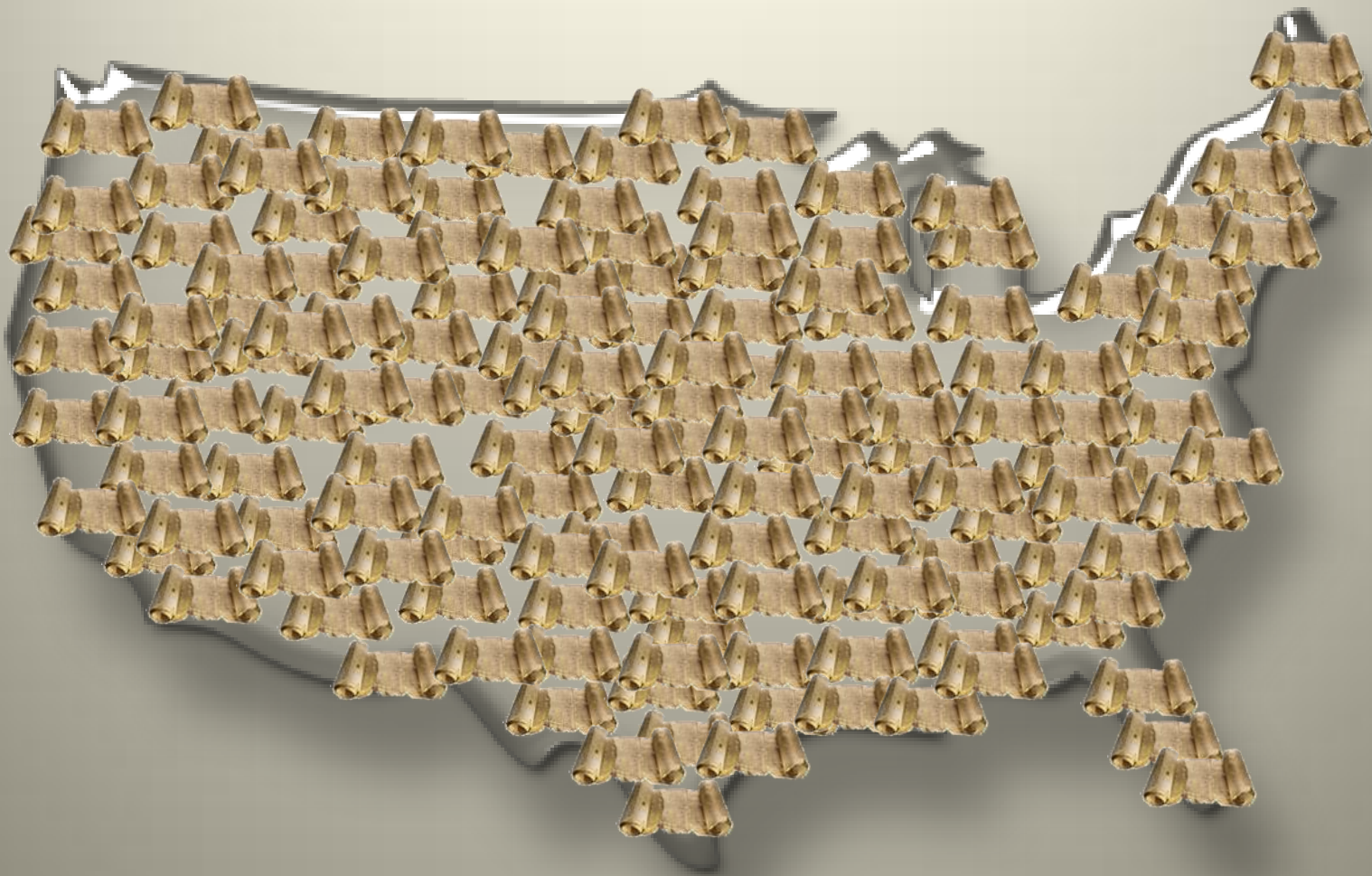


KJV **Psalm 106:6** We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly. ⁷ Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked *him* at the sea, *even* at the Red sea.



KJV **Psalm 106:40** Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance. ⁴¹ And he gave them into the hand of the heathen . . .





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- Humble ourselves,
- Seek His face (His attention) through prayer, and
- Repent

NKJ **Daniel 9:4-19** "O

Lord, great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and mercy with those who love Him, and with those

who keep His commandments, ⁵ "we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts and Your judgments.

⁶ "Neither have we heeded Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings and our princes, to our fathers and all the people of the land.

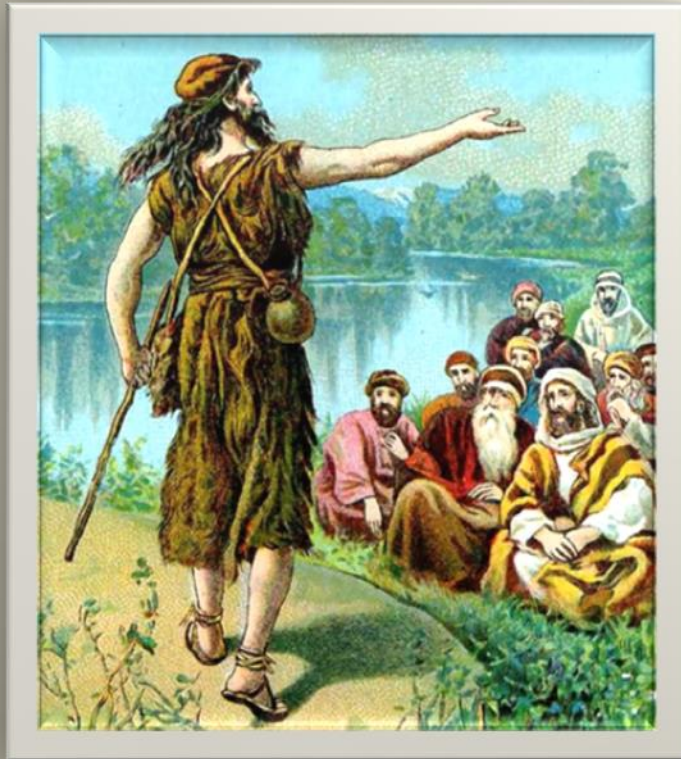


⁷ "O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to You, but to us shame of face, as *it is* this day -- to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near and those far off in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of the unfaithfulness which they have committed against You.

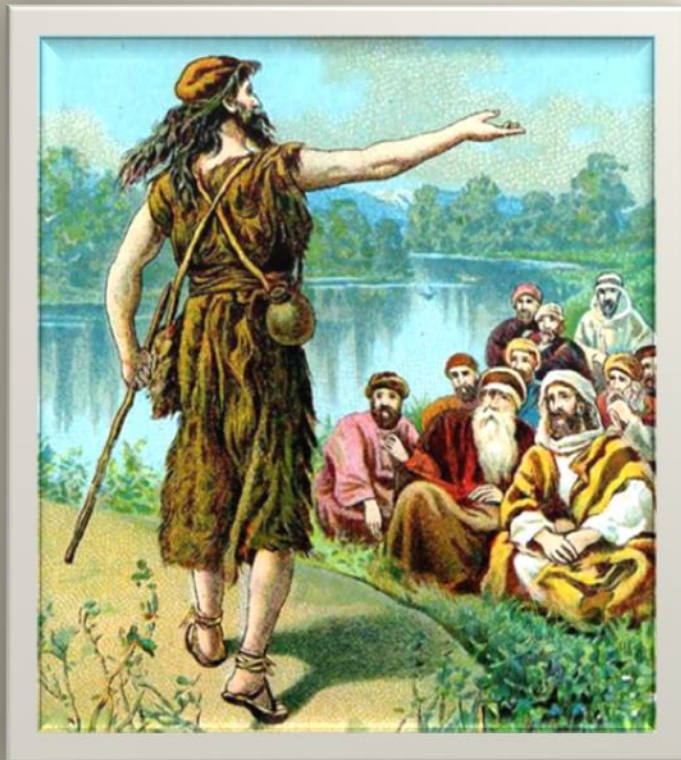
⁸ "O Lord, to us *belongs* shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You. ⁹ "To the Lord our God *belong* mercy and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him. ¹⁰ "We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. ¹¹ "Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him.

¹² "And He has confirmed His words, which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great disaster; for under the whole heaven such has never been done as what has been done to Jerusalem. ¹³ "As *it is* written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth. ¹⁴ "Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice. ¹⁵ "And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as *it is* this day -- we have sinned, we have done wickedly!

¹⁶ " O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people *are* a reproach to all *those* around us. ¹⁷ "Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate. ¹⁸ "O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. ¹⁹ "O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

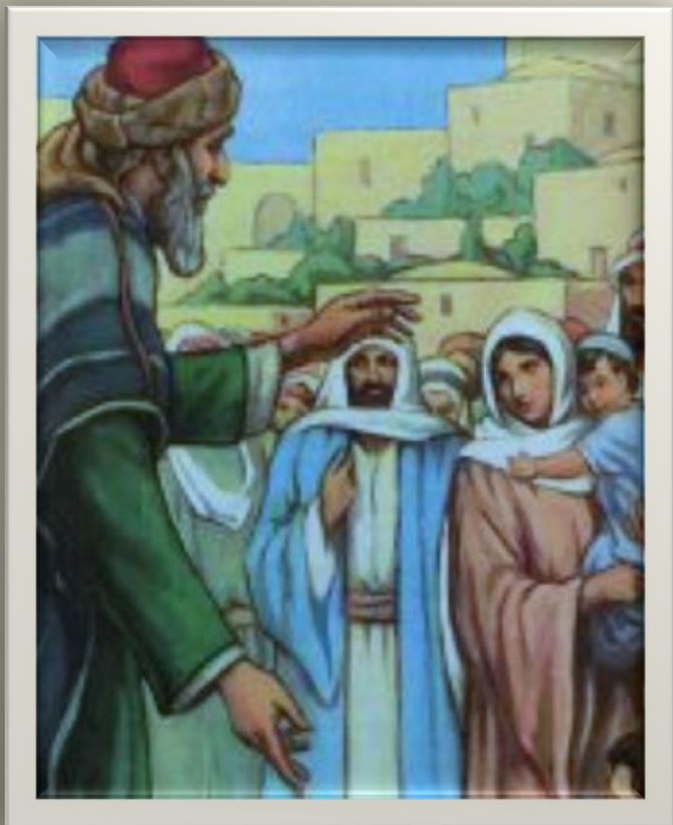


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^{NKJ} **Matthew 4:17** ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."



^{NKJ} **Acts 2:36** "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."



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^{NKJ} **Leviticus 4:13-** ' Now if the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *something against* any of the commandments of the LORD . . . and are guilty;
¹⁴ 'when the sin which they have committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer a young bull for the sin . . . ¹⁵ 'And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD. Then the bull shall be killed before the LORD.

NKJ **Jeremiah 18:6-8** "O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Look, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* you in My hand, O house of Israel! ⁷ "The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy *it*, ⁸ "if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.

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5 – **Teshuva** (Bring Repentance)

Bring us back, O our father, to your Instruction; draw us near, O our King, to your service; and cause us to return to you in perfect repentance. Blessed are you, O Lord, who delights in repentance.



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Shalom Alechim

Peace be Unto You