

Text 1: Pesikta de Rav Kahana 12:6

אנכי הגדתי והושעתי והשמעתי ואין בכם זר ואתם עדיי נאם ה' ואני אל (ישעיה מג : יב). אנכי הגדתי, במצרים, ויגד משה לאהרן את כל דברי ה' (שמות ד : כח). והושעתי, בים, ויושע ה' ביום ההוא (שמות יד : ל). והשמעתי, בסיני משמים השמעת דין (תהלים עו : ט). ואין בכם זר, זה יתרו, ואתם עדיי נאם ה' ואני אל. תני ר' שמע' בן יוחי אם אתם עדי נאם ה', אני אל, ואם אין אתם עדיי כביכול אין אני ה'.

I alone have declared, I have saved, I have announced and there is not amongst you any strange [god] and you are my witness, says the Eternal One, and I am God. (Isaiah 43:12). I alone have declared, in Egypt, And Moses told to Aaron all the words of the Eternal One (Exodus 4:28). I have saved, by the sea, And on the day the Eternal One saved (Exodus 14:30). I have announced, at Sinai, You caused the law to be heard from heaven (Psalm 76:9). And there is not amongst you any stranger, this is Jethro. And you will be my witness says the Eternal one and I am God. Rabbi Shimon ben Yochai taught: If you are my witness, says the Eternal One, I am God, and if you are not my witness, it is, as it were, I am not the Eternal One.

Biblical Verses

It is always important to look at the whole verse referenced in a rabbinic text. They are provided below for you to save some work, but keeping a Tanakh (Hebrew Bible) to hand whilst you study is helpful. Sometimes the preceding or following verses have an impact too. We should assume that the creators of the midrashim and rabbinic literature had memorised the Bible and could quote verses by heart.

אֲנֹכִי הִגַּדְתִּי וְהוֹשַׁעְתִּי וְהִשְׁמַעְתִּי וְאֵין בְּכֶם זָר וְאַתֶּם עַדֵּי נָאֵם יְהוָה וְאֲנִי אֵל :

I alone have declared, I have saved, I have announced and there is not amongst you any strange [god] and you are my witness, says the Eternal One, and I am God.

Isaiah 43:12

וַיִּגַּד מֹשֶׁה לְאַהֲרֹן אֵת כָּל דְּבָרֵי יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר שָׁלַח וַיָּאֵת כָּל הָאֵתוֹת אֲשֶׁר צִוָּהוּ :

Moses told to Aaron all the words of the Eternal One with which he had sent him and all the signs with which he had instructed him.

Exodus 4:28

וַיּוֹשַׁע יְהוָה בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא אֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל מִיַּד מִצְרַיִם וַיִּרְא יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת מִצְרַיִם מוֹת עַל שְׂפַת הַיָּם :

On that day, the Eternal One saved Israel from the hand of the Egyptians and Israel saw the Egyptians die on the shores of the sea.

Exodus 14:30

מִשְׁמַיִם הִשְׁמַעְתָּ דִּין אָרֶץ יִרְאַה וְשָׁקְטָה :

You caused the law to be heard from heaven; the earth feared and was still.

Psalm 76:9