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1. Now it came to pass, לסנבלט ולגשם וטוביה ורהר ראוור רוזורוד הערבי when Sanballat, Isnblt ulgshm kashr nshmo utubie uiei eorbi Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our and-he-is-becoming as-which he-was-heard to-Sanballat and-Tobiah and-to-Geshem the-Arabian enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and [that] וליתר פרץ איבינו בר החומה את בניתי ולא נותר ココ בם עבר there was no breach left ulithi aibinu ki bnithi ath echume nuthr phrtz od ula he am therein: (though at that time I had not set up the doors enemies-of-us that I-built moreover till and-to-rest-of the-wall and-not he-was-left in-her breach upon the gates;) לא דלתות העת בשערים העמדתי eoth eeia dlthuth la eomdthi bshorim the-time the-that doors not I-installed in-gates ² That Sanballat and וישלח סנבלט אלי לאמר רגשם לכה ונועדה יחדו Geshem sent unto me. uishlch snblt uashm lke ichdu ali lamr unuode saying, Come, let us meet together in [some one of] and-he-is-sending Sanballat and-Geshem to-me to-say go! and-we-shall-make-appointment together the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do לי לעשות בבקעת בכפירים והמה אונו חשבים רעה me mischief. bbqoth bkphirim aunu ueme chshbim loshuth in-shelters in-valley-of Ono and-they ones-devising to-do to-me evil ³ And I sent messengers עליהם ואשלחה מלאכה אוכל מלאכים לאמר גדולה ולא אנר עמה unto them, saying, I [am] uashlche oliem mlakim lamr mlake adule ani oshe ula aukl doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why and-I-am-sending on-them messengers and-not I-am-able to-sav areat doing should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come לרדה למה תשבת המלאכה כאשר ארפה וירדתי אליכם down to you? Irdth Ime thshbth emlake kashr uirdthi alikm arphe to-go-down why? she-shall-cease the-work as-which I-shall-neglect-her and-I-descend to-you 4 Yet they sent unto me four וישלחו אלי כדבר הזה ארבע ואשיב פעמים כדבר אותם הזה times after this sort; and I uishlchu ali kdbr arbo phomim uashib authm kdbr eze eze answered them after the same manner. and-they-are-sending to-me as-word the-this four times and-I-am-returning them the-this as-word ⁵ Then sent Sanballat his אלי וישלח סנבלט כדבר הזה תלזח חמישית DX. נערו ואגרת servant unto me in like snblt uishlch ali kdbr phom chmishith ath uaarth manner the fifth time with eze noru an open letter in his hand; and-he-is-sending to-me Sanballat as-word the-this time fifth with lad-of-him and-letter פתוחה בידו phthuche bidu being-open in-hand-of-him Wherein [was] written, It is כתוב ココ בגוים נשמע וגשמו אמר אתה והיהודים חשבים reported among kthub be bguim nshmo ugshmu amr athe ueieudim chshbim heathen, and Gashmu saith [it, that] thou and the Jews being-written in-her in-nations he-is-heard and-Gashmu saying you and-the-Judeans ones-devising think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the למלך על למרוד בונה אתה כן ואתה החומה הוה להם האלה כדברים wall, that thou mayest be Imrud echume uathe Imlk kdbrim kn athe bune eue lem eale oΙ their king, according to these words. to-revolt on SO building the-wall and-you becoming to-them for-king as-matters the-these vou ⁷ And thou hast also עליך לאמר רגם נביאים העמדת לקרא בירושלם מלך ביהודה ועתה prophets appointed to of ugm nbiaim eomdth lara olik birushlm lamr bieude uothe preach thee at Jerusalem, saying, [There and-moreover prophets vou-installed to-proclaim on-you in-Jerusalem in-Judah and-now to-sav king is] a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the ישמע האלה כדברים למלך ועתה לכה ינועצה יחדו king according to these ishmo Imlk ichdu kdbrim eale uothe lke unuotze words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel he-shall-be-heard the-these and-we-shall-counsel to-king as-words and-now go! together together. ⁸ Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such ואשלחה אליו לאמר 24 נהיה האלה אשר כדברים אתה אומר בר uashlche aliu ki lamr la kdbrim ashr athe neie eale things done as thou sayest, aumr but thou feignest them out to-him which that and-I-am-sending he-has-become as-things the-these to-say not you saying of thine own heart. מלבד בודאם אתה mlbk athe budam from-heart-of-you inventing-them vou 9 For they all made us רלח כי מיראים אותנו לאמר ירתו מן המלאכה afraid, saying, Their hands ki klm miraim authnu lamr irphu idiem mn emlake shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done.

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Now therefore, [O God], strengthen my hands.

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10	עצור והוא מהיטבאל בן דליה בן שמעיה בית באתי ואני	10 . Afterward I came unto the house of Shemaiah the
	uani bathi bith shmoie bn dlie bn meitbal ueua otzur and-l I-came house-of Shemaiah son-of Delaiah son-of Mehetabel and-he being-under-restraint	son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who [was] shut up; and he said, Let us
	נועד ויאמר בית אל נועד ויאמר uiamr nuod al bith ealeim al thuk eeikl	meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to
	and-he-is-saying we-shall-have-appointment to house-of the-Elohim to midst-of the-temple	
	עונסגרה ונסגרה להרגך באים ולילה להרגך באים כי ההיכל דלתות ונסגרה unsgre dlthuth eeikl ki baim lergk ulile baim lergk and-we-shall-lock doors-of the-temple that ones-coming to-kill-you and-night ones-coming to-kill-you	slay thee.
11	אל יבוא אשר כמוני ומי יברה כמוני האיש ואמרה uamre eaish kmuni ibrch umi kmuni ashr ibua al and-l-am-saying man? like-me he-shall-run-away and-who? like-me who he-shall-enter to	11 And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who [is there], that, [being] as I [am], would go into the temple to save his life? I
	אבוא לא וחי ההיכל eeikl uchi la abua the temple, and he live ant Lebell enter	will not go in.
12	the-temple and-he-lives not l-shall-enter עלי דבר הנבואה כי שלחו אלהים לא והנה ואכירה uakire uene la aleim shlchu ki enbuae dbr oli	12 And, Io, I perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this
	and-l-am-recognizing and-behold! not Elohim he-sent-him that the-prophecy he-spoke on-me	prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.
	utubie usnblt shkru and-Tobiah and-Sanballat he-hired-him	
13	להם והיה וחטאתי כן ואעשה אירא למען הוא שכור למען Imon shkur eua Imon aira uaoshe kn uchtathi ueie lem so-that being-hired he so-that I-shall-fear and-I-shall-do so and-I-sin and-he-becomes to-them	13 Therefore [was] he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and [that] they might have [matter] for an evil report, that they
	יחרפוני למען רע לשם Ishm ro Imon ichrphuni	might reproach me.
14	for-name bad so-that they-shall-reproach-me לנועדיה וגם אלה כמעשיו ולסנבלט לטוביה אלהי זכרה zkre alei Itubie ulsnblt kmoshiu ale ugm Inuodie remember! Elohim-of-me to-Tobiah and-to-Sanballat as-deeds-of-him these and-moreover to-Noadiah	14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and
	אותי מיראים הינ אשר הנביאים וליתר הנביאה enbiae ulithr enbiaim ashr eiu miraim authi the-prophetess and-to-rest-of the-prophets who they-were ones-making-fearfully me	the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.
15	ותשלם ותשלם uthshlm echume boshrim uchmshe lalul lchmshim ushnim ium and-she-was-being-accomplished the-wall in-twenty and-five to-Elul in-fifty and-two day	15 . So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth [day] of [the month] Elul, in fifty and two days.
16	רהי אויבינו כל שמעו כאשר ויהי uiei kashr shmou k auibinu uirau k and-he-is-becoming as-which they-heard all-of ones-being-enemies-of-us and-they-are-seeing all-of	¹⁶ And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard [thereof], and all the heathen that [were] about
	פעוניהם מאד ויפלו סביבתינו אשר הגוים eguim ashr sbibthinu uiphlu mad boiniem uidou	us saw [these things], they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.
	the-nations who ones-around-us and-they-are-falling exceedingly in-eyes-of-them and-they-are-knowing הזאת המלאכה נעשתה אלהינו מאת כי ki math aleinu noshthe emlake ezath	widagii di dai dad.
17	that from Elohim-of-us she-was-done the-work the-this טוביה על הולכות אגרתיהם יהודה חרי מרבים ההם בימים גם	¹⁷ Moreover in those days
17	gm bimim eem mrbim chri ieude agrthiem eulkuth ol tubie moreover in-days the-those ones-increasing notables-of Judah letters-of-them ones-going on Tobijah	the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and [the letters] of Tobiah came unto them.
	אליהם באות לטוביה ואשר uashr Itubie bauth aliem and-which to-Tobiah ones-coming to-them	
18	ארח בן לשכניה הוא חתן כי לו שבועה בעלי ביהודה רבים כי ki rbim bieude boli shbuoe lu ki chthn eua Ishknie bn arch that many in-Judah possessors-of oath to-him that son-in-law he to-Shechaniah son-of Arah	¹⁸ For [there were] many in Judah sworn unto him, because he [was] the son in law of Shechaniah the son

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לקח בת את משלם ויהוחנן בנו ברכיה בן uieuchnn lqch ath bth mshlm bnu bn brkie and-Johanan son-of-him he-took » daughter-of Meshullam son-of Berechiah לפני בם טובתיו היו אמרים ודברי היו מוציאים gm tubthiu eiu amrim lphni udbri eiu mutziaim moreover good-deeds-of-him they-were ones-saying before-me and-words-of-me they-were ones-extracting לו ליראני טוביה שלח אגרות

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to-him letters he-sent Tobiah to-make-fearfully-me

of Arah; and his son Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah.

¹⁹ Also they reported his good deeds before me, and uttered my words to him. [And] Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.