

“Genesis”

Chap. 15, verse 18

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “to your offspring I assign this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates: the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

Chap. 17, verses 7-8

I will maintain My covenant between Me and you, and your offspring to come, as an everlasting covenant throughout the ages, to be God to you and to your offspring to come. I assign the land you sojourn in to you and your offspring to come, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting holding. I will be their God.

Chapter 28, verses 13-15

And the Lord was standing beside him and He said, “I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac: the ground on which you are lying I will assign to you and to your offspring. Your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you and your descendants. Remember, I am with you: I will protect you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

Source: The Torah: The Five Books of Moses, The Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia, 1999 (First Published 1992), p. 36-77.

“My Heart Is in the East”, Yehuda Halevi (early 12th century)

My heart is in the east, and I in the uttermost west

How can I find savour in food? How shall it be sweet to me?

How shall I render my vows and my bonds, while yet

Zion lieth beneath the fetter of Edom, and I in Arab chains?

A light thing would it seem to me to leave all the good things of Spain

Seeing how precious in mine eyes to behold the dust of the desolate sanctuary

Source: My Heart Is in the East, Yehuda Halevi, early 12th century, Quoted from: Jewish Virtual Library <http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/quot-my-heart-is-in-the-east-quot-yehuda-halevi>

“The Jewish State”, Theodor Herzl (1896)

The idea which I have developed in this pamphlet is a very old one: it is the restoration of the Jewish State.

The world resounds with outcries against the Jews, and these outcries have awakened the slumbering idea.

I wish it to be clearly understood from the outset that no portion of my argument is based on a new discovery. I have discovered neither the historic condition of the Jews nor the means to improve it. In fact, every man will see for himself that the materials of the structure I am designing are not only in existence, but actually already in hand. If, therefore, this attempt to solve the Jewish Question is to be designated by a single word, let it be said to be the result of an inescapable conclusion rather than that of a flighty imagination.

Source: “The Jewish State”, Theodor Herzl, Dover Publications Inc., New York, 1988 (First Published 1896). p. 69.