A photograph of an ancient scroll of parchment, likely the Confession of Sin from the Old Testament. The scroll is unrolled, showing dense, handwritten text in a cursive script. The parchment is aged and yellowed. The scroll is held by two wooden rollers, one on the left and one on the right, which are also visible. The background is a plain, light color.

Confession
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- **Genesis 3:8–9**, “They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, **‘Where are you?’** ”
- **Genesis 32:27**, “So He (God) said to him, **‘What is your name?’** And he said, ‘Jacob’.”

תורה



Leviticus 5:5, “So it shall be when he becomes guilty in one of these, that he shall confess that in which he has sinned.

Leviticus 5:6, “He shall also bring his guilt offering to the Lord for his sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin.”

תורה



Leviticus 16:20–21, “When he finishes atoning for the holy place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall offer the live goat. Then Aaron shall lay both of his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the sons of Israel and all their transgressions in regard to all their sins; and he shall lay them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who stands in readiness.”

תורה



Numbers 5:5–7,

“Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Speak to the sons of Israel, “When a man or woman commits any of the sins of mankind, acting unfaithfully against the Lord, and that person is guilty, then he shall confess his sins which he has committed, and he shall make restitution in full for his wrong and add to it one-fifth of it, and give it to him whom he has wronged”.’ ”

תורה



1 Kings 8

- 8:1–11 – the ark of the covenant is brought into the temple
- 8:12–21 – Solomon addresses the Jews
- 8:22–53 – Solomon gives his prayer of dedication
- 8:54–61 – Solomon's benediction
- 8:62–66 – Dedication sacrifices



1 Kings 8:33–36,

“When Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy, because they have sinned against You, if they turn to You again and **confess** Your name and pray and make supplication to You in this house, then hear in heaven, and **forgive** the sin of Your people Israel, and bring them back to the land which You gave to their fathers. “When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain, because they have sinned against You, and they pray toward this place and **confess** Your name and turn from their sin when You afflict them, then hear in heaven and **forgive** the sin of Your servants and of Your people Israel, indeed, teach them the good way in which they should walk. And send rain on Your land, which You have given Your people for an inheritance.”

- **Ezra 10:1**, “Now while Ezra was praying and making confession, weeping and prostrating himself before the house of God, a very large assembly, men, women and children, gathered to him from Israel; for the people wept bitterly.”
- **Ezra 10:11**, “Now therefore, make confession to the Lord God of your fathers and do His will; and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land and from the foreign wives.”



- **Nehemiah 1:6**, “let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You; I and my father’s house have sinned.”
- **Nehemiah 9:2**, “The descendants of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.
Nehemiah 9:3, “While they stood in their place, they read from the book of the law of the Lord their God for a fourth of the day; and for another fourth they confessed and worshiped the Lord their God.”

Proverbs 28:13,

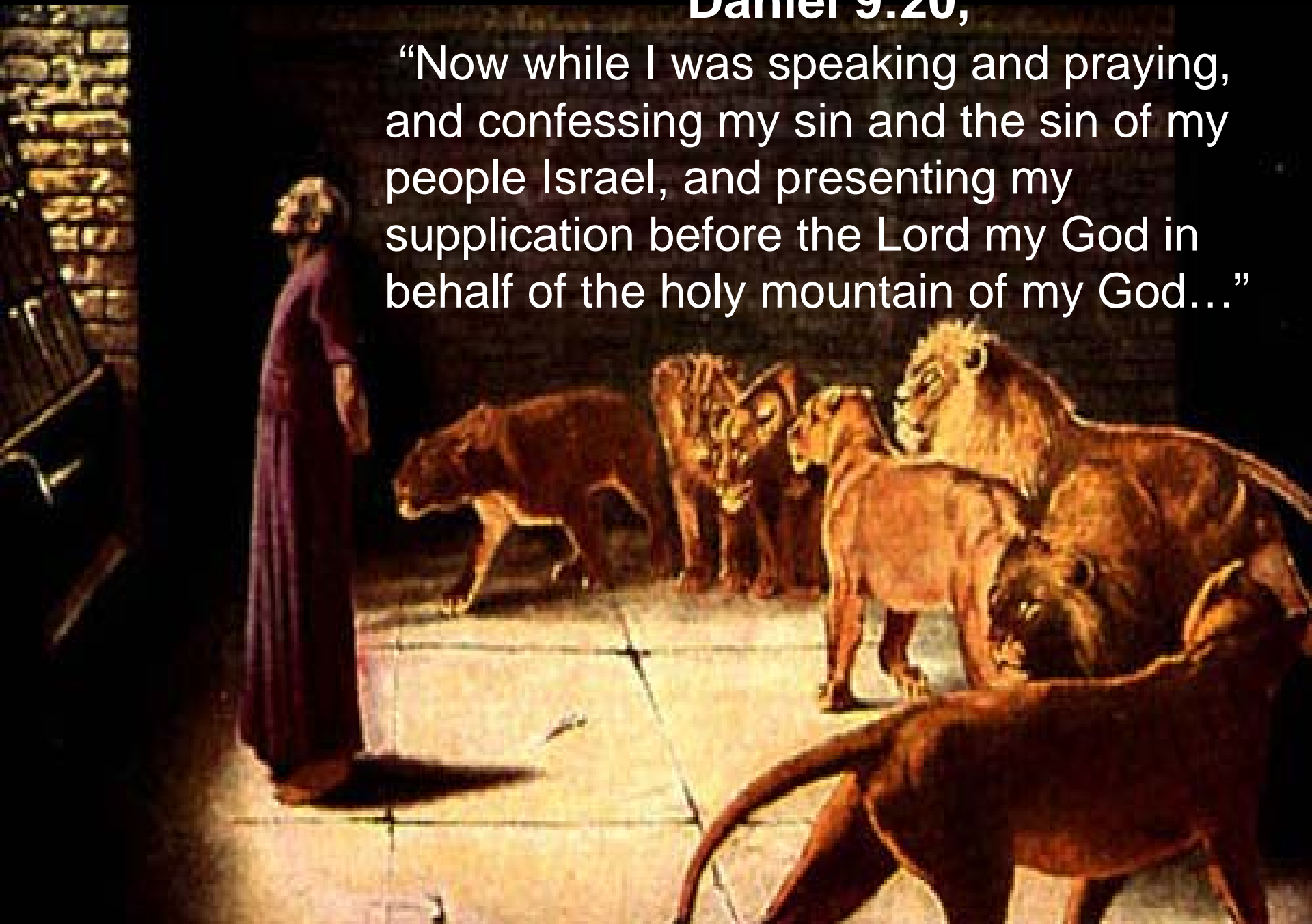
“He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.”



משלי

Daniel 9:20,

“Now while I was speaking and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God in behalf of the holy mountain of my God...”



**Hosea 5:15,
“I will go away
and return to My
place until they
acknowledge their
guilt and seek My
face; in their
affliction they will
earnestly seek
Me.”**



- **Jeremiah 2:35**, “Yet you said, ‘I am innocent; surely His anger is turned away from me.’ Behold, I will enter into judgment with you because you say, ‘I have not sinned.’ ”
- **Jeremiah 3:13**, “ ‘Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have transgressed against the Lord your God and have scattered your favors to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice,’ declares the Lord.”

נְבִיאִים



Lamentations 3:40,

“Let us examine and probe our ways, And let us return to the Lord.”

1 Corinthians 11:28–32,

“But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.”

ὁμολογέω

[homologeō]

to confess, to admit, to
acknowledge

“Confess” (homologeō) is not a synonym for “believe” (pisteuō):

John 1:20, “And he confessed (homologeō) and did not deny, but confessed (homologeō), ‘I am not the Christ.’”

John 9:22, “His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.”

John 12:42, “Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him (pisteuō), but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him (homologeō), for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;”

Revelation 3:5, “He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name (homologeō) before My Father and before His angels.”