

*MA'ASEH MERKAVAH*

SECTION I

(§544) Rabbi Ishmael said: I asked Rabbi of Akiva the prayer that one says when he ascends to the Merkavah, (and I asked of him) the praise of RWZYH, Lord, God of Israel - who knows what it is? He said to me: [There must be] purity and holiness in his heart, and he says a prayer:

1. Be praised forever at the Throne of Glory.
2. You dwell in the Chambers on high, and the exalted Hekhal.
3. For you have revealed the secrets and the deepest of secrets, and the hidden things, and the most hidden things
4. to Moses, and Moses taught them to Israel
5. So that they can engage in Torah with them, and increase study with them.

(§545) Rabbi Akiba said: When I ascended and gazed at the Power (*Gevurah*), I saw all the creatures that are in all the paths of heaven - those whose lengths are above and widths are below, and those whose widths are above and whose lengths are below.

(§546) Rabbi Ishmael said: How do the ministering angels stand on them? He said to me: like a bridge laid over a river that everyone (*kol ha-'olam*) passes over; so is a bridge laid from the beginning of the entrance to its end; and the ministering angels go around on it and recite song before TRQYLYY YHWH God of Israel.

The fearsome Soldiers stand upon it,  
the awesome Captains;  
a thousand thousand thousands  
and a myriad of myriads of myriads,  
and give praise and approbation before KS YH  
YHWZYH YHWH God of Israel.  
How many rivers of fire are there,  
How many rivers of hail are there,  
how many storehouses of snow are there,  
how many balls of fire are there,  
how many ministering angels are there?  
[There are] twelve myriads of bridges;  
six above and six below.  
[There are] twelve thousand {rivers of fire;}  
six above and six below.  
[There are] twelve thousand myriads of rivers  
of hail;  
six above and six below.  
[There are] twelve thousand storehouses of  
snow;  
six above and six below.  
[There are] twenty-four myriads of balls of  
fire;  
twelve above and twelve below.

And around the bridges, the rivers of fire, the rivers of  
hail, the storehouses of snow, the ministering angels, many  
ministering angels at each entrance and at each passageway  
stand inside {them} facing all the paths of heaven.

{§547} {What does RWZYY YWY God of Israel do?<sup>1</sup>} Rabbi  
Ishmael said: How can he gaze on them and see what {RWZYY}  
YHWH God of Israel does? Rabbi Akiba said: I said a prayer  
for mercy, and because of it I was saved: "Puissant God,  
YHWH God of Israel: Blessed are You, God, great, mighty in  
power."

And what did I do that I was able to gaze on them and

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1. This phrase is missing here in MS. NY 8128.

to see what RWZYY YHWH God of Israel does? Therefore hear what Rabbi Akiba said to me. He revealed to me that this secret is revealed to everyone of flesh and blood who has the praise of {RW}ZYY YHWH God of Israel in his heart. He must repeat it every day at sunrise and cleanse himself from falsehood and iniquity, and from all evil, and RWZYY YHWH God of Israel will deal justly with him, and he will be assured [a place] in the world to come.

{§548} {And this is the prayer:}<sup>2</sup>

1. RWZYY YHWH God of Israel:
2. Blessed are you, God, great in power.  
Who is like you in heaven or on earth?  
He is a holy King, He is a great King,  
He is a magnificent King over all the Merkavah.
3. You stretched out the heavens and established Your  
Throne,  
and Your great name is adorned at  
Your Throne of Glory  
You spread out the earth,  
You founded in it a seat for your footstool.  
Your glory fills the world,  
Your name is great and mighty in all power,  
and there is no limit to your understanding.
4. You know the mysteries of the world  
and survey knowledge and hidden ways.  
Who is like You, who searches hearts,  
examines the insides,  
and understands thoughts?  
Nothing is hidden from Your eyes;  
all life and death, blessings and curses,  
good and evil, are in Your hand;  
and Your name is mighty in heaven and earth,  
of great strength in heaven and earth,  
blessed in heaven and earth,  
merciful in heaven and earth,  
holy in heaven and earth,  
Power is the remembrance of Your name

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2. This phrase is only found in MS. NY 8128.

- forever and ever, to the end of all generations.
4. (S549) This is Your name forever,  
and this is Your reknown from generation to  
generation.  
Your name is Compassionate and Merciful.  
Your mercy prevails above and below.  
Your word is good for those who love Your Torah,  
Your utterance is pure for those who sanctify Your name
5. and at Your path<sup>3</sup> You have established  
Your throne on high.  
With force and might,  
song and hymn, clouds of fire,  
fearsome Soldiers, awesome Captains,  
a thousand thousand thousand  
and a myriad of myriads of myriads  
give praise and approbation  
to Your great, mighty, and awesome name.  
before You stand all the Mighty Ones,  
who are magnificent in praise and hymn  
in the chambers of Torah and treasures of blessing  
they praise from the 'aravot  
and they bless from the firmament;  
a blessing from one (and a blessing from another).  
Who, God, is like You,  
bearing iniquity and sin?  
Who is there in heaven who has the power  
to do such as Your works and mighty deeds?
7. Your Might is fire, Your chambers are fire,

MS. M22:  
Your name is etched in a  
flame of fire.  
God, in the highest heavens,  
whose name is fire consuming  
fire,  
Your throne is fire,  
and Mighty Ones of fire  
stand before You.

MS. NY 8128:  
You are fire consuming fire  
and Your throne is fire;  
Your [7NW7X] is fire  
and Your Servants are fire  
etched in a flame of fire.  
HY YH YHW holy and awesome.  
8. Blessed are You, YHWH,  
magnificent in the chambers  
of song.

IN MS. M22 ONLY:

- (8. You know the secrets of above and below.  
There is none like You, none like Your Might,  
none like Your deeds, none like Your mercy,  
none like Your great name for ever and ever.  
My spirit is entrusted to You,  
My breath is placed into Your hands.

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3. Or "for Your sake?"

For You are the Lord of all,  
the beauty of all that is above.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Rock of Eternity

7. YH YH YH YHW YHW YHW YHW YH YHW YHW YH YHW YHW YHW NWR'  
D'N NWR' D'N NWR' D'N 'RY 'ZY DRWSYY'L KSS KSSH NWSY  
QLWSY HYWT WHN W'ZBWHY DGN HGG'L
8. Holy, King, high and exalted,  
dwelling in the chambers of awe,  
great in might, mighty over all the Merkavah,  
Magnificent over all the magnificent,  
Your name is forever, Your remembrance is forever,  
Your kingdom is forever.  
Be sanctified and glorified in the chambers  
of the holy ones,  
for You are living God, Lord of all,  
Beauty of all the world,  
exalted among the holy ones.
9. Blessed are You, YY, the Holy God.)

(§550) Rabbi Akiba said: When I recited this prayer I saw  
6,400,000,000 angels of Glory standing across from the  
Throne of Glory, and I saw the knot of the *Tefillin* of GDWDY  
YHWH God of Israel and I gave praise with all my limbs:

(§551) It is upon me to praise the Lord of all  
to ascribe greatness to the maker of Creation  
who did make us like the nations of the lands  
and did not place us like the families of the  
earth  
who did not place my lot among them  
and my destiny among all their masses.  
But I pray before the King of kings of kings,  
the Holy One, blessed be He.  
For he stretches out the heavens and  
establishes the earth,  
and His powerful Shekhinah is in the lofty  
heights.  
He is our God, there is no other.  
Truly He is our King, there is none but You.  
YHWH, He is God, YHWH; He is God; YHWH, He is  
God.  
He is One and His name is One, our God YHWH is  
One.  
YHWH YHWH is a gracious and merciful God,  
slow to anger and of great kindness and

faithfulness.

Therefore, we hope for you, our God  
 quickly to see the splendor of Your power  
 to banish away idols from the earth  
 and [that] the false gods be cut down;  
 and all flesh and blood call upon Your name  
 that all the wicked of the earth turn to You.  
 May all who dwell on Earth recognize and know  
 that to you all must kneel and prostrate;  
 to the Glory of Your name they must give honor.  
 For kingship is Yours  
 and forever You shall reign in glory.  
 And I shall sanctify Your great, mighty, and  
 awesome name:  
 Holy, Holy, Holy is YHWH of Hosts, Great,  
 mighty, and awesome,  
 beautiful, magnificent, wonderful, and honored:  
 HDYRWRM steadfast, great, pure, explicit,  
 Your name is carved in flames (of fire)  
 HY YH YHW, holy and awesome.  
 Blessed are You YHWH, magnificent in the  
 chambers of song.

(IN MS. M22 ONLY:

(552): Rabbi Ishmael said: Who can adorn and sanctify the  
 kingdom of the King of the universe, and to make use of the  
 Crown, and to pronounce his name, and glorify his renown, to  
 sing his praise, standing in his service, in a voice of  
 gentle stillness:

1. YY YY YY, God, glorious, burning, holy,  
 high and exalted:
2. Be magnified and sanctified, King of kings

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4. Reading *qadosh ram ve-nisa'* for *qadoshim ve-nisa'*
5. Probably read *ha-yoshev* for *ha-yoshevim*.

who dwell<sup>5</sup> in the chambers of the Hekhal  
of flames of fire and hail;

3. and Your throne of Glory presents before You  
song, and hymn, singing, praise, and laudation,  
and says before You every day:
4. Who is like You, King of the Universe,  
like Your name?

(S553) Rabbi Ishmael said:

1. YY YY, God, gracious and merciful (Ex. 34:6),  
God of Israel,
2. over the Creatures, and over the wheels of the  
Merkavah,  
and over the Serafim,  
who stand, all in one array, in one voice  
and the Ofanim, and the Holy creatures, and the  
Ofanim of beauty, and the Serafim of flame, and the  
Wheels of the Merkavah
3. in a great voice,  
glorious and strong, they say:
4. Blessed be the Glory of YY from the place of His  
Shekhinah.}

Rabbi Akiba said: Who can contemplate the seven  
Hekhalot, and gaze at the highest heavens, and see the  
{inner} chambers, and say, "I have seen the chambers of YH?"

In the first Hekhal there stand four thousand myriads  
of *Merkavot* of fire, and two thousand myriads of flames of  
fire go in among them.

In the second Hekhal there stand one hundred thousand  
myriads of *Merkavot* of fire, and four thousand myriads of

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6. Reading *brd* for *trd*.

7. Here the text is difficult. The phrase, *be-qol ra'sh  
gadol* (Ezek. 3:12) is repeated in various forms. The text  
also inserts, *ve-gomer*, "etc."

flames of fire go in among them.

In the third Hekhal there stand two hundred thousand myriads of *Merkavot* of fire, and one hundred thousand myriads of flames of fire go in among them.

In the fourth Hekhal there stand one hundred and four thousand myriads of *Merkavot* of fire, and two thousand myriads of flames of fire go in among them.

In the fifth Hekhal there stand four thousand myriads of *Merkavot* of fire, and two thousand myriads of flames of fire go in among them.

In the sixth Hekhal there stand a thousand thousand thousand myriads of *Merkavot* of fire, and two thousand thousand myriads of flames of fire go in among them.

In the seventh Hekhal there stand one hundred thousand thousand myriads of *Merkavot* of fire.

(8555): In the first Hekhal, *Merkavot* of fire say, "Holy, holy holy (is YHWH of Hosts, the whole earth is full of His Glory;)" and their flames gather together and spread out to the second Hekhal, and say, "Holy, holy holy (is YHWH of Hosts, the whole earth is full of His Glory.)"

In the second Hekhal, *Merkavot* of fire say, "blessed is the Glory of YHWH from His place;" and their flames also gather together and spread out into the third Hekhal and say, "blessed is the Glory of YHWH from His place."

In the third Hekhal, *Merkavot* of fire say, "blessed is the name of His Majesty's Glory forever and ever from the



place of His dwelling;" and their flames gather together and spread out to the fourth Hekhal and say, "blessed is the name of His Majesty's Glory forever and ever from the place of His dwelling."

In the fourth Hekhal, *Merkavot* of fire say, "blessed is YHWH, living and enduring forever and ever, magnificent over all the Merkavah;" and their flames gather together and spread out to the fifth Hekhal and say, "blessed is YHWH, living and enduring forever and ever, magnificent over all the Merkavah."

In the fifth Hekhal, *Merkavot* of fire say, "blessed is the Holiness of His Majesty from the place of His Dwelling;" and their flames gather together and spread out to the sixth Hekhal and say, "blessed is the Holiness of His Majesty from the place of His Dwelling."

In the sixth Hekhal, *Merkavot* of fire say, "blessed is YHWH, Lord of all might, and Ruler over all the Merkavah;" and their flames gather together and spread out to the seventh Hekhal and say, "blessed is YHWH, Lord of all might, and Ruler over all the Merkavah."

In the seventh Hekhal, *Merkavot* of fire say:

- a. Blessed be the King of Kings,  
YY, great in might.
- b. Who is like great and enduring God?

- His praise is in the heavens' heaven,  
 the holiness of His Majesty is in the highest heaven,<sup>8</sup>  
 His might is in the inner chambers.
- c. From this one, "holy" and from that one "holy,"  
 and they present song perpetually  
 and pronounce the name  
 of GHWRY'L YWY,  
 God of Israel, and say:
- d. "Blessed be the name of His Majesty's Glory forever  
 and ever from the place of His Shekhinah."

(§556): Rabbi Ishmael said: when Rabbi Nehuniah ben Ha-Kanah told me the secret of the chambers of the Hekhal and the Hekhal of the Merkavah,<sup>10</sup> I saw the King of the world sitting on a throne high and exalted, and all the chambers of the sanctification of His name were sanctifying His name in His praise, as it is said: "They called one to another and said, Holy, Holy, Holy is YHWH of Hosts, the whole earth is full of His Glory."

(§557): Rabbi Akiva said: Happy is the man who stands with all his strength and presents song before the *Keruvim* of YHWH God of Israel, and gazes at the Merkavah and (sees) all that is done before the Throne of Glory, on which BRWKYY YHWH God of Israel, is seated, and sees to the commandment, and to power, to the laws and good decrees, that stern decrees may be cancelled from the world, and that no one may

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8. *bi-sheme shme marom*. MSS. M40 and NY 8128 read *bi-sheme shamayim*.

9. MS. NY 8128: GHWZYY; MS. M22: NHWRYY.

10. Here follows a difficult phrase: *wgm* (MS. M22: *wgbwrt*) *twrh l' 'skh hdr mhm*.

spurn his fellow; in the name of T'N TRGB YHWH God of Israel, whose name is like His might, and His might is like His name. He is His power, and His power is He, and His name is like His name, 'SBWGG LMRS 'BGD SSYGG GRW HGGDD HWZ GDZ NWRH R'D?? HW' SRBH YHWH One, 'H HH YHW, is His name.

(§558): Rabbi Ishmael said: I asked Rabbi Akiba: What is the distance from one bridge to another? Rabbi Akiba said to me: [There must be] righteousness and piety in your heart, and you will know the measurement[s] in heaven. He said to me:

When I was in the first Hekhal, I was pious;  
 In the second Hekhal, I was pure;  
 In the third Hekhal, I was righteous;  
 In the fourth Hekhal, I was perfect;  
 In the fifth Hekhal, I presented a *Qedushah* before the King of Kings of Kings, blessed be He.

In the sixth Hekhal, I recited the *Qedushah* before the One who spoke and formed, and He commanded all the creatures that the Ministering Angels should not kill me.

In the seventh Hekhal, I stood before [Him] with all my strength and trembled in all my limbs, and said:

- §558 a. Living and Enduring God, who formed heaven and earth:
- b. Besides You there is no rock,<sup>11</sup>  
 Your remembrance is forever.  
 The Troops of above glorify You,  
 The work of Your hands in Your inhabited world.  
 Great God, Maker of all,  
 Magnificent in greatness, beloved in might,  
 the Mighty Ones of strength acknowlege before You,

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11. MS. M22 reads: *sur 'olamin*

- who stand before You in truth and justice.
- c. Do justice in Your world  
and in the justice of Your name, save me;  
and I will magnify the blessing of Your glory  
forever.
- d. Blessed are You,  
magnificent in the chambers of greatness.

(S559): Rabbi Ishmael said: I asked Rabbi Akiba: What is the distance between one bridge and another? He said to me:

Between one bridge and the other [the distance] is 12,000 parsangs: At their ascent 120,000 parsangs and at their descent 120,000 parsangs.

Between the Rivers of Fire and the Rivers of Awe there are 240,000 parsangs.

Between the Rivers of Awe and the Rivers of Fear there are 220,000 parsangs.

Between the rivers of lightning to the rivers of darkness there are 360,000 parsangs.

Between the chambers of thunder and the clouds of comfort: *Nihumim*<sup>12</sup> there are 420,000 parsangs.

Between the clouds of [comfort] and the *Merkavah* there are 240,000 parsangs.

Between the *Merkavah* and the *Keruvim* there are 1,680,000 parsangs.

Between the *Keruvim* and the *Ofanim* there are 240,000 parsangs.

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12. Other mss.: *NYHUMH'*; M22: "snow."

Between *Ofanim* and the Chambers of Chambers there are 240,000 parsangs.

Between the Chambers of Chambers and the Holy Creatures there are 400,000,000 parsangs.

Between one wing and another there are 120,000 parsangs, and such is their width.

Between the Holy Camps and the Throne of Glory there are 300,000 parsangs.

{And from the foot} of the Throne of Glory to the place where {the Holy, high and exalted King}. 'NPR' YY God of Israel, sits on it there are 400,000,000 parsangs, and His great name is sanctified there.

## SECTION II

(8560): Rabbi Ishmael said: I was thirteen years old and my heart stirred every day on which fasting is permitted. When Rabbi Nehuniah ben Ha-Kanah revealed to me the Prince of the Torah, Suriel, the Prince of the Presence, was revealed to me. He said to me: The name of the Prince of the Torah is Yofiel, and [for] every one who wishes to see him, it has been revealed {about him}, that he must sit for forty days in fast, eat his bread with salt, and must not eat any kind of defilement; he must perform twenty-four immersions, and not look at any kind of colored garments; his eyes must be cast to the ground. And he must pray with

all his strength, apply his heart to his prayer, and seal himself with his own seal, and remember twelve things.

(§561): "You are the living God in heaven," engraved as a [SOFYSTOS NOMESTOS] 'NQYPWS 'NBY BG'H W'PPP' wisdom of PDWF SRT PRTT' 'NGYNTYNWN HDRT ZWP W'H SRJY WNYN SB'Z DYNYN SBYM; he must pronounce: DYMP'S BH B' WH HD{R}YH, {Prince} of Wisdom; then seventy angels will descend to him, and with them SKDHWZY Angel of the Presence. And he must pronounce [these] letters so that he will not be harmed: ZYYP PHF ZRZ SMF TYRGB BB PYNF YH; to keep:

B. (§562) Prayer:

1. You are living God in heaven and earth<sup>13</sup>  
who has given permission to the Troops of Your  
Glory  
to be at the service of (Š-YZQQW L-) human beings.
2. In purity I pronounce Your name,  
[You] Who are One over all creatures:
3. SBR DDR'Y 'DYR 'DYR (DRYRWM), A seal for his body;<sup>14</sup>  
YHW [BDP BR'YYH] Blessed forever,  
'PM'WPPP' YHW, holy and blessed be His name;  
a seal above my head;  
Secret above all secrets; HGG BWR YH YHW YT;  
in Your name: may evil demons be silent  
[in fear of] the majesty of Your Dignity;  
let there be a seal on my limbs.  
In Your name: ZRWGG ZRPP ZHTY'G YH YH YHW.
4. Who is like You, God (Who formed the universe?)  
You formed Magnificent Ones of wisdom,  
who have permission to bring down the secrets of  
wisdom,

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13. the other manuscripts omit "and earth."

14. *Qomato*. MS. NY 8128 reads: "Holy Seal" (*hotam qadosh*).

by the authority of Your name;  
for You are king of the universe.

5. Therefore, I pronounce the name of SQDHWZY<sup>Y</sup> Your servant:

QWWZ DRYZZ' SSBZ RHBYW'L SGDZ BHDGYW'L 'RTMS NYLW  
MYPTWN 'RYZ TDYS NQBYM HDRYN 'L ZRZW'L ZHWRY'L HGDZ'DRZ  
NHGYW'L YDYW'L YY GDTRYW'L YHWH'L YH 'LYM HYY L' HY L'  
YHWH,

Whose name is exalted because of the name of his Creator.<sup>15</sup>

6. I have pronounced the name of SQDHWZY<sup>Y</sup> Your servant so that there may be miracles, wonders, many marvels, signs and many great portents for me, in the chambers of wisdom and the orders of understanding.
7. And I shall sing before you as it is said:  
"Who is like You among the 'Elim, YHWH?  
(Ex. 15:11)
8. Blessed are You, YY, great and exalted, Lord of miracles and wonders, who listens to the prayers of those who sanctify His name, and who assents to the requests of (*mitraseh l-*) those who know His name.

He must lift His eyes to heaven so that he does not die. He must stand and pronounce the name, and (be afraid) so that wisdom and breadth of understanding shall be engraved in all his limbs; and he must pray it first in his name; he must make a circle for himself, and stand in it, so demons will not come and liken him to the angels and kill him.

(§563): Rabbi Ishmael said: '(R)PDS the Angel of the Presence said to me: Anyone who wishes to use this great mystery must pray it with all his strength, so that nothing

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15. ShShMW M'WLH 'L ShM YWSRW

of it be forgotten; all his limbs are [in danger of] being destroyed. He must call those three names and I will descend: SDYR TYNRY 'Y YBY' BYHW SWWZ DWP RWP DHM.

(§564): Rabbi Ishmael said: I asked Rabbi Nehuniah ben ha-Kanah: How is the wisdom of the Prince of the Torah [obtained]? He said to me: When you pray, pronounce the three names that the Angels of Glory pronounce: ZZ TYZ ZRZZY'L TYT TWPYLT Y RBT YP' 'RHR ZY'' ['YZWZ] in Might. And when you pray, pronounce at the end [of your prayer] the three letters that the Creatures pronounce when they gaze at and see 'RKS YWY God of Israel: GLY 'YY 'RDR YH'L ZK BBYB'. And when you say another prayer, pronounce the three letters that the wheels of the Merkavah pronounce when they recite song before the Throne of Glory: HZ PZ YP' HP Y'W GHWH SBYB'. This is the acquisition of wisdom, that everyone who pronounces them acquires wisdom forever. And can one endure it? Moses wrote three letters for Joshua and he drank. If you cannot endure it, engrave them as a mark and do not worry yourself with the words of the "heroes:" ZPQ QNYDR HWW' HB' SBWN; and do not forget: 'ZQMP 'WPWP' YDDR 'WRNWD, awesome Father; for fortification of wisdom and for glorification of understanding.

(§565): Rabbi Ishmael said: I sat twelve days in fasting. When I saw that I {could not endure} I employed the forty-two letter name, and PRQRM, the Angel of the Presence descended in anger. He said to me: "Son of a



stinking drop! I will not give it to you until you sit for forty days." Immediately I trembled and pronounced the three letters, and he ascended: {Y}H B'R'' BYH Greatness 'TYTBYH. Then I sat for forty days and said three prayers in the morning, three prayers at noon, and three prayers in the evening. And I mentioned twelve things at every one. On the last day I prayed three [times] and mentioned twelve things, and PDQRM, the angel of the Presence, descended, and with him angels of mercy, and they caused understanding to {dwell} in the heart of Rabbi Ishmael. Who can stand at his prayer? Who can gaze at PDQRS, the angel of the Presence, once this mystery exists? PRQRS YWY God of Israel said to me: "Go down, see if another man like you has not descended with the permission of FNKRS YWY God of Israel."

(B566):

1. Blessed are You, YY, who created heaven and earth with Your wisdom and discernment.  
Your name is forever.
2. HY'WP SYSY PYY'W LW SM BY KYT TNYT: the name of Your servant.
3. By the seven seals that Rabbi Ishmael sealed on his heart:  
 'WRYS SSTYY on my feet;  
 'BG BGG on my heart;  
 'RYM TYP' on my right arm;  
 'WRIS TSYT'H on my left arm;  
 'BYT TL BG 'R YW DYW'L on my neck;  
 'WP 'K QYTWR SS 'HD YDYS YH, for the protection of my life,  
 and above them all,

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16. This line appears only in MS. M22.

'P PT YHW HYW YW ZHW YHW TYSS: a seal above my head.

4. GWG, great, HP YP HP pure, HH YYW HHY HH HH,  
recitation forever.
5. Be praised, Lord of wisdom,  
for all might is Yours.
6. Blessed are You, YY,  
Lord of Might, high and exalted, great in dominion.

(§567):

1. You are the King of Kings, blessed be He.  
Be praised alone, for You alone are One.
2. HWKYH is your name  
'WZW' is your name  
RM KY YD 'ZY is your name  
'BYZ YHW is your name  
ZYH' YH TYD'Y is your name  
GHWP is your name  
'WTTY'H is your name  
HKB WYH' is your name  
Flame, Might, exalted;  
this is the radiance.
3. Lord of all the Merkavah,  
be praised forever.  
Be sanctified, Holy King;  
Your Holiness is in heaven and earth.
4. Blessed are You YY, the Holy God.

III. (§568):

1. You are the King of Glory.  
Your way is glory and Your word is holy.  
Your name is glory, great and holy, forever and ever.
2. RM YHW Strength, Living, Mighty, DRKYY 'HDYZ RYW' LK  
BRW'H ZHRY YH' HW BYHW 'LPB {DRYRWM} YR'H HBB' HHWW  
Y' HS TS YTT HP P' G' YHW YHW.
3. Be praised, King of the universe,  
who has given permission for the recitation of Your  
name while standing and sitting,  
and for all other great wisdom.
4. YP STT 'D TH SBY 'P 'R'H YWP YH HPWP YWP'D BYPA NBTS  
HYH ZW

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17. *wbš'r kl gdwlt hḥwkmh*. The passage is difficult. *Gdwlt*  
is lacking in MS. M22.

5. Let the King of praise be praised forever,  
for Your name is great in praise,  
and Your name is high and exalted.
6. Blessed are You YY, great, living in might.

Then I pronounced three names [ZYYF MSMW], so that  
angels and demons would not touch me: {RDNW YH' SHRY TW'H  
'RBNY 'STBY NZY W' H' HBW', Breaking of the Demons, RGBT  
BYNYYN 'RYS MDRS QDWMA 'LP 'YS YH' YZH YWH MBY' 'WP HP YH YD  
YH HW, Great Seal.

(S569): Rabbi Ishmael said: Rabbi Nehuniah ben ha-Kanah  
said to me: Whoever wants to use this great mystery must  
mention the angels that stand behind the Holy Creatures,  
giving praise: 'SGD NWSS, and say a prayer so that they do  
not kill him; for they are the fiercest of all the heavenly  
hosts: And what is the prayer?

B. (S569):

1. Blessed are You YY, my God<sup>18</sup> and Creator,  
great and awesome, living forever,  
magnificent over all the Merkavah.  
Who is like You, magnificent on high?
2. Let me succeed in all my limbs,
3. and may I discourse in the gates of wisdom,  
and may I examine the ways of understanding,  
and may I gaze into the chambers of Torah,  
and may I discourse in the storehouses of blessing,  
and may they be stored for me.  
For wisdom is before You.
4. Save me from all fierce [creatures] standing;  
may I be beloved of them before You,
5. and I will know that Your holiness is forever,  
and I will bless the holiness of Your name (*gedushat*

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18. M22 adds: "King,".

*shemekha*) forever,  
and I will sanctify Your great and holy name,  
and may the Great Seal be on my limbs.

6. As it is written,  
"Holy, holy, holy..." (Is. 6:3)
7. Blessed are You, YY, who lives forever.

(§570): I said again to Rabbi Nehuniah ben ha-Kanah:  
When [one] recites twelve things, how can one gaze at the  
radiance of the *Shekhinah*? He said to me: He says a prayer  
with all his strength and he is beloved of the *Shekhinah*.

### SECTION III

(§579):<sup>19</sup> Rabbi Ishmael said: Rabbi Nehuniah ben Ha-Kana  
said to me: My teacher, son of nobles, when I gazed at the  
Merkavah, I saw glorious beauty, fearful Magnificent Ones,  
awesome Brilliant Ones, burning and shimmering [*mevohalin*],  
their burning burned and their shimmering shimmered.

(§580): Rabbi Ishmael said: When I heard this utterance  
from Rabbi Nehuniah ben Ha-Kanah, my teacher, I stood on my  
feet and asked of him all the names of the Princes of  
Wisdom, and from the question I asked, I saw a light in my  
heart like the waters of heaven.

(§581): Rabbi Ishmael said: When I stood on my feet and  
saw my face shining from my wisdom, I began to elaborate  
[the name of] every angel in every Hekhal:

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19. Section III (§571 - §592) does not appear in MS. M22.

In the first Hekhal (stand) (ZHPY'L, 'ZPY'L, GHWRY'L, and Raziziel, and STPP'L, BZT'L, 'WZPY'L, and 'WZBZBY'L.

At the gate of the second Hekhal stand Gabriel, Gazpiel, RHBV'L, SZBRY'L STQY'L, and HRBY'L, and QSR'L, 'BMY'L, 'RPY'L.

At the gate of the third Hekhal stand Hadariel, Zevadiel, ZRWRY'L, SRN'L, 'MTY'L, 'MM'L, and 'MTLY'L, NWDRY'L, and RWDY'L.

At the gate of the fourth Hekhal stand SGSG'L. 'SR'L, HYLWPY, and HWLWPTY 'LMWM, GLMWN, Holy, HQM GDR 'GBS BSWS 'BRMWS PSWY MDWR, Gabriel, Z'YM 'WR' YWRD'.

At the gate of the fifth Hekhal stand DHRHY'L, GHZYZH' YZWZY'L, Rifayon, HGY ZYWY PSQ KYS'L RBDWY'L, G'L 'PKY'L, YYGD YYQD.

At the gate of the sixth Hekhal stand 'BGBG 'ZHZH 'ZPZP His (F)ootstool, RZWZY'L, 'TWFY'L, GRGWT SBS'L HDWRY'L, Z'N DYR'L 'Z'Y'L, Z'Z'L, ZZY'L, QDQDQ'L, R'D'L, SWR'L, PSSY'L, GHW'L BYPY'L.

At the gate of the seventh Hekhal stands 'SMKYS QMNMN 'MYLPTWN SMYNY'L LPTWN 'LT QRTYWN 'BRT'L Gedudiel SRPSYWN HLLBY'L 'PPY flame, trembling, SLHBYT, SBWBY'L PHDY'L HWQY'L RWT PSYSY'L 'SPSYSY'L G'G' KY 'WR YQRTH HHPY'L MWPY'L YSWLDY'L, the Prince of the Presence, who sees the image of Zohariel YY, God of Israel.

(§582): And above them all sits the King of the world, sitting on a throne high and exalted, and the angels of

Glory (praising) in songs and shouting in exultation and from the (words) of His Might they stand at His right and at His left. And these are their names: 'GYWN, 'DY'L, 'PP'L, ZBWZY'L, 'BWRV'L, 'SKNYZK'L, GRWSKSWP'L, PKWKY'L, 'GKGDY'L, 'DRY'L, and ZZ WPP NGD GHYR'L GHWDY ZRZDY'L, HDRWTY'L assist, and 'DRGHY WD'Y YWPY PSYBGD GHWR'L ZRZY'L, the Angel of the Presence, encircles, and Sandalfon ties *Tefilin* on the head of the Rock of the Ages, YWY God of Israel. Blessed be Your name, the great, mighty, awesome, magnificent, heroic, [ 'MYZ], strong God; the lauded, wondrous, exalted God, who sits at the uppermost heights, who does His will in His world, and there is no other.

(§583): Rabbi Ishmael said: Zebudiel the Angel of the Presence said to me: "Son of nobles, what merit do your father and mother have that you have deserved to endure this mystery?" -- which [no one in] the whole world has deserved, and that I and Rabbi Akiba deserved to make use of.

(§584): Rabbi Ishmael said: <sup>X</sup>SQDHWZY', Angel of the Presence said to me: "Son of nobles, do not presume to exalt yourself over all your fellows, and do not say, 'only I was privileged among all others;' for it is not because of your strength and might, but because of the strength and might of your Father in Heaven. But happy are you in this world, and it will be good for you forever and ever, and for all human beings who hold it and say from morning to morning the

prayer, like you."

(§585): Rabbi Ishmael said: When I heard [this] from *Y* SQDHWZY' the Angel of the Presence, I stood with all my strength and fortified myself and stood, and recited the *Kedusha* before the King of the world, and I said:

1. YWY my God, be sanctified forever.
2. Be exalted above the Creatures,  
and above the Merkavah of Your strength.  
Be glorified and blessed, for there is none like You.  
Be sanctified, for there are none like Your works.
3. The highest heavens tell Your justness;  
Wonders (*nora'im*) bespeak Your glory;  
*Serafim* above and below bow before You.
4. For You are great and awesome,  
and there is no wrongdoing and forgetting before  
Your Throne of Glory.
5. Blessed are You, YWY, creator of all creatures  
in truth.

(§586): Rabbi Ishmael said: When Rabbi Nehuniah ben Ha-Kanah my teacher heard that I stood facing heaven and elaborated [the name of] every angel in every Hekhal, he said to me: "Why did you elaborate the angels that stand at the gates of the Hekhalot?" I said to him: "Not for my own glorification did I do it, but for the praise of the King of the world." Rabbi Ishmael said: Rabbi Nehunia ben Ha-Kanah my teacher said to me: "The Torah of truth that Aaron the Priest acquired was waiting for you, and you troubled yourself with this mystery! But if you wish to employ this mystery, strengthen yourself with the five prayers that I say." Then Rabbi Nehuniah ben Ha-Kanah arranged prayers before me, and every single prayer [included] twelve letters

from the name of the living and enduring God, God who is glorified and blessed, who sits at the uppermost heights.

Rabbi Ishmael said: When Rabbi Nehuniah ben ha-Kanah arranged before me these prayers, I would recite every one with its names, at descent and ascent, and I was safe [לְחַיָּה לְרַגְלֵי] in all my limbs:

(§587): The first prayer, that Ze'ufi'el, the Prince of Gehinnom would pray when he saw the righteous and YHDYY YY God of Israel with them -- My teacher said that he would pray that Your people be saved from the judgment of Gehinnom:

(§587): First prayer

1. Be blessed, God, great and mighty, and strong, King, exalted in beauty, magnificent in glory.
2. In glory you spoke and the world came into being; With the breath of Your lips You established the firmament.
3. and Your great name is pure over all those above, and all those below.  
The merit of earth is Your name, the merit of heaven is Your name,<sup>20</sup> and angels stand in heaven, and the righteous are sure in their remembrance of You and Your name hovers over them all.
4. Your renown is magnified over all the living. Blessed be Your name alone, blessed be Your name alone.
5. Fire burning, a lighted flame, Z'N 'PSP' fire consuming fire, fire (of fierce fury), fear, *Serafim*, [W'ZWR KS(Y)P] ZPZPS. You hold the

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20. According to Altmann (*Shire Qedushah*, 21), this passage means that the heavens and earth exist by virtue of the recitation of God's name. Alternatively, it may mean: "Your name lends merit to the heaven and earth."



dominion of *ofanim*; burning rage, burning rage.  
 [Your?] word is imprinted, engraved [BHGYH] ABZ  
 BZ BBZ; blessed be You alone, (Him alone) furious and  
 crushing, YPS 'PZ, shining, LZDS ZYW HYWK DS ZBWD  
 BB' ZBDYYH YHW YH YH of Hosts.

6. Be sanctified,  
 [You] who have created heaven and earth;  
 The troops of above will glorify Your renown,  
 and the work of your hands in Your inhabited world  
 (*tevel arsekha*). [cf. Prov. 8:31]
7. Our God, creator of all that is magnificent,  
 magnificent in greatness, beloved in might,  
 the Mighty Ones of strength acknowledge before You,  
 who stand before You in truth and justice.
8. Blessed are You, YY, Beauty of eternity, and Lord  
 of dominion.

(§588) Second Prayer

1. Be sanctified, God of Heaven and Earth.
2. Lord of lords, magnificent of the magnificent, God of  
 the Cherubim,
3. God of Hosts, whose dominion is over the Hosts,  
 God of the Servants, whose name is sanctified over  
 His servants;
4. He is His name, and His name is He;  
 He is in Him, and His name is in His name;  
 Song is His name and His name is Song:
5. Z'WFH ZUF ZW'Y ZT' 'HSY HWSY RMY YHH HW' trembling,  
 lightning, 'TG'H HW' HYL'H 'HY 'H HW' HW'B DRY 'YL  
 RHY RS 'L DRW ZRYZ,
6. Eye in Eye, Power in Power,  
 Storm in Storm, [Earthquake in Earthquake],  
 Shadow in the "Shadow of Shaddai he shall abide."
7. Be sanctified, King of the Universe,  
 for all is suspended on Your arm,  
 and all give praise to Your name,  
 for You are the Lord of the worlds,  
 and there is none like You in all of the worlds.
8. Blessed are You, YY, the Holy One in the Merkavah,  
 Rider of the Cherubim.

(§589): Third prayer

1. Blessed is Your name, holy is Your name,
2. Strong King, magnificent over the secrets of above

and below.

Lord of miracles, Lord of mighty things, Lord of wonders, Lord of the extraordinary, who gives wisdom to the wise, and knowledge to the those who know understanding. God of the gods and Lord of lords, Great, mighty, and awesome God, God Most High, "seated in the shadow of the Most High," who performs miracles and mighty deeds, and many wonders, magnificent, strong,<sup>21</sup> awesome, and elaborated, God, great and mighty over all His wonders and *gibborim*:

3. YH HSP BHYL HDRY BR'WTYH MGRS 'PTLYWN RQD NSY' ZH ZH HP HP RB MZ YH MPWM 'DPM KYNW'H 'YH 'PWPY 'PPY, YHWH, God of the universe.
4. You are One and Your name is One. Lord of all, magnificent over all worlds. Who is like You, HY YHWH, my King and Creator, who is like Your Glory?
5. Living and enduring God, Your Glory is filled with majesty and beauty, Your Holiness with purity and kindness (*'anevah*).
6. Therefore the Mighty Ones of heaven praise You, and the magnificent ones of the earth glorify You, for there is none like You in heaven or earth.
7. Blessed are You, YY, Lord of every living being.

(§590) Fourth Prayer

1. Your name is magnificent in all the earth. You have established Your throne in heaven, You have placed Your dwelling in the lofty heights; You have placed Your Merkavah in Your celestial reaches, in the bright skies (*arfele tohar*).
2. The troops of fire glorify Your renown, the Serafim of fire sing Your praise; the Ofanim, the Holy Creatures, the Ofanim of majesty, the Seraphim of flame, and the wheels of the Merkavah stand before You; with a great voice, trembling and quaking,

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21. Cf. the *qedushah de-'Amidah* for the Sabbath morning service: *'adir ve-hazaq mashmi'im qol*.

3. and pronounce the name of  $\overline{\text{TWTBSY}}$  YY,  
one hundred and eleven times.<sup>22</sup>
4. And they say:  
 $\overline{\text{TTRSYP TTRSYP TTRSYP TTRGYS TTRMWPB TYTRKSY TTRYG TRY}}$   
 $\overline{\text{'KTRY GHZ GYQQ' 'GHYH 'PYPBYH B'YRTRKSY TRYS 'ZBD}}$   
 $\overline{\text{STYTTY 'DWH' 'BYBH 'HYHH 'Z HN YHP THN TYPY YTY}}$   
 $\overline{\text{'TRSYYH TRPSS TYRSYW TYTRPWS RHPYN RDZ 'GY'Z GHZ 'RSS}}$   
 $\overline{\text{YH PYHP YH HHH YPYPP YQDQD' YHZZ RWZZ RHPRHP RHWP}}$   
 $\overline{\text{RHZ, DHQQ HQ BHQ 'BG BZG BQQ YBQK RK YHGZ TTRSWP HPZZ}}$   
 $\overline{\text{YHGZ YPWP 'RKY HPZY MNWSY 'TY 'P'WP 'WPYNP ZBYR SBB}}$   
 $\overline{\text{SBH YRGH NWR GRYR DLSPSYM YH NMZ ZMZ HZQWQ ZYW RB}}$   
 $\overline{\text{'SBB YHZ THP YHK QYR HWPKLPS 'G GBG BWG 'GYDDYGR'}}$   
 $\overline{\text{'SQNYS PSPY' TTRYSG YY TTRYSG HGG'HY HWY HW' HW' HY}}$   
 $\overline{\text{WHW' WWY HGY' TGY'NDQ 'NRZWG 'IBD TRPSYS' HD HWD}}$   
 $\overline{\text{W'DB' HGG' MHGY' HTLTYH KWNS 'N?GYS ZH NBWS M?TL}}$   
 $\overline{\text{HPQTPQY NDWS BTL BRK YPP RGST DBB BPTL' 'BZQ PDQ HQQ}}$   
 $\overline{\text{MRQQ 'KSWP 'HSR ,HGH 'HYG' 'HYGBN' 'BTYYH TBTYB TWB}}$   
 $\overline{\text{TBY YHWQ HL YH HPYHGG MRSY' YY 'YYW'Y HYGW WMHGY HWH}}$   
 $\overline{\text{GLY YH GR SBRH SLT GYD SBY BRWP 'YP'YP 'YP'YP 'BY}}$   
 $\overline{\text{HG' YH QRQD HWHW TTRSYPH YY.}}$
5. Your name is holy in the highest heavens;  
high and exalted over all of the Cherubim.  
Let Your name be sanctified in Your holiness,  
let it be magnified in Your greatness,  
let it be strengthened in might,  
and Your dominion to the end of all generations.  
For Your might is forever and ever.
6. Blessed are You, YY, magnificent in strength, great in  
might.

(5591): Fifth Prayer

1. YY, my God, You are very great;  
You wear majesty and beauty.
2. Who is like You, magnificent on high?  
Happy are those who trust in You.  
They bless glorify, acclaim, (and) adore  
Your great, holy, and awesome name.
3. They present before you blessing, song and hymn,  
acclaim, psalm, thanks, merit and faithfulness,  
justice, holiness, purity, cleanliness, shouting,  
rejoicing, (amity,) honesty, kingship, gentleness,  
greatness, might, magnificence, potency, joy and  
gladness, (happiness), majesty and beauty, glory,  
and adornment,

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22. MS. NY 8128: One hundred and twelve.

4. to You, holy God, High and exalted King, glorious King, magnificent King, King of beauty, uplifted King,
5. ZRDY'L TWRG TTRSYP ZBWDY'L BRWNY' T'ZS 'SRWLLWN  
TWRTWY'L HDRYRWM 'DRYRWM :
6. May Your name be blessed forever and ever  
and Your kingdom for eternity.  
Your dwelling-place is forever  
and Your Throne is for all generations.  
Your pre-eminence is in heaven and earth  
and Your dominion is above and below.
7. And all present song, praise, and hymn.
8. YY, Your name is more righteous than any;  
You are<sup>23</sup> the Rock of the ages.

(Rabbi Ishmael said: Rabbi Nehuniah ben Ha-Kanah said to me: Anyone who says this prayer with all his strength can gaze at the radiance of the *Shekhina*,<sup>24</sup> and he will be beloved of the *Shekhina*.)

#### SECTION IB

(§592):<sup>25</sup> Rabbi Ishmael said: Rabbi Akiba said to me: I said a prayer and I gazed at the *Shekhinah* and saw all that is done before the Throne of Glory. And what is the prayer?

(§592):

1. Blessed are You, YY, God:
2. Your name is great in Might, YY,

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23. So MS. NY 8128. MS. Oxf. 1531: 'M-. MS. M40: Amen.

24. This passage appears in MS. NY 8128 only.

25. Section IB (§592-§596) appears in all main manuscripts.

- Your name is One and there is none but You.  
 In the heights of heaven You have established Your  
 throne forever in wisdom.  
 You are magnificent in mercy,  
 You are magnificent in wisdom and understanding  
 and with intelligence You created Your world.  
 In Your magnificence *adartekha* You have created Troops;
3. Silent Gentle Creatures<sup>26</sup> stand  
 before Your throne of Glory.  
 You determined the earth [in] loftiness and pride,  
 and You established in glory hymn, song, laudation,  
 and glorification,  
 and all the troops and angels that stand before You  
 sing hymns and glorify Your name  
 and the Wheels of the Merkavah sing songs before You.  
 (And You have established Glory,) hymn and  
 worthiness.
4. And the ministering angels that stand (before You)  
 sanctify Your name and magnify Your Might,  
 and say:  
 "Living YY of Hosts, Shaddai YHW,  
 Your Kingdom is forever, from one end of the world  
 to the other."  
 And for Your name they recount all that You have  
 created in Your world.
5. Who is like You? Your name is great in the world,  
 Your holiness is forever  
 Your Might over all the Merkavah  
 Your magnificence over Holy Creatures.  
 For You are living and enduring;  
 All Your world is forever.
6. You are pure,  
 and Your mercy is magnified over the leaders of the  
 Holy Creatures for ever and ever.  
 You are beloved and unique;  
 Your love radiates in all Your world.  
 Your throne is truth and justice;
7. majesty, beauty, glory, splendor, holiness, and  
 purity;  
 they lift up before You,  
 cleanness, cleanliness, splendor, and victory.
8. (§593): Be magnified and sanctified forever,  
 King, holy God, high and exalted.  
 For there is none like You in heaven and earth,  
 in the sea and in the depths.
9. In the upper heavens Your throne of Glory sings

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26. *Demumim daqin*. Apparently a name for a class of angels,  
 constructed on 1K 19:12: *qol demamah daqah*.

- And the *'Aravot* of the firmament in which You  
 established Your throne  
 are filled with magnificence and power  
 the *'Ofanim* of majesty lift up rejoicing and  
 happiness  
 and the *Keruvim* of holiness sing song[s].  
 The Clouds of [Comfort] (*'anene nihum*) and the  
 Holy Creatures  
 utter hymn [BRD, BRZ?] of their mouths  
 10. and they present reflected light to Your name,  
 Rock of the Ages:  
 Holy, Holy, Holy, YWWN YHW YYHY YHY HW YHY HY  
 SLYMYN YH HWYH WHW YH YH,  
 11. Your name is holy, Your servants are holy;  
 YY, One, God high and exalted;  
 Rejoicing and awe fill Your Throne of Glory.
12. (§594): Be blessed, praised, glorified, exalted,  
 uplifted, magnified, acclaimed, sanctified, adorned,  
 beloved;
13. For You established at Your throne,  
 singing, hymn, song, praise,  
 and *Hallel*, psalm, adornment, and victory.  
 And You know the mysteries of above and below;  
 they are revealed before You.  
 And who can tell the praise of Your Merkavah?
14. Be blessed forever, by all the heavenly host;  
 Be beautified by the *ofanim* of beauty;  
 Be sancified by the Cherubim of holiness;  
 Be beautified from the chambers of chambers;  
 be glorified by the Holy Creatures;  
 Be praised from Your Throne of Glory,  
 [all of whom] stand before You  
 and sing before You every day  
 and present acclamation to Your great, mighty, and  
 awesome name  
 For there is none like You in heaven or earth.
15. Blessed are You, YY, the holy God.

(§595): Rabbi Ishmael said: I said to Rabbi Akiba: How  
 can one see above the *Serafim* that stand above the head of  
 RWZYY YWY, God of Israel? He said to me: When I went up to  
 the first Hekhal, I said a prayer and I saw from the Hekhal  
 of the first firmament to the seventh Hekhal. And when I  
 went up to the seventh Hekhal, I mentioned two angels and I

gazed above the *Serafim*; and they are these: SRYD and HGLYN.  
 When I mentioned them, they came and siezed me. They said  
 to me:

"Human being, do not fear!  
 He is a holy King, who is on the throne, high  
 and exalted,  
 and unique and magnificent over the Merkavah."

Then I saw above the *Serafim* that stand above the head of  
 RWZYY YWY God of Israel.

(§596): Prayer of Rabbi Akiba

And this is the prayer:

- 1 Blessed are You, YY, one God  
 who creates His world with His one name  
 who forms everything with one speech.
2. In the heights of heaven You have established Your  
 throne  
 You have placed Your dwelling in Your lofty heights;  
 You have placed Your Merkavah in the upper levels;  
 You have planted Your heaven among the '*Ofanim*  
 of beauty.
3. The Troops of fire glorify Your renown;  
 The *Serafim* of fire sing Your praises;  
 All bear a gentle silence,  
 they say praise as they go  
 they go in awe, they are faint<sup>27</sup> with fear.  
 they are laden with grandeur, to glorify the Creator;  
 they have eyes all over them,  
 their appearance is like the appearance of lightning;  
 their radiance is befitting, their speech is sweet.
4. One facing the other,  
 they bear and express--the pure, bearing Creatures--  
 "Holy, Holy, Holy,"  
 the ministering angels say before You.

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 27. *me'atēfim*. To be read, perhaps, as *me'utāfim*,  
 "enveloped."

5. [Like] the globe of the sun is the character<sup>28</sup> of their faces;  
 Their radiance flashes like the lights of the firmament  
 Their wings are spread, their hands are stretched out;  
 Like the sound of great waters is the sound of their wings;  
 torches of fire burst forth and go out from their eyeballs.
6. with a sound of great commotion they sing song before You  
 They are filled with radiance, they give off splendor.  
 In their going out they are joyful, they are happy in their coming ;  
 their splendor is fitting before the Throne of Glory.  
 In awe and fear they do Your bidding  
 They present praise to Your great, holy, and awesome name.  
 they declare the beauty and glory of the renown of Your Majesty's glory,  
 shouting and singing.
7. For there is none like You, and none like Your priests<sup>29</sup> and none like Your pious, and none like Your great name  
 forever and for all ages:  
 [You] rage at the sea and dries it,<sup>30</sup>  
 [You] look at the earth and it quakes,  
 the whole world quakes from Your might;  
 reviving the dead and raising them up from their dust.
8. Your name is great forever; Your name is magnificent forever;  
 Your name is holy forever.  
 One God, One YY , YH TH HW YHW TH HY, forever, HW YHW is Your name.  
 YY, Your name is forever;  
 YY, Your renown is from generation to generation.
- SRTS Z'N Z'PY YH MQM' NQS NNQWN Y'RD 'BG BG HWY HGG HG  
 HW YW

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28. So MS. M22: *ševa'*. MS. NY 8128: *šeba'*; MS. Oxf. 1531: *novea'*.

29. "None like Your priests" is lacking in MS. M22.

30. Cf. Nahum 1:4.



Your might is forever, Your holiness is forever, Your kingdom is forever in heaven and earth.

10. Therefore, we will bless Your might,  
we will lift up and present acclamation before Your  
Throne of Glory.  
For there is none like You in heaven or earth.
11. Blessed are You, YY, Rock of Eternity.