

THE  
PRAYER OF MANASSES  
KING OF JUDAH,  
WHEN HE WAS HOLDEN CAPTIVE IN BABYLON.

<sup>1</sup> O LORD Almighty, that art in heaven, thou God of our fathers, of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed; <sup>2</sup> who hast made heaven and earth, with all the <sup>\*</sup> ornament thereof; <sup>3</sup> who hast bound the sea by the word of thy commandment; who hast shut up the deep, and sealed it by thy terrible and glorious name; <sup>4</sup> whom all things fear, yea, tremble before thy power; <sup>5</sup> for the majesty of thy glory cannot be borne, and the anger of thy threatening toward sinners is importable: <sup>6</sup> thy merciful promise is unmeasurable and unsearchable; <sup>7</sup> for thou art the Lord Most High, of great compassion, longsuffering and abundant in mercy, and repentest † of bringing evils upon men. <sup>8</sup> ‡Thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodness hast promised repentance and forgiveness to them that have sinned against thee: and of thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance unto sinners, that they may be saved. Thou therefore, O Lord, that art the God of the just, hast not appointed repentance to the just, to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, which have not sinned against thee; but thou hast appointed repentance unto me that am a sinner: <sup>9</sup> for I have sinned above the number of the sands of the sea. My transgressions are multiplied, § O Lord: my transgressions are multiplied, and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of

\* 1:2 Or, order Or, array Gen. ii. 1 (Sept.).

‡ 1:8 The Alex. MS. omits Thou... saved.  
§ 1:9 The Alex. MS. omits O Lord... multiplied.

† 1:7 Gr. of the evils of men.

§ 1:9 The Alex. MS. omits O

heaven for the multitude of mine iniquities. <sup>10</sup> I am bowed down with many iron bands, that I cannot lift up mine head <sup>\*\*</sup>by reason of my sins, neither have I any respite: for I have provoked thy wrath, and done that which is evil before thee: <sup>††</sup>I did not thy will, neither kept I thy commandments: I have set up abominations, and have multiplied <sup>‡‡</sup>detestable things. <sup>11</sup> Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beseeching thee of grace. <sup>12</sup> I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge mine iniquities: <sup>13</sup> but, I humbly beseech thee, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities. Be not angry with me for ever, by reserving evil for me; neither condemn me into the lower parts of the earth. For thou, <sup>§§</sup> O Lord, art the God of them that repent; <sup>14</sup> and in me thou wilt shew all thy goodness: for thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, according to thy great mercy. <sup>15</sup> And I will praise thee for ever all the days of my life: for all the host of heaven doth sing thy praise, and thine is the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> 1:10 Some authorities omit by reason of my sins. <sup>††</sup> 1:10 The Alex. MS. omits I did... commandments. <sup>‡‡</sup> 1:10 Or, stumbling-blocks <sup>§§</sup> 1:13 Another reading is, O God.

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