

She'asah et-haiyam -

The Hebrew blessing said upon seeing seeing an ocean

An ocean represents the vast power of the LORD, indicating His omniscience and omnipotence. When you first see an ocean (or great lake), the following blessing may be said to ascribe glory to God for the work of His hands:



בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,
שָׁעֲשֵׂה אֶת־הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל.

*Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the universe,
Who made the great sea.*

Transliterated:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם.

ha 'o-lam	me-lekh	e lo-hey-nu	'Adonai	'at-tah	ba rukh
<i>the universe</i>	<i>king (of)</i>	<i>our God</i>	<i>Lord</i>	<i>are you</i>	<i>Blessed</i>

שָׁעֲשֵׂה אֶת־הַיָּם הַגָּדוֹל.

hag ga dol	et-hai yam	she-a sah
<i>the great.</i>	<i>the sea</i>	<i>Who made</i>

*Barukh attah Adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam,
she'asah et-haiyam hagadol.*

וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לַיַבֹּשָׁה אֶרֶץ וּלַמְקוּוֹה
הַמַּיִם קָרָא יַמִּים וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים כִּי־טוֹב

*God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering of waters He called Seas.
And God saw that this was good. (Genesis 1:10)*

