

Genesis 20:8-9

וַיִּשְׁכַּם אַבִּימֶלֶךְ בַּבֹּקֶר וַיִּקְרָא לְכָל־עֲבָדָיו וַיְדַבֵּר אֶת־כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים
הָאֵלֶּה בְּאָזְנֵיהֶם וַיִּירָאוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים מְאֹד: 9 וַיִּקְרָא אַבִּימֶלֶךְ לְאַבְרָהָם
וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ מַה־עָשִׂיתָ לָּנוּ וּמַה־חָטַאתִי לָךְ כִּי־הִבֵּאתָ עָלַי
וְעַל־מַמְלַכְתִּי חֲטָאָה גְדֹלָה מִעֲשִׂים אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יַעֲשׂוּ עֲשִׂיתָ עִמָּדִי:

Vocabulary

Verse 8

שָׁכַם verb (*Hiphil waw*-consecutive imperfect 3ms): “rise early”

אֲבִימֶלֶךְ name: “Abimelech”

Verse 9

חַטָּאָה noun: “sin”

Syntax & Misc.

Verse 8

- Sentence Typology 1 (וַיִּשְׁכַּם אַבִּימֶלֶךְ בַּבֹּקֶר): V-S-M
- Sentence Typology 2 (וַיִּקְרָא לְכָל־עֲבָדָיו): V-O
 - The subject continues from the previous clause.
 - וַיִּקְרָא sequenced with לְ oft indicates a request for service from a servant (cf. 2 Kings 4:36; Job 19:16).
- Sentence Typology 3 (וַיְדַבֵּר אֶת־כָּל־הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה בְּאָזְנֵיהֶם): V-O-M
 - The demonstrative, אֵלֶּה, modifies the preceding noun as an adjective agreeing in gender, number and definiteness.
- Sentence Typology 4 (וַיִּירָאוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים מְאֹד): V-S-M
 - The final clause shifts subjects to the ones previously spoken to.

Verse 9

- Sentence Typology 1 (וַיִּקְרָא אַבִּימֶלֶךְ לְאַבְרָהָם): V-S-IO-[O]
 - The object is found in the second clause.
- Sentence Typology 1 (וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ מַה־עָשִׂיתָ לָּנוּ וּמַה־חָטַאתִי לָךְ כִּי־הִבֵּאתָ עָלַי): V-IO-O
 - The object is direct speech.
- Embedded Typology 1 (מַה־עָשִׂיתָ לָּנוּ): O-V-M
 - The particle מַה could indicate an interrogative, “What have you done to us?”, or exclamation, “Oh what you have done to us!” (GKC 148b).
- Embedded Typology 2 (וּמַה־חָטַאתִי לָךְ): O-V-M
- Embedded Typology 3 (כִּי־הִבֵּאתָ עָלַי וְעַל־מַמְלַכְתִּי חֲטָאָה גְדֹלָה): V-M-O
 - The causative (*Hiphil*) stem of בּוֹא means to “cause to come” or “bring.”
- Embedded Typology 4 (מִעֲשִׂים אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יַעֲשׂוּ עֲשִׂיתָ עִמָּדִי): O-V-M

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- The asyndetic clause further explains the חטאה גדלה “great sin” of the previous clause.
- The Niphal imperfect of עשה is functioning as a jussive.
- Embedded Typology 5 (אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יַעֲשֶׂהוּ): O-V