

# BLESSINGS: NATURAL PHENOMENA

## BLESSINGS: COMETS

### Blessings: Comets: How Often

Say *oseh ma'aseh v'reishit* only once per comet.

## BLESSINGS: EARTHQUAKES

### Blessings: Earthquakes: Cycle of Earthquakes

Say *she'kocho u'gvurato malei olam* or *oseh ma'aseh v'reishit* (either is correct) once per earthquake. Don't say the blessing on aftershocks.

**NOTE** One cycle of quakes and aftershocks is still considered just one earthquake, even if it lasts more than one day.

## BLESSING: ECLIPSES

### Blessings: Eclipses: Solar and Lunar Eclipses

There is no blessing for eclipses.

## BLESSINGS: METEORS

### Blessings: Meteors: How Often

Say *oseh ma'aseh v'reishit* once per night.

## BLESSINGS: MOUNTAINS

### Blessings: Mountains Renown for Their Height

Say *oseh ma'aseh v'reishit* once per month on mountains, but only on very large mountains that are famous for their height and that you have not seen within 30 days.

## BLESSINGS: OCEANS

### Blessings:

Say *she'asa et ha'yam ha'gadol* when you can see an ocean or the Mediterranean sea, but only:

- While you are present, and
- After not having seen it for at least 30 days.

**NOTE** If you forgot to say it and returned the next day, you may not say the blessing.

## BLESSINGS: RAINBOWS

### Blessings: Rainbows: Looking and Blessing

The blessing over rainbows is *zocheir ha'brit v'ne'eman bi'vruto, v'kayam b'ma'amaro*.

**NOTE** You may not gaze at a rainbow, but you may look at it for up to 2.5 seconds, then look away, and then look back repeatedly an unlimited number of times.

**NOTE** Don't tell other people that a rainbow is visible. But if they see you looking or hear you saying the blessing, you may tell them that there is a rainbow and you may tell them the correct blessing to say.

# BLESSINGS: STORMS

## Blessings: Thunder

Say the blessing *she'kocho u'gvurato malei olam* if you hear thunder. (See [Blessings: Thunder/Lightning: Which First](#))

## Blessings: Lightning

Start saying the blessing *oseh ma'aseh v'reishit* within 2 ½ seconds of seeing a lightning flash; otherwise, do not say the blessing at all.

**NOTE** You do not need to see the actual lightning bolt--you must just see the light from lightning, even if reflected from something.

**NOTE** The lightning must be from a rainstorm, but you may say the blessing on lightning even if it is not raining where you are, as long as you can hear thunder first. (See [Blessings: Thunder/Lightning: Which First](#) and [Blessings: Thunder/Lightning: How Often](#))

## Blessings: Thunder/Lightning: Which First

Always say *she'kocho u'gvurato malei olam* (on thunder) before *oseh ma'aseh v'reishit* (on lightning.)  
If you see lightning but don't hear thunder, do not say *oseh ma'aseh v'reishit* at all.

## Blessings: Thunder/Lightning: How Often

Say *she'kocho u'gvurato malei olam* (on thunder) and *oseh ma'aseh v'reishit* (on lightning) only once per storm. If you hear thunder over telephone or microphone, you may not say *kocho u'gvurato*.

**NOTE** If the storm clouds clear and another storm comes along, you may say blessings again, even on the same day.