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'vrito, 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 lighting 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.

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