

## Hear Ye, Israel

Aria for soprano from the oratorio *Elijah*

English translation by *William Bartholomew* (1793–1867) of the original German text by *Julius Schubring* (1806–1889), based on the Book of Kings and the psalms.

Set by *Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy* (1809–1847), op.70

**Hear ye, Israel,**  
[hɪɹ̩ jɪ 'ɪz.ɪ.əl]

**hear what the Lord speaketh:**  
[hɪɹ̩ wɒt ðə lɔːd 'spi:kɪθ]

Oh, hadst thou heeded my commandments'  
Who hath believed our report!  
To whom is the arm of the Lord revealed!  
Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel,  
and His Holy One to him oppressed by tyrants,  
thus saith the Lord:  
I am He that comforteth!  
Be not afraid, for I am thy God!  
I, the Lord (thy God,) will strengthen thee!  
Say, who art thou,  
that thou art afraid of a man that shall die?  
and forgettest the Lord thy Maker,  
who hath stretched forth the heavens,  
and laid the earth's foundations?  
Say, who art thou!  
I am He that comforteth!  
Be not afraid, for I am thy God!  
I, the Lord (thy God,) will strengthen thee!

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