

The Curse against Baruch Spinoza

The said Espinoza should be excommunicated and expelled from the people of Israel. By the decree of the angels and by the command of the holy men, we excommunicate, expel, curse and damn Baruch de Espinoza, with the consent of God, Blessed be He, and with the consent of all the holy congregation..... Cursed be he by day and cursed be he by night; cursed be he when he lies down and cursed be he when he rises up. Cursed be he when he goes out and cursed be he when he comes in. The Lord will not spare him.... The anger and wrath of the Lord will rage against this man and bring upon him all the curses which are written in this book. And the Lord will blot out his name from under heaven. And the Lord will separate him to his injury from all the tribes of Israel with all the curses of the covenant which are written in the Book of the Law.

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