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For the attention of:

Rabbi Yaakov Pinsky, Shlita
and The Illustrated Navi Project

I was delighted to see the profound and thoughtful effort invested in the “Illustrated Tanach Project”, shortly to be published, in Lashon HaKodesh (the Holy Tongue). The aim is to clarify and make the study of the books of Nevi’im more palpable in accordance with the words of Chazal, including the early and later commentators. “Artistic workmanship”, as defined regarding the craftsmanship of the Mishkan, includes both the work of the craftsman and also all of the inner depth inherent in the structure of Hashem’s Mishkan, as Dovid said to Shlomo his son (Divrei HaYamim I, 28:19): “All is written down, under the inspiration of Hashem given me to understand”, meaning one must contemplate deeply to bring out Hashem’s edifice from its written form to its corporeality.

It is also evident from the sample pages before us that the publishers endeavored with wisdom to bring the words of the prophets with the commentaries of Chazal from written material to the tangible, as they consistently include the actual words of Chazal on the verses, whilst including references and sources for both insight and depth. This book has great importance that G-d-fearing and understanding people are the ones responsible for the text and indeed the entire project, in particular concerning the youth who will read it, as writings for them are within the framework of ‘writing on smooth paper’ and is therefore essential that their initial impression of the words of the Nevi’im be received in the authentic way of Chazal.

I bless you that it be the will of Hashem to have continued success with your work, expanding and glorifying the Torah, and I am sure that many will find within it the love of their soul, as was the case in the previous editions for those outside of Eretz Yisrael. In the merit of this effort, may we realize the vision of the prophets for the imminent redemption of Israel.

With Torah blessings,

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