

Midrash V'era ("And I Appeared")
Exodus 6:2 – 9:35

God's Promise of Deliverance

Exodus 6:2-13

Your Name is more than what you are called – it's about your authority & destiny

God made promises to the Fathers as אֱלֹהֵי שַׁדַּי *El Shaddai* (The God Who Provides)

But now we see Him keeping those promises!

Moses will "know" Him by His name: יְהוָה ("Self-Existent" & "Eternal One")

The One Who will perform never-before-seen miracles!!

Israel will "know" Him by His actions!!

First the "Finger of God" in Exodus 8:19

Then the "Hand of God" in Exodus 14

God's 7 "I Wills":

Exodus 6:6-8

I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians (**1st Cup – Sanctification**)

I will rescue you from your bondage (**2nd Cup – Deliverance**)

I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments (**3rd Cup – Redemption**)

I will take you as My people (**4th Cup – Restoration**)

I will be your God

I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

I will give it to you as a heritage

Other "I Will" statements: Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12 & 17

The New Covenant

Jeremiah 31

The Fallen Angel (Lucifer)

Isaiah 14

The Descendants of Israel

Exodus 6:14-27

This is a partial list:

Reuben
Simeon
Levi

} Story of redemption begins with Moses & Aaron

Aaron to Speak for Moses

Exodus 6:28 – 7:7

Moses represented God before Pharaoh; Aaron was his prophet

One who speaks what God tells him to say – not necessarily predicting future events

God hardens Pharaoh's heart to show His Might:

קָשָׁה *kesheh* - toughen or harden

Exodus 7:3

חֲזַק *chezak* – strengthen (resilient to the suffering at hand)

Exodus 7:13

כָּבֵד *kaved* – heavy (make stubborn)

Exodus 7:14

Other hearts hardened: *Sihon King of Heshbon*

Deut 2:30

Hivites

Joshua 11:19-20

Judas

Matt 18:7

Our Enemies

Rev 17:17

What about us today?

Romans 9:17-18

The Rod Becomes a Serpent

Exodus 7:8-13

"serpent" תַּנִּין *tannin* – crocodile or river monster – **Identified with Pharaoh**

Ezek 29:2-4 & 6

not נָחָשׁ *nachash*, serpent – from the first time in chapter 4

Pharaoh's sorcerers used "secret arts" to "duplicate" God's Miracles

Jannes & Jambres

II Timothy 3:8

"Withstand" = Imitation

Imitation also in the End Time

Rev 13:11-17

Pharaoh has 2 "imitating" witnesses – so will the Anti-messiah

Rev 11

Aaron's rod swallowing Pharaoh's rod ⇨ Red Sea swallowing Pharaoh!

The Plagues show that the God of Israel is greater than all the Egyptian gods

God's Wrath for Destruction: Noah's Flood
Destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah

God's Wrath for Repentance: The Egyptian Plagues
Trumpet & Bowl Judgments of Revelation

#1 Water Turns to Blood דָּחַם *dahm*

Exodus 7:14 – 8:1

Nile worshipped as a god – 1st to be attacked by God
The innocent blood of Hebrew male babies??
No water & no food (fish)!

} Compare to
Revelation 16:3-4

When Yeshua turned water into wine the people paid attention!

#2 Plague of Frogs צְפַרְדֵּי *tsfardea*

Exodus 8:2-15

Heket - Egyptian goddess of fertility, water & renewal

First plague showed that the Nile was not a god
This plague showed it was God's servant by giving frogs

} Compare to
Revelation 16:12-14

#3 Plague of Lice כְּנָם *kenim*

Exodus 8:16-19

Geb – Egyptian god of the earth

Came from dust of the Earth – Abrahamic covenant
Perhaps the result of rotting frog carcasses??

Pharaoh's sorcerers could not duplicate this:

Lice infestation made them unclean & unable to worship their gods
"This is the finger of God."

Compare to God's Finger in Daniel 5

#4 Swarms (of Flies) אָרוֹב *arov* "mixed" (where we get "Arab")

Exodus 8:20-24

Khepri – Egyptian god of creation & movement of the sun

Various opinions: flies, beetles, scarabs, mixture of wild beasts

Ezek 5:17; 29:5 & 32:4

Starting with 4th Plague, the Land of Goshen is exempted

Pharaoh's Compromise

Exodus 8:25-32

They can go ... but must stay within Egyptian borders

Moses objects: unlawful to sacrifice sheep in Egypt ⇔ Stoning!

#5 Death of Egyptian Cattle דֵּבַר *dever*

Exodus 9:1-7

Hathor – Egyptian goddess of love & perfection

Combine separate into one

"Tomorrow the LORD shall do this thing דָּבָר (davar) in the land."

This plague, combined with the others, got Pharaoh's attention: God says, "I Am יְהוָה"

#6 Plague of Boils & Blisters שִׁחִינַן *sh'chiyn*

Exodus 9:8-12

Isis – Egyptian goddess of medicine & peace

Compare to Revelation 16:2

#7 Plague of Hail & Fire בָּרָד *barad*

Exodus 9:13-35

Nut – Egyptian goddess of the sky

Only יְהוָה could get 2 opposing gods to work together - **This changed everything!**

Pharaoh told he could have been killed, but God allowed him to live this long for this purpose

Compare to Revelation 8:7

Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Babylon's defeat of Egypt

Brit Chadashah: Revelation 6:15-17

Hardening of hearts in the End Time!