

Torah Cycle 2018-19

Parshah: Va'eira

(Exodus 6:2 – 9:35)

Outline of Va'eira

- Ch. 6 – God reveals His name a second time
Family tree of Levi
- Ch. 7 – Moses & Aaron in Pharaoh's court
Plagues #1 and #2
- Ch. 8 – Plagues #3 and #4
Pharaoh's first two compromises
- Ch. 9 – Plagues #5, #6 and #7

Exodus 6:2-3

God spoke further to Moses and said to him, "I am **Adonai** [ה-ו-ה-י], and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as **El Shaddai**, but *by* My name, ה-ו-ה-י, I did not make Myself known to them."

Genesis 15:7 And He said to [Abraham], "I am **Adonai** [ה-ו-ה-י] who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess it."



Exodus 3:13-16

Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I will say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘What is His name?’ What shall I say to them?”

God said to Moses...

אהיה אשר אהיה
(eiyeh asher eiyeh) (1st person)

And He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel...

אהיה

...has sent me to you.” God, furthermore, said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel...

יהוה (3rd person)

... the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations. Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'יהוה, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, "I am indeed concerned about you and what has been done to you in Egypt."'

יהוה

Verb

היה = "was"

(הוה) = "is"

יהי = "will be"



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"Water"

אלהים (Elohim) – Strict Justice

→ **יהוה** (YHVH) – Mercy

Plague #7 = “All My Plagues”

- Longest introduction of all the plagues
- ***“For this time I will send all My plagues upon your heart...”*** (9:14)
- ***“... in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.”*** (9:16)
- ***“the field”*** mentioned 7x
- God reveals His mercy and strict judgment through a warning. (9:19-21)
- ***“So there was **hail**, and **fire** flashing continually in the midst of the hail...”*** (9:24)
- Hail foretold, but fire hidden
- Pharaoh confesses ***“I have sinned this time. Adonai is the Righteous One, and I and my people are the wicked ones.”*** (9:27)
- Only use of ***“YHVH [יהוה-י] Elohim”*** in Exodus (9:30)

Let's Make a Deal!

#1 – “Bring offerings to your God *in* the land.” (8:21)

#2 – “Go, but not too far.” (8:24)