

## Parashah 14 Va'era - אָרְבָּבָה



### "I appeared"

#### Torah: Sh'mot (Exodus) 6:2-9:35

- Aliyah 1 - 6:2- 13 Adonai repeats His covenant of the land; the people are discouraged
- Aliyah 2 - 6:14 - 28 Family leaders of Re'uven, Shim'on and Levi listed including Moshe and Aharon
- Aliyah 3 - 6:29 - 7:7 God sends Moshe and Aharon to Pharaoh again; they obey; age 80 and 83
- Aliyah 4 - 7:8 - 8:6 Signs: Snake, blood, frogs; his magicians do the same
- Aliyah 5 - 8:7 - 18 Signs: Lice- Pharaoh's magicians cannot duplicate, recognize the finger of God
- Aliyah 6 - 8:19 - 9:16 Signs: Swarms, death of livestock, boils - people of Israel not affected
- Aliyah 7 - 9:17 - 35 Signs: Hail - destroys livestock and crops; Pharaoh heart hardened

#### Haftarah: Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 28:25-29:21

#### B'rit Hadashah: Romans 9:14-24

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1. Why was Pharaoh opposed to letting the Hebrew people go for just three days? What does he have to lose in this situation besides three days of production?
2. This portion opens with God responding to Moshe's complaints. Has Moshe complained before? What is the difference between, arguing/complaining, and rebellion?
3. (6:3-4) In B'resheet 12:8 and 13:4 Avraham called on the name of the LORD. In B'resheet 14:22 he swears an oath on his name. What did God mean when he said "I did not make myself known to them by my name?"
4. (6:6-7) How many cups of wine are used in a traditional Passover Seder? Can you name them? To what promises does each of these cups correspond?
5. (7:1-2) What is Aharon's role? What is the biblical meaning of the term, "prophet?"
6. (8:19) What statement is used by the magicians of Egypt to concede defeat? How did Yeshua use similar terminology? Is there a parallel here? (see Luke 11:20-22)
7. (6:14-27) How does the genealogy fit into the narrative. Is it a complete genealogy? What would this indicate?

8. (7:3) It is obvious that Pharaoh's heart was “hardened” during this time. Who did the “hardening?” What does this suggest regarding the hardening of one's own heart and having one's heart hardened by God?
9. (7:5) How does God reveal His name through the plagues in this portion? (8:10, 8:22, 9:16)

**Questions for reflection and application:**

1. (6:2) Does God speak to you? Do you answer and obey - even if you don't like what you hear? (Num 12:7-8, 1Sa 13:13, Mat 23:13, Heb 12:6-7, Job 5:17-18, Pro 3:11-12, Rev 3:19)
2. (6:14) How important is your “lineage?” Are you a leader in your clan? What does Yeshua's lineage prove? (Mat 1, Luk 3, Gen 49:10, 1Ch 17:14, Isa 11:1, Act 2:36, Psa 2:1-12, Heb 1:1-5)
3. (6:29) By what authority do you speak and act? Has God called you, and equipped you to speak for Him? (Mat 21:23, Mat 10:40-42, Zec 14:9)
4. (7:9) Do you ever step beyond your position or authority as a believer? Can you trust God to do what only He can do? (Isa 64:1-2, Isa 8:16-18, Rom 8:35-39)
5. (8:7) Do you act confidently in what God has set before you to do? What can you do to build up your faith and discernment? (Mar 11:23-24, Mat 17:20, Mat 21:21, Luk 17:6, Eze 13:1-3, Luk 11:9-13)
6. (8:19) What sets you apart from non-believers in Yeshua? Does your life prove this? (Joh 17:11, Isa 56:3-7, Eph 2:11-13)
7. Are you choosing to break the abusive patterns in your life (and past!) that need to be broken? (Ecc 5:1, Isa 1:18, 1Sa 2:35, 2Ti 2:22, 1Co 6:18, Ecc 11:9-10, 3Jo 11)