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Va’era

“And I Appeared”

Exodus 6:2-9:35

Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Luke 11:14-22



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First Service: 9:00 AM – 11:15 AM

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TORAH PORTION

Exodus 4:2,3 The LORD said to him, What is that in your hand? He said, A staff. And he said, Throw it on the ground. **So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it.**

Exodus 5:18-21 Go now and work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the same number of bricks. The foremen of the people of Israel saw that they were in trouble when they said, You shall by no means reduce your number of bricks, your daily task each day. They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh, and they said to them, The LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.

Exodus 6:2,3 The **LORD** said to Moses, Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh, for by a strong hand he shall let them go, and by a strong hand he shall drive them out of his land. **God** spoke to Moses, and said to him, I am the LORD, and I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty; but by my name the LORD I was not known to them.

Genesis 12:7,8 And the **LORD appeared to Abram**, and said, To your seed will **I give this land**: And there built he an altar unto the LORD, **who appeared** to him. And he removed from there to a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: And there he built an altar to **the LORD**, and **called upon the name of the LORD**.

Genesis 17:1,2 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, **I am God Almighty**, walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.

Genesis 26:1,2 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Abimelech king of the Philistines to Gerar. And **the LORD**

appeared to him, and said, Go not down into Egypt, dwell in the land which I shall tell you of.

Genesis 28:12,13 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: And behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, **the LORD** stood above it, and said, **I am the LORD God of Abraham your father**, and **the God of Isaac**: The land where on you lie, to you will I give it, and to thy seed.

Exodus 6:6,7a Say therefore to the people of Israel, I am the Lord, and **I will bring you out from under the burdens** of the Egyptians, and **I will deliver you from slavery to them**, and **I will redeem you** with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. **I will take you to be my people.**

Psalm 116:13 I will take the **cup of salvations**, and **call on the name of the LORD.**

Exodus 7:5 And the Egyptians shall know that **I am the LORD**, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

Exodus 7:8-10 Then the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, When Pharaoh says to you, Prove yourselves by working a miracle, then you shall say to Aaron, Take your staff and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it may become a **serpent**. So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. **Aaron cast down his staff** before Pharaoh and his servants, and it became a **serpent**.

Exodus 7:12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

Exodus 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast, and **on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.**

Ezekiel 28:25,26 Thus said the Lord GOD, When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob. And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards, yes, they shall dwell with confidence, when **I have executed judgments** on all those that despise them round about them, and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.

Exodus 7:20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded, and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants, and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

Considering the death of the children - Death of the Nile god

Exodus 8:1-3 And this is what the Lord said to Moses: Go to Pharaoh and say to him, The Lord says, Let my people go so that they may give me worship. And if you will not let them go, see, I will send frogs into every part of your land: The Nile will be full of frogs, and they will come up into your house and into your **bedrooms and on your bed**, and into the houses of your servants and your people, and into your ovens and into your bread-basins.

Exodus 8:6,7 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the **frogs came up**, and covered the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and **brought up frogs over the land of Egypt.**

Exodus 8:8 Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron and said, Make prayer to the Lord that he will take away these frogs from me and my people, and I will let the people go and make their offering to the Lord.

Exodus 8:9 And Moses said, I will let you have the honor of saying when I am to make prayer for you and your servants and your people, that the frogs may be sent away from you and your houses, and be only in the Nile.

Exodus 8:6,7 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And they did so, for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast, all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

Exodus 8:19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, **This is the finger of God**: And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them, as the Lord had said.

Exodus 8:20,21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, lo, he cometh forth to the water, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: And the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.

Exodus 8:25,26 And Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron and said, Go and make your offering to your God here in the land. And Moses said, It is not right to do so, for we make our offerings of that to which the Egyptians give worship, and if we do so before their eyes, certainly we will be stoned.

Exodus 9:3 Behold, the hand of the LORD will fall with a very severe plague upon your livestock that are in the field, the horses, the donkeys, the camels, the herds, and the flocks.

Exodus 9:8 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, Take handfuls of soot from the kiln, and let Moses throw them in the air in the sight of Pharaoh. It shall become fine dust over all the land of Egypt and become boils breaking out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt.

Exodus 9:23,24 Then Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. There was hail

and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

Exodus 9:34 But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet again and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

NEW MOONS SHEVAT AND ADAR ASHER AND NAPHTALI

Deuteronomy 1:3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in commandment unto them.

Zechariah 1:7,8 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shevat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom, and behind him were there red horses, speckled, and white.

Genesis 30:12,13 And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a second son. And Leah said, **Happy** am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: And she called his name **Asher**.

Genesis 49:20 Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

Deuteronomy 33:24,25 And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children, let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him dip his **foot in oil**. Thy shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

Tu B'shevat New year of the trees

Leviticus 19:23-25 And when you have come into the land, and have put in all sorts of fruit-trees, their fruit will be as if they had not had circumcision, and for three years their fruit may not be used for food. And in the fourth year all the fruit will be holy as a praise-offering to the Lord. But in the fifth year you may take the fruit and the increase of it for your food: I am the Lord your God.

The seven species are wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates.

Deuteronomy 6:6-8 Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills, A land of wheat, and barley, and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates, a land of oil olive, and honey.

(Date) Spring when things begin to blossom Almonds become the 8th species as they are the first to blossom at TuB'shevat!

Jeremiah 1:9-12 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: For I will hasten my word to perform it.

God speaks again to Jeremiah asking him what he is seeing, and he sees a rod of an almond tree. The LORD confirms he is correct declaring that He is watching over His word to perform it. Unless you know Hebrew, you miss the play on words

1 Chronicles 7:40 All these were the children of Asher, heads of their father's house, choice and mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that **were apt to the war and to battle was twenty and six thousand men.**

1 Chronicles 12:36 And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand.

2 Chronicles 28:20-25 And Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not. For **Ahaz** took away a portion out of the house of the LORD, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: But he helped him not. And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against the LORD: This is that king Ahaz. For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel. And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

2 Chronicles 29:1-3 **Hezekiah** began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. He **in the first year of his reign, in the first month**, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.

2 Chronicles 29:17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: So they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days, and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

2 Chronicles 30:2,3 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

2 Chronicles 30:6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria.

2 Chronicles 30:8 Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified forever: And serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you.

2 Chronicles 30:10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: **But they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.**

2 Chronicles 30:11 Nevertheless divers of **Asher** and Manasseh and of Zebulun **humbled themselves**, and came to Jerusalem. Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.

Stone Chrysolite

ADAR - NAPHTALI

Genesis 30:7 And Bilhah Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. And Rachel said, With great **wrestlings** have I wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed: And she called his name **Naphtali**.

Jeremiah 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: It is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it. Therefore the trouble itself is what will save him out of it! Saved from her from Haman! It was Haman himself who said Vashti should be put to death allowing Esther to become Queen!!

Judges 4:10,11 And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh, and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: And Deborah went up with him. Now Heber the Kenite, which was of the children of

Hobab the father in law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, which is by Kedesh.

2 Kings 25:27 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the **twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month**, that Evil Merodach king of Babylon in the year that he began to reign did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison.

Esther 3:13 And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, **to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews**, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the **thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar**, and to take the spoil of them for a prey.

Esther 9:26-28 Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them, The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year, And that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city, and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

Ezekiel 32:1 And it came to pass in the **twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month**, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation for **Pharaoh king of Egypt**.

Ezekiel 32:17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the **fifteenth day of the month**, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, **wail for the multitude of Egypt**, and cast them down, even her, **and the daughters of the famous nations**, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

Genesis 49:21 Naphtali is a hind let loose: he giveth goodly words.

Psalm 42:1,2 As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: When shall I come and appear before God?

Deuteronomy 33:23 And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD: Possess thou the west and the south.

Numbers 2:29 Then the tribe of Naphtali: And the captain of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan.

Judges 5:18 Zebulun and Naphtali were a people that jeopardated their lives unto the death in the high places of the field.

Matthew 4:3-16 And going away from Nazareth, he came and made his living-place in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the country of Zebulun and Naphtali: So that the word of the prophet Isaiah might come true, The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, The people who were in the dark saw a great light, and to those in the land of the shade of death did the dawn come up.

Matthew 17:24-27 And when they had come to Capernaum, those who took the Temple tax came to Peter and said, Does not your master make payment of the Temple tax? He says, Yes. And when he came into the house, Jesus said to him, What is your opinion, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth get payment or tax? From their sons or from other people? And when he said, From other people, Jesus said to him, Then are the sons free. But, so that we may not be a cause of trouble to them, go to the sea, and let down a hook, and take the first fish which comes up; and in his mouth you will see a bit of money: Take that, and give it to them for me and you.

<u>Announcements</u>	
Tuesday	Prayer Team meets for prayer and Worship 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM.
Thursday	Manna Time – Senior Torah Study 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM.
Saturday	Torah Club will be held after services at 2:30 PM.
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