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*Va'era*

*“And He Appeared”*

Exodus 6:2-9:35

Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Luke 11:14-22



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## TORAH PORTION

**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.

**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,

**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.

**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 8:20,21** 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.

## 1 KINGS 18

**1 Kings 18:1,2** And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab, and I will send rain upon the earth. And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And there was a sore famine in Samaria.

**1 Kings 18:3,4** And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly: For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)

**1 Kings 18:5,6** And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: Peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts. So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself.

**1 Kings 18:7-12** And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: And he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Elijah? And he answered him, I am: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here. And he said, What have I sinned, that thou would deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me? As the LORD thy God lives, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not there, he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not. And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here. **And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me:** But I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

**1 Kings 18:13-16** Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here: And he shall slay me. And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to day. So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

**1 Kings 18:19,20** Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto Mount Carmel.

**1 Kings 18:21-24** And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow him: But if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD, but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks, and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: And I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on

the name of the LORD: And the God that answereth by fire, let him be God.

**1 Kings 18:26-29** And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: For he is a god, either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

**1 Kings 18:33-36** And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

**1 Kings 18:37-39** Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: And they said, The LORD, he is the God, the LORD, he is the God.

**1 Kings 18:40-46** And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal, let not one of them escape. And they took them: And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there. And

Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink, for there is a sound of abundance of rain. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel, and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

**1 Kings 19:1-4** And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: And he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough, now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers.

### Announcements

Tuesday	Prayer Team meets for prayer and Worship 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM.
Thursday	Manna Time is held at El Shaddai Ministries from 10:00 am –11:30.
Saturday	Torah Club will be held after services at 2:30 PM.
Pre-Order Volume 2	We are so excited to announce Acts to Revelations, Volume 2 of the Gospels is available for Pre-Order on line to ship and for local pick up. If ordering for local pick please call the office at 253-862-8010 to place over the phone or it can be placed in person at the office.

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Saudi Arabia Trip	Join us for an amazing tour to Saudi Arabia, April 5 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> 2026 to tour the altar of the golden calf, Mt. Sinai, the well of Moses, and more! Contact Giomi Emerson at <a href="mailto:giomi@esm.us">giomi@esm.us</a> for more information or call at 253-862-8010 ext: 112.	
Israel Trip 2026	We are off to Israel for 2026!! Join us for an amazing tour of Israel with Pastor Mark, October 17 – 28, 2026! We will be visiting Caesarea, Galilee, City of David, Shiloh, Jerusalem and much more!! Contact Giomi Emerson at <a href="mailto:giomi@esm.us">giomi@esm.us</a> or 253-862-8010 ext: 112. We would so love to have you with us to be impacted by Israel and His Land!	

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