

Torah Portion Va'era (Exodus 6:2-9:35)

(The Name of God, YeHoVah, appears as LORD 72 times in the English translation of Parsha Va'era)

Names of God, restored by Shawn L. Ozbun within the KJV text. Footnotes by Shawn L. Ozbun

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² And Elohim spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am YeHoVah:

³ And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of Elohim Shaddai, but by my name YeHoVah was I not known to them. ¹

⁴ And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers.

⁵ And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Yis'rael, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶ Wherefore say unto the children of Yis'rael, I am YeHoVah, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:

⁷ And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a Elohim: and ye shall know that I am YeHoVah your Elohim, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

¹ Here God is making the point that while he was known as God Almighty to Abraham and Isaac, He has decided to be more intimate with Moses and Israel by revealing His true Holy Name. Almost all modern English Bibles use the word LORD for God's name (יהוה) throughout the old covenant scriptures. To the credit of the King James Bible, they have translated God's name properly in a handful of verses, starting in Exodus 6:3.

⁸ And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am YeHoVah.

⁹ And Moses spake so unto the children of Yis'rael: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

¹⁰ And YeHoVah spake unto Moses, saying,

¹¹ Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Yis'rael go out of his land.

¹² And Moses spake before YeHoVah, saying, Behold, the children of Yis'rael have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips? ²

¹³ And YeHoVah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Yis'rael, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Yis'rael out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ These be the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reuben the firstborn of Yis'rael; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi: these be the families of Reuben.

¹⁵ And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman: these are the families of Simeon.

¹⁶ And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were an hundred thirty and seven years.

² uncircumcised lips? ²(*uncircumcised lips simply means, unskilled speech*)

¹⁷ The sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimi, according to their families.

¹⁸ And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and three years.

¹⁹ And the sons of Merari; Mahali and Mushi: these are the families of Levi according to their generations.

²⁰ And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years.

²¹ And the sons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri.

²² And the sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri.

²³ And Aaron took him Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Naashon, to wife; and she bare him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

²⁴ And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph: these are the families of the Korhites.

²⁵ And Eleazar Aaron's son took him one of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bare him Phinehas: these are the heads of the fathers of the Levites according to their families.

²⁶ These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom YeHoVah said, Bring out the children of Yis'rael from the land of Egypt according to their armies.

²⁷ These are they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Yis'rael from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron.

²⁸ And it came to pass on the day when YeHoVah spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt,

²⁹ That YeHoVah spake unto Moses, saying, I am YeHoVah: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say unto thee.

³⁰ And Moses said before YeHoVah, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

7 And YeHoVah said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a Elohim to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

² Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Yis'rael out of his land.

³ And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

⁴ But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Yis'rael, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.

⁵ And the Egyptians shall know that I am YeHoVah, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Yis'rael from among them.

⁶ And Moses and Aaron did as YeHoVah commanded them, so did they.

⁷ And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh. ³

⁸ And YeHoVah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

⁹ When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent.

¹⁰ And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as YeHoVah had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent.

³ Moses was eighty years old and Aaron was eighty-three

¹¹ Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. ⁴

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

¹³ And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as YeHoVah had said.

¹⁴ And YeHoVah said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go.

¹⁵ Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand.

¹⁶ And thou shalt say unto him, YeHoVah Elohai of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear.

¹⁷ Thus saith YeHoVah, In this thou shalt know that I am YeHoVah: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

¹⁸ And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river.

¹⁹ And YeHoVah spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

²⁰ And Moses and Aaron did so, as YeHoVah commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh,

⁴ These sorcerers were those who practiced witchcraft and sorcery. The magicians used writing, symbols and astrology as their source for magic.

and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood.

²¹ And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

²² And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as YeHoVah had said.

²³ And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

²⁴ And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river.

²⁵ And seven days were fulfilled, after that YeHoVah had smitten the river.

8 And YeHoVah spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith YeHoVah, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

² And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs:

³ And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs:

⁴ And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.

⁵ And YeHoVah spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.

⁶ And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.

⁷ And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

⁸ Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat YeHoVah, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto YeHoVah.

⁹ And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only?

¹⁰ And he said, To morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that there is none like unto YeHoVah our Elohaynu.

¹¹ And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only.

¹² And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto YeHoVah because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh.

¹³ And YeHoVah did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields.

¹⁴ And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank.

¹⁵ But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as YeHoVah had said.

¹⁶ And YeHoVah 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.

¹⁷ 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.

¹⁸ And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast.

¹⁹ Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of Elohim: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as YeHoVah had said.

²⁰ And YeHoVah 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 YeHoVah, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

²¹ 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.

²² And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am YeHoVah in the midst of the earth.

²³ And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.

²⁴ And YeHoVah did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies.

²⁵ And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your Elohim in the land.

²⁶ And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to YeHoVah Elohaynu: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

²⁷ We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to YeHoVah Elohaynu, as he shall command us.

²⁸ And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to YeHoVah Elo-hi-kah in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

²⁹ And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat YeHoVah that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to YeHoVah.

³⁰ And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated YeHoVah.

³¹ And YeHoVah did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.

³² And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

9 Then YeHoVah said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith YeHoVah Elohai of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

² For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still,

³ Behold, the hand of YeHoVah is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous murrain.

⁴ And YeHoVah shall sever between the cattle of Yis'rael and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Yis'rael.

⁵ And YeHoVah appointed a set time, saying, To morrow YeHoVah shall do this thing in the land.

⁶ And YeHoVah did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Yis'rael died not one.

⁷ And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Yis'raelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

⁸ And YeHoVah said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.

⁹ And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

¹⁰ And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast.

¹¹ And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

¹² And YeHoVah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as YeHoVah had spoken unto Moses.

¹³ And YeHoVah said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith YeHoVah Elohai of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

¹⁴ For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth.

¹⁵ For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

¹⁶ And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

¹⁷ As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

¹⁸ Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

¹⁹ Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

²⁰ He that feared the word of YeHoVah among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses:

²¹ And he that regarded not the word of YeHoVah left his servants and his cattle in the field.

²² And YeHoVah said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

²³ And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and YeHoVah sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and YeHoVah rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

²⁴ So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

²⁵ And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

²⁶ Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Yis'rael were, was there no hail.

²⁷ And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: YeHoVah is righteous, and I and my people are wicked.

²⁸ Intreat YeHoVah (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

²⁹ And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto YeHoVah; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is YeHoVah's.

³⁰ But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear YeHoVah Elohim.

³¹ And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was balled.

³² But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they were not grown up.

³³ And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto YeHoVah: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

³⁴ And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

³⁵ And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Yis'rael go; as YeHoVah had spoken by Moses.