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VaEra

Exodus 6:2-10: The Ten plagues

Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21: Pharaoh, the super power

God spoke to *Moshe*; he said to him, "I am Adonai. I appeared va'era **וַאֲרָא** to *Avraham*, *Yitzchak* and *Yaakov* as El Shaddai, although I did not make myself known to them by my name, Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh.
(ADONAI) Exodus 6:2-3

G-d announces that He will now manifest Himself in a new way in this spiritual warfare. He will reveal a new aspect of His essence, to His people but also to occult Egypt and this highly civilized world. The related Haftarah brings light on Pharaoh's motivations and his deserved judgment.

Speak out; and say that ADONAI ELOHIM says: 'I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, you big crocodile lying in the streams of the Nile! You say, "My Nile is mine; I made it for myself." Ezekiel 29:3

Geographically, Egypt had this privilege, first of all not to be submitted to many invasions due to its natural barriers and to have a very fertile soil because of the rising of the Nile. This phenomenon allowed Egypt to produce many harvests, even earlier than Israel's. It rains few in Egypt and the river Nile provides for the watering of the crops. On the opposite, Israel relies on G-d's hand for the blessing of the rain.

Pharaoh, the one responsible for the managing of the Nile providential rising deified himself in the eyes of his people. This is what G-d is going to confront through His prophet's mouth. Years ago, another Pharaoh, when telling his dream to Yossef, didn't mention a significant detail about his dream: that that he was standing "**above**" the

Nile river, *al ha yehor*, עַל-הַיָּאֵר and not “beside” as he said and meaning he was the creator of it:

At the end of two years, Pharaoh had a dream: he was standing beside
(above) עַל-הַיָּאֵר the Nile River... Genesis 41:1

Pharaoh had this common feature this of wanting to take the Creator’s place, the Provider. In this lecture we will be deepened into a spiritual warfare for the Name of G-d and His mightiness to be revealed to His creatures and the pride of the “big crocodile” will be put down foreshadowing the final destruction of “the one who embodies separation from the Torah” who will want to sit in G-d’s throne. The fight is still the same.

The Patriarchs are gone, the people is in part in idolatry and suffers under oppression. A new step is necessary and G-d will reveal Himself under His attribute of grace and faithfulness:

Adonai יְהוָה

The Patriarchs had lives under the promises but had not yet seen the fulfilling of them as reminds us the verse in the book of Hebrew:

By trusting, he lived as a temporary resident in the Land of the promise, as if it were not his, staying in tents with *Yitzchak* and *Yaakov*, who were to receive what was promised along with him. For he was looking forward to the city with permanent foundations, of which the architect and builder is God. All these people kept on trusting until they died, without receiving what had been promised. They had only seen it and welcomed it from a distance, while acknowledging that they were aliens and temporary residents on the earth. Hebrews 11:9-11; 13

By revealing His Name, Adonai יְהוָה, G-d intends to show He is the Faithful One who fulfills His promises to *Avraham* (Genesis15) and that He is above all the natural laws He set up. The different names of G-d in the Bible are significant of His different attributes. So in the first Book of Genesis, the Name by which are created the natural laws is Elohim, אֱלֹהִים. The Name El Shaddai, אֱלֹהֵי שַׁדַּי, designs the G-d Who fulfills His Word, gives the vision and is the Master of the nature.

(Genesis 1:1; 28:3).

This time the promised deliverance will become reality and the natural laws will be shattered by Adonai, **יְהוָה** and the children of Israel will learn how infinite is G-d's love for them.

The same G-d will centuries later shattered again all natural laws and dwell among us in a supernatural way and will rise from the dead the same way!

The angel answered her, "The *Ruach HaKodesh* will come over you, the power of *Ha'elyon* will cover you. Therefore the holy child born to you will be called *Ben Elohim*. Luke 1:35

When I saw him, I fell down at his feet like a dead man. He placed his right hand upon me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last, the Living One. I was dead, but look! -I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys to Death and Sh'ol. Revelation 1:17 -18

The four following verses are the one quoted for the Pesach Seder and who represent the four cups of wine:

Therefore, say to the people of Israel: 'I am (*ani*) Adonai,

אֲנִי יְהוָה I will free you from the forced labor of the Egyptians, rescue you from their oppression, and redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am Adonai your God, who freed you from the forced labor of the Egyptians.

Exodus 6:6-7

These four steps deliverance is performed for G-d's Name to be known to His people and to the whole world. The first necessary step is to deliver the people from the oppression which prevents from hearing and seeing because of the suffering:

Moshe said this to the people of Israel. But they wouldn't listen to him, because they were so discouraged (short of breath, anguish of spirit), and their slavery was so cruel. Exodus 6:9

This is a first necessary step for the deliverance. It is the first cup of wine. The L-rd tells us that He will even deliver the one who is rightfully captive:

Here is Adonai's answer: "Even a warrior's captives will be snatched away, and the booty of the fearful will be freed. I will fight those who fight you, and I will save your children. Isaiah 49:25

Avraham symbolized this first necessary step to be able to discern G-d's plan. He left his country, filled with idolatrous oppression.

The second step is the physical deliverance from slavery. This is the second cup and G-d will free His people from Egypt's slavery.

The third cup of deliverance is the redeeming of a whole people. This step was fulfilled by *Yeshua's* sacrifice Who offered Himself as the Lamb whose blood protected the children of Israel from death:

You should be aware that the ransom paid to free you from the worthless way of life which your fathers passed on to you did not consist of anything perishable like silver or gold; on the contrary, it was the costly bloody sacrificial death of the Messiah, as of a lamb without defect or spot. God knew him before the founding of the universe, but revealed him in the *acharit-hayamim* for your sakes. Through him you trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory; so that your trust and hope are in God. 1 Peter 1:18-21

The fourth cup commemorates the verse which says that G-d will make of Israel His people for them to know Him deeply. The word used enhances a deep and intimate way of knowing Adonai, *veyadatem ki ani*

Adonai, **וַיְדַעְתֶּם כִּי אֲנִי יְהוָה**

This step was partly revealed by Yeshua and will be fully achieved at the messianic times when all Israel and the whole world will acknowledged Him:

No one has seen God at any time; the only-begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, *he* hath declared [him]. John 1:18 (DBY)

Look! He is coming with the clouds! {Da 7:13} Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him; and all the tribes of the Land will mourn him. {Zec 12:10-14} Yes! Amen Revelation 1:7
I, *Yeshua*, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the Messianic communities. I am the Root and Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star. Revelation 22:16

This parallel with the Mashiach is obvious with the sudden genealogy set in between the talk between G-d and *Moshe*.

Moshe replies twice that he is of “uncircumcised lips” in chapters 6:12 and 6:30.

It is about to make Pharaoh be silent. We have seen that Pharaoh is the image of the enemy, the one who oppress and enslaves G-d’s people and will sit in G-d’s Temple declaring himself a god. *Moshe* is the faithful prophet who will have the heavy task to bring a whole people to his heritage. By his prophetic spirit he sees the genealogy of the One which he is only the faithful servant:

Also, *Moshe* was faithful in all God’s house, as a servant giving witness to things God would divulge later. But the Messiah, as Son, was faithful over God’s house. And we are that house of his, provided we hold firmly to the courage and confidence inspired by what we hope for.

Hebrews 3:5 -6

A first time *Moshe* confesses he is of uncircumcised lips, and his genealogy is declined, the tribe of Levy will be the prophetic tribe who will accomplish the work in the Temple. G-d will deliver physically His people in order to give him the mission to deliver the Torah to the pagan world.

Then a second time *Moshe* confesses that he is of uncircumcised lips and this unveils that the Messiah will come, from the tribe of Yehuda and will destroy “the one who embodies separation from *Torah*” by His breath and bring the final Redemption. The number seven in His genealogy speaks of His kingship:

Thus there were fourteen generations from *Avraham* to David, fourteen generations from David to the Babylonian Exile, and fourteen generations from the Babylonian Exile to the Messiah. Matthew 1:17

But a branch will emerge from the trunk of *Yishai*, a shoot will grow from his roots. The Spirit of ADONAI will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and power, the Spirit of knowledge and fearing ADONAI-- he will be inspired by fearing ADONAI. He will not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, but he will judge the impoverished justly; he will decide fairly for the humble of the land. He will strike the land with a rod from his mouth and slay the wicked with a breath from his lips. Isaiah 11:1-4

Then the one who embodies separation from *Torah* will be revealed, the one whom the Lord *Yeshua* will slay with the breath of his mouth {Isa 11:4 Job 4:9} and destroy by the glory of his coming.
2 Thessalonians 2:8

The L-rd wanted "His genealogy" to be written although He has no beginning and no end and is from eternity because He wants us to know that the salvation plan is indeed linked to the messianic vision given at the beginning to the three Patriarchs, the Fathers of our faith and the Fathers of Israel.

Nothing is new under the sun, the plagues that will be sent to Egypt will come back at the end time and we are starting to feel some:

The blood of all the ones murdered because of G-d's Name asks for revenge:

Then I heard the angel of the waters say, O *HaKadosh*, the One who is and was, you are just in these judgments of yours. They poured out the blood of your people and your prophets, so you have made them drink blood. They deserve it! Revelation 16:5 -6

Only the children of Israel had pure water to drink. Water is the symbol of *Torah* in the Bible, the Word and *Yeshua* Himself, the Living Word Who brought back the Samaritan woman near *Yaakov's* well. ADONAI-Tzva'ot says, 'When that time comes, ten men will take hold--speaking all the languages of the nations--will grab hold of the cloak of a Jew and say, "We want to go with you, because we have heard that God is with you." Zechariah 8:23

The frogs are back, symbol of this occult power still working till the end:

And I saw three unclean spirits that looked like frogs; they came from the mouth of the dragon, from the mouth of the beast and from the mouth of the false prophet. They are miracle-working demonic spirits which go out to the kings of the whole inhabited world to assemble them for the War of the Great Day of ADONAI-Tzva'ot Revelation 16:13

After the fifth plague, G-d will then harden Himself Pharaoh's heart.

But ADONAI made Pharaoh hardhearted, so that he didn't listen to them-- just as ADONAI had said to *Moshe*. Exodus 9:12

The spiritual warfare between *Moshe* and Pharaoh is the end time warfare. As for Pharaoh some people will not repent and G-d will harden their hearts for them not to see the light and head toward their passions:

Yet they cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and sores, and did not turn from their sinful deeds. Revelation 16:11

This is why God is causing them to go astray, so that they will believe the Lie. 2 Thessalonians 2:11

Whoever keeps acting wickedly, let him go on acting wickedly; whoever is filthy, let him go on being made filthy. Revelation 22:11

The seventh plague is so strong that Pharaoh supplies *Moshe* to intervene. The Midrash tells us that part of those hail stones stayed in the sky for forty one years until the time of Joshua:

As they fled before Israel down the road to Beit-Horon, Adonai threw huge hailstones down on them all the way to 'Azekah, and they died; more died because of the hail than because Israel had killed them with the sword. Joshua 10:11

Another part has not yet fallen and will at the time of Gog and Magog last battle, Ezekiel 38 and 39:

I will judge him with plague and with blood. I will cause torrential rain to fall on him, his troops and the many peoples with him, along with huge hailstones, fire and sulfur. Ezekiel 38:22

And huge seventy-pound hailstones fell on people from the sky. But the people cursed God for the plague of hail, that it was such a terrible plague. Revelation 16:21

And all this is meant for a purpose:
I will show my greatness and holiness, making myself known in the sight of many nations; then they will know that I am Adonai.’
Ezekiel 38:23

Therefore God raised him to the highest place and gave him the name above every name; that in honor of the name given *Yeshua*, every knee will bow in heaven, on earth and under the earth –and every tongue will acknowledge {Isa 45:23} that *Yeshua* the Messiah is Adonai--to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

Amen L-rd All mighty, show Your power!



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