Shemot שמות

Exodus 1:1-6:1

- ואַלַה שמות בנֵי ישרָאֵל הבָאים מצריִמָה אֶת יַעַקֹב אִישׁ ובֵיתוּ These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each coming with his באו: household: ראובן שמעון לוי ויהודה: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah; יששכר זבולן ובנימן: Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin; ַרָן וִנַפַּתָּלִי גַּד וִאָעוַר: Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. וַיָּהִי כַּל־נַפַשׁ יצאַי יָרֶד־יַעַקב שבעים נַפַשׁ ויוֹסַף הַיָּה בַמַצְרַיָם: The total number of persons that were of Jacob's issue came to seventy, Joseph being already in Egypt. וַיַּמַת יוֹסֶף וַכַל־אֲחַיו וַכַל הַדְּוֹר הַהוֹא: 6 Joseph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation. ובני ישראל פרו נישרצו נירבו ניעצמו במאד מאד But the Israelites were fertile and prolific; they multiplied and increased very greatly, so that the וַתמלֵא הַאַרֵץ אתם: land was filled with them. וַיָקם מֵלַךְ־חָדָשׁ עַלּ־מִצְרַיִם אֲשֵׁר לְא־יָדַע אֵת־יוֹסַף: A new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ויאמר אליעמו הנה עם בני ישראל רב ועצום ממנו: And he said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are much too numerous for us. 10 הַבָה נִתְחַכַּמָה לָוֹ פֶּן־יִרבֵּה וִהַיָּה כִי־תִקרַאנָה מַלְחַמָה וִנוֹסַף גַּם־הוֹא Let us deal shrewdly with them, so that they may not increase; otherwise in the event of war they על־שנאינו ונלחם־בנו ועלה מן־הארץ: may join our enemies in fighting against us and rise from the ground."* 11 וַיַשִׁימוּ עַלִיוֹ שַׁרֵי מַסִים לְמַעַן עַנתוּ בַּסְבַלתם וַיְבַן עַרַי So they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor; and they built garrison cities* מסכנות לפַרעה את־פתם ואת־רַעמסס: for Pharaoh: Pithom and Raamses. 12 וכאשר יענו אתו כן ירבה וכן יפרץ וילצו מפני בני But the more they were oppressed, the more they increased and spread out, so that the [Egyptians] ישראל: came to dread the Israelites. 13 וַיַעַבְדוּ מִצְרִיִם אֲת־בַּנֶי יִשֹׁרָאֵל בִּפְּרֵךְ: The Egyptians ruthlessly imposed upon the **Israelites**
 - the various labors that they made them perform. נְיִמְרְרוֹּ אֶת־חַיֵּיהֶׁם בַּעֲבֹדְה קְּשָׂה בְּחֹמֶל וּבַלְבַלִּים וּבְכָל־עֲבֹדְה הַשָּׁה בְּחֹמֶל וּבַלְבַלִּים וּבְכָל־עֲבֹדְה בְּשָׁבִירָה אֲשֶׁר־עְבְדְוּ בִהֶּם בְּפְּרֶךְ:
 Ruthlessly* they made life bitter for them with harsh labor at mortar and bricks and with all sorts of tasks in the field.
 - ניאמל מַלֶּךְ מַצְרַיִם לְמְיַלְּדֶת הְעָבְרִיֶּת אֲשֶּׁר שָם הְאַחַתּ שֹפְּרָה The king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,
 - saying, "When you deliver the Hebrew women, look ניאמֶר בְּיַלֶּרְכֶּןְ אֶת־הְעָבְרִיּוֹת וּרְאִיתֶן עַל־הָאָבְנְיִם אִם־בְּן הוּאֹ נְהַמַתֶּן אֹתוֹ וְאִם־בְּת הְוֹא וָחְיָה: נהַמַתֶּן אֹתוֹ וְאִם־בְּת הְוֹא וָחְיָה: it is a girl, let her live."

- דָבָר אַלִיהן מֶלֶך הבָּר אַליהו וַלָּא עָשוּ כַאַשֵּׁר הַבָּר אַלִיהן מֶלֶך ווּתִירָאן הַמִיַלִּדת אַת־הָאֵלהִים וַלָּא עָשוּ כַאֲשֵׂר הַבָּר אַלִיהן מֶלֶך 17 The midwives, fearing God, did not do as the king מַצַרַיִם וַתִּחַיֵּין אֱת־הַיִּלַדִים:
 - of Egypt had told them; they let the boys live.
 - 18 נִיקרָא מֵלֶךִ־מִצְרַיִּם לָמִיַלִּדֹת נַיָּאמֵר לָהַן מַדִּוּעַ עַשִּׁיתֵן הַדָּבַר הַזָּה וַתִּחְיֵין אַת־הַיִּלַדִים:
 - So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, letting the boys live?"
 - 19 נתאמרן המילדת אל־פַרעה כִי לָא כַנָּשוֹים המצרית העבריַת כי־חַיִות הַנָּה בַּטַּׁרֶם תַבַוֹא אֲלָהַן הַמַיַּלֶּדֶת וַיַּלְדוֹ:
 - The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women: they are vigorous. Before the midwife can come to them, they have given birth."
 - 20 וַיָּיטֵב אֱלהים לַמיַלּדֶת וַיָּרֵב הָעָם וַיַּעַצמוּ מִאָד:
 - And God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and increased greatly.

 - בויִלְּיִם וַיִּעְשׁ לָהֶם בְּתִּים: 21 And [God] established households* for the midwives, because they feared God.
 - וּיְצָו פַרְעָה לְכָל־עַמִו לֵאמֶר כָּל־הַבֶּן הַיִּלּוֹד הַיְאֹרָה תַּשְׁלִיכַהוּ וִכָל־הַבַּת תחַיִּוּן:
 - Then Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, "Every boy that is born you shall throw into the Nile, but let every girl live."

- וַיַלָּךְ אִישׁ מבַית לַנִי וַיַּקָח אֲת־בַּת־לַנִי:
- A certain member* of the house of Levi went and took [into his household as his wife] a woman of Levi.
- וַתָהַר הַאָשָה וַתַלֶּד בַּן וַתַרָא אתוֹ כִי־טוב הוא וַתִצפנהו שלשה ירָחים:
- The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw how beautiful he was, she hid him for three months.
- ולא־יַכלָה עוד הַצַפִּינוֹ וַתַּקְח־לוֹ תַבַת גֹּמֵא וַתַּחִמַרַה בַחַמַר ובופת ותשם בה את־הילד ותשם בסוף על־שפת היאר:
- When she could hide him no longer, she got a wicker basket for him and caulked it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child into it and placed it among the reeds by the bank of the Nile.
- וַתַתַצָּב אַחתו מַרָחָק לדֵעָה מַה־יֵעְשֵה לְוּ:
- And his sister stationed herself at a distance, to learn what would befall him.
- וַתְרֵב בַּת־פַּרִעה לִרְחָץ עַל־הַיִאֹר וִנַעַרתִיהָ הֹלְכַת עַל־יַד הַיִּאַר וַתְרֵא את־הַתַבָה בתוך הַסוף וַתִּשׁלָח אַת־אַמַתָה וַתִּקְחֵהָ:
- The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe in the Nile, while her maidens walked along the Nile. She spied the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to fetch it.
- וַתִּפְתַחֹ וַתִרְאָהוּ אֶת־הַיֶּלֶד וְהִנֵּה־נְעַר בֹּכָה וַתַחִמִל עָלָיו וַתֹּאמֵר מַיַלִדֵי הַעברִים זֵה:
- When she opened it, she saw that it was a child, a boy crying. She took pity on it and said, "This must be a Hebrew child."
- וַתְאמֵר אַחתוֹ אַל־בַּת־פַּרעה הַאַלֵּך וִקרָאתִי לָךְ אִשָּה מֵינַקת מן הָעבריָת ותינק לָךְ אֵת־הַיָּלֶד:
- Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a Hebrew nurse to suckle the child for you?"
- וַתְאמֵר־לָה בַּת־פַּרִעָה לָכִי וַתְּלֵךְ הָעַלְמַה וַתִּקְרָא אֵת־אֶם הַיָּלֵד:
- And Pharaoh's daughter answered, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

- וַתְאמֵר לָה בַת־פַּרעה הֵילִיכִי אַת־הַיָּלֵד הַזֵּה וְהַינִקְהוּ לִי וַאַנִי אַתְן אַת־שַׂכַרַך וַתִּקח הַאָשַה הַיֵּלֵד וַתְנִיקהוּ:
 - And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will pay your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it.
 - משה וַתֹאמֵר כִי מוְ־הַמַיִם משיתהו:
 - ווא פוֹג הַלָּבו וַתְּבָאֵהוֹ לְבַת־פַּרְעָה וְיְהִי־לָה לְבֵן וַתִּקּרָא שְֹמוֹ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, who made him her son. She named him Moses,* explaining, "I drew him out of the water."
 - 11 נִיהֵי | בַּיָמֵים הָהֵם וַיִּגְדָל משה וַיֵצָא אֵל־אֲחָיו וַיַּרָא בִּסבִלֹתְם וַיַרָא אַיש מצַרִי מַכָּה אִיש־עברי מאַחיו:
 - Some time after that, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his kinsfolk and witnessed their labors. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his kinsmen.
 - וּיָפֵן כה נָלה וַיַּרָא כִּי אֶין אָיש וַיַּךְ אֵת־הַמִצְרִי וַיִּטִמְנְהוּ בַחול:
- He turned this way and that and, seeing no one about, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.
- לַרַשֹּׁע לַמַה תַכֵּה רֵעֶךַ:
- וַנֵּצֵאֹ בַּיַוֹם הַשַּׁלִּי וְהְנָּה שַּׂנִי־אֲנָשֵים עבְרִים נִצִּים וַיֹּאמֶר (זַיֵּב עַבְרִים נִצִּים וַיֹּאמֶר 13 When he went out the next day, he found two Hebrews fighting; so he said to the offender, "Why do you strike your fellow?"
- 14 לַּאִישׁ שַׂרְ וְשֹׁפֵּטֹ עָלֵינוּ הַלְהַרְגַנִי אַתָּה אֹמֵר מִי שָׁמְךֶּ לְאִישׁ שַׂר וְשֹׁפֵטֹ עָלֵינוּ בַּאֲשֵר הַרָגַתְ אֶת־הַמִּצְרָי וַיִּירָא משה וַיֹּאמַר אָכָן נוּדָע הַדַּבַר:
 - He retorted, "Who made you chief and ruler over us? Do you mean to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" Moses was frightened, and thought: Then the matter is known!
- 15 וַיִשַּׁמַע פַּרָעָה אֶת־הַדָּבַר הָזֶה וַיִבַקשׁ לְהַרָג אֶת־משַה וַיִבַרָח משֵה מפני פרעה וישב בארץ־מדין וישב על־הבאר:
- When Pharaoh learned of the matter, he sought to kill Moses; but Moses fled from Pharaoh. He arrived* in the land of Midian, and sat down beside a well.
- ולכהן מדין שבע בַנָות וַתְבָאנָה וַתִּדלֵנָה וַתִּמַלֵּאנָה אֵת־הַרהָטִים לְהַשַּׂקוֹת צָאן אֲבִיהָן:
 - 16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. They came to draw water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock;

 - :וַיָבְאוּ הַרְעִים וַיְגָרְשֻוּם וַיָּקם משֶׁה וַיִּושׁלָן וַיָשׂק אֶת־צאנָם but shepherds came and drove them off. Moses rose to their defense, and he watered their flock.
 - 18 וַתְבַּאנָה אַל־רִעוּאֵל אַבִיהַן וַיּאמֵר מַדֵּוּע מהַרַתְן בְא הַיִּוֹם:
- When they returned to their father Reuel, he said, "How is it that you have come back so soon today?"
- 19 וַתאמַרן אַיש מצרי הצִילנו מיָד הָרעִים וגַם־דַּלָה דָלָה לָנוּ וַיַשִּק :את־הצאן
- They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds; he even drew water for us and watered the flock."
- ויָאכֶל אֶל־בְּנֹתְיו וְאַיֻוֹ לָמָה זֶהֹ עֲזַבְתָן אֶת־הָאִישׁ קרְאֶן לְוֹ וִיְאכַל לַחֵם:
- 20 He said to his daughters, "Where is he then? Why did you leave the man? Ask him in to break bread."
- ניואל משה לשבת את־האיש ניתן את־צפוה בתו למשה: 21 Moses consented to stay with the man, and he gave Moses his daughter Zipporah as wife.
 - 22 וַתֶּלֶד בַּן וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שַׂמְוֹ גַּרְשַׁם כֵּי אָמַר גַּר הַיִּיתִי בְאָרֶץ נָכַרִיָה:
- She bore a son whom he named Gershom,* for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land."

- בני־ישראל מן־העבדה וַיִזעקוּ וַתַעל שועתם אֵל־האֵלהים
 - ניִהוּ ביָמִים הָרַבִּים הָהָם וַיָּמָת מֶלֶךְ מִצְּרִים וַיֵאְנְחוָוּ 23 A long time after that, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites were groaning under the bondage and cried out; and their cry for help from the bondage rose up to God.
- וִישֹמֵע אֵלהִים אֵת־נַאַקתָם וַיִּזֹכָר אֵלהִים אֵת־בִּרִיתו אֵת־אַבּרָהָם :את־יעקב ואת־יעקב
 - 24 God heard their moaning, and God remembered the covenant with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob.
 - וַיָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֱת־בַּנֶי יִשֹׂרָאֲל וַיֻּדַע אֱלֹהִים:
- God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

- וּמשֶּׁה הָיָה רֹעָה אֶת־צֶאן יִתְרָוֹ חֹתְנָוֹ כֹּהָן מִדִיַן וַיִּנָהָג אֵת־הַצֹּאן אַחַר המדבר ויבא אל־הר האלהים חרבה:
- Now Moses, tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian, drove the flock into the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.
- וַיֵּרָא מַלִאַר יִהוָה אֱלָיו בַּלַבַּת־אֲשׁ מַתְוֹךְ הַסְנָה וַיַּרָא וִהְנָה הַסנָה בער באש והסנה איננו אכל:
- A messenger of הוהי appeared to him in a blazing fire out of a bush. He gazed, and there was a bush all aflame, yet the bush was not consumed.
- וַיָּאמֵר מֹשֵׁה אָסַרָה־נָא וִאֵרְאֵה אֵת־הַמַּרְאָה הַגַּדְל הַזַּה מַהִּוּעְ לא־יִבער הַסנָה:
- Moses said, "I must turn aside to look at this marvelous sight; why doesn't the bush burn up?"
- וַיַּרָא יִהוָה כִּי סַר לִרְאָוֹת וַיִּקְרָא אֲלָיוֹ אֱלֹהִים מַתְּוֹךְ הַסְּנָה וַיֵּאמֵר משה משה ויאמר הנני:
- When הוהי saw that he had turned aside to look. God called to him out of the bush: "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am."
- וַיָּאמֵר אַל־תִקרָב הַלָּם שַל־נִעְלֵיךָ מֵעַל רָגְלֵיךָ כֵּי הַמַקוֹם אֲשַׁר אַתְה עומד עליו אדמת־קדש הוא:
- And [God] said, "Do not come closer! Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground!"
- וַיֹּאמֶר אָנֹכִי אֱלֹהֶי אָבִיךָ אֱלֹהֶי אַבִּרָהָם אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחַק וֵאלֹהֵי יַעַקֹב וַיָּסַתַר משה פַנִיו כִי יַרֵא מַהַבִּיט אֵל־הַאֵלהִים:
- and continued, "I am the God of your father's [house]—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
- ַוַיָּאמֶר יְהֹוָה רָאִה רָאָיתִי אֶת־עֲנֶי עַמִי אֲשַׂר בְּמִצְרְיִם וְאֶת־צַעֲקֹתְם שַׁמַעתי מפני נגשיו כי יִדַעתי אַת־מכאביו:
- And הוהי continued, "I have marked well the plight of My people in Egypt and have heeded their outcry because of their taskmasters; yes, I am mindful of their sufferings.
- וָאַבֶּד לִהַצִּילִוּ ו מַיַד מַצַּרַיָם וַלִהַעַלֹתוֹ מון־הַאַרֵץ הַהוּא אֱל־אַרֵץ טובַה ורחבה אל־אַרץ זבת חלב ודבש אל־מקום הכנעני והחתי והאמרי וָהַפַּרְזִּי וָהַחוִי וָהַיְבוּסִי:
- I have come down to rescue them from the Egyptians and to bring them out of that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey, the region of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
- ּוְעַתְּּה הִנָּה צַעֲקָת בְּנֵי־יִשִּׂרָאֵל בְּאָה אֵלֵי וְנַם־רָאִיתִי אֶת־הַלַּחַץ אֲשֶׂר מצרים לחצים אתם:
- Now the cry of the Israelites has reached Me; moreover, I have seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

- ממצרים:
- וַעָּתָה לָכָה וִאֲשַלָּחַדָּ אֱל־פַּרִעָּה וָהוֹצֵא אֵת־עָמֵי בַנֵי־יִשׂרָאֵל 10 Come, therefore, I will send you to Pharaoh, and you shall free My people, the Israelites, from Egypt."
- אַת־בַּנֵי יִשֹׂרָאֵל מִמְצַרִים:
- וַלָּאמֶר מֹשֶׂה אֶל־הָאֱלֹהִים מִי אָנֹכִי כִּי אֵלֶךְ אֶל־פַּרְעָה וְכָי אוֹצְיא 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and free the Israelites from Egypt?"
- 12 נַיאמֶר כִּי־אָהְיָה עַמַּרְ וְזֶה־לְּךְ הָאוֹת כִּי אַנֹכִי שֹׁלַחְתְיךָ בַהוציאָך אַת־הַעָם ממצַלִים תַעַבדון אַת־הַאֵלהֹים על הַהַר הַזֵה:
- And [God] said, "I will be with you; that shall be your sign that it was I who sent you. And when you have freed the people from Egypt, you shall worship God at this mountain."
- 13 וַיאמר משֵה אַל־הָאֱלֹהִים הְנֵה אָנֹכִי בָאٌ אֵל־בַנָי יִשׂרָאֵל וִאְמַרְתְי לַהֶּם אֵלֹהֵי אֲבוֹתִיכֶם שׁלַחָנִי אֲלֵיכֶם וָאַמְרוּ־לֵי מַה־שַׁמוֹ מַה אמַר אלהם:
 - Moses said to God, "When I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers' [house] has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is [God's] name?' what shall I say to them?"
- ויָאמֵר אֱלֹהִים אֱל־מֹשֵׂה אֲהַיֶה אֲשֵׂר אֲהַיָה וַיֹּאמֵר כָּה תֹאמַר לְבַנֶי ישראל אהיה שלחני אליכם:
- And God said to Moses, "Ehyeh-Asher-Ehyeh,"* continuing, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites, 'Ehyeh* sent me to you."
- 15 ויאמַר עוד אַלהִים אַל־משֵׁה כָה־תאמַר אַל־בַּנָי יִשׂרָאֵל יִהוֹיָה אֵלהַי אַבֹתִיכָם אֵלהֵי אַבַרָהָם אֱלהֵי יִצַחָק וַאלהֵי יַעַקֹב שֹלְחַנִי אַלִיכָם וָה־שַּׁמֵי לִעלַם וְוָה זְכַרִי לִדְר דְּר.
 - And God said further to Moses, "Thus shall you speak to the Israelites: הוהי,* the God of your fathers' [house]—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you:This shall be My name forever,This My appellation for all eternity.
 - לָךָ וִאָסַפַתְּ אֵת־זִקנֵי יִשֹׁרָאֵל וִאָמַרִתְ אַלַהֵם יִהוֹיָה אֵלֹהַי אַבֹּתִיכֵם נָראָה אַלִי אַלהַי אַבַרָהָם יִצְחָק וִיַעַקֹב לֵאמֵר פַּקד פַּקדתי אַתכֹם ואת־העשוי לכם במצרים:
- "Go and assemble the elders of Israel and say to them: הוהי, the God of your fathers' [house]—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—has appeared to me and said, 'I have taken note of you and of what is being done to you in Egypt,
- 17 וָאמַר אַעַלֶה אַתכַם מעני מצרים אַל־אַרץ הַכנַעַני והָחתי והָאַמרי וָהַפַּרַזִּי וָהַחוִי וָהַיָבוּסִי אַל־אַרֵץ זַבַת חַלָב וּדְבַש:
 - and I have declared: I will take you out of the misery of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.'
- 18 ושַמעוּ לִקלָךָ וּבָאתְ אַתָּה ווִקנֵי יִשֹרָאֵל אֵל־מֵלַךְ מִצְרַיִם וַאֲמַרְתַם אַלִיוֹ יִהוֹיָה אֱלֹהַי הָעָבִרִיִיםֹ נִקְרָה עָלֵינוּ וִעַתָּה נֵלִכָה־נָּא דֶּרֵךְ שלשת ימים במדבר ונזבחה ליהוה אלהינו:
 - They will listen to you; then you shall go with the elders of Israel to the king of Egypt and you shall say to him, הוהי, the God of the Hebrews, became manifest to us. Now therefore, let us go a distance of three days into the wilderness to sacrifice to our God הוהי.'
 - ואַנִי יָדַעתִי כִּי לִא־יִתַן אַתְכֶם מֵלֵךָ מִצְרַיִם לַהַלֶּךָ וִלְא בִּיָד חַזָּקה:
 - Yet I know that the king of Egypt will let you go only because of a greater might.
 - בקרבו ואחרי־כן ישלח אתכם:
 - 20 So I will stretch out My hand and smite Egypt with various wonders which I will work upon them; after that he shall let you go.
 - ונתתי את־תן העם־הזָה בִּעִינִי מִצְרַיִם וִהַיַה כִּי תַלְכוּו לָא תַלְכוּ ביקם:
 - 21 And I will dispose the Egyptians favorably toward this people, so that when you go, you will not go away empty-handed.

ושמלת ושמתם על־בניכם ועל־בנתיכם ונצלתם את־מצרים:

ביּתְה כְּלֵי־כֶּסֶף וּכְלֵי זָהְב בּיתָּה מְשֹׂבֶנְתָה וּמִגְּרָת בַּיתְּה כְּלֵי־כֶּסֶף וּכְלֵי זָהְב 22 Each woman shall borrow from her neighbor and the lodger in her house objects of silver and gold, and clothing, and you shall put these on your sons and daughters, thus stripping the Egyptians."

- וַיַען משֵה וַלאמר וָהָן לֹא־יַאַמִינוּ לִי וַלְא יִשִּׁמעוּ בַּקְלַי כֵי יִאמַרוּ לִא־נָראַה אֱלֵיךַ יְהוַה:
- But Moses spoke up and said, "What if they do not believe me and do not listen to me, but say: הוהי did not appear to you?"
- וַיָּאמֵר אַלִּיו יָהוָה)מזה(]מַה־זֵה[בַיַּדַרְ וַיִּאמֵר מַטַה:
- said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And he replied, "A rod."
- וַנָּגָס מעֵה אַרְצָה וַיַּעַלְכָהוּ אַרְצָה וַיִּמַלְכָהוּ אַרְצָה וַיִּהֵי לִנָּחָשׁ וַיָּנָס מעֵה מִפַנִיו:
- [God] said, "Cast it on the ground." He cast it on the ground and it became a snake; and Moses recoiled from it.
- וַיָאמֵר יִהוָה אֵל־משֵה שלַח יָדַךָ וַאֲחִז בִזְנָבָו וַיִשׁלַח יָדוֹ וַיַחַזֵּק בוֹ וַיִהֵי לִמְטָה בְּכַפוּ:
- Then הוהי said to Moses, "Put out your hand and grasp it by the tail"—he put out his hand and seized it, and it became a rod in his hand—
- למַען יַאַמִינוּ כִי־נַרִאָה אַלֵּיךָ יִהוָה אֵלהָי אַבתַם אֵלהָי אַברָהָם אֵלהָי יצחָק וַאלהֶי יַעְקב:
- "that they may believe that הוהי, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, did appear to you."
- וַנُאמֵר יִהוָה לו עוד הָבֵא־נָא יִדְךָ בַּחֵיקֹך וַיָּבַא יָדְוֹ בַּחֵיקוֹ וַיִּוצָאָה וָהְנָה יָדִוּ מִצֵּרָעָת כַּשׁלֶג:
- said to him further, "Put your hand into your bosom." He put his hand into his bosom; and when he took it out, his hand was encrusted with snowy scales!*
- וַיֹאמֵר הָשַב יָדְךָּ אֵל־חֵילָךָ וַיָּשֵב יָדִוֹ אֵל־חֵיקוֹ וַיִּוֹצְאָהֹ מַחֵילְוֹ והנה שבה כבשרו:
- And [God] said, "Put your hand back into your bosom."—He put his hand back into his bosom; and when he took it out of his bosom, there it was again like the rest of his body.—
- והָיָה אָם־לָא יַאַמֵינוּ לָךָ ולָא יִשִּמְעוּ לִקל הָאָת הָרָאשַון והָאֵמִינוּ לקל האת האחרון:
- "And if they do not believe you or pay heed to the first sign, they will believe the second.
- וָהַיָּה אִם־לָּא יָאֲמִינוּ גָם לְשׁנֵּי הָאתות הָאֵלָה וַלָא יִשְׁמְעוּן לְקּלְךָ וִלָקחִתְּ מִמֵימֵי הַיִּאֹר וִשִּׂפַכִתְ הַיַבְּשַה וִהַיָּוּ הַמַּיִם אֲשֶר תִקח מן־היאר והיו לדם ביבשת:
- And if they are not convinced by both these signs and still do not heed you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and it—the water that you take from the Nile—will turn to blood on the dry ground."
- וַיֹּאמֵר משָה אֵל־יִהוָהٌ בִּי אַדנִיּ לֹא אִישׁ דְבַרִים אַנֹכִי גָם מתמול גָם משַלִשוֹם גָם מַאָז דַבַּרָךָ אֵל־עַבְדָךָ כִי כַבַד־פָה וּכְבַד לְשוֹן :אנכי
- But Moses said to הוהי, "Please, O my lord, I have never been a man of words, either in times past or now that You have spoken to Your servant; I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."
- וַיאמר יִהוָה אַלִּיו מֵי שָם פַה לָאָדָם אָו מִי־יָשַוּם אַלַם אָו חֵרֶשׁ אָוֹ פקח או עור הלא אנכי יהוה:
- And הוהי said to him, "Who gives humans speech? Who makes them dumb or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, הוהי?
- 12 ועתה לַך ואַנכי אַהיֶה עם־פִּיך והוֹבִיתִיך אַשוֶר תִּדַבֵּר:
 - Now go, and I will be with you as you speak and will instruct you what to say."

- : וַיָּאמֶר בְּי אֲדֹנֵי שְלְח־נָא בְּיַד־תִּשְׂלְח: But he said, "Please, O my lord, make someone else Your agent."*
- הוהי became angry with Moses and said, "There is הוהי became angry with Moses and said, "There is your brother Aaron the Levite. He, I know, speaks readily. Even now he is setting out to meet you, and he will be happy to see you.
- ין וְאַכֹּיךָ אָהְיָה עִם־פִּירָן אָלָיו וְשַׂמְתְּ אֶת־הַדְּבְרִים בְּפְיו וְאָנֹכִי אֶהְיָה עִם־פִּירָן You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth—I will be with you and with him as you speak, and tell both of you what to do—
- 16 וְדִבֶּר־הָוֹא לְךָ אֶל־הָעֶם וְהָיָה הוּאֹ יְהְיֶה־לְּךָ לְפֶּׂה וְאַתָּה תְּהְיֶה־לְּוֹ and he shall speak for you to the people. Thus he shall serve as your spokesman, with you playing the role of God* to him.
 - :וְאֶת־הַאֹתְה הַיָּדֶךְ אֲשֶׂר תַּצְשֶּׁה־בִּוֹ אֶת־הַאֹתְה הַזָּה תַּקְּח בְּיִדְךָ אֲשֶׂר תַּצְשֶּׂה־בִּוֹ אֶת־הָאֹתְת perform the signs."
- אַלְּכָה נָּא וְאָשׁוּבָה װַנְּלֶּךְ מֹשֶׂה וַיָּשֶׂב וּ אֶלִ־יָתֶר חְתְנוֹ וַיְּאמֶר לוֹ אַלְכָה נָּא וְאָשׁוּבָה Moses went back to his father-in-law Jether* and said to him, "Let me go back to my kinsfolk in Egypt and see how they are faring."* And Jethro said to Moses, "Go in peace."
 - said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, הוהי said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, הוהי said to Moses in Midian, "Go back to Egypt, המבקשים את־נפשׂר:
 - 20 So Moses took his wife and sons, mounted them on מַצְרְיָם וַיִּקְה מֹשֶׂה אֶת־מִעָּה הָאֱלֹהְים בְּיִדְוֹ: מְצְרְיִם וַיִּקְח מֹשֶׂה אֶת־מַעָּה הָאֱלֹהְים בְּיִדְוֹ: Moses took the rod of God with him.
 - בונאמר יְהוֹה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בְּלֶכְתְּךָ לְשִוּב מִצְרַיְמָה רְאֵה כָּל־הַמְפְתִים and הוהי said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, אוווי הווי said to Moses, "When you return to Egypt, אם הוהי see that you perform before Pharaoh all the marvels that I have put within your power. I, however, will stiffen his heart so that he will not let the people go.
 - :הוהי בְּנְי בְכֹרִי יִשֹׂרְאָל בַּרְעֻה כְּה אָמַר יְהֹלָה בְּנָי בְכֹרִי יִשׂרָאָל Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says הוהי Israel is My first-born son.
 - יבָּה' אָנכִי I have said to you, "Let My son go, that he may אָנכִי וַמְמְאֶן לְשַלְּחְוֹ הְנֵה' אָנכִי I have said to you, "Let My son go, that he may worship Me," yet you refuse to let him go. Now I will slay your first-born son.""
 - וֹיְהִי בַהֶּרֶךְ בַּמַלֶּוֹן וַיִּפְגְּשָׂהוּ יְהֹּוֹה וַיְבַקְשׁ הְמִיתְוֹ: 24 At a night encampment on the way, הוהי encountered him and sought to kill him.
 - 25 * So Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's נְתַּלְּח צַפֹּרָה צֹּר וַתִּכְרְתֹּ אֶת־עַרְלָּת בְּלָה וַתַּגְּע לְרַגְלְיו וַתְּאמֶר כִי הַתְן־דָּמֶים אַתְּה לְי: foreskin, and touched his legs with it, saying, "You are truly a bridegroom of blood to me!"
 - בּיְרֶף מִמְנוּ אָז אָמְלָה חֲתְן דָּמִים לַמּוּלְת: 26 And when [God] let him alone, she added, "A bridegroom of blood because of the circumcision."
 - הוהי said to Aaron, "Go to meet Moses in the said to Aaron, "Go to meet Moses in the wilderness." He went and met him at the mountain of God, and he kissed him.

- 28 נַיַנֶּד משֶה לְאָהֲרֹן אֶת כָּל־הִּבְרֶי יְהוָה אֲשֶׂר שְׂלָחֵוֹ וְאָת כָּל־הַאֹתְת אַשֵּׂר צַּנָהוּ:
 - 28 Moses told Aaron about all the things that הוהי had committed to him and all the signs about which he had been instructed.
 - וַנֶּלֶךָ מֹשֶׂה וְאַהֲרֶן וַיָּאַסְפֹּוּ אֶת־כָּל־זִקנֵי בְּנֶי יִשׂרָאֵל:
- 29 Then Moses and Aaron went and assembled all the elders of the Israelites.
- וַיְדַבֶּר אַהֶלן אָת כָּל־הַדְּבָלִים אֲשֶׂר־דִּבֶּר יְהוֹוָה אֶל־מֹשֵׂה וַיָּעשׁ הָאֹתִת לעיני העם:
- Aaron repeated all the words that הוהי had spoken to Moses, and he performed the signs in the sight of those assembled,
- וַיַּאֲמֶן הָעֶם וַיִּשִׂמְעוֹ כִּי־פָּלָּד יְהֹוָה אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשִּׂרָאֵל וְכִי רָאָהֹ אַת־עָנִיָּם וַיִּקְדִּוּ וַיִּשִׂתַחֵוּוּ:
- and the assembly was convinced. When they heard that הוהי had taken note of the Israelites and that [God] had seen their plight, they bowed low in homage.

- וְאַחַׂר בָּאוּ משָׁה וְאָהָרֹן וַיֹּאמְרְוּ אֶל־פַּרְעֵה כְּה־אָמָר יְהוּהֹ אֱלֹהְי ישראל שלח את־עמי ויחגוּ לי במדבר:
- 1 Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says הוהי, the God of Israel: Let My people go that they may celebrate a festival for Me in the wilderness."
- וַיָּאמֶר פַּרְעָּה מִי יְהוּה אֲשֶר אֶשְמִע בְּקְלוֹ לְשַלָּח אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל לְא יָדַעְתִּי אֶת־יְהוָה וְגָם אֶת־יִשׂרָאָל לְא אֲשַלְּחַ:
- 2 But Pharaoh said, "Who is הוהי that I should heed him and let Israel go? I do not know הוהי, nor will I let Israel go."
- וַיָּאמְרוּ אֱלֹהֶי הָעבְרִים נִקרָא עַלְינוּ נַלְכָה נָּא הֶּרֶךְ שְׁלֹשֶׂת יָמִים בַּמִדְבַּר וַנִזָבְחָה לִיהֹוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ פַּׂרִיפִּגְּעָנוּ בַּדֶּבֵר אַוֹ בַחְרֵב:
- 3 They answered, "The God of the Hebrews has become manifest to us. Let us go, we pray, a distance of three days into the wilderness to sacrifice to our God הוהי, lest [God] strike us with pestilence or sword."
- וּיָאמֶר אֱלֵהֶםׁ מֶּלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם לְמָה מֹשֶׂה וְאַהֲרֹן תַּפְּרֶיעוּ אֶת־הָעְם מִמְעֲשִׁיו לְכָוּ לְסִבְלֹתִיכֶם:
- 4 But the king of Egypt said to them, "Moses and Aaron, why do you distract the people from their tasks? Get to your labors!"
- וַנִּאמֶר פַּרְעָה הַן־רַבְּים עַתָּה עָם הָאֶרֶץ וְהִשְׂבַתֶּם אֹתָם מִסִבְלֹתְם:
- 5 And Pharaoh continued, "The people of the land are already so numerous," and you would have them cease from their labors!"*
- וִיצְו פַרְעָה בַּיָוֹם הַהְוּא אֶת־הַנֹּגְשַׂים בָּעָׂם וְאֶת־שֹׁטְרָיו לֵאמְר:
- 6 That same day Pharaoh charged the taskmasters and overseers of the people, saying,
- לָא תֹאספֿוּן לָתֵּת תָּבֶן לָעָם לִלְבָּן הַלְּבֵנִים כִּתְמִוֹל שִׁלְשֵׂם הָם יֵלְכוּ וְקִשְׁשִוּ לָהֶם תַּבֶן:
- 7 "You shall no longer provide the people with straw for making bricks as heretofore; let them go and gather straw for themselves.
- וְאֶת־מַתְכֹּנֶת הַלְבַנִּים אֲשֶׂר הֵם עשׁים תְמָוֹל שׁלְשׁם תְּשִּׁימוּ עֲלֵיהֶם לְא תִּגְרְעִוּ מִמְנּוּ כִּי־נִרְפָּים הֵם עַל־כֵּן הָם צְעֲקִים לֵאמֹר נַלְכָה נִזְבְּחָה לֵאלֹדֵינוּ:
- 8 But impose upon them the same quota of bricks as they have been making heretofore; do not reduce it, for they are shirkers; that is why they cry, 'Let us go and sacrifice to our God!'
- תַּכְבָּד הָעֲבֹדָה עַל־הָאֵנָשִים וַיַּעֲשׁוּ־בָה וִאַל־יִשֹעָוּ בִּדְבַרֵי־שַׂקָר:
- 9 Let heavier work be laid upon those involved;* let them keep at it and not pay attention to deceitful promises."

- נגשי הַעָם וְשִׁטִרְיו וַיֹּאמְרוּ אֱל־הַעָם לֵאמֶר כָּה אָמֶר פַּרְעֹה 10 So the taskmasters and overseers of the people אַינֵנִי נתו לַכֶם תַבַּן:
 - went out and said to the people, "Thus says Pharaoh: I will not give you any straw.
- אַהָּם לְכוּ הָחָוּ לָכֶם הֶּבֶן מֵאֲשֶׂר תִּמְצְאוּ כִּי אָין נִגְרָע מֵעָבֹדַתְכֶם You must go and get the straw yourselves wherever you can find it; but there shall be no decrease whatever in your work."
 - 12 וַיַּפַץ הַעָם בַכַל־אָרֵץ מצַרַיִם לַקְשַשׁ קשׁ לַתַבַן:
 - Then the people scattered throughout the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw.
- 13 והנגשים אָצִים לַאמָר כַלָּו מַעשִיכֵם דבר־יַוֹם בִיוֹמו כַאַשור בהיוֹת הַתַבַן:
 - And the taskmasters pressed them, saying, "You must complete the same work assignment each day as when you had straw."
- וַיָבוּ שטָרֵיּ בַנֵי ישִׁרָאֵל אֲשֵר־שָמוּ עַלְהֵם נגשֵי פַּרעה לֵאמֵר מַדוֹעַ לֹא כִלִיתֵּם חַקְכַם לִלְבֹּן כִתְמוֹל שׁלְשֹׁם גַם־תִמוֹל גַם־הַיִּוֹם:
- 14 And the overseers of the Israelites, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten. "Why," they were asked, "did you not complete the prescribed amount of bricks, either yesterday or today, as you did before?"
- 15 וַיָבֹאוּ שֹטַרֵיּ בַּנָי יִשֹׁרָאֵל וַיִּצְעַקוּ אֱל־פַּרִעָה לֵאמֵר לְמָה תַעֲשֵׂה כה לעבדיך:
 - Then the overseers of the Israelites came to Pharaoh and cried: "Why do you deal thus with your servants?
 - והַנָּה עַבְדֵיךָ וּלְבַנִים אֹמַרִים לָנוּ עַשִוּ וָהְנָּה עַבְדֵיךָ וּלְבַנִים אֹמַרִים לָנוּ עַשִוּ וְהְנָה עַבְדֵיךָ 16 No straw is issued to your servants, yet they מַכִים וַחַטַאת עַמַך:
 - demand of us: Make bricks! Thus your servants are being beaten, when the fault is with your own people."

 - 17 He replied, "You are shirkers, shirkers! That is וַיָּאמַר נִרפִים אַתָם נַרְפִים עַלְ־כַּןְ אַתָּם אָמִרִים נַלְכָה נוַבְּחָה why you say, 'Let us go and sacrifice to הוה'.

 - וּעָתָה לְכָּו עָבְדוֹ וּתְבֵן לֹא־ינָתֶן לָכָם וִתְכַן לְבַנִים תְתַנוּ: 18 Be off now to your work! No straw shall be issued to you, but you must produce your quota of bricks!"
- 19 וַיִּרְאוֹ שִׂטְרָי בְנְי־יִשֹׂרָאֶל אֹתָם בְּרָע לֵאמַר לֹא־תִגַּרִעוּ מִלְּבנֵיכֵם דבריום ביומו:
 - Now the overseers of the Israelites found themselves in trouble because of the order, "You must not reduce your daily quantity of bricks."
- בּרְעָה: מֵאֶת פַרְעָה: 20 As they left Pharaoh's presence, they came upon Moses and Aaron standing in their path,
- וַיֹאמְרָוּ אֲלַהֶּם יָרֶא יְהֹוָה עֲלֵיכֶם וְיִשֹׂפָּט אֲשַׂר הִבְאַשַׂתָּם אֶת־בִיחַנוּ 21 בעיני פרעה ובעיני עבדיו לתת־חַרֶב ביַדֶם להַרְגֵנו:
- and they said to them, "May הוהי look upon you and punish you for making us loathsome to Pharaoh and his courtiers—putting a sword in their hands to slay us."
- 22 וַיָּשָׂב מֹשֶׁה אֵל־יִהוָה וַיֹּאמָר אֲדֹנָי לָמָה הַרֵעֹׂתָה לָעָם הַזֵּה לָמָה זָה שַׁלַחַתַנִי:
 - Then Moses returned to הוהי and said, "O my lord, why did You bring harm upon this people? Why did You send me?
 - 23 וּמֵאָוֹ בָאתי אֱל־פַּרעה לִדַבֶּר בִּשֹׁמֵּךָ הֵרַע לָעָם הַזָּה וִהַצֵּל לא־הִצַלִת אַת־עַמֵּךָ:
 - Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has dealt worse with this people; and still You have not delivered Your people."

- וֹנָאמֶר יְהֹוָהָ אֶל־מֹשֶׁה עַתְּה תִרְאֶה אֲשֶׂר אֶעֲשֶׂה לְפַּרְעֵה כַּי בְיָד חֲזָקהֹ יְשַלְּחֵם וּבְיָד חֲזָלְה יְגַרְשָׂם מֵאַרְצָו:
- 1 Then הוהי said to Moses, "You shall soon see what I will do to Pharaoh: he shall let them go because of a greater might; indeed, because of a greater might he shall drive them from his land."