

## Teaching Parashat Vaeira 2007

The rise of one leader and the fall of another

A battle of "gods"

The making of a prophet and a priest

Who hardens Pharaoh's heart?

Ex 6:2 G-d spoke to Moses recounting the covenant

Ex 6:9 So Moses spoke accordingly to the Children of Israel (Prophet)

Ex 6:10-11 HaShem spoke to Moses saying, "Come speak to Pharaoh..."

Ex 6:12 "I have sealed lips".

Ex 6:13 HaShem spoke to Moses and Aaron...

Ex 6:29 HaShem speaks to Moses telling him to speak to Pharaoh

Ex 6:30 "Sealed lips"

Ex 7:1 HaShem said to Moses...telling Moses that He made Moses master of Pharaoh and Aaron will be his spokesman.

Ex 7:3 "But I shall harden Pharaoh's heart..."

### Staffs and Snakes

Ex 7:8-11 Sign of the Staffs/Snakes. HaShem speaks to Moses and Aaron. Moses tells Aaron to throw down his staff. Egypt's magicians can duplicate this sign.

Ex 7:13 Pharaoh hardens his own heart for the first time.

### River of Blood

Ex 7:14 HaShem said to Moses...

Ex 7:14-18 Plague of the River of Blood

Ex 7:19 HaShem said to Moses, "Say to Aaron..." Moses tells Aaron to hold his staff over the waters of Egypt. Egypt's magicians can duplicate this sign.

Ex 7:22 Pharaoh hardens his own heart.

### Plague of Frogs

7:26 HaShem said to Moses...

8:1 HaShem said to Moses to say to Aaron...

8:3 The necromancers did the same.

8:4 Pharaoh asks Moses and Aaron to entreat HaShem...

8:8 Moses entreats HaShem

8:11 Pharaoh hardens his own heart.

### Plague of Lice

8:12 HaShem said to Moses, "Say to Aaron..."

8:14 Egypt's magicians cannot duplicate this sign.

8:15 Pharaoh hardens his own heart.

### Plague of Wild Beasts

8:16 HaShem tells Moses to perform this plague without Aaron.

8:19 HaShem makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel for the first time.

8:26 Moses entreats HaShem

8:28 Pharaoh hardens his own heart.

### Plague on the Livestock

9:1 HaShem tells Moses to speak to Pharaoh.

9:4 HaShem makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

9:7 Pharaoh hardens his own heart.

### Plague of Boils

9:8 HaShem speaks to Moses and Aaron.

9:10 They took soot but only Moses throws it heavenward.

9:11 Egypt's magicians cannot stand before Pharaoh because of the boils.

9:12 HaShem hardens Pharaoh's heart for the first time.

### Plague of Hail

9:13 HaShem speaks to Moses

9:22 HaShem tells Moses to stretch out his hand...

9:26 No hail in Goshen.

9:33 Moses entreats HaShem

9:34-35 Pharaoh make his own heart stubborn.