



Shabbat Torah Readings of Yeshua

And as Yeshua's custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Shabbat, and stood up to read. (Luke 4:16)

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Exodus 6:2-7:17

^{6:2} And ELOHIYM (god) spoke to Moses and said to him: ðĪ (am) Yahweh. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as EL Almighty, and my name Yahweh I was not known to them. ^a And I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their travels which they were strangers in it. And I also heard the groaning of the sons of Israel, whom Egypt is enslaving them. And I remembered my covenant. Therefore say to the sons of Israel: ðĪ (am) Yahweh; and I will bring you from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will deliver you from their slavery; and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. And I will take you for me for a people, and I will be to you for an ELOHIYM (god). And you shall know that I (am) Yahweh your ELOHIYM, the one bringing you from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you into the land which I raised my hand to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it to you for a possession. I (am) Yahweh.ø And Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, and they did not listen to Moses, from anguish of spirit and harsh bondage.

¹⁰ And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, Go, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt to send out the sons of Israel from his land.ö And Moses spoke to the face of Yahweh, saying, öSee, the sons of Israel have not listened to me. How should Pharaoh hear me, I (of) uncircumcised lips?ö

¹³ And Yahweh spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and he commanded them (as) the sons of Israel, and (as) to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ These (are) the heads of the house of their fathers. The sons of Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. These are 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 Canaanitess. These are the families of Simeon.

¹⁶ And these are the names of the sons of **Levi** by their generations: Gershon and **Kohath** and Merari. And the years of the life of Levi were one hundred and thirty-seven years. The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei, by their families. And the sons of **Kohath**: **Amram** and Izhar and Hebron and Uzziel. And the years of the life of Kohath were one hundred and thirty-three years. And the sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of Levi by their generations.

²⁰ And **Amram** took Jochebed, his aunt to him for a wife; and she bore to him **Aaron** and **Moses**. And the years of the life of Amram were one hundred and thirty-seven years. And the sons of Izhar: Korah, Nepheg and Zichri. And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael and Elzaphan and Zithri. And Aaron took Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon to him for a wife; and she bore to him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. And the sons of Korah: Assir and Elkanah and Abiasaph; these are

the families of the Korahites. And Eleazar, son of Aaron took to him of the daughters of Putiel to him for a wife; and she bore to him Phinehas. These are the heads of the father of the Levites according to their families.

²⁶ It was Aaron and Moses to whom Yahweh said to them, "Bring out the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies." These are the ones speaking to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the sons of Israel from Egypt. It was Moses and Aaron.

²⁸ And it was on the day Yahweh spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt. And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, "I (am) Yahweh; Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you." And Moses said to the face of Yahweh, "Behold, I (am) of uncircumcised lips; how could Pharaoh listen to me?"

^{7:1} And Yahweh said to Moses, "See, I have made you an ELOHIYM (god) to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. You shall speak all that I command you, and Aaron your brother shall speak to Pharaoh, and he will send the sons of Israel from his land. And I will harden the heart of Pharaoh; and I will multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh will not listen to you; and I will lay my hand on Egypt, and I will bring my armies, my people, the sons of Israel, from the land of Egypt with great judgments. And the Egyptians shall know that I (am) Yahweh, when I stretch out my hand on Egypt, and bring out the sons of Israel from among them." And Moses and Aaron did as Yahweh commanded them, so they did. And Moses (was) a son of eighty years and Aaron (was) a son of three and eighty years, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

⁸ And Yahweh spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, "When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, "Give a miracle for yourselves," then you shall say to Aaron, "Take your staff and throw it in front of Pharaoh; let it become a snake." And Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh, and they did so, as Yahweh commanded. And Aaron threw down his staff before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a snake. And Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; and they also performed, magicians of Egypt, by their secret arts in the same way. And each one threw down his staff, and they became snakes; but Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as Yahweh had said.

¹⁴ And Yahweh said to Moses: "The heart of Pharaoh is heavy; he refuses to send away the people. Go to Pharaoh in the morning; behold, (he is) going out to the water; and you shall stand to meet him on the bank of the Nile. And the staff that was turned into a snake you shall take in your hand. And you shall say to him, "Yahweh, the ELOHIYM (god) of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Send my people away, so that they may serve me in the wilderness and behold you have not listened until now. Thus says Yahweh, "By this you shall know that I (am) Yahweh. Behold, I will strike upon the waters which (are) in the Nile with the staff that (is) in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood.

Look for themes or ideas in the *haftarah* reading below that are related to the Torah portion you just read above.

Haftarah Reading
Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

^{28:25} Thus says the Master Yahweh: "When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and have sanctified them in the eyes of the nations, then they will dwell in their own land which I have given to my servant Jacob. And they shall dwell in it securely and shall build houses, and plant vineyards. Yes, they shall dwell securely, when I have done judgments on all those who hate them (that are) around them. And they shall know that I (am) Yahweh their ELOHIYM (god)."

^{29:1} In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, the word of Yahweh came to me, saying, "Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt. Speak, and say, 'Thus says the Master Yahweh: "Behold, I (am) against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great monster who lies in the midst of his rivers, who has said, 'My River and I have made it for myself.' But I will put hooks in your jaws, and cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales; I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, and all the fish in your rivers will stick to your scales. I will leave you in the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers. You shall fall on the open field; you shall not be picked up or gathered. I have given you as food to the beasts of the field and to the birds of the heavens. And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I (am) Yahweh, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel."

⁷ When they seized you by your hand, you broke and tore off all their shoulders. When they leaned on you, you shattered and made all their loins stand. Therefore thus says the Master Yahweh, "Behold I will bring a sword upon you and cut off from you man and beast. And the land of Egypt shall become a desolation and a waste; and they shall know that I (am) Yahweh, because he said, 'The River (is) mine, and I have made it.' Therefore, behold I (am) against you and against your rivers, and I will give the land of Egypt for an utter waste (and) a desolate, from Migdol to Syene, even to the border of Ethiopia. Neither the foot of man shall pass through it nor the foot of beast pass through it, and you shall not dwell (in it) for forty years. And I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of the lands that are desolate; and among the cities that are laid waste, her cities shall be desolate forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations and disperse them throughout the lands."

¹³ For thus says the Master Yahweh, "At the end of forty years I will gather the Egypt from the peoples among whom they were scattered. And I will return the captives of Egypt and will make them return to the land of Pathros, to the land of their origin. And there they shall be a lowly kingdom there. Of the kingdoms it shall be the lowest; and it shall not lift itself any more above the nations, and I will lessen them so that they will not rule over the nations. And it shall not be the confidence of the house of Israel, recalling the iniquity of their turning after them. And they shall know that I (am) the Master Yahweh."

¹⁷ And it was in the twenty-seventh year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, that the word of Yahweh came to me, saying, "Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon caused his army to labor strenuously against Tyre; every head was made bald, and every shoulder rubbed bare; yet neither

he nor his army received wages from Tyre, for the service that he served against it. Therefore thus says the Master Yahweh, "Surely I will give the land of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; he shall take away her wealth, carry off her spoil, and seize her plunder. And it shall be the wages for his army. For his labor which he served, I have given him the land of Egypt, because they worked for me," says the Master Yahweh. In that day I will make bud a horn to the house of Israel, and to you I will give the opening of the mouth in their midst. And they shall know that I (am) Yahweh.

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