



Summary of the פרשה, by עליות

ספר שמות

כֹּהֵן told מֹשֶׁה that he had heard the groan of בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל who were being enslaved by מִצְרַיִם and He had remembered His בְּרִית - covenant. Then מֹשֶׁה told the four expressions of redemption with which He was going to free בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

וְהוֹצֵאתִי - I shall **take you out** [from slavery]; **וְהִצַּלְתִּי** - I shall **rescue you** [from Egypt]; **וְגִאלְתִּי** - I shall **redeem you** [by splitting the סוּף]; **וְלָקַחְתִּי** - I shall **take you as My people**.

לִוִּי The תּוֹרָה informs us of the heads of the families of יִשְׂרָאֵל. We are only told about the wives of these leaders in three cases: **אֶהֱרֹן**, **יוֹכָבֵד** married **עֲמֹנָה** and **אֶלְעָזָר** (the son of **אֶהֱרֹן**) married **אֶלְשֶׁבַע** (the daughter of **נִסְסִי** and **תִּירָז**). The תּוֹרָה wants us to know that in all three cases the children of these leaders descended not only from great fathers but also from great mothers. (For more information see The Stone Chumash, Artscroll publ., pp.322-323)

נְשֵׁי יִשְׂרָאֵל מֹשֶׁה said to ה' that since he did not speak well he doubted פְּרַעָה would listen to him - "וַיֹּאמֶר מֹשֶׁה לִּפְנֵי ה' הֲאֵנִי עֹרֵל שְׁפָתַיִם וְאֵיךְ יִשְׁמַע אֵלַי פְּרַעָה" - (שמות ו, ל) 'ה' reassured מֹשֶׁה that he would now become a master over פְּרַעָה and that his brother, **אַהֲרֹן** would speak to פְּרַעָה for him. 'ה' said that פְּרַעָה was going to refuse to release בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל and then take out His people **with great judgements**: "וְהוֹצֵאתִי אֶת-עַבְדִּי אֶת-פְּרַעָה בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם בְּשִׁפְטִים גְּדוֹלִים" (שמות ז, ד) מֹשֶׁה was 80 years old and **אַהֲרֹן** was 83 when they spoke to פְּרַעָה.

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מִשְׁפָּטִים
תְּרוּמָה
תְּצַוָּה
כִּי תִשָּׂא
וַיִּקְהַל
פְּקוּדֵי

רַבִּיעִי מֹשֶׁה and **אַהֲרֹן** told פְּרַעָה that when פְּרַעָה should ask for a sign **אַהֲרֹן** should throw down his staff which would become a snake. When **אַהֲרֹן** did this פְּרַעָה's magicians were able to do the same, but **אַהֲרֹן**'s swallowed theirs. פְּרַעָה did not listen to them, just as ה' had said. מֹשֶׁה told **אַהֲרֹן** that he and **אַהֲרֹן** should go and tell פְּרַעָה from the other side of the river that they are turning the Nile into blood, **דָּם**, to punish him. **אַהֲרֹן** was to hold his staff and stretch out his hand over the waters of מִצְרַיִם. He did this and also struck the waters with his staff and they turned into blood. The fish died and the water became undrinkable for the Egyptians. The magicians did the same. פְּרַעָה did not listen, as ה' had said.

Seven days later Hashem told מֹשֶׁה and **אַהֲרֹן** to warn פְּרַעָה of the frogs, **צַפְרָדַּע**. Again it was **אַהֲרֹן** who stretched out his hand with his staff over the waters, this time to bring the frogs. Although the magicians were again able to copy the plague and bring up frogs, פְּרַעָה this time begged מֹשֶׁה and **אַהֲרֹן** to get rid of the מִכָּה.

חֲמִישִׁי מֹשֶׁה cried out to Hashem because of the frogs, and ה' caused them to die. The frogs were piled up into heaps and the land stank. Again, פְּרַעָה did not listen to מֹשֶׁה and **אַהֲרֹן**, just as ה' had said. The next plague was the lice, **כִּנִּים**, also brought about by **אַהֲרֹן**. This time he had to strike the dust of the land. The magicians could not copy this. They said to פְּרַעָה that it was אֶצְבַּע אֱלֹהִים - a finger of G-d, but again he did not listen. מֹשֶׁה told פְּרַעָה of the next מִכָּה, wild beasts, **עֲרֹב**.

שְׁשִׁי ה' sent the wild beasts. פֶּרַעַה agreed to let בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל go into the desert to bring offerings, זִבְחִים, to ה', but when the wild beasts had gone he did not let the בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל go. The next plague was **דָּבָר**, a disease which killed the Egyptian livestock (animals). No Jewish livestock died. מֹשֶׁה and אַהֲרֹן brought the next plague by throwing handfuls of furnace soot into the air. It became boils, **שִׁחִין**, which erupted into blisters, on both man and beast throughout Egypt. Again, פֶּרַעַה did not listen, as ה' had said.

שְׁבִיעִי Next, מֹשֶׁה was instructed by ה' to stretch out his hand toward שָׁמַיִם to bring the hail, **בָּרָד**. This was hail which contained fire flaming inside it. It struck everywhere, people, animals. It struck the grass in the field and smashed every tree. Only in גֹּשֶׁן, where בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל lived, there was no hail. מֹשֶׁה went out from פֶּרַעַה, from the city and stretched out his hands to Hashem. The rain, hail and thunder ceased and rain did not reach the earth.

(שמות ט, כ"ה) וַיַּחֲזֶק לֵב פֶּרַעַה וְלֹא שְׁלַח אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל כְּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר ה' בְּיַד־מֹשֶׁה:
מֹשֶׁה's heart became strong and he did not send out בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, as ה' had spoken through מֹשֶׁה

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Shmuel HaKoton says: "When your enemy falls do not be glad and when he stumbles do not let your heart be joyful, in case Hashem should see and turn his anger from him to you."

פִּרְקֵי אָבוֹת ד': כ"ד

שְׁמוּאֵל הַקָּטָן אָמַר, (מִשְׁלֵי כד) בְּנִפְל אוֹיְבֶיךָ אַל תִּשְׂמַח וּבִכְשָׁלוֹ אַל יִגַּל לִבְךָ, כֵּן יֵרָאֶה ה' וְרַע בְּעֵינָיו וְהִשִּׁיב מֵעָלָיו אָפוֹ:

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דְּבַר תּוֹרָה

שִׁבְתָּ שְׁלוֹם!