

TUESDAYS IN THE TORAH

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Parashat Va'era ואֶרָא

Tuesday's Tale of the Tzaddikim*The Turkey Prince***Mitzvah List: Which of the 613 Occur in This Week's Portion***There are no new, first time mitzvot in Va'era***The Necessity to Go Down to the Level of Others in Order to Bring Them Up: Yeshua and Va'era****The Contest of the Gods****Moses the Complainer****By My Name: To Know Is to Experience****Four Expressions of Redemption**

Cup One	I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.
Cup Two	I will deliver you from their bondage.
Cup Three	I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.
Cup Four	I will take you for my people, and I will be your God.

Shortness of Breath**Uncircumcised Lips****A God and His Prophet**

Hard-Minded

Pharaoh's Freedom to Choose

A Deeper Look at Some of the Plagues

The First Plague (Blood) – To Warm Hearts

The Third Plague (Lice) – Indifference to God

The Fourth Plague (Swarming) – Distinguishing between Holy and Unholy

The Seventh Plague (Hail) – The Synthesis of Mercy and Severity

The Ten Plagues							
	English	Hebrew		Exodus Passage	Agent	Affected	Pharaoh's Reaction
1	Blood	dam	דם	7:14–24	Aaron with staff	all	refuses
2	Frogs	tzepardea	צפרדע	8:1–15	Aaron with staff	all	concedes briefly
3	Lice	kinnim	כנים	8:16–19	Aaron with staff	all	refuses
4	Swarms	arov	ערוב	8:20–32	God	Egyptians only	concedes briefly
5	Pestilence	dever	דבר	9:1–7	God	all	refuses
6	Boils	shechin	שחין	9:8–12	Moses with soot	all	refuses
7	Hail	barad	ברד	9:13–35	Moses with staff	Egyptians only	concedes briefly
8	Locusts	arbeh	ארבה	10:1–20	Moses with staff	all	concedes briefly
9	Darkness	choshek	חשך	10:21–29	Moses with hand	Egyptians only	concedes briefly
10	Slaying of the Firstborn	makkat-bechorot	מכת בכורות	11:1–12:29	God	all without blood	concedes