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VaEra-And I Appeared
Exodus 6:2-9:35
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Introduction

God explains that Pharaoh's heart will be hardened to demonstrate the extent of God's might to the Egyptians and to the Hebrews.

Exodus 7:1-7

1 And the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. **2** You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land. **3** But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, **4** Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. **5** The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them." **6** Moses and Aaron did so; they did just as the LORD commanded them. **7** Now Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh. (ESV)

Why was it necessary for the Almighty to make Moses like God to Pharaoh and Aaron his prophet? Probably, it was because Pharaoh was believed to be a living god to the Egyptians. It was not going to be enough for the Almighty to strike Egypt and the Egyptians on His own, even though it would be the Almighty who did it through Moses and Aaron. It would be one God to another, a lesser god, who was not a god at all but a man who would be shown this to himself, all of Egypt, and the surrounding nations. What the Almighty would do to Egypt would be remembered forty years later when Israel was ready to enter the Promised Land.

On another note, we should also look at it as the Almighty showing His power to Israel as well, to build up Moses in their eyes as well as Aaron. He would establish Moses as the leader of Israel, the one who would bring the Hebrews out of Egypt, teach them the Almighty's covenant of Torah, and bring correction to the Hebrews as they struggled with their new-found freedom by rebelling against Moses, and in turn, God. He told Moses He would harden Pharaoh's heart against the Hebrews, and even though the Almighty would increase the level of affliction on Egypt, Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go, until the Almighty would allow Pharaoh to free Israel. The Almighty would show His power through

a man, Moses, who would be a God to Pharaoh and would bring Pharaoh to his knees. This would be a taste of what was to come throughout history as the various nations step on Israel and the Jewish people, wherever they live, only to bring that nation down. Look at what is happening to countries all over the world that once were mighty nations and had empires all over the earth. He is dealing with them as He dealt with Egypt, but they miss the signs and believe they can be the captains of their fate.

Fate, as we call it, is not in our hands but in the Almighty's. It has always been this way. We walk the road He has set before us, if we choose to. Adam and Chavah did not have to take a bite from the forbidden fruit. It was simple enough what the Almighty had asked of them. Do as He instructed, or do as you wish, but there will be consequences. Their choice has followed us throughout the ages until Messiah returns to put things right and back into their proper place.

Psalm 9:16 The LORD has made Himself known; He has executed judgment. In the work of his own hands the wicked is snared. Higgsion Selah. (NAU)

<01902> חִגַּיִן *higgayon* (212a)

Meaning: *resounding music, meditation, musing*

Origin: from 1897

Usage: Higgsion(1), meditation(1), resounding music(1), whispering(1).

Notes:

¹ Perhaps, resounding music or meditation

² *Selah* may mean: *Pause, Crescendo or Musical interlude*

<05542> סֵלָה *selah* (699d)

Meaning: *to lift up, exalt*

The Almighty has made Himself known to mankind, and in doing so, He brings judgment on the wicked because of the things they have done of their own choosing. At the end of verse from Psalm 9:16 we see two words, one that is used in other places, *Selah*. The verse word is *Higgsion* and means resounding music, meditation, or musing. Maybe the Almighty intended for us to meditate on Psalm 9:16. The word *Selah* is used in other places and can mean to lift up or exalt, but it is generally accepted that it is like a musical note, and where it is inserted, it carries the meaning, pause. Pause and reflect on what you are reading and meditate on My word is what the Almighty might be telling us. I am simply musing a bit here, but even musing carries the truth with it.

Ezekiel 29:12-16

12 And I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of desolated countries, and her cities shall be a desolation forty years among cities that are laid waste. I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries. ¹³ "For thus says the Lord GOD: At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the peoples among whom they were scattered, ¹⁴ and I will restore the fortunes of Egypt and bring

them back to the land of Pathros, the land of their origin, and there they shall be a lowly kingdom. ¹⁵ It shall be the most lowly of the kingdoms, and never again exalt itself above the nations. And I will make them so small that they will never again rule over the nations. ¹⁶ And it shall never again be the reliance of the house of Israel, recalling their iniquity, when they turn to them for aid. Then they will know that I am the Lord GOD." (ESV)

The Almighty used Egypt for His purpose, and even though He used Egypt to accomplish His purpose, there was still a price to pay because Egypt did not rebel against God but chose to do as they were told. One can stand up for oneself as an individual or a nation. Even in their punishment, the Almighty promised that He would restore Egypt, He did, and today they stand as one of the oldest nations on the face of the earth just as much as Israel has been reborn from the ashes of their punishment to take its place among the nations whether the other nations like it or not.

Jeremiah 46:26 I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their life, into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and his officers. Afterward Egypt shall be inhabited as in the days of old, declares the LORD. ²⁷ "But fear not, O Jacob my servant, nor be dismayed, O Israel, for behold, I will save you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and none shall make him afraid. ²⁸ Fear not, O Jacob my servant, declares the LORD, for I am with you. I will make a full end of all the nations to which I have driven you, but of you I will not make a full end. I will discipline you in just measure, and I will by no means leave you unpunished." (ESV)

Once again, the Almighty promises to bring back Egypt and tells Israel not to lose hope because He will bring Israel back from the lands of their captivity. He will hold those nations accountable who have oppressed His people, even though it was Him who sent His people into exile. But before we say that, why is the Almighty being so hard on Israel? It is because He expects more from His covenant-keeping people. Israel was His chosen from the beginning and will always be His firstborn of all the nations. There is no Allah or any other god to take His place. He is the Almighty, the Holy One of Israel. *Selah*...

1 Corinthians 9:24-10:6

9:24-10:6 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; ²⁷ but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified. **10:1** For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; ² and all were immersed into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; ³ and all ate the same spiritual food; ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Messiah. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved. (NAU)

Run the race to win because your very life depends on it. All of God's people drank from the same spiritual Rock, the Messiah Yeshua. He sustains every one of us. He is the very foundation of the universe who supports it. The Father used the Son to create everything. It was through Him and for Him. Why – because Yeshua is His Son, and into His hands the Father has placed everything. His trust is so that He knows His Son will reach the end of the race, and He will be the winner. The Son has walked the path the Father set before Him, and in doing this, He shows us the way. Follow Him as Israel followed Moses, but don't rebel against the Messiah as Israel did. They rebelled and, because of their lack of faith, they were condemned to die in the wilderness.

We need to go about His business as He shows us what He wants us to do, and remember to take a moment, now and again through your busy day to *Selah*.... take a deep breath and let it out and look to God for your shalom. Amen!

Torah Man says: "Busy persons are not busybodies."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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