

TORAH TEACHINGS



Understanding YAH's Likes and dislikes



#14 Va'eira (וַאֲרָא)
– Hebrew for “and I
appeared”

Torah: Exodus 6:2 - 9:35
Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Chapter 3) The Burning Bush, Elohim's Name (YHVH)

Exo 3:1 And Mosheh was shepherding the flock of Yithro (overflow) his father-in-law, the priest of Midyan. And he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to Hor'eb, the mountain of Elohim.

Exo 3:2 And the Messenger of יהוה appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. And he looked and saw the bush burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

Exo 3:3 And Mosheh said, “Let me turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”

Exo 3:4 And **יהוה** saw that he turned aside to see, and Elohim called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Mosheh! Mosheh!” And he said, “Here I am.”

Exo 3:5 And He said, “Do not come near here. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is set-apart ground.”

Exo 3:6 And He said, “I am the Elohim of your father, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Yitshaq, and the Elohim of Ya’aqob.” And Mosheh hid his face, for he was afraid to look at Elohim.

Exo 3:7 And יהוה said, “I have indeed seen the oppression of My people who are in Mitsrayim, and have heard their cry because of their slave-drivers, for I know their sorrows.

Exo 3:8 “And I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Mitsrites, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Kena’anites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hiwwites and the Yebusites.

Exo 3:9 “And now, see, the cry of the children of Yisra’ěl has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Mitsrites oppress them.


Exo 3:10 “And now, come, I am sending you to Pharaoh, to bring My people, the children of Yisra’ěl, out of Mitsrayim.”

Exo 3:11 And Mosheh said to Elohim, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Yisra’ěl out of Mitsrayim?”



Exo 3:12 And He said, “Because I am with you. And this is to you the sign that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Mitsrayim, you are to serve Elohim on this mountain.”

Exo 3:13 And Mosheh said to Elohim, “See, when I come to the children of Yisra’ěl and say to them, ‘The Elohim of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His Name?’ what shall I say to them?”



Exo 3:14 And Elohim said to Mosheh, “I am that which I am.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Yisra’ěl, ‘I am has sent me to you.’ ” Footnote: aThe Hebrew text reads: 'eheyeh 'asher 'eheyeh, the word 'eheyeh being derived from hayah which means to be, to exist, but the Aramaic text here in v. 14 reads: ayah ashar ayah.

Exo 3:15 And Elohim said further to Mosheh, “Thus you are to say to the children of Yisra’ěl, ‘יהוה Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Yitshaq, and the Elohim of Ya‘aqob, has sent me to you. This is My Name forever, and this is My remembrance to all generations.’

14 And God saide vnto Moses,
I AM THAT I AM: And he
said, Thus shalt thou say vnto the chil-
dren of Israel, I AM hath sent me
vnto you.