

# Shabbat Sh'mot

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### Torah Reading

#### Exodus 4:1-21

(1) But Moses spoke up and said, “What if they do not believe me and do not listen to me, but say: יהוה did not appear to you?” (2) יהוה said to him, “What is that in your hand?” And he replied, “A rod.” (3) [God] said, “Cast it on the ground.” He cast it on the ground and it became a snake; and Moses recoiled from it. (4) Then יהוה said to Moses, “Put out your hand and grasp it by the tail”—he put out his hand and seized it, and it became a rod in his hand— (5) “that they may believe that יהוה, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, did appear to you.” (6) יהוה said to him further, “Put your hand into your bosom.” He put his hand into his bosom; and when he took it out, his hand was encrusted with snowy scales! *\*scales Cf. Lev. 13.2–3.* (7) And [God] said, “Put your hand back into your bosom.”—He put his hand back into his bosom; and when he

#### שמות ד':א-כ"א

(א) וַיַּעַן מֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר וְהֵן לֹא־יֵאֱמִינוּ לִי וְלֹא יִשְׁמְעוּ בְקוֹלִי כִּי יֹאמְרוּ לֹא־נִרְאָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ יְהוָה: (ב) וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו יְהוָה (מִזֶּה) [מִהֲזֶה] בְּיָדְךָ וַיֹּאמֶר מֶטֶה: (ג) וַיֹּאמֶר הִשְׁלִיכֵהוּ אֶרְצָה וַיִּשְׁלַכֵהוּ אֶרְצָה וַיְהִי לְנָחָשׁ וַיִּנָּס מֹשֶׁה מִפָּנָיו: (ד) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה שְׁלַח יָדְךָ וְאַחֲזֵ בְזָנְבוֹ וַיִּשְׁלַח יָדוֹ וַיַּחֲזֶק בּוֹ וַיְהִי לְמֶטֶה בְּכַפּוֹ: (ה) לְמַעַן יֵאֱמִינוּ כִּי־נִרְאָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבֹתָם אֱלֹהֵי אַבְרָהָם אֱלֹהֵי יִצְחָק וְאֱלֹהֵי יַעֲקֹב: (ו) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה לֹא עוֹד הִבֵּאתִי יָדְךָ בְּחִיקְךָ וַיָּבֹא יָדוֹ בְּחִיקוֹ וַיּוֹצֵאָהּ וְהִנֵּה יָדוֹ מְצֻרֶת כַּשָּׁלֵג: (ז) וַיֹּאמֶר הֲשִׁב יָדְךָ אֶל־חִיקְךָ וַיִּשֶׁב יָדוֹ אֶל־חִיקוֹ וַיּוֹצֵאָהּ מִחִיקוֹ וְהִנֵּה־שָׁבָה כַּבָּשָׂרוֹ: (ח) וְהָיָה אִם־לֹא

took it out of his bosom, there it was again like the rest of his body.— (8) “And if they do not believe you or pay heed to the first sign, they will believe the second. (9) And if they are not convinced by both these signs and still do not heed you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and it—the water that you take from the Nile—will turn to blood on the dry ground.” (10) But Moses said to יהוה, “Please, O my lord, I have never been a man of words, either in times past or now that You have spoken to Your servant; I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” (11) And יהוה said to him, “Who gives humans speech? Who makes them dumb or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, (12) יהוה? Now go, and I will be with you as you speak and will instruct you what to say.” (13) But he said, “Please, O my lord, make someone else Your agent. (14) יהוה became angry with Moses and said, “There is your brother Aaron the Levite. He, I know, speaks readily. Even now he is setting out to meet you, and he will be happy to see you. (15) You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth—I will be with you and with him as you speak, and tell both of you what to do— (16) and he shall speak for you to the people. Thus he shall serve as your

יִאֲמִינוּ לָךְ וְלֹא יִשְׁמְעוּ לְקֶלֶךָ הָאֵת  
הָרִאשׁוֹן וְהָאֲמִינוּ לְקֶלֶךָ הָאֵת  
הָאַחֲרֹן: (ט) וְהִלָּה אִם-לֹא  
יִאֲמִינוּ גַם לְשִׁנִּי הָאֵתוֹת הָאֵלֶּה  
וְלֹא יִשְׁמְעוּ לְקֶלֶךָ וְלִקְחָתָּ  
מִמִּימֵי הַיָּאֵר וְשִׁפְכָתָּ הַיִּבְשָׁה  
וְהָיוּ הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר תִּקַּח מִן-הַיָּאֵר  
וְהָיוּ לְדָם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא: (י) וַיֹּאמֶר  
מֹשֶׁה אֶל-יְהוָה בִּי אֲדֹנָי לֹא אִישׁ  
דְּבָרִים אֲנֹכִי גַם מִתְמוּל גַּם  
מִשְׁלֹשָׁם גַּם מֵאִזְ דְּבָרְךָ אֶל-עַבְדְּךָ  
כִּי כְבֹד-פֶּה וְכֹבֵד לְשׁוֹן אֲנֹכִי:  
(יא) וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֵלָיו מִי שֵׁם  
פֶּה לְאָדָם אוֹ מִי־שׁוֹם אֵלִים אוֹ  
חֹרֵשׁ אוֹ פֹקֵחַ אוֹ עֹרֵר הֲלֹא אֲנֹכִי  
יְהוָה: (יב) וְעַתָּה לָךְ וְאֲנֹכִי  
אֶהְיֶה עִם-פִּיךָ וְהוֹרִיתִיךָ אֲשֶׁר  
תִּדְבֹר: (יג) וַיֹּאמֶר בִּי אֲדֹנָי  
שְׁלַח-נָא בְיָד-תְּשַׁלַּח: (יד)  
וַיַּחֲרֹאֲף יְהוָה בְּמֹשֶׁה וַיֹּאמֶר  
הֲלֹא אֶהְרֵן אַחִיךָ הַלֵּוִי יִדְעָתִי  
כִּי־דָבָר יִדְבֹר הוּא וְגַם הִנֵּה־הוּא  
יֵצֵא לְקִרְאָתְךָ וְרֹאךָ וְשָׁמַח בְּלִבּוֹ:  
(טו) וְדַבַּרְתָּ אֵלָיו וְשָׁמַתָּ  
אֶת־הַדְּבָרִים בְּפִיו וְאֲנֹכִי אֶהְיֶה  
עִם-פִּיךָ וְעִם-פִּיהוּ וְהוֹרִיתִי  
אֶתְכֶם אֵת אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשׂוּן: (טז)  
וְדַבַּר־הוּא לָךְ אֶל־הָעָם וְהָיָה הוּא  
יְהִי־לָךְ לִפֶּה וְאַתָּה תְּהִי־לּוֹ

spokesman, with you playing the role of God to him. (17) And take with you this rod, with which you shall perform the signs.” (18) Moses went back to his father-in-law Jethro and said to him, “Let me go back to my kinsfolk in Egypt and see how they are faring.” And Jethro said to Moses, “Go in peace.” (19) יהוה said to Moses in Midian, “Go back to Egypt, for all those who sought to kill you are dead.” (20) So Moses took his wife and sons, mounted them on an ass, and went back to the land of Egypt; and Moses took the rod of God with him. (21) And יהוה said to Moses, “When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the marvels that I have put within your power. I, however, will stiffen his heart so that he will not let the people go.

לְאֱלֹהִים: (יז) וְאֶת־הַמֶּטֶה הַזֶּה  
תִּקַּח בְּיָדְךָ אֲשֶׁר תַּעֲשֶׂה־בּוֹ  
אֶת־הָאֵתֶת: {פ}  
(יח) וַיֵּלֶךְ מֹשֶׁה וַיָּשָׁב אֶל־יֶתֶר  
חֹתֲנֹו וַיֹּאמֶר לוֹ אֵלְכָה נָא  
וְאֶשׁוּבָה אֶל־אֲחֵי אֲשֶׁר־בְּמִצְרַיִם  
וְאֶרְאֶה הָעוֹנֶם חַיִּים וַיֹּאמֶר יֶתֶר  
לְמֹשֶׁה לָךְ לְשָׁלוֹם: (יט) וַיֹּאמֶר  
יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בְּמִדְיָן לֵךְ שָׁב  
מִצְרָיִם כִּי־מָתוּ כָּל־הַנֹּשְׁטִים  
הַמְּבַקְשִׁים אֶת־נַפְשְׁךָ: (כ) וַיִּקַּח  
מֹשֶׁה אֶת־אִשְׁתּוֹ וְאֶת־בָּנָיו  
וַיֵּרֻכְבּוּ עַל־הַחֲמֹר וַיָּשָׁב אֶרְצָה  
מִצְרָיִם וַיִּקַּח מֹשֶׁה אֶת־מֶטֶה  
הָאֱלֹהִים בְּיָדּוֹ: (כא) וַיֹּאמֶר  
יְהוָה אֶל־מֹשֶׁה בְּלִכְתּוֹךָ לָשׁוּב  
מִצְרָיִמָּה רְאֵה כָּל־הַמִּפְתִּים  
אֲשֶׁר־שָׁמַתִּי בְיָדְךָ וַעֲשִׂיתָם לִפְנֵי  
פַרְעֹה וְאֲנִי אַחְזֹק אֶת־לְבָבוֹ וְלֹא  
יִשְׁלַח אֶת־הָעָם:

### Haftarah Reading:

#### Job 40:1-14

- (1) The LORD said in reply to Job.
- (2) Shall one who should be disciplined complain against Shaddai?-  
He who arraigns God must respond.

#### איוב מ':א'-י"ד

- (א) וַיַּעַן יְהוָה אֶת־אִיּוֹב וַיֹּאמֶר:
- (ב) הֲרַב עִם־שְׁדַי יְסוֹר מוֹכִיחַ  
אֱלֹהִים יַעֲנֶנָּה: {פ}

(3) Job said in reply to the LORD:  
 (4) See, I am of small worth; what  
 can I answer You?  
 I clap my hand to my mouth. (5) I  
 have spoken once, and will not  
 reply;  
 Twice, and will do so no more.  
 (6) Then the LORD replied to Job  
 out of the tempest and said:  
 (7) Gird your loins like a man;  
 I will ask, and you will inform Me.  
 (8) Would you impugn My justice?  
 Would you condemn Me that you  
 may be right? (9) Have you an arm  
 like God's?  
 Can you thunder with a voice like  
 His? (10) Deck yourself now with  
 grandeur and eminence;  
 Clothe yourself in glory and majesty.  
 (11) Scatter wide your raging anger;  
 See every proud man and bring him  
 low. (12) See every proud man and  
 humble him,  
 And bring them down where they  
 stand. (13) Bury them all in the  
 earth;  
 Hide their faces in obscurity. (14)  
 Then even I would praise you  
 For the triumph your right hand  
 won you.

(ג) וַיַּעַן אִיּוֹב אֶת־יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר:  
 (ד) הֵן קָלָתִי מִהָאֲשִׁיבָה יָדִי  
 שְׁמַתִּי לְמוֹפֵי: (ה) אַחַת דִּבַּרְתִּי  
 וְלֹא אֶעֱנֶה וְשִׁתִּים וְלֹא אוֹסִיף:  
 {פ}  
 (ו) וַיַּעַן־יְהוָה אֶת־אִיּוֹב  
 (מנסערה) [מִן | סְעָרָה] וַיֹּאמֶר:  
 (ז) אֲזַר־נָא כְגֹבֶר חֲלָצֶיךָ אֲשַׁלֵּךְ  
 וְהוֹדִיעֲנִי: (ח) הֲאֵף תִּפְרֹ  
 מִשְׁפָּטִי תִרְשָׁעֵנִי לְמַעַן תִּצְדָּק:  
 (ט) וְאַסִּיזְרוּעַ כְּאֵל | לָךְ וּבִקְוֹל  
 כְּמֹהוּ תִרְעָם: (י) עֲדָה נָא גִאוֹן  
 וְגִבָּה וְהוֹד וְהִדָּר תִּלְבָּשׁ: (יא)  
 הִפֵּץ עֲבָרוֹת אִפְּךָ וּרְאֵה כָּל־גִּאֲוָה  
 וְהִשְׁפִּילָהּ: (יב) רְאֵה כָּל־גִּאֲוָה  
 הַכְנִיעֶהּ וְהִדָּךְ רָשָׁעִים תַּחֲתָם:  
 (יג) טָמְנֵם בְּעֶפְרָיִם יַחַד פְּנִיָּהֶם  
 חֲבֹשׁ בַּטָּמּוֹן: (יד) וְגַם־אֲנִי אוֹדֶךָ  
 כִּי־תוֹשַׁע לָךְ יִמִּינְךָ: