

וַיֵּרָא

# Va'era

*'And I Appeared'*

Ex 6:2-9:35, Eze 28:25-29:21

# Exodus 6:3a

Va-'ey-RA



וַאֲרָא אֶל-אַבְרָהָם

אֶל-יִצְחָק וְאֶל-יַעֲקֹב . . .

Exodus  
6:3a

Va-'ey-RA

וַאֲרָא

רָא

אֵי

וַ

RA

ey

va

I appeared

and

Exodus 6:3a

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אל (el) = “to”

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**three patriarchs** to  
whom God had  
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Va-ey-RA

el Av-ra-HAM

el Yits-CHAK

el Ya-'ə-QOV

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וְאֶל-יַעֲקֹב

And I appeared  
to Abraham,  
to Isaac,  
and to Jacob.

רָאָה

to see

**Note that the following four slides show Hebrew verb forms based on this verb root of 3 consonants:**

ר א ה



רָאָה

to see

וַאֲרָא

(and) I appeared

רָאָה

to see

וַיֵּרָא

(and) I appeared

וַיֵּרָא

(and) he appeared

רָאָה

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וַיֵּרָא

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וַיֵּרָא

(and) he appeared

רְאוּבֵן

Reuben (See! a boy)

רָאָה

to see

וַיֵּרָא

(and) I appeared

וַיֵּרָא

(and) he appeared

רֵאוּבֵן

Reuben (See! a boy)

לְהִתְרָאוֹת

See you!, Good-bye!

Now read the previous verse, Ex. 6,  
verse 2 in an English Bible and note  
the last word.

וַיְדַבֵּר אֱלֹהִים

אֶל-מִנְשֵׁה

וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלָיו

אֲנִי יְהוָה

Exodus 6:3 – Now look again at **verse 3**  
and find the same word - יהוה

1<sup>st</sup> part

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אֶל-יִצְחָק וְאֶל-יַעֲקֹב . . .

בְּאֵל שַׁדַּי וְשֵׁמִי יְהוָה . . .

לֹא נֹדַעְתִּי לָהֶם

2<sup>nd</sup> part

Ex 6:3b (2<sup>nd</sup> part) Note the names of God.

בְּאֵל שַׁדַּי

Bə- EYL Shad-DAI

וּשְׁמִי יְהוָה

oo-shə-MEE

A-do-NAI

לֹא נֹדַעְתִּי

lo no-DAH-'ə-tee

לָהֶם

lah-HEM

Exodus 6:3b Note the names of God.

כִּי אֵל שַׁדַּי

as God Almighty  
(El-Shaddai)

וּשְׁמִי יְהוָה

And my name, the  
LORD (Adonai,  
HaShem)

לֹא נִודַעְתִּי

I did not reveal

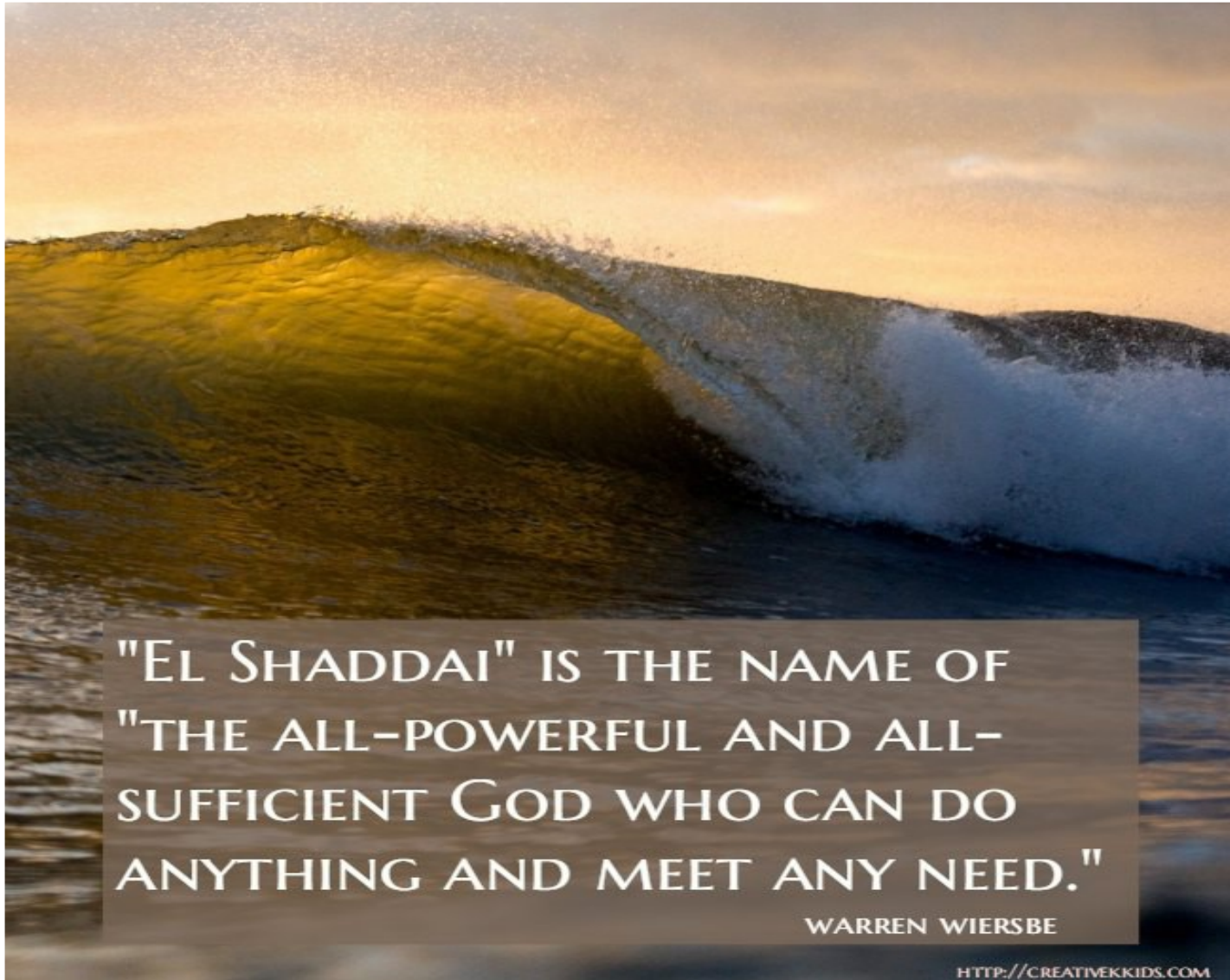
לָהֶם

to them.



אֵל שַׁדַּי

El Shaddai



"EL SHADDAI" IS THE NAME OF  
"THE ALL-POWERFUL AND ALL-  
SUFFICIENT GOD WHO CAN DO  
ANYTHING AND MEET ANY NEED."

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יהוה

This is a Hebrew name of God called the tetragrammaton ("four letters"):

יהוה (Yod Heh Vav Heh),  
which is usually written in English as  
Y H W H.

Because it was considered blasphemous to utter the name of God, it was only written and **never spoken**, which resulted in the original pronunciation becoming lost.

יהוה

In most English Bibles, this name is written as “the LORD”. The Jewish tradition is to substitute the word *Adonai* (“my Lord”) in its place when reading the Scriptures. Otherwise, the sacred Name is referred to simply as *HaShem* (“the Name”).

Some Christians in the past have used “Jehovah”, but “Yahweh” has become more common.

## Translations

Exodus 6:2b:

אֲנִי יְהוָה

I (am) The LORD

I (am) Adonai

I (am) HaShem

I (am) Yahweh

Exodus 6:3b:

שְׁמִי יְהוָה

My name (is) The LORD

My name (is) Adonai

My name (is) HaShem

My name (is) Yahweh

# יְהוָה and the Shema

Sh'ma Yis-ra-eil,

Hear (O) Israel

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל

A-do-nai

E-lo-hei-nu,

The LORD

our God

אֱלֹהֵינוּ

יְהוָה

A-do-nai

e-chad.

The LORD

(is) one

אֶחָד:

יְהוָה



Click here to listen to the Shema  
and to explanations:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKQFMMy9-6IE>

# VA'ERA "I appeared"



**TORAH:** Exodus 6:2-9:35

# Summary of Va'era

## Exodus

- 6:2-6:12 God's Promise & Name
- 6:13-6:27 Families of Moses & Aaron
- 6:28-7:7 Aaron to Speak for Moses
- 7:8-7:13 Aaron's Staff
- 7:14-9:34 First 7 Plagues (see next slide)



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**Waters Turn to Blood**  
Exodus 7:14-25

2



**Amphibians (Frogs)**  
Exodus 7:26-8:11

3



**Gnats (Lice)**  
Exodus 8:12-15

4



**Flies**  
Exodus 8:16-28

5



**Disease on Livestock**  
Exodus 9:1-7

# The Ten Plagues of Egypt



**Unhealable Boils**  
Exodus 9:8-12



**Hail and Fire**  
Exodus 9:13-35



**Locusts**  
Exodus 10:1-20



**Darkness**  
Exodus 10:21-29



**Death of First-Born**  
Exodus 11:1-12:36

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(in next parashah)

<i>Plague</i>	<i>Egyptian God Attacked</i>
1 Blood	Osiris (god of the Nile)
2 Frogs	Hekt (frog goddess)
3 Gnats	Seb (earth God)
4 Flies	Haktok
5 Livestock	Apis (Bull god)
6 Boils	Typhon
7 Hail	Shu (god of atmosphere)

THE END



SIMCHAT TORAH  
BEIT MIDRASH

*Va'eira*  
AND I APPEARED

וַאֲרָא