

(Context: 6:14-30 [genealogy of Moses & Aaron]; 7:1-25 [the first plague and Pharaoh's hardness])

Vs. 6:28-30

A recounting:

Yahweh to Moses:

- I am Yahweh; tell Pharaoh what I say

Moses to Yahweh:

- Why would Pharaoh listen to me?

Vs. 1-7

Yahweh to Moses:

- I have made you god to Pharaoh
- Aaron will be your prophet
- I will harden Pharaoh's heart
 - I will perform signs & wonders
 - When Pharaoh doesn't listen
great acts will follow
 - The Egyptians will know that I am Yahweh

Moses & Aaron did as commanded

- Moses was eighty, Aaron eighty-three

Vs. 8-13:

Yahweh to Moses:

- When Pharaoh asks ...
Aaron's staff will become a snake
- Moses and Aaron obeyed

Pharaoh called his wise/magicians/sorcerers

- Their staffs became snakes
 - Aaron's snake ate their snakes

Pharaoh was heart hardened

Key words and Thoughts: listen (שמע); god (אלהים); prophet (נביא); brother (אח); signs (מופת); wonders (נִטָּה); rod (מִטָּה); company (בָּסָה); magicians/engraver/writer (סֹרְטָם); flaming sword (לִהְטָה); snake/dragon/sea monster (תַּנִּינִי); wise (חָכָם); sorcerer/whisper a spell (קִשָּׁף); ate (בָּעַשׂ); hardened/make severe/ fierce (קָשָׁה)

