

# PARSHA SUMMARY FOR PARSHAS VAERA

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**Note:** The Shabbos Torah Reading is divided into 7 sections. Each section is called an Aliya [literally: Go up] since for each Aliya, one person "goes up" to make a bracha [blessing] on the Torah Reading.

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**1st Aliya:** The year is 2448 and Moshe had unsuccessfully confronted Pharaoh. The situation had gotten worse, not better, and Hashem (G-d) reassured Moshe that in fact the redemption was about to begin. The 4 statements of redemption are stated for which we have the 4 cups of wine at the Passover Seder.

**2nd & 3rd Aliyot:** Moshe's Yichus (lineage) is established. He is 80 years old and Aharon is 83.

**4th Aliya:** Moshe performed the miracle of the "staff turning to a serpent" and performed the first and second plagues.

**5th Aliya:** Moshe performed the third plague and forewarned Pharaoh about the fourth.

**6th Aliya:** The fourth, fifth, and sixth plagues were performed, and Moshe forewarned Pharaoh regarding the seventh.

**7th Aliya:** The seventh plague was performed and Pharaoh "hardens his heart" and refused to let the Jews go.