

ONE POINT*from***לקוטי שיחות חלק טו, שיחה ג לפרשת וארא**

~ In memory of Rebbetzin Chave Hecht ז"ל אלימלך ז"ל ~

Use these words to fill in the blanks:*** לשון הקודש * speak * rule * voice * words *****IN THE PARSHA:**

When משה רבינו told Hashem that he was unable to speak to פרעה, Hashem told him:

You **will** speak, because I will enable you to _____.

Each time I send you with a message to פרעה, you will tell it to him once, exactly as you hear it from me, in _____.

Then, אהרן will translate it, and elaborate on it to פרעה, explaining it in greater detail.

QUESTION:

Since פרעה didn't understand לשון הקודש, what was the point in משה speaking to him in that language?

ANSWER:

אהרן's responsibility to **talk** to פרעה using _____ that פרעה could understand, hoping to convince him to obey Hashem's command and let the people go.

משה's role was different. Hashem had said to משה that He had made him a master over פרעה, as a judge and a ruler to _____ over him plagues and suffering¹.

And so, משה was supposed to affect פרעה not so much by **what** he was saying, as much as by **how** he was saying it.

When משה repeated Hashem's exact words to פרעה, with a stern _____ and facial expressions, this helped to intimidate פרעה, and eventually crushed his ego.

This is why he spoke to him in לשון הקודש.

Further discussion:

- Why was משה, specifically, the one to affect פרעה in this specific way? (See אותיות ח-ט in the שיחה)

¹ See רש"י there, פרק ז, פסוק א.

