

## **Parshas Va'aira**

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The Sforno in this week's Parsha (Perek 7, Pasuk 3) explains the purpose of the abundance of makos that through them the Egyptians will see Hashem's greatness and goodness and they'll return with a complete repentance, and so the Jews who see their pain will tell their children that "all of this Hashem does to people so that they return to Him" and then they'll examine their deeds when difficult things happen.

The thing we must understand is that we're talking about the B'nai Yisrael. They knew the lofty concepts about fearing HaShem and loving HaShem and we also know the idea in our tradition that if even the wrong coin comes out our pocket, it is HaShem sending us a message to do self-introspection! But the Seforno is saying that all that may fail if we didn't have this extra lesson- that HaShem kept on upping the makos, only for the Egyptians, the lowest of the low, to repent! And without this factor we may not check out actions to do Teshuva!

**We see from here that every added level of appreciation makes a real difference.** Even when we are motivated to repent and we know the concept of Hashem sending us a reminders if we only knew about some of the makos, 3 or 4 or 7 of them, we may not get the message to repent but once we hear about ALL the makos that HaShem did to the Egyptians to get them to do teshuva, now we WILL look very carefully at our actions! Every extra bit helps!