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"When Paroh will say to you, 'Provide for yourself a motif (wonders),' And you will say to Alrohn, 'Take your staff and throw it before Paroh. It will become a tainin (serpent)'" (Shemos 7:9)
The wonders that Moshe and
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IBN EZRA the 10 Plagues

RABBI MOSHE BEN-CHAIM
Exodus, 8:12, Ibn Ezra directs our attention to the performers of the 10 Plagues:

"Know that by the hand of Aaron were the first three plagues and these signs were in the lower matter as I explained earlier, because two (of them) were in water, and the third was in the dust of the earth. And the plagues performed by Moses with the staff were in the higher elements, just as his (Moses') status was higher than Aaron's status. For example, the plague of hail and locusts were brought by the wind, and (so too) the darkness, it was in the air; also the plague of boils was through him (Moses). Only three (plagues) were without the staff; the wild animals, the disease of the animals, and the death of the frogs; and one (plague) with no staff was through Moses, with a little connection with Aaron, and it was the plague of boils."

The Ibn Ezra focuses our attention on his first word, "Know," which
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Exodus, 4:1-9

1) "And Moses answered and said, 'They (the Jews) will not believe in me and they will not listen to my voice, for they will say, G-d did not appear to you.' 2) And G-d said to him, 'What is in your hand?' and he said, 'A staff.' 3) And He said, 'Throw it to the ground,' and he threw it to the ground, and it became a serpent, and he stood before the staff, and it became a staff again."
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