

A Rescue At the Red Sea



READ: Exodus 13:17-18

¹⁷ When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.” ¹⁸ So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt ready for battle.

14:10-22 ¹⁰ When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD. ¹¹ They said to Moses, “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt? ¹² Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: ‘Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.” ¹³ And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.” ¹⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward.

¹⁶ Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷ And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. ¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Exodus 15:1-2 Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying, “I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. ² The LORD is my strength

and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

REFLECT: Why was the Red Sea rescue so significant at this point in Israel’s journey?

Why is it hard for us to trust God, even when He has rescued us and done so many incredible things? What steps do we take to trust Him more?

Jesus said “*I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.*” (John 16:33)

What “things” was Jesus referring to and how does that help us today?

RESPOND: Moses’ best challenge (up to this point) for his people (14:13-14)

...Fear not

... Stand firm

... See the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today

How can that focus change your life today and into the future?

“I thank the Lord that, even though things were so wrong in my life here, I finally was brought to the realization of what all those struggles were about. There are some wonderful things from your painful past, things with a

beauty you may not have realized at the time."

Ravi Zacharias, Walking from East to West: God in the Shadow