

Exodus 14

King James Version (KJV)

14 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

²Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. (HE is making it appear that they are trapped against the Red Sea. God expected Pharaoh to send his army after them. God knows what we are thinking) (Migdo = a watch tower; Pihahiroth = where the sage grows, a swamp; Baalzephon = lord of the north)

³For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. (Pharaoh is falling for it. He thinks that they are trapped against the Red Sea. He plans to go kill them)

⁴And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so. (It doesn't take too much convincing to set Pharaoh out to kill them. God will turn this on Pharaoh to show the people of the region that there is a true God in heaven and He will protect His people)

⁵And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? (They don't want to lose their slaves. They intend to take them back by force or kill them)

⁶And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him:

⁷And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. (Egypt was one of the superpowers of that time. Israel would have no chance against Pharaoh's army)

⁸And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. (They were somewhat defiant; after 400 years of slavery)

⁹ But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon.

¹⁰ And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. (God just freed them from Egypt and they still don't believe in Him. God told them that they were going to the Promised Land)

¹¹ And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? (They would rather go back to be slaves in Egypt. They are already starting to complain. This complaining won't end until God finally punishes them to live in the desert for one generation)

¹² Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. (They would rather be slaves for life, than to risk living in freedom. They should be looking to God for their salvation. Instead, they are looking to man. Without God, they would have no chance against the armies of Egypt)

(This is a good lesson for the Elect in the end times when they will stand against antichrist)

¹³ And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. (stand still = stand firm) (God will deal with the Egyptians)

¹⁴ The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. (Grow some backbone; stop cowering and whining)

¹⁵ And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

¹⁶ But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. (The ground was dry, after the sea separated, not muddy. They crossed on dry firm land. Only God can do that)

¹⁷ And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. (That will also teach all the surrounding nations not to try to attack Israel as they march through the wilderness. The Israelites had no weapons or army. They were with their families and livestock. They were essentially defenseless against any army who might see them as an easy target)

¹⁸ And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. (They will learn, one way or the other)

¹⁹ And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: (God was separating the Egyptian army from the Israelites, until they got a chance to cross the Red Sea)

²⁰ And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night. (The Egyptians were in the dark; Israel was in the light. The Israelites could see clearly to cross the Red Sea, while the Egyptians couldn't see anything but darkness)

(Spiritually speaking, today, most of the world lives in darkness <ignorance>, while those who know God's Word live in the light of His wisdom. We know why we are here in this flesh life and what will come afterwards. Jesus said – I am the light of the world) John-8:12

²¹ And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

²² And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. (This is not a sand bar at low tide. This is totally dry ground. The water was truly divided on both sides of them)

²³ And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

²⁴ And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud,

and troubled the host of the Egyptians, (The ground under their chariots is beginning to get muddy. Their horses and chariots will be mired in the mud, in the middle of the Red Sea. They can see that things are turning against them)

²⁵ And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. (Their chariots became mired in mud in the Red Sea, so that the wheels wouldn't turn anymore. They finally realize that they are fighting God, not the Israelites)

²⁶ And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

²⁷ And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. (They died, knowing that there is a God in heaven. The people of Egypt also realized that they had been fighting against the true God)

²⁸ And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. (Their entire army was destroyed. It would take Pharaoh many decades to rebuild an army, so that they were no longer a threat to Israel)

²⁹ But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore.

³¹ And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses. (That won't last. They will go back to complaining as soon as they have another problem)

(Today, the US has become as predatory as Egypt was. We attack and bomb weak countries preemptively. They have not endangered nor attacked us. We destroy their infrastructure and steal their natural

resources for our corporations. We had better repent and change our ways before God judges us like He did with Egypt)