

EXODUS 14:23-31

LESSON: DELIVERANCE FROM PHARAOH'S ARMY

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INTRODUCTION/SYNOPSIS:

14:19-22 ¹⁹The 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. The angel shifted from Guide to Guardian becoming their rear-guard; their defense and protector. ²⁰The pillar of the cloud came between the camp of the Israelites and the Egyptians which made a force-field preventing the Egyptians from entering. It was darkness preventing the Egyptians from seeing anything, but the Israelites had light on their side. ²¹Moses lifted up his rod, and stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD then blew a strong east wind all night, causing the sea to recede back; pushing it back and making it dry land, and dividing its waters in half. ²²After the LORD divided the waters of the sea, the children of Israel walked and pass through the midst of the sea on dry ground, with the water as a wall on both sides.

LESSON: I. THE EGYPTIANS' PURSUIT EXODUS 14:23

14:23 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. Meanwhile, when the Egyptian army saw that the water had receded into a wall on the right and the left, and the ground was dry, they pursued the Israelites with all Pharaoh's horses, and chariots, and brave horsemen.

II. THE EGYPTIANS' DEMISE EXODUS 14:24-29

14:24 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,— Just before dawn, the Lord looked at the host of the Egyptian army through the pillar of fire and the cloud, and caused confusion among them.

14:25 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. The confusion began when they had driven so furiously after the Israelites that God caused the chariot wheels to come off. And the Egyptians realized and began to say that they should flee, get away from the face of Israel. Why? – Because the Lord was fighting for them against the Egyptians. This was what the Lord wanted to hear.

14:26 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. The Lord then commanded Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea again, so that the waters in the sea return to its normal state upon the Egyptians, covering their chariots and their horsemen. The command was given when the Israelites were close to the end of crossing or safely across.

14:27 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. Moses did as the Lord instructed and he stretched forth his hand over the sea, causing the sea to return to its normal strength. The Israelites had walked across all night (14:21), and now morning has appeared. Could you imagine over 600,000 people staying in order to cross all night? The Egyptians began to run; take flight from it, but they could not get away from the Lord's wrath, for He overthrew them in the midst of the sea.

14:28 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. The chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh were covered by the water that came into the sea. There was not a one that was left.

14:29 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. God's protective power covered all the children of Israel all night as they walked upon the dry land in the midst of the sea, with the waters standing as a wall on the right and left of them.

III. THE LORD'S GLORY EXODUS 14:30-31

14:30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. Israel was saved by the Lord Himself that day. The Egyptians could not get to the Israelites, for their dead bodies had washed upon the seashore.

14:31 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. Seeing the great work of the Lord, Israel feared the Lord and believed and trusted in Him and in Moses His servant. I can imagine that they talked about this for days.

SUMMARY:

When the Egyptian army saw that the water had receded into a wall on the right and the left, and the ground was dry, they pursued the Israelites with all Pharaoh's horses, and chariots, and brave horsemen (14:23).

²⁴Just before dawn, the Lord looked at the host of the Egyptian army through the pillar of fire and the cloud, and caused confusion among them. ²⁵The confusion began when they had driven so furiously after the Israelites that God caused the chariot wheels to come off. And the Egyptians realized and began to say that they should flee, get away from the face of Israel. Why? – Because the Lord was fighting for them against the Egyptians. ²⁶The Lord then commanded Moses to again stretch out his hand over the sea, so that the waters in the sea return to its normal state, upon the Egyptians, covering their chariots and their horsemen. ²⁷Moses did as the Lord instructed and he stretched forth his hand over the sea, causing the sea to return to its normal strength when morning appeared. The Egyptians began to run; take flight from it, but they could not get away from the Lord's wrath, for He overthrew them in the midst of the sea. ²⁸The chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh were covered by the water that came into the sea. There was not a one that was left. ²⁹However, God's protective power covered all the children of Israel as they walked upon the dry land in the midst of the sea with the waters standing as a wall on the right and left of them (14:24-29).

³⁰Israel was saved by the Lord Himself that day. The Egyptians could not get to the Israelites, for their dead bodies had washed upon the seashore. ³¹Seeing the great work of the Lord, Israel feared the Lord and believed and trusted in Him, and in Moses His servant (14:30-31).