

God Will Lead the Way

Exodus 13-14



God Led Israel Out of Egypt

◆ **Exodus 13:18** - 18 But God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea. And the people of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt equipped for battle.

God Guided the Children of Israel

◆ **Exodus 13:21-22** - 21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. 22 The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people.

From Man's Viewpoint – God's Plans Do Not Always Seem Logical

- ◆ **Exodus 14:1-2** - then the lord said to Moses, 2 “tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea.

God's Plans Are Always Made in Advance

- ◆ **Exodus 14:3-4** - 3 For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' 4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord." And they did so.

Pharaoh Pursued the Children of Israel

- ◆ **Exodus 14:9** - 9 The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

Why Did the Israelites Fear?

- ◆ **Exodus 14:10** - 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.

Israel Had Their Eyes on the Egyptians and Not on the Lord

- ◆ **Exodus 14:11-12** - 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.”

Reminder of God's Power and Deliverance

- ◆ **Psalm 106:7-8** - Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. 8 Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power.

God's Plans Do Not Need Your Help – Only Your Obedience

- ◆ **Exodus 14:13-14** - 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.”

God's Instructions

1. Fear Not
2. Stand Firm
3. Watch - See the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today.
4. Be Silent

God Speaks to Moses

◆ **Exodus 14:15-16** - 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.

God's Plans Are Not Limited to What is Humanly Possible

- ◆ **Exodus 14:21-22** - 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

The Lord Saved Israel

◆ **Exodus 14:30-31** - 30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.