


God Saves Israel and Judges Egypt

Exodus 14:21 – 14:31


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Moses, in faith, obeys God

■ **Exodus 14:21, 22**

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. And the sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.



Blinded by passion and pride, the Egyptians go into the sea

■ **Exodus 14:23**

Then the Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea.



When God “looks down” it is ominous

■ **Exodus 14:24**

And it came about at the morning watch, that the LORD looked down on the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and brought the army of the Egyptians into confusion.



The Egyptians realize their own folly

■ **Exodus 14:25**

And He caused their chariot wheels to swerve, and He made them drive with difficulty; so the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from Israel, for the LORD is fighting for them against the Egyptians.”



God judges Egypt

■ **Exodus 14:26, 27**

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal state at daybreak, while the Egyptians were fleeing right into it; then the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.



Egypt trusted chariots, Israel trusted God

■ **Exodus 14:28 - 29**

And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, even Pharaoh's entire army that had gone into the sea after them; not even one of them remained. But the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.



"Egypt" is dead

■ **Exodus 14:30**

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.



God is glorified both in salvation and judgment

■ **Exodus 14:17, 18**

"And as for Me, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. Then the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD, when I am honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots and his horsemen."



The lesson of Egypt and chariots versus faith in God is replayed later

■ **Isaiah 31:1**

Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, And trust in chariots because they are many, And in horsemen because they are very strong, But they do not look to the Holy One of Israel, nor seek the LORD!



Yahweh's mighty act of salvation causes a response of awe and faith

■ **Exodus 14:31**

And when Israel saw the great power which the Lord had used against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.



Applications and Implications

- 1) Faith is the proper response to God's mighty acts
- 2) We must not be complacent after seeing God's mighty acts
- 3) The New Testament uses the Passover event as a warning



- 1) Faith is the proper response to God's mighty acts

■ **Hebrews 11:29**

By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.



- 2) We must not be complacent after seeing God's mighty acts

■ **Psalms 78:13 - 15**

He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through; And He made the waters stand up like a heap. Then He led them with the cloud by day, And all the night with a light of fire. He split the rocks in the wilderness, And gave them abundant drink like the ocean depths.



- 2) We must not be complacent after seeing God's mighty acts

■ **Psalms 78:16 - 19**

He brought forth streams also from the rock, And caused waters to run down like rivers. Yet they still continued to sin against Him, To rebel against the Most High in the desert. And in their heart they put God to the test By asking food according to their desire. Then they spoke against God; They said, "Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?"



- 2) We must not be complacent after seeing
God's mighty acts

■ **Psalm 78:20 - 22**

Behold, He struck the rock, so that waters
gushed out, And streams were overflowing;
Can He give bread also? Will He provide
meat for His people? Therefore the LORD
heard and was full of wrath, And a fire was
kindled against Jacob, And anger also
mounted against Israel; Because they did
not believe in God, And did not trust in His
salvation.



- 3) The New Testament uses the Passover
event as a warning

■ **1Corinthians 10:1 - 4**

For I do not want you to be unaware,
brethren, that our fathers were all under the
cloud and all passed through the sea; and
all were baptized into Moses in the cloud
and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual
food; and all drank the same spiritual drink,
for they were drinking from a spiritual rock
which followed them; and the rock was
Christ.



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■ **1Corinthians 10:5 - 8**

Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-
pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.
Now these things happened as examples for us,
so that we would not crave evil things as they also
craved. Do not be idolaters, as some of them
were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat
and drink, and stood up to play." Nor let us act
immorally, as some of them did, and twenty-three
thousand fell in one day.



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■ **1Corinthians 10:9 - 12**

Nor let us try the Lord, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the serpents. Nor grumble, as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.



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■ **1Corinthians 10:13, 14**

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.



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■ **1Corinthians 10:16, 17**

Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.



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■ **1Corinthians 10:20 - 22**

No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? We are not stronger than He, are we?