

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10–15:1

“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 freed the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. At first, Pharaoh wanted to keep the Israelites as slaves and refused to let them go, but God sent plagues to show His power. After the tenth plague — the death of every firstborn male — Pharaoh finally agreed to let God's people go. Then, he changed his mind again and had his army chase after them. The soldiers pursued them until they had the Israelites trapped against the Red Sea. This is where our reading begins.

After all God had done, the Israelites still doubted God. Yet, God did not fail them. He promised them freedom and He led them to freedom.

God parted the Red Sea and the Israelites walked through on dry ground. Not only did He get them safely through the sea, He also drowned their enemies. No one would chase them anymore.

We were slaves to sin. Rather than see us perish, God gave up His own firstborn for our freedom. We are no longer slaves but heirs with Christ. Even when we struggle, He is faithful (2 TIM. 2:13). He leads us through the waters of baptism to our freedom and eternal life.

Seek and Find

- ☐ The pyramids on the other side of the Red Sea
- ☐ God's pillar of fire and cloud
- ☐ Moses lifting his staff
- ☐ The wheels of the chariots from Pharaoh's army in the sea

Think About It

Do you think God appeared as a pillar of cloud and fire only for the sake of Pharaoh's army, or might He have done this for the Israelites too?

Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the light, even Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

