

THEY ARE LEAVING

Exodus 12:37-38 NLT That night the people of Israel left Rameses and started for Succoth. There were about 600,000 men, plus all the women and children. ⁽³⁸⁾ A rabble of non-Israelites went with them, along with great flocks and herds of livestock.

Exodus 13:17 NLT When Pharaoh finally let the people go, God did not lead them along the main road that runs through Philistine territory, even though that was the shortest route to the Promised Land. God said, “If the people are faced with a battle, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.”

Exodus 13:21-22 NLT The LORD went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and he provided light at night with a pillar of fire. This allowed them to travel by day or by night. ⁽²²⁾ And the LORD did not remove the pillar of cloud or pillar of fire from its place in front of the people.

Exodus 14:2-3 NLT “Order the Israelites to turn back and camp by Pi-hahiroth between Migdol and the sea. Camp there along the shore, across from Baal-zephon. ⁽³⁾ Then Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are confused. They are trapped in the wilderness!’

THEY ARE TRAPPED

Exodus 14:6-7 NLT So Pharaoh harnessed his chariot and called up his troops. ⁽⁷⁾ He took with him 600 of Egypt’s best chariots, along with the rest of the chariots of Egypt, each with its commander.

Exodus 14:10 NLT As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the LORD,

Exodus 14:13-14 NLT But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the LORD rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. ⁽¹⁴⁾ The LORD himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.”

THEY ARE DELIVERED

Exodus 14:19-20 NLT Then the angel of God, who had been leading the people of Israel, moved to the rear of the camp. The pillar of cloud also moved from the front and stood behind them. ⁽²⁰⁾ The cloud settled between the Egyptian and Israelite camps. As darkness fell, the cloud turned to fire, lighting up the night. But the Egyptians and Israelites did not approach each other all night.

Exodus 14:22 NLT So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side!

Exodus 14:27-28 NLT So as the sun began to rise, Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the water rushed back into its usual place. The Egyptians tried to escape, but the LORD swept them into the sea. ⁽²⁸⁾ Then the waters returned and covered all the chariots and charioteers—the entire army of Pharaoh. Of all the Egyptians who had chased the Israelites into the sea, not a single one survived.

THINK & DISCUSS:

1. How are you whining and complaining about being trapped?
2. What pillars do you see in your life and are you following them?
3. Are you truly willing to step into the sea?