

Passing Through the Sea

After _____ years, the children of Israel were free (Exo 12:40-41). The LORD led them by day “in a pillar of _____” and by night “in a pillar of _____ to give them light” (Exo 13:21). But in Exodus 14, Pharaoh changed his mind.

So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, and took _____ chosen chariots...

When the children of Israel saw Pharaoh’s army, they were terrified (Exo 14:11-12). But notice Moses’ powerful encouragement in Exodus 14:13-14:

“Fear _____, stand firm, and _____ the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The _____ will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”

When Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind and the waters were divided. “And the people of Israel went _____ the midst of the sea on dry ground” (Exo 14:21-22). When the Egyptians tried to follow, the waters came back on them. “Thus the LORD _____ Israel that day” (Exo 14:30).



But what does this have to do with our search for our King? Let’s read **1 Corinthians 10:1-2** together...

Just as Israel followed Moses through the Red Sea and were brought from death to life by faith (Heb 11:29), Jesus is “the _____” (John 14:6). Jesus is the Savior who calls us to be baptized that we might be brought from death to life (Rom 6:3-4). Jude even describes Jesus as the one “who saved a people out of the land of Egypt” (Jude 5).

Crossing the Red Sea was like a baptism for Israel, and baptism continues to be a kind of crossing from death to life for all who look to Jesus as their Savior.



For Class & Family Discussion:

- What should we make of the complaints of the children of Israel in Exodus 14:10-12. Is there anything we can learn from their words?
- And what about Moses’ powerful response in Exodus 14:13-14? What do we need to understand, even today?
- Hebrews 11:29 told us that the people of Israel crossed the Red Sea “as on” dry land “by faith.” What is this “faith” that the writer is describing throughout Hebrews 11? What difference does it make? Why is it pivotal to pleasing God?
- In your own words, what is Romans 6:3-4 teaching us? How does it relate to what the children of Israel did in Exodus 14?
- Exodus 15:1-21 records the “song of Moses.” Much later, in Revelation 15:2-3, we read of conquerors in heaven singing “the song of Moses” and “the song of the Lamb.” What should we take away from this connection?