

E2E: Part 32

Exodus 14

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1. God commands Moses to take an impossible route out of Egypt, in which His great power is displayed. God will receive the Glory whether or not Pharaoh yields. (Exodus 14:1-4)
2. When Pharaoh realizes his immense loss of a vast slave force, he pursues them and traps them against the sea. (Exodus 14:3-5)
3. As the chariots approach the Israelites, their hope fades and they turn on Moses. They quickly forget the hardship of slavery. (Exodus 14:11)
4. Moses is confident of the destruction of the enemy. What he's not aware of is the *how & when*.
5. As God tells Moses what to do, He also tells Moses what *He* will do. Moses is to follow God's instruction, and God will be glorified. (Exodus 14:15-18)
6. Moses raises his staff and God drives back the sea & unleashes a spectacular display of thunder lightning, rain, and earthquake that paralyzes the Egyptians.
7. The same water is the instrument of Israel's deliverance & the Egyptian's destruction. In the midst of both, God is glorified. (Exodus 14:29)
8. God commands the sea & everything in it. That the people willingly enter the water demonstrates their complete surrender, humility, & faith in God's word.
9. The action of entering the water willingly destroys a return to the bondage of their former life. (Exodus 15:13)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- In 1 Corinthians 10:1-2 Paul refers to Israel's passage through the Red Sea with baptism language. What other parallels can you see between the Israelites 'baptism' and that of an individual's baptism today?
- Do you see any other parallels in this passage that could be applied to our relationship with God today? [Note - Not every 'parallel' has a direct application to us today!]
- What are some of God's characteristics that are on display in this passage?
- Like the Israelites did at the Red Sea, in what way have you recently been learning to break from your past way of thinking and trust God and follow his Word? Where do you think he might be wanting you to do that next?