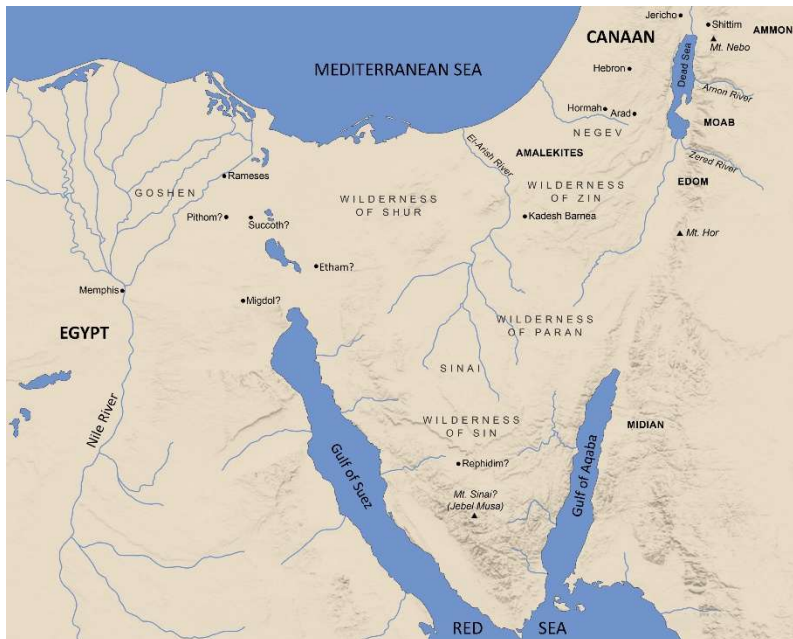


Exodus 14:1-31

EXPERIENCING GOD'S MIRACLE

God has a land of blessing for you...a place of fulfillment...and God has blessing upon blessing that He wants to give to you. And yet, He may have you, right now, out in the wilderness, going 'round and 'round in circles... God is leading you 'round about, because God knows that you're not quite ready for some of the things that He has in store for you. That winding road, that rocky road, that desert road, and that wilderness road that sometimes we find ourselves on does not mean that we're out of the will of God. God led them. This is the whole point: that God led them on a detour. God did not lead them on the straightest route... The reason that God led them in the wilderness was because it was God's boot camp. It was out there that He was going to train them, toughen them... We all think we have to be achieving and going in straight lines, or we are out of the will of God. Not necessarily so. The important thing is not that you know; the important thing is that God knows, and that you follow Him.

—Adrian Rogers



The experience of the Red Sea stands in the same relationship to their Passover redemption as the resurrection of Jesus does to his cross. The cross is the finished work of salvation; the resurrection is that act of God which confirms the reality of the finished work.

—J. Alec Motyer

Red Sea, yam suph, either from an Egyptian root, “reeds” (i.e., Sea of Reeds) or a Hebrew root, “end” (i.e., end of sea). The exact location of the Red Sea is still debated. The three primary locations are 1) the marshy lakes north of the Gulf of Suez, 2) the tip of the Gulf of Suez, or 3) the Gulf of Aqaba.

Harden. Heb., *chazaq*, “to make strong, restore strength, confirm.”

Often God seems to place His children in positions of profound difficulty—leading them into a wedge from which there is no escape... It is perplexing and very serious to the last degree; but it is perfectly right. It is a platform for the display of His almighty grace and power.

—F. B. Meyer (1847-1929)

TRAPPED! (14:1-9)

- God _____ the Israelites’ route out of Egypt.
- God _____ His plan to gain glory over Pharaoh.
- God _____ Pharaoh’s stubborn pride.
- Pharaoh _____ out to recapture the Israelites.

TROUBLED! (14:10-12)

- The Israelites _____ with great fear!
- The Israelites _____ to God!
- The Israelites _____ against Moses!

Four Common Reactions to Fear and Stress:

1. Biting sarcasm
2. Blame-shifting
3. Self-justification
4. Over-exaggeration

TRUST! (14:13-20)

Do not fear! Stand firm and see the salvation of the Lord that He will provide for you today; for the Egyptians that you see today you will never, ever see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you can be still. —Exodus 14:13-14

- S_____ being afraid!
- S_____ firm on what you know to be true!
- S_____ the saving power of the Lord!
- S_____ resting in Him!

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him and rescues them. Taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! —Psalm 34:7-8

TRIUMPH! (14:21-31)

- God _____ a way through the most difficult situations.
- God _____ us from the most powerful enemies.

Our only proper response is to put our faith in Him and worship Him!

Had Israel not been caught at the Red Sea—baffled, terrified, and helpless—there would have been no final defeat of the power that enslaved them. —J. Alec Motyer

If we could only look upon each of our trials as an occasion for God to be more greatly honored and glorified, it would certainly enable us to endure any crisis. —John Currid

People who use sarcasm are rarely kidding. The words come from an authentic place, but wrapped up as a joke for protection. Essentially sarcasm is a survival technique for the insecure. —Dr. John Haiman

God's people are upset with Moses and are blaming him for their predicament. Stress and fear have a way of making people lash out at others. —Rod Mattoon

When hardship is encountered the miserable past suddenly looks like the good ol' days. —Douglas Stuart

Egypt specialized in graves and had about three-fourths of its land area available for grave sites. —Walter Kaiser

Despair casts you down. Fear tells you to retreat. Impatience tells you to do something now. Presumption tells you to jump into the Red Sea before it is parted. Yet as God told Israel He often tells us to stand still and hold your peace as He reveals His plan. —David Guzik

God brings us into straits that he may bring us to our knees. —Matthew Henry

*God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way.
He works in ways we cannot see;
He will make a way for me.* —Don Moen