

TUESDAY

August 5

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Crossing the Red Sea

Read Exodus 13:17-14:12. How did God guide the Israelites when they left Egypt, and what happened next?

Following God's instructions to Moses, the Israelites left Egypt as a well-organized army. The Hebrew [terms *tsaba'* and *makhaneh* testify to that description, namely,] DESCRIBES THEM AS AN "army," "division," "camp," and "hosts" (*Exod. 6:26; Exod. 7:4; Exod. 12:17, 41, 51; Exod. 14:19, 20; compare with Exod. 13:18*).

EXODUS 6:26

THESE ARE THAT AARON AND MOSES, TO WHOM THE LORD SAID,
BRING OUT THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL FROM THE LAND OF EGYPT
ACCORDING TO THEIR ARMIES. EXODUS 6:26 ARMIES = "A MASS OF
PERSONS, ESP. ORGANIZED FOR WAR" (STRONG'S 6635)

EXODUS 7:4

BUT PHARAOH SHALL NOT HEARKEN UNTO YOU, THAT I MAY LAY MY
HAND UPON EGYPT, AND BRING FORTH MINE ARMIES [SAME AS ABOVE-
#6635], AND MY PEOPLE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, OUT OF THE LAND OF
EGYPT BY GREAT JUDGMENTS. (EXODUS 7:4) .

EXODUS 12:17

AND YE SHALL OBSERVE THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD; FOR IN
THIS SELFSAME DAY HAVE I BROUGHT YOUR ARMIES [6635] OUT OF THE
LAND OF EGYPT: THEREFORE SHALL YE OBSERVE THIS DAY IN YOUR
GENERATIONS BY AN ORDINANCE FOR EVER. (EXODUS 12:17)

EXODUS 12:41

AND IT CAME TO PASS AT THE END OF THE FOUR HUNDRED AND
THIRTY YEARS, EVEN THE SELFSAME DAY IT CAME TO PASS, THAT ALL
THE HOSTS OF THE LORD WENT OUT FROM THE LAND OF EGYPT. (EXODUS
12:41)

EXODUS 12:51

AND IT CAME TO PASS THE SELFSAME DAY, THAT THE LORD DID
BRING THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT BY THEIR
ARMIES[6635]. (EXODUS 12:51)

EXODUS 14:19, 20

AND THE ANGEL OF GOD, WHICH WENT BEFORE THE CAMP ["AN ARMY"
4264] OF ISRAEL, REMOVED AND WENT BEHIND THEM; AND THE PILLAR OF
THE CLOUD WENT FROM BEFORE THEIR FACE, AND STOOD BEHIND THEM:
AND IT CAME BETWEEN THE CAMP ["AN ARMY" 4264] OF THE EGYPTIANS
AND THE CAMP OF ISRAEL; AND IT WAS A CLOUD AND DARKNESS TO THEM,
BUT IT GAVE LIGHT BY NIGHT TO THESE: SO THAT THE ONE CAME NOT
NEAR THE OTHER ALL THE NIGHT. (EXODUS 14:19, 20)

BUT GOD LED THE PEOPLE ABOUT, THROUGH THE WAY OF THE
WILDERNESS OF THE RED SEA: AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WENT UP
HARNESSED ["ABLED BODIED SOLDIERS" #2571) OUT OF THE LAND OF
EGYPT.

They were divided into units and marched like an army.
Later Balaam saw from Moab's hills that Israel was "encamped
tribe by tribe" (*Num. 24:2, NIV*).

Meanwhile, "Moses took the bones of Joseph with him" (*Exod. 13:19, NIV*). This is a very important detail in the text, and it reveals the fulfillment of Joseph's faith in God's promises. Joseph never lost sight of the Promised Land, even though he lived in the splendor and privileges of Egypt. He requested that his bones be taken to the land of Canaan (*Gen. 50:24, 25*). He believed that the Lord would surely visit Israel in Egypt and

bring them to the land, as He had sworn (*Heb. 11:22*). On Israel's arrival in Canaan, Joseph's bones were "buried at Shechem" (*Josh. 24:32, NKJV*).

The pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire were the visible signs of God's presence among His people. The Lord dwelt there and spoke also from the cloud (*Exod. 14:24; Num. 12:5, 6*).

Meanwhile, Pharaoh reveals the true motives of his heart. He is not converted, and he never truly repented. His asking God to bless him was a farce, perhaps a deception in his own heart. He gathered his army, and they went after their escaped slaves. How totally blinded by sin this man really was.

The **Lord** shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. EXODUS 14:14

15 And the **Lord** said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:

16 But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea.

17 And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

SO THIS IS WHY DOES GOD IN HIS WORD LIKEN THIS HOST OF ISRAEL, A GROUP OF EMANCIPATED SLAVES TO AN ARMY OF ABLE BODIED SOLDIERS? GODS PRESENCE MAKES GODS PEOPLE, EVEN HIS BRIDE,

SONG OF SOLOMON 6:10 - "TERRIBLE AS AN ARMY WITH BANNERS"

EPHESIANS 6 IS A CALL TO PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD - HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, HIS SALVATION, HIS FAITH, HIS TRUTH, HIS PEACE, HIS WORD - AND WE LIKE THE HEBREWS - A HOST OF EMANCIPATED SLAVES FROM THE BONDAGE OF SIN WILL ALSO BE AN ARMY OF ABLE BODIED SOLDIERS.

REVELATION 17:17

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

"AND I WILL HARDEN [2388-ENCOURAGE] PHARAOH'S HEART, THAT HE SHALL FOLLOW AFTER THEM; AND I WILL BE HONoured UPON PHARAOH, AND UPON ALL HIS HOST; THAT THE EGYPTIANS MAY KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD. AND THEY DID SO" (EXODUS 14:4).

"AND THE LORD HARDENED [2388-ENCOURAGED] THE HEART OF PHARAOH KING OF EGYPT, AND HE PURSUED AFTER THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL: AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL WENT OUT WITH AN HIGH HAND.

AND I, BEHOLD, I WILL HARDEN [2388-ENCOURAGE] THE HEARTS OF THE EGYPTIANS, AND THEY SHALL FOLLOW THEM: AND I WILL GET ME HONOUR UPON PHARAOH, AND UPON ALL HIS HOST, UPON HIS CHARIOTS, AND UPON HIS HORSEMEN" (EXODUS 14:8, 17).

When the people saw Pharaoh's army coming, they spoke words and expressed sentiments that would be echoed by them more than once: " 'Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?' " (*Exod. 14:11, NKJV*).

That is, having already seen such dramatic manifestations of God's power, which included the sparing of their own firstborn sons, the people still displayed a stunning lack of faith.

Think of the last time you faced a terrible situation. What was your first reaction: faith in God or a lack of faith? What lessons should you have learned from that situation that could help you the next time another comes (and come it will)?

