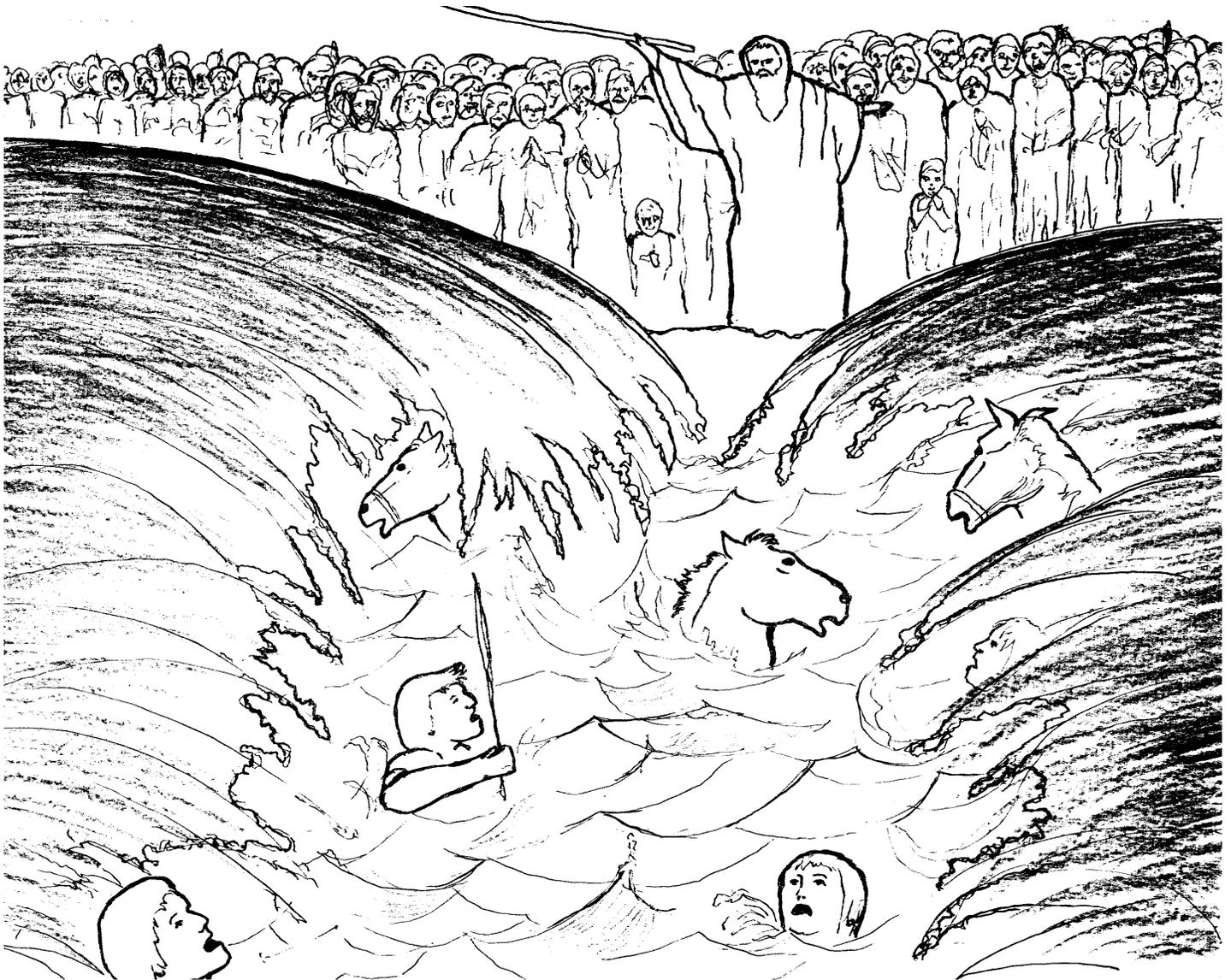


Israel Leaves Egypt

Exodus 13:17 - 15:2



The Story

Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. The children of Israel went up in orderly

ranks out of the land of Egypt.

The LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day



and night.

Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to the children of Israel, you shall camp by the sea. Then I will harden Pharaoh's heart, so that he will pursue them; and I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD."

Now it was told to Pharaoh that the people had fled, and his heart and the hearts of his servants were turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" So Pharaoh made ready his chariot and took his people with him. Also, he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them. The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel. So the Egyptians pursued them, and caught up to them camping by the sea.

When the children of Israel saw the Egyptians they were very afraid, and cried out to the LORD and complained to Moses saying, "Have you taken us away from Egypt to die in the wilderness? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness."

Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you

shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

The LORD said to Moses, "Tell the children of Israel to go forward. Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea."

The pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the Egyptians, and it gave light by night to Israel, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

The Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea. The LORD troubled the army of the Egyptians. He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen."

Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh. Not so much as one of them remained.

So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD,

and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: "I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; my father's God, and I will exalt Him."

God teaches the Children of Israel to trust Him to take care of them.

Activity One - Draw a picture of what you think the pillar of cloud and fire looked like.

PILLAR OF CLOUD (by day)

PILLAR OF FIRE (by night)

Activity Two - Fill in the correct answer then find the word in the WORD SEARCH.

chariots	believed	pillar	covered	rod
army	salvation	Red Sea		

1. The Children of Israel left Egypt and headed toward the wilderness of the _____.
2. The LORD went before Israel in a _____ of cloud and fire.
3. Pharaoh pursued Israel with 600 _____.
4. Moses stretched out his _____ and the LORD caused the sea to part.
5. The Egyptian _____ pursued Israel into the sea.
6. The Red Sea returned and _____ the Egyptian army.
7. Israel feared and _____ the LORD when they saw this great work.
8. Moses the Children of Israel sang, "The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my _____."

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God will take care of us as we travel through life.

Passages

Psalms 46:10 - Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Romans 8:31b - If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:32 - He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Hymn - *Worship Supplement 200 #784 1, 2*

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;
Direct, protect and feed me from day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear;
For You, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

There are many times that we become afraid of many things. Sometimes we do not know where to turn for help. Remind us that You saved the nation of Israel by leading them through the Red Sea. Remind us that You sent Jesus to save us from our sins. Amen.