

Message Six

The Exodus from Egypt and the Crossing of the Red Sea

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Scripture Reading: Exo. 12:37-42; 13:1—14:31

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- Exo 12:38 And a mixed multitude went up also with them, as well as flocks and herds, a very large number of livestock.
- Exo 12:39 And they baked the dough which they brought out of Egypt into unleavened cakes, for it had not been leavened because they were driven out of Egypt and could not delay; nor had they prepared for themselves any provisions.
- Exo 12:40 Now the time of the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred thirty years.
- Exo 12:41 And at the end of four hundred thirty years, on that very day, all the armies of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt.
- Exo 12:42 It was for Jehovah a night of watching, to bring them out from the land of Egypt. That same night is a night of watching to Jehovah for all the children of Israel throughout their generations.
- Exo 13:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Exo 13:2 Sanctify to Me all the firstborn: Whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast, it is Mine.
- Exo 13:3 And Moses said to the people, Remember this day on which you came out from Egypt, from the slave house, for by strength of hand Jehovah brought you out from this place; and nothing leavened shall be eaten.
- Exo 13:4 On this day in the month of Abib you are going out.
- Exo 13:5 And when Jehovah brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall observe this service in this month:
- Exo 13:6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to Jehovah.
- Exo 13:7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days, and nothing leavened shall be seen with you, nor shall any leaven be seen with you in all your territory.
- Exo 13:8 And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, It is because of what Jehovah did for me when I came out of Egypt.
- Exo 13:9 And it shall be for a sign to you upon your hand and for a memorial between your eyes, that the law of Jehovah may be in your mouth; for with a mighty hand Jehovah brought you out of Egypt.
- Exo 13:10 You shall therefore keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year.
- Exo 13:11 And when Jehovah brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you,
- Exo 13:12 You shall set apart to Jehovah everything that opens the womb and the first offspring of every beast which is yours; the males shall be Jehovah's.
- Exo 13:13 And every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you do not redeem it, you shall break its neck. And every firstborn male among your sons you shall redeem.
- Exo 13:14 And when your son asks you in time to come, saying, What is this? you shall say to him, By strength of hand Jehovah brought us out from Egypt, from the slave house.
- Exo 13:15 And when Pharaoh hardened himself against letting us go, Jehovah slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I am one who sacrifices to Jehovah every male that opens the womb; and all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.
- Exo 13:16 So it will be as a sign upon your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand Jehovah brought us out of Egypt.
- Exo 13:17 Now when Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Perhaps the people will change their minds when they see war and will return to Egypt.
- Exo 13:18 Thus God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up arrayed for battle out of the land of Egypt.
- Exo 13:19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the children of Israel solemnly swear, saying, God will surely visit you, and you shall bring my bones up from here with you.
- Exo 13:20 And they journeyed from Succoth and encamped in Etham on the edge of the wilderness.
- Exo 13:21 And Jehovah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might go by day and by night.
- Exo 13:22 Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night departed from before the people.
- Exo 14:1 Then Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying,
- Exo 14:2 Tell the children of Israel to turn back and camp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. You shall camp before Baal-zephon, opposite it, by the sea.
- Exo 14:3 And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has hemmed them in.

Exo 14:4	And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue after them; and I will glorify Myself through Pharaoh and through all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am Jehovah. And they did so.
Exo 14:5	And when it was told to the king of Egypt that the people had fled, the heart of Pharaoh and his servants changed toward the people; and they said, What is this we have done, letting Israel go from serving us?
Exo 14:6	So he yoked his chariot and took his people with him.
Exo 14:7	And he took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.
Exo 14:8	And Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, so that he pursued after the children of Israel as the children of Israel were going out boldly.
Exo 14:9	And the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh and his horsemen and his army; and they overtook them as they encamped by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.
Exo 14:10	And when Pharaoh approached, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and there the Egyptians were, marching after them; and they became very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to Jehovah.
Exo 14:11	And they said to Moses, Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you done this to us, bringing us out of Egypt?
Exo 14:12	Is this not the very thing that we spoke to you about in Egypt, saying, Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.
Exo 14:13	But Moses said to the people, Do not be afraid; stand firm, and see the salvation of Jehovah, which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will see no more again forever.
Exo 14:14	Jehovah will fight for you, and you will be still.
Exo 14:15	And Jehovah said to Moses, Why do you cry out to Me? Tell the children of Israel to move forward.
Exo 14:16	And you, lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it; and the children of Israel shall go into the midst of the sea on dry ground.
Exo 14:17	And I will now harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they will go in after them; and I will glorify Myself through Pharaoh and through all his army, through his chariots and through his horsemen.
Exo 14:18	Then the Egyptians will know that I am Jehovah when I glorify Myself through Pharaoh, through his chariots and through his horsemen.
Exo 14:19	And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.
Exo 14:20	And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. And the cloud was there with the darkness, yet it gave light by night to them. Thus one did not come near the other all night.
Exo 14:21	And when Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, Jehovah caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night and made the sea dry land; and the waters were divided.
Exo 14:22	And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
Exo 14:23	Then the Egyptians pursued; and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea.
Exo 14:24	And at the morning watch Jehovah looked down upon the camp of the Egyptians from with the pillar of fire and of cloud and threw the camp of the Egyptians into confusion.
Exo 14:25	And He caused their chariot wheels to swerve and made them drive with difficulty, so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from Israel, for Jehovah is fighting for them against the Egyptians.
Exo 14:26	And Jehovah said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and over their horsemen.
Exo 14:27	And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its level when the morning appeared. And the Egyptians fled against it, and Jehovah cast the Egyptians off into the midst of the sea.
Exo 14:28	And as the waters returned, they covered the chariots and the horsemen, even all the army of Pharaoh that went in after them into the sea; not even one of them was left.
Exo 14:29	But the children of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
Exo 14:30	Thus Jehovah saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.
Exo 14:31	And when Israel saw the great power which Jehovah exercised against the Egyptians, the people feared Jehovah; and they believed in Jehovah and in His servant Moses.

I. In order to be deeply impressed with the significance of the exodus from Egypt, we need both the picture in the Old Testament and the words in the New Testament:

- A. In Exodus 12:29-42 and 51 we have a number of details regarding Israel's exodus from Egypt:
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| Exo 12:29 | And at midnight Jehovah struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle. |
| Exo 12:30 | And Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no house where there was not someone dead. |
| Exo 12:31 | And he called for Moses and Aaron in the night and said, Rise up, go out from the midst of my people, both you and the children of Israel; and go, serve Jehovah, as you have said. |

Exo 12:32 Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said; and go and bless me also.
 Exo 12:33 And the Egyptians urged the people on, so as to hasten their departure out of the land, for they said, All of us will be dead.
 Exo 12:34 And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading bowls being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders.
 Exo 12:35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses, and they asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.
 Exo 12:36 And Jehovah gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.
 Exo 12:37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children.
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 Exo 12:41 And at the end of four hundred thirty years, on that very day, all the armies of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt.
 Exo 12:42 It was for Jehovah a night of watching, to bring them out from the land of Egypt. That same night is a night of watching to Jehovah for all the children of Israel throughout their generations.
 Exo 12:51 And on that very day Jehovah brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

1. The children of Israel did not make their exodus from Egypt of their own accord or by their own power; rather, the exodus was accomplished by the saving God:

a. The exodus required a thorough subduing of the environment; God first subdued Pharaoh, the one who had usurped the children of Israel, and then He subdued the Egyptians—vv. 29-33.

Exo 12:29 And at midnight Jehovah struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle.

Exo 12:30 And Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no house where there was not someone dead.

Exo 12:31 And he called for Moses and Aaron in the night and said, Rise up, go out from the midst of my people, both you and the children of Israel; and go, serve Jehovah, as you have said.

Exo 12:32 Take both your flocks and your herds, as you have said; and go and bless me also.

Exo 12:33 And the Egyptians urged the people on, so as to hasten their departure out of the land, for they said, All of us will be dead.

b. “By strength of hand” the Lord brought the children of Israel out of Egypt; the hand of the Lord saved them from Pharaoh’s usurpation—13:3, 14.

Exo 13:3 And Moses said to the people, Remember this day on which you came out from Egypt, from the slave house, for by strength of hand Jehovah brought you out from this place; and nothing leavened shall be eaten.

Exo 13:14 And when your son asks you in time to come, saying, What is this? you shall say to him, By strength of hand Jehovah brought us out from Egypt, from the slave house.

c. Pharaoh and the Egyptians were subdued to such an extent that they drove the children of Israel out of Egypt— 12:33, 39; 11:1.

Exo 12:33 And the Egyptians urged the people on, so as to hasten their departure out of the land, for they said, All of us will be dead.

Exo 12:39 And they baked the dough which they brought out of Egypt into unleavened cakes, for it had not been leavened because they were driven out of Egypt and could not delay; nor had they prepared for themselves any provisions.

Exo 11:1 Then Jehovah said to Moses, One more plague will I bring upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; after that he will let you go from here. When he lets you go, he will surely drive you out from here completely.

2. The children of Israel plundered the Egyptians of their silver, gold, and clothing—12:35-36.

Exo 12:35 And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses, and they asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing.

- Exo 12:36 And Jehovah gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.
3. “It was for Jehovah a night of watching, to bring them out from the land of Egypt”—v. 42:
- Exo 12:42 It was for Jehovah a night of watching, to bring them out from the land of Egypt. That same night is a night of watching to Jehovah for all the children of Israel throughout their generations.
- a. During the night of the passover God was watching over His people to bring them out of the world, and they cooperated with Him by watching with Him and to Him.
 - b. In order to make an exodus from the world, we should be watchful, vigilant, and alert—Rom. 13:11-13; 1 Thes. 5:5-7.

Rom 13:11 And this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to be raised from sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

Rom 13:12 The night is far advanced, and the day has drawn near. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the weapons of light.

Rom 13:13 Let us walk becomingly as in the day; not in reveling and drunkenness, not in fornication and licentiousness, not in strife and jealousy.

1 Thes 5:5 For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

1 Thes 5:6 So then let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us watch and be sober.

1 Thes 5:7 For those who sleep, sleep during the night, and those who get drunk are drunk during the night;
4. God’s people left Egypt as an army arrayed for battle (Exo. 12:51; 13:18); God’s complete redemption produces an army to fight for His interests on earth (cf. Eph. 6:10-20).
- Exo 12:51 And on that very day Jehovah brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.
- Exo 13:18 Thus God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up arrayed for battle out of the land of Egypt.
- Eph 6:10 Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.
- Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the stratagems of the devil,
- Eph 6:12 For our wrestling is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenlies.
- Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
- Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness
- Eph 6:15 And having shod your feet with the firm foundation of the gospel of peace;
- Eph 6:16 Besides all these, having taken up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of the evil one.
- Eph 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,
- Eph 6:18 By means of all prayer and petition, praying at every time in spirit and watching unto this in all perseverance and petition concerning all the saints,
- Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known in boldness the mystery of the gospel,
- Eph 6:20 For which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I would speak boldly, as I ought to speak.
5. Israel’s exodus from Egypt typifies the believers’ breaking away from the world—Rom. 12:2; 1 John 2:15-17:
- Rom 12:2 And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.
- 1 John 2:15 Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;
- 1 John 2:16 Because all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father but is of the world.
- 1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and its lust, but he who does the will of God abides forever.

- a. The children of Israel's being severed from Egypt typifies the believers' being severed from the world—Gal. 6:14.
Gal 6:14 But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.
 - b. The children of Israel's being able to go on a journey to sacrifice to God typifies the believers' being able to follow the Lord to worship God—Heb. 13:13-15.
Heb 13:13 Let us therefore go forth unto Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.
Heb 13:14 For we do not have here a remaining city, but we seek after the one to come.
Heb 13:15 Through Him then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise continually to God, that is, the fruit of lips confessing His name.
 - c. The children of Israel's being able to enter the good land to enjoy its riches typifies the believers' being put into Christ to enjoy all His riches—1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 3:8.
1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
Eph 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel
- B. In Exodus 13:1-22 the crucial points regarding the exodus are related to spiritual experience:
Exo 13:1-22 be omitted.
1. The children of Israel were sanctified to Jehovah—v. 2:
Exo 13:2 Sanctify to Me all the firstborn: Whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast, it is Mine.
 - a. The purpose of the exodus of God's people from the world is to be sanctified to the Lord.
 - b. Sanctification is based on redemption:
 - 1) According to the divine requirement, all who are redeemed must also be sanctified—vv. 12-13.
Exo 13:12 You shall set apart to Jehovah everything that opens the womb and the first offspring of every beast which is yours; the males shall be Jehovah's.
Exo 13:13 And every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you do not redeem it, you shall break its neck. And every firstborn male among your sons you shall redeem.
 - 2) Redemption is for the security of God's people; sanctification is for the fulfillment of God's purpose—Rom. 6:19, 22.
Rom 6:19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness and lawlessness unto lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness unto sanctification.
Rom 6:22 But now, having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end, eternal life.
 2. The children of Israel went out of Egypt in the month of Abib—Exo. 13:4:
Exo 13:4 On this day in the month of Abib you are going out.
 - a. *Abib* means "sprouting," "budding," and denotes a new beginning of life.
 - b. A new beginning of life is required for God's people to be sanctified to Him for His satisfaction; in this new beginning there must be no leaven—vv. 6-7; Rom. 6:4-5, 19.
Exo 13:6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to Jehovah.
Exo 13:7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days, and nothing leavened shall be seen with you, nor shall any leaven be seen with you in all your territory.
Rom 6:4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.
Rom 6:5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,
Rom 6:19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness and lawlessness unto lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness unto sanctification.

3. The bones of Joseph were brought out of Egypt with the children of Israel—Exo. 13:19:

Exo 13:19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, for Joseph had made the children of Israel solemnly swear, saying, God will surely visit you, and you shall bring my bones up from here with you.

 - a. A bone signifies an unbreakable life, a life in resurrection; thus, the bringing of Joseph's bones out of Egypt into the good land signifies resurrection—Gen. 2:21; John 19:33, 36.

Gen 2:21 And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place.

John 19:33 But coming to Jesus, when they saw that He had already died, they did not break His legs;

John 19:36 For these things happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "No bone of His shall be broken."
 - b. In the eyes of God all the children of Israel had been dead and buried in Egypt (Exo. 1:6); the exodus from Egypt, therefore, was actually a resurrection.

Exo 1:6 And Joseph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation.
 - c. The exodus from the world, the genuine sanctification to the Lord (13:2), and a new beginning of a sinless life (vv. 4-7) can be accomplished only by the resurrection life.

Exo 13:2 Sanctify to Me all the firstborn: Whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast, it is Mine.

Exo 13:4 On this day in the month of Abib you are going out.

Exo 13:5 And when Jehovah brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall observe this service in this month:

Exo 13:6 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to Jehovah.

Exo 13:7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days, and nothing leavened shall be seen with you, nor shall any leaven be seen with you in all your territory.
4. "Jehovah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them on the way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might go by day and by night"—v. 21:
 - a. In typology the cloud signifies the Spirit, and the fire, for enlightening, signifies the Word of God; the instant, living leading from God comes through either the Spirit or the Word—1 Cor. 10:1-2; Psalms 119:105.

1 Cor 10:1 For I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

1 Cor 10:2 And all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet / And a light to my path.
 - b. The two pillars symbolize God Himself, for He is both the Spirit and the Word, and the Word is also the Spirit—John 4:24; 1:1; 6:63; Eph. 6:17:

John 4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 6:63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Eph 6:17 And receive the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which Spirit is the word of God,

 - 1) God, the Word, and the Spirit are one to lead and guide us continually, whether by day or by night.
 - 2) In the Christian life there is no difference between day and night, for the light from the pillar of fire causes the night to become day.

II. Exodus 14:1-31 describes Pharaoh's last struggle and Israel's crossing of the Red Sea:

Exo 14:1-31 be omitted.

- A. God used Pharaoh to glorify Himself and to carry out His salvation for His chosen people—vv. 3-10:
- Exo 14:3 And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has hemmed them in.
- Exo 14:4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue after them; and I will glorify Myself through Pharaoh and through all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am Jehovah. And they did so.
- Exo 14:5 And when it was told to the king of Egypt that the people had fled, the heart of Pharaoh and his servants changed toward the people; and they said, What is this we have done, letting Israel go from serving us?
- Exo 14:6 So he yoked his chariot and took his people with him.
- Exo 14:7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.
- Exo 14:8 And Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, so that he pursued after the children of Israel as the children of Israel were going out boldly.
- Exo 14:9 And the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh and his horsemen and his army; and they overtook them as they encamped by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.
- Exo 14:10 And when Pharaoh approached, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and there the Egyptians were, marching after them; and they became very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to Jehovah.
1. Pharaoh's opposition created an environment that made the passover, the exodus, and the crossing of the Red Sea possible.
 2. In the same principle, God uses Satan's opposition for the accomplishing of His people's salvation.
- B. The children of Israel crossed the Red Sea by faith—v. 22:
- Exo 14:22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
1. After God spoke to Moses (vv. 15-16), spontaneously they had the faith to walk into the sea (cf. Rom. 10:17).

Exo 14:15 And Jehovah said to Moses, Why do you cry out to Me? Tell the children of Israel to move forward.

Exo 14:16 And you, lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it; and the children of Israel shall go into the midst of the sea on dry ground.

Rom 10:17 So faith comes out of hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
 2. At their baptism new believers should be encouraged to exercise faith in God as the One who operates in baptism—Col. 2:12.

Col 2:12 Buried together with Him in baptism, in which also you were raised together with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who raised Him from the dead.
- C. Pharaoh and his army were terminated and buried in the Red Sea; this signifies that Satan and the world were judged and buried in baptism—Exo. 14:28; Rom. 6:3-4; John 12:31; Heb. 2:14.
- Exo 14:28 And as the waters returned, they covered the chariots and the horsemen, even all the army of Pharaoh that went in after them into the sea; not even one of them was left.
- Rom 6:3 Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
- Rom 6:4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.
- John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.
- Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,
- D. The crossing of the Red Sea is a type of baptism—1 Cor. 10:1-2:
- 1 Cor 10:1 For I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
- 1 Cor 10:2 And all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
1. The waters of the Red Sea were used by God to save His people and separate them from Pharaoh and Egypt—Exo. 14:30:

Exo 14:30 Thus Jehovah saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the

Egyptians dead upon the seashore.

- a. The children of Israel were saved through the Red Sea into the wilderness, a realm of resurrection and separation, where they were free from all bondage and slavery to fulfill God's purpose by building the tabernacle as God's dwelling place on earth—15:22.

Exo 15:22 Then Moses moved Israel onward from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

- b. Through baptism the New Testament believers are saved from Satan and the world into a realm of resurrection and separation, in which they are free to accomplish God's purpose by building up the church as the dwelling place of God—Rom. 6:3-5; Acts 2:40-41; Eph. 2:21-22.

Rom 6:3 Or are you ignorant that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 We have been buried therefore with Him through baptism into His death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:5 For if we have grown together with Him in the likeness of His death, indeed we will also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

Acts 2:40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and exhorted them, saying, Be saved from this crooked generation.

Acts 2:41 Those then who received his word were baptized, and there were added on that day about three thousand souls.

Eph 2:21 In whom all the building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord;

Eph 2:22 In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

- 2. God's complete salvation of His chosen people included the passover, the exodus from Egypt, and the crossing of the Red Sea:

- a. The passover, typifying Christ with His redemption, was sufficient to save God's people from God's righteous judgment—Exo. 12:12-13.

Exo 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. Also against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments. I am Jehovah.

Exo 12:13 And the blood shall be a sign for you upon the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there will be no plague upon you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

- b. In order to be saved absolutely from the tyranny of Pharaoh and the enslavement in Egypt, the children of Israel needed the exodus and the crossing of the Red Sea.

- c. After enjoying Christ's redemption to be saved from God's judgment, the New Testament believers need to leave the world and be baptized—Mark 16:16.

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized shall be saved, but he who does not believe shall be condemned.