

Character Study: Moses
Part 6 – Crossing the Red Sea
Exodus 13:17-15:19

What's happening?

- The journey out of Egypt had begun. God led the Israelites through the desert near the Red Sea in order to avoid the Philistines, knowing that if the people saw war, they may want to return to Egypt. (13:17-20)
- The Lord went before the people in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to lead the people as they travelled. (13:21-22)
- The Pharaoh had a change of heart about letting the people go, so he gathered 600 chariots and pursued after them. Seeing the approaching Egyptians, the Israelites became very afraid. With the Red Sea in front of them, they appeared trapped. But Moses told them that they were about to see the salvation of God. (14:1-14)
- The cloud of the Lord moved behind the Israelites, separating them from the Egyptians throughout the night. Moses followed God's command and lifted up his rod over the sea. By a strong wind, the Lord divided the water before the people, allowing them to cross over on dry land. (14:15-22)
- The Egyptians began to pursue the Israelites through the sea, but the Lord caused their chariot wheels to come off. Once the Israelites were across, Moses lifted his rod again and the Lord collapsed the water, killing the Egyptians. The people sang of song of praise to God for His faithfulness. (14:23-15:19)

What's God doing?

> God had delivered the people from Egypt and now He was showing them that He could be trusted to always be with them (note 13:22) and to always protect them. The Egyptians were also given a final lesson in the might and power of God (note 14:4).

What's to learn?

→ God does not necessarily choose the easiest path for us, but there is always a reason for the path He does choose. Trust Him!

→ Are there situations in your life that seem overwhelming? Know that God is greater than any obstacles you may face! Follow His leading and allow His strength to deliver you through any obstacles you may cross!