

## **HOLY VIOLENCE #6**

### **“Red Sea Redux”**

#### **Redux**

**Brought back; revived.**

**Definition: restored to consciousness of life and vigor.**

**Usage: felt revived hope.**

Many of God’s people are in fear; some have given up.  
It looks like all is lost. But many of God’s prophets are declaring that...

#### **Theme**

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Let us look at some spiritual lessons from the miracle at the Red Sea.

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In a prophetic perspective #1 and #2 have already occurred and #3 is coming!

### **I. Red Sea Redux**

#### **A. It Was God Who Led Them Into the Perilous Predicament at Red Sea**

##### **Exodus 14:1-2**

Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Tell the sons of Israel to turn back and camp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea; you shall camp in front of Baal-zephon, opposite it, by the sea.

1. Why would God lead His people into such a tight place?

**Exodus 14:3-4**

**“For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, 'They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' Thus I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord." And they did so.**

2. God led His people into a perilous place so their enemies would think them an easy pray—exactly what happened.

**Exodus 14:5-7**

**When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his servants had a change of heart toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?" So he made his chariot ready and took his people with him; and he took six hundred select chariots, and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.**

**Exodus 14:8-9**

**And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and he chased after the sons of Israel as the sons of Israel were going out boldly. Then the Egyptians chased after them with all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and they overtook them camping by the sea.**

3. So here is the situation: God has led them to the Red Sea where they are now trapped by Pharaoh's mighty army; a prophetic picture of where we find ourselves today. If there is a Red Sea redux for us, what do we need to know?

**B. The Red Sea Rules**

1. We need to remember that God is sovereign! **It is God who has put us in this strait place and it is God who has stirred up our enemies to think they can destroy us.**

**Matthew Henry**

**Where they had been, at Etham, there was no sea in their way to obstruct their passage: but God himself orders them into straits, which might give them an assurance that when his purposes were served he would without fail bring them out of those straits. God sometimes raises difficulties in the way of**

the salvation of his people, that he may have the glory of subduing them, and helping his people over them.

**Adam Clarke**

God himself brought them into straits from which no human power or art could extricate them. They had been in open country where they had room either to fight or fly. But now they had the Red Sea before them, Pharaoh and his host behind them, and on their right- and left-hand fortresses of the Egyptians to prevent their escape; nor had they one boat or transport prepared for their passage!

**Adam Clarke**

If they are to be saved, the arm of the Lord must be seen, and the vanity of the Egyptian idols be demonstrated. By bringing them into such a situation God took from them all hope of human help, and gave their adversaries every advantage against them.

a. Has there ever been a time when we have been more like Israel at the Red Sea?

a. The story says they came out of Egypt ‘boldly’ or ‘with a high hand’; but now a short time later they are in fear of their lives. So we roared into 2020 with a roaring economy and high hopes for revival. Now we appear to be defeated with our enemies closing in on us on every side.

b. All the news seems to be bad news.

c. But the first Red Sea rule is to remember God is in charge...

**Matthew Henry**

If God Himself brings His people into straits, He will himself discover a way to bring them out again. In times of great difficulty and great expectation, it is our wisdom to keep our spirits calm, quiet, and sedate; for then we are in the best frame both to do our own work and to consider the work of God.

**2. The second Red Sea Rule is that God will use times like these to test our faith!**

a. Pastor Kent Christmas, in a prophecy delivered this week, nail it!

**Pastor Kent Christmas**

**This is not about the election. God is revealing who has faith and who does not. Many are looking at the waves and sinking. Faith is only revealed when put in the fire. The last move of God was about those who had gifts. This move of God is about those who have faith. I'm taking the 'fence' down...the one many have been riding.**

b. The pandemic, the lockdowns, and the seeming socialistic takeover of America is exposing who is in fear and who is in faith.

**Pastor Kent Christmas**

**“You're getting ready to see people who ride the fence, that we thought were believers, they're going to swing to the other side and really begin to stand for the side of evil and against the side of righteousness. And God is going to uncover them.”**

c. This is exactly what happened with Israel at the Red Sea.

**Exodus 14:10**

**And as Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel looked, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they became very frightened; so the sons of Israel cried out to the Lord.**

d. It is a good thing for God's people to cry out to the Lord when we are afraid; but then they turn against their God-given leader.

**Exodus 14:11-12**

**Then 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 dealt with us in this way, bringing us out of Egypt? "Is this not the word that we spoke to you 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."**

3. A Red Sea moment exposes those among us who are ready to go back to Egypt! (Translation we would rather die as slaves than to live as free men).

*GOD IS USING THIS MOMENT OF CRISIS TO IDENTIFY WHO'S WHO!*

a. Take a man I have always admired: Noted Pastor and Author...

**Tim Keller**

**The noted Pastor and author has now said that capitalism is just as unbiblical as socialism according to scripture.  
(This is NOT true)**

b. Another brother I have admired, popular theologian and author...

**John Piper**

**He says he is 'baffled' at how Christians believe the sins of President Trump in his self-exalting boastfulness are not just as bad as those of Joe Biden with his support of abortion on demand. He believes Trump's behavior has pointed the nation to destruction 'of more kinds than we can imagine'.**

(So you reject a President who stands against abortion because of his Tweets?)

c. One of the worst offenders is popular Bible teacher Beth Moore, a former supporter of President Trump, who has now turned on him.

**Beth Moore**

**I do not believe these are days for mincing words. I'm 63 1/2 years old and I have never seen anything in these United States of America I found more astonishingly seductive and dangerous to the saints of God than Trumpism.**

**This Christian nationalism is not of God. Move back from it.**

(Trumpism? Christian nationalism?)

d. Beth, have you so soon forgotten the 8 years of globalist policy we went through under Barack Obama? So now you're ready to give up and go back to those who will take us into socialism?

e. These notable leaders are the tip of the iceberg of Pastors and Christians who seem ready to turn on God's leader and return to Egypt!

**1 Corinthians 11:19 NASB**

**For there must also be factions among you, in order that those who are approved may have become evident among you.**

f. Some among us bemoan the division we see; but that's not all bad.

**Gary DeMar**

**The country is divided in one good way. It is good to know who the wolves are. They have been hiding among the sheep for a long time.**

4. We are following a pattern that will continue.

## **B. The Miracle at the Red Sea**

### **Exodus 14:13-14**

**And 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."**

### **Matthew Henry**

**Pharaoh has a design to ruin Israel; therefore, God has a design to ruin Pharaoh. Moses assures them that God would deliver them and utterly ruin their pursuers. 'The Lord shall fight for you'. This Moses was confident of himself, and would have them to be so, though as yet he knew not how or which way it would be brought to pass.**

1. Many of God's prophets are speaking the same to the Church today!

- a. Do not be afraid!
- b. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.
- c. The Lord will fight for you!
- d. God is about to save His people and destroy His enemies.

2. It seems we come to our personal version of the Red Sea; we are like Israel; cornered; threatened by an enemy that hates us; we look for good news but there seems to be no path to victory.

3. Moses told them to "Stand still" but now God says "Go forward"!

### **Exodus 14:15-16**

**Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward. And as for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall go through the midst of the sea on dry land."**

### **Exodus 14:17-18**

**And as for Me, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his**

**army, through his chariots and his horsemen. Then the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord, when I am honored through Pharaoh, through his chariots and his horsemen."**

a. Here we have a great lesson...

**Matthew Henry**

**Let the children of Israel go as far as they can upon dry ground, and then God will divide the sea, and open a passage for them through it. God plans, not only to deliver the Israelites, but to destroy the Egyptians; and counsels them accordingly.**

**Adam Clarke**

**How easily can God make the same thing an instrument of destruction or salvation, as seems best to his godly wisdom! He alone can work by all agents and produce any kind of effect even by the same instrument; for all things serve the purposes of his will.**

**Exodus 14:21-23**

**Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. And the sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Then the Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea.**

**Exodus 14:26-27**

**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." And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.**

**Exodus 14:28-29**

**Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained. But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.**

### **Josephus**

The historian Josephus says that the army of Pharaoh consisted of fifty thousand horses, and two hundred-thousand-foot soldiers, of whom not one remained.

### **Exodus 14:30-31**

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.

## **III. Conclusion**

### **A. Review**

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### **B. The Key to the Story**

1. God led His people to the Red Sea.
2. God exposed those who had faith and those in fear.
3. God had a plan in mind the whole time; the key to the story is in passage from the Psalmist looking back on this miracle...

**Psalm 77:16-18 NLT**

**When the Red Sea saw you, O God, its waters looked and trembled!  
The sea quaked to its very depths. The clouds poured down rain;  
the thunder rumbled in the sky. Your arrows of lightning flashed.  
Your thunder roared from the whirlwind; the lightning lit up the world!  
The earth trembled and shook.**

4. This is happening again! The world is quaking. There is thunder and lightning and whirlwinds; the earth is trembling and shaking. But God will lead us through it all! But you say where? Here is one of my favorite verses...

**Psalm 77:19-20 NLT**

**Your road led through the sea, your pathway through the mighty waters—  
a pathway no one knew was there!  
You led your people along that road like a flock of sheep, with Moses and  
Aaron as their shepherds.**

5. The news media tells us there is ‘no path’ to victory for the President; and so it was that Israel could see no escape from the Egyptians; but God saw something no one else could see; the pathway no one knew was there. This is not time to be in fear! This is not time to give up!

**Charles Spurgeon**

**The Lord will make a way for you where no foot has been before. That which,  
like a sea, threatens to drown you shall become a highway for your escape.**

5. We have too many testimonies from God to believe He will not take a hand here.

**Isaiah 43:19**

**I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.  
1 Corinthians 10:13  
God is faithful when we are tested; He will make a way of escape...**

6. God will make a way where there seems to be no way.

**Isobel Kuhn, Missionary**

**“I have found that if we go as far as we can, God often opens up the rest of the way.”**

**Robert J. Morgan**

**“The Red Sea Rules: 10 God-given Strategies for Difficult Times”  
“God did not remove the Red Sea; He opened it. He will find a way to help us  
through our problems as well.”**

7. God has not brought us to the Red Sea to drown us; we just need faith!

**A.W. Tozer**

**To the child of God, there is no such thing as an accident. He travels an  
appointed way. Accidents may appear to befall him and misfortune stalks his  
way; but those evils will be so in appearance only and will seem evils only  
because we cannot read the secret script of God’s hidden Providence.**

**C.H. Mackintosh**

**If we could only look upon a difficult crisis as an occasion of bringing out, on  
our behalf, the sufficiency of Divine grace, it would enable us to preserve the  
balance of our souls and to glorify God, even in the deepest waters.**

7. One more prophetic picture from something God did as Pharaoh’s army  
pursued the Israelites:

**Ex 14:25 NKJV**

**And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty**

**He made the wheels of their chariots to come off (NIV)**

**He twisted their chariot wheels, making their chariots difficult to drive  
And He caused their chariot wheels to swerve, and He made them drive with  
difficulty**

8. Look for God to send confusion among His enemies in this hour.

**GOD HAS A PLAN FOR OUR DELIVERANCE NO ONE KNOWS  
GOD MAKES A WAY WHERE THERE SEEMS TO BE NO WAY  
GOD’S WAY DELIVERS HIS PEOPLE AND DESTROYS HIS ENEMIES**

9. What seemed like sure defeat in Exodus 14 becomes the “Song of  
Moses” in Exodus 15!

**Exodus 15:1-2**

**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.**

**Exodus 15:3**

**The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is His name. 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. 5 The depths have covered them; They sank to the bottom like a stone.**

**Title**

**Closing Prayer**