

NEW YEARS

WHAT IS PURSUING YOU?

Exodus 12:1-2 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, (2) This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

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God kills all Firstborn in Egypt that did not have the blood.

Exodus 12:31-33 And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. (32) Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. **(33) And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people**, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

Exodus 14:1-31

(1) Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

(2) "Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon; you shall **camp before it by the sea.**



(3) For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, '**They are bewildered by the land; the wilderness has closed them in.**' (4) 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.**" And they did so.

God was going to set up Pharaoh because Pharaoh had not resolved to let the Israelites go.

(Parable of Sower and Seed)

Pharaoh's Army

(7) **he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them.** (9) So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, **and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth,** before Baal Zephon. (10) And when Pharaoh drew near,

the **children of Israel** lifted their eyes, and behold, the **Egyptians** marched after them. So they were very **afraid**, and the children of Israel **cried out to the LORD**.

(11) Then they said to Moses, "**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? (12) Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, '**Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians**'? For it would have been better **for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.**"

(13) 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.(14) **The LORD will fight for you**, and you shall hold your peace." (15) And the LORD said to Moses, "**Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward**." (16) But 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. Despite all the miracles and deliverance of Israel, doubt started to creep in. This is also true in our life. This is why we need the Holy Spirit.

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Doubt and fear will hold you back and still from moving in the direction of God.

2 Timothy 1:7 “God did not give us a spirit of fear..

(19) And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, **moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.**

(20) So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, **so that the one did not come near the other all that night.**

God will protect you in your journey and will be the buffer between you and your enemies.

Romans 8:31-32 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? (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?

(21) 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. (22) 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.** (23) And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. (24) Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and

cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. (25) **And 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."

Two miracles – Sea Split wall on right and left and dry ground.

You can't imitate what you are not called to do.

Acts 19 – Sons of Sceva

(26) 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."

(27) 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.

(28) **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. (29) 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.

(30) So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and **Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.** (31) 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.

God wants to destroy all your enemies, internally and externally.

1 Corinthians 10:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, (2) all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, (3) all ate the same spiritual food, (4) and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

In conclusion,

What do you have pursuing you? What is stopping you from taking the plunge? You will never be free until you cross the sea.