



# “THE RED SEA EXPERIENCE”

## Exodus Chapters 13 – 14

### > Chapter 13 – God’s Testimony & Promise!>

(v1-2) The firstborn of the Israelites are “consecrated to the LORD.” Why?

To remind every generation that the LORD preserved Israel’s firstborn males (v15), purchased by the blood sacrifice of the lamb, whereas, the Egyptians firstborn all died.

(v3-10) Israel is to observe the *Passover feast and the feast of Unleavened bread*.

(v11-16) Here we have the dedication and redemption of the firstborn.

(v17-20) In verse 19 we see Moses fulfilling Genesis 50:24-26 - *Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place." So Joseph died at the age of a hundred and ten. And after they embalmed him, he was placed in a coffin in Egypt.*

(v21-22) God leads the children of Israel out of Egypt with a *cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night*. A cloud will keep you cool while crossing the Sinai Peninsula and the pillar of fire will keep you warm overnight, lighting the way through the darkness as they travel quickly in their exodus from Egypt.

### > Chapter 14 – God’s Deliverance!

(v1-4) God’s war strategy – setting the trap.

(v5-9) Pharaoh’s heart is hardened, he and his army pursues Israel. Generally, when a tragedy happens (Egyptian’s death of the firstborn), people will be **in disbelief, then grief, then anger, then revenge**; this is the heart of the Egyptians.

- The historian Josephus gives information that the Egyptian army in pursuit of Israel consisted of 600 war chariots with their 50,000 horseman and 200,000 infantry troops (“*Antiquity of the Jews*” Book 2, chapter 15:3).

(v10-12) The children of Israel are afraid, they regret leaving Egypt and they begin to complain against Moses.

- Fear is the opposite of faith, fear paralyzes faith, fear torments the soul, and fear makes irrational decisions.

(v13-14) Moses is a great leader who trusts in a great God!

(v15-29) The LORD parts the Red Sea and the children of Israel walk across on **dry land** as Pharaoh and his army are in hot pursuit, God will consume the Egyptians with a **watery grave!** (More insight is found in Psalm 77:13-20.)

(v30-31) The word “*saved*” is a translation of the Hebrew word *yasha*, the root of the name Joshua which, in turn, is an abbreviation of *Jehoshua* meaning *Jehovah saves*. Joshua is the Hebrew form of Jesus, and Christ was named Jesus, because “*He will save His people from their sins*” (Mt. 1:21). This divine deliverance is a picture of Christ setting us free from the slavery of sin, the authority of the devil, and the fear of death!