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FAVOURITE SEA SIDE LOCATION

TALK ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE BEACHES OR SEASIDE PLACES.
WHAT IS IT YOU LIKE ABOUT THEM?
WHEN DO YOU NEXT PLAN TO GO THERE?

NO MORE THAN 5 MINS



WRITE YOUR THOUGHTS AND ANSWERS TO THE BIBLE STUDY BELOW

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READ EXODUS 14:1-31 .

IT'S A WELL KNOWN STORY . BUT WHAT DOES IT TEACH US?
TRY TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

VERSES 1-4

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. WE CAN'T SAY FOR SURE WHERE IT WAS ANYMORE, DOES THAT MATTER?

WHAT WAS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS MIRACLE ACCORDING TO VERSE 4?
IS THAT ALWAYS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF WHAT GOD DOES?

VERSES 5-9

EVEN AFTER ALL THE PLAGUES, PHAROAH SEEMS TO HAVE LEARNT NOTHING.
WHAT DO YOU THINK "GOD HARDENED HIS HEART" MEANS? DID PHAROAH HAVE FREE WILL OR NOT?

VERSES 110-12

EVEN AFTER ALL THE PLAGUES, THE PEOPLE SEEM TO HAVE LEARNT NOTHING.
IS TRUSTING GOD EASY?
SHARE SOME EXAMPLES OF TIMES WHEN YOU HAVE SEEN GOD CHANGE THINGS. DOES IT MAKE IT EASIER TO TRUST
THE NEXT TIME THERE IS TROUBLE?

VERSES 13-14

.BUT MOSES SEEMS SURE.
IMAGINE YOURSELF IN HIS SHOES. THE EGYPTIAN ARMY IS CLOSING IN ON YOU. THE SEA IS BLOCKING YOUR WAY.
THERE IS NO OTHER ROUTE OFF THE BEACH. THE PEOPLE ARE GETTING ANGRY WITH YOU.
COULD YOU THEN BOLDLY DECLARE WHAT HE DID?

VERSES 15-20

GOD JUST SAYS "CARRY ON IN THE DIRECTION YOU HAVE BEEN GOING, IGNORE THE BARRIER. DEMONSTRATE YOUR
FAITH IN FRONT OF THE PEOPLE AND WATCH ME!"
ARE THERE TIMES WHEN YOU SENSE GOD IS TELLING YOU TO DO SOMETHING WHICH - IF GOD DOES NOT BACK
YOU UP - WILL LEAVE YOU LOOKING STUPID?
DO WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BE BOLD FOR GOD?

VERSES 21-22

GOD NEVER ACCEPTS US SAYING "SHOW ME, THEN I'LL BELIEVE". HE ALWAYS WANTS US TO BELIEVE BASED ON
OUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF HIM.
YOU COULD SAY BELIEVING IS SEAGING. OK, MAYBE NOT.

VERSES 23-25

ARROGANCE OF THE GODLESS. INCREASINGLY TODAY PEOPLE ARE SAYING "WE WANT WHAT CHRISTIANS HAVE,
WITHOUT THE GOD BIT".
GOD WILL NOT LET MANKIND DEFY HIM. WHAT OTHER BIBLE STORIES GIVE THIS MESSAGE?

VERSES 26-28

NO-ONE CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT GOD. THIS PARAGRAPH IN SOME WAYS ILLUSTRATES JOHN 14:6 - INFACIT THE
WHOLE CHAPTER, AND ESPECIALLY THESE FEW VERSES, GIVE A STRONG ILLUSTRATION OF THE WAYS OF SALVATION
WITH GOD. CAN YOU SUMMARISE WHAT IT TEACHES?

VERSES 29-31

MORE THAN ANY OTHER, THIS EPISODE IS REFERRED BACK TO LATER IN THE O.T. AS KEY FOR THE PEOPLE OF
ISRAEL. WHAT EFFECT DO YOU THINK IT WOULD HAVE HAD ON THE ISRAELITES AS THEY LOOKED BACK ACROSS THE
SEA THEY HAD CROSSED THAT MORNING?

SIDETRACKS

IF YOU FINISH THE STUDY AND HAVE TIME, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

MIRACLE OR NOT?


THERE ARE LOTS OF IDEAS THAT SEEK TO EXPLAIN AWAY THIS STORY...INCLUDING THAT
IT IS ALL FICTION, THAT THEY DID NOT CROSS THE SEA BUT A SHALLOW LAKE, ETC.
HOWEVER, IF THIS STORY IS FICTION, HOW CAN WE BELIEVE ANYTHING IN THE BIBLE?

IF IT WAS A SHALLOW LAKE, HOW CAN YOU EXPLAIN V22?

IS THE BIBLE A BOOK OF TRUTH, WHICH IS RELIABLE AND SOLID - OR JUST A BOOK OF
STORIES WITH GOOD MORAL MESSAGES?


LOCATION

WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE, OR DO WE? SINCE THE 19TH CENTURY THE IDEA HAS BEEN
ACCEPTED THAT THIS WAS A CROSSING OF SOME LAKES IN NORTH EGYPT. BUT THE FIRST
FEW VERSES OF THE CHAPTER ARE QUITE CLEAR: NEAR PI HAHIROTH, BETWEEN MIGDOL AND
THE SEA. THEY ARE TO CAMP BY THE SEA, DIRECTLY OPPOSITE BAAL ZEPHON
THERE ARE TWO LOCATIONS SUGGESTED FOR THIS BY MODERN DAY BIBLIO-ARCHAEOLOGISTS.





PI HAHIROTH MEANS "MOUTH OF
WATER". THE PRESENT DAY
GEOGRAPHIC "MOUTH LIKE LOOKING" ISTHMUS OF "PI-HAHIROTH IS AT THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN
THE TWO GULFS, JUST SOUTH OF THE STRAITS OF TIRAN.
PI-HAHIROTH WAS THE MOUTH OF WATER WHICH FACES MT. TIRAN WHICH IS BAAL-ZEPHON.
BAAL-ZEPHON IS LOCATED AT MT. TIRAN, WHICH IS 1640FEET HIGH. MT. TIRAN IS LOCATED ON
TIRAN ISLAND, SAUDI ARABIA. THE LANGUAGE OF THE BIBLE MAKES IT CLEAR THAT IT WAS ON
THE OPPOSITE SHORE OF THE RED SEA: "CAMP IN FRONT OF BAAL-ZEPHON, OPPOSITE IT". (EX
14:2) (MORE ON WWW.BIBLE.CA)




THE SECOND IS NUWEIBA BEACH (SEE AMONG OTHERS ARKDISCOVERY.COM)

ON OLD MAPS THIS IS ACTUALLY CALLED NUWAYBA' AL MUZAYYINAH
WHICH MEANS 'WATERS OF MOSES' OPENING'. THERE IS ALSO A PILLAR
HERE, DATING FROM THE ERA OF KING SOLOMON WHICH HAD WORDS
DEATH, WATER, PHAROAH INSCRIBED ON IT. AND THEY FOUND
ANCIENT BITS OF CHARIOT ON THE SEA BED.
BUT OTHER ARCHAEOLOGISTS REJECT THIS, SAYING THE PERSON WHO
DISCOVERED IT WAS AN AMATEUR AND MADE MISTAKES.

WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE
FOR SURE.
YET IT WAS TAKEN AS A
FACT THROUGHOUT THE
BIBLE INCLUDING ACTS 7:36
AND HEBREWS 11:29

DOES IT MATTER WHERE?
DID IT HAPPEN?
WHAT DO WE LEARN FROM IT?



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