

## **The RED SEA of Life**

Most people are familiar with the biblical Red Sea incident. Today's lesson will focus on what the Red Sea represented to the Israelites and as an example to the 21st century Church Age Believer (CAB).

Paul made the Red Sea incident relevant to 21st century believers in (1 Cor.10:1-2, 6). We will outline our lesson text by the following four homiletic points.

- **Bible doctrine** (1 Cor.10:1a) [Knowledge]
  - "For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren."
- **Believers** (1 Cor.10:1b) [Forefathers]
  - "That our fathers were all under the **cloud** and all passed through the **sea**."
- **Baptized** (1 Cor.10:2) [Into Moses]
  - "And all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea."
- **Beware** (1 Cor.10:6) [Biblical example]
  - "Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved." (Matt.6:21)

**Today's lesson will be studied in two parts:**

**The First Part:** We will study what unthinkable and impossible problems were created by the Red Sea incident.

**The Second Part:** We will study the divine solution to these unthinkable and impossible problems.

<b>Part One, The Problem</b>
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**1. The Red Sea incident presented an unthinkable, unpredictable, and impossible situation in the lives of the Israelites.**

This group of believers had just experienced the 10 plaques and said, "The Lord brought us out Egypt with His mighty hand." (Ex.13:16b) (NIV)

It is said of this group of believers that they "marched out of Egypt boldly." (Ex.14:8b) (NIV)

This group of believers had the Lord lead them by a pillar cloud by day and by a pillar of fire by night guiding them on their journey to the Promised Land (Ex.13:21-22).

But when they got to the Red Sea, they realized that they were hemmed in on all sides with no human solution for escape. There believed there was NO place to run or hide. They were in a human unthinkable and impossible situation without a choice of an absolute solution. **What choice did they have?**

(2 Cor.5:7) "For we walk **by faith**, not **by sight**." Which of these are they walking? **READ:** [Ps.62:5-8](#)

2. Now the unthinkable, unpredictable and impossible thing has occurred to these Israelites. They are hemmed in on every side and the most powerful military in the world is marching towards them.

**Fear is the absence of faith:**

(Ex.14:10) “As Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel looked and behold, the **Egyptians were marching after them**, and they became frightened; so the sons of Israel cried out to Lord.”

**Secondary negative volition is an expression of Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) Thinking:**

(Ex.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.’”

**Principle: A false assumption** leads to a **false expectation** that leads to a **false interpretation** that leads to a **false application**.

Why was serving the Egyptians their only option? For them it was because of secondary negative volition that they chose to walk by sight of OMCD thinking.

(Ps.106:7-8) “Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; They did not remember Your abundant kindness, They rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea. Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of His name, that He might make His power known.”

(Ps.56:3-4) “When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid, what can mere man do to me?”

- How many Israelites died by the hands of the most powerful military of their time? (**Ex.14:28-31**)
- How many Egyptians soldiers died?

## Part Two, The Solution

3. **Moses was operating by the Directive Will of God regarding the Red Sea situation; he was applying Categorical Bible Doctrine (CBD).**

This began in Midian at the burning bush when Moses was given the call to lead the Israelites out of Egypt (Ex.3-4).

(Ex.3:10) “Therefore, come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, so that you may bring My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.”

(Ex.3:14) “God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM;’ and He said, ‘Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” (3:15-22)

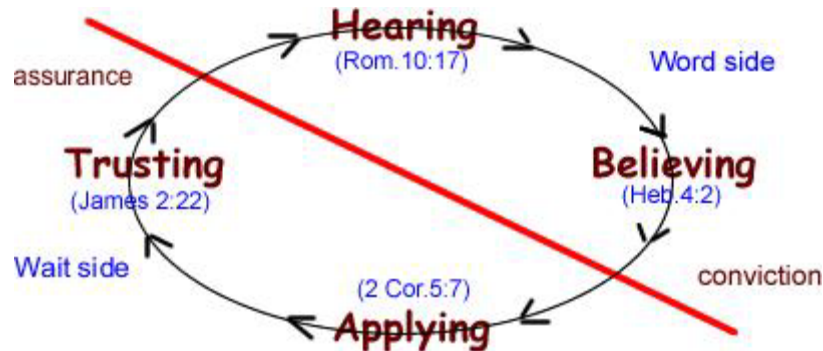
(Ex.7:5) “The Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt, and bring out the sons of Israel from their midst.”

**POINT:** The Geographical Will, Operational Will, and the Mental Will of God are always attached to and in sync with the believer fulfilling the Directive Will of God.

4. The Directive Will of God residing in the spiritually advancing believer's soul will be tested, not to cause the believer to fail, but for him to cycle it by faith Geographically, Operationally, and Mentally.

(Heb.11:29) “**By faith** they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.” (Isa.43:1-2)

(Ps.56:3-4) “**When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You**, In **God, Whose word I praise**, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid, what can mere man do to me?” (Ps.55:22; 1 Pet.5:7)



**All of the Israelites** passing through the Red Sea demonstrated the power of the Almighty God doing the unthinkable and unpredictable and impossible **on the basis of Moses' faith in the God faithfulness** to do His directive will (1 Cor.10:1-2).

(Ps.78:11-13) “**They forgot His deeds and His miracles** that He had shown them. He wrought wonders before their fathers in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan. He divided the sea and caused them to pass through, and He made the waters stand up like a heap.”

(1 Cor.1:9) “**God is faithful**, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

(Luke 1:37) “**For nothing** will be impossible with God.” [Gabriel to Mary] (Matt.19:26)