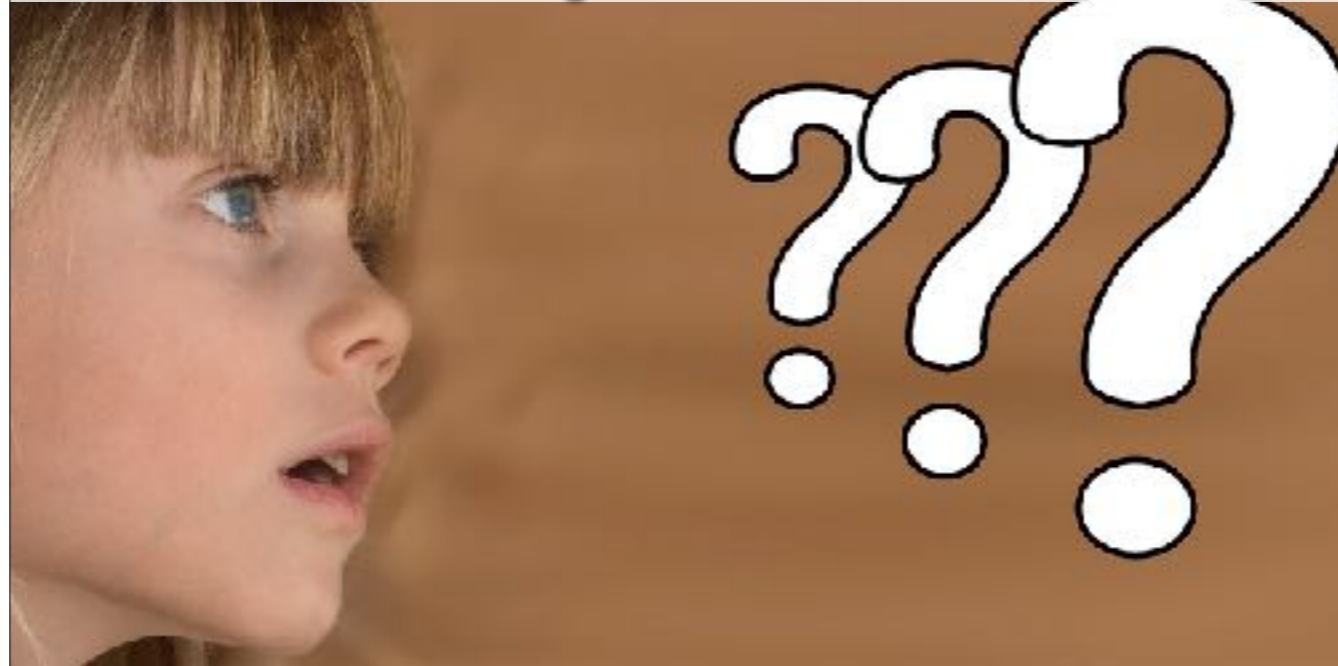




- Text: Exodus 13-15
- Reading: Exodus 15

What is Jehovah Doing?



- What is Jehovah doing?
 - As God rescuing the Israelites from slavery and bringing them home
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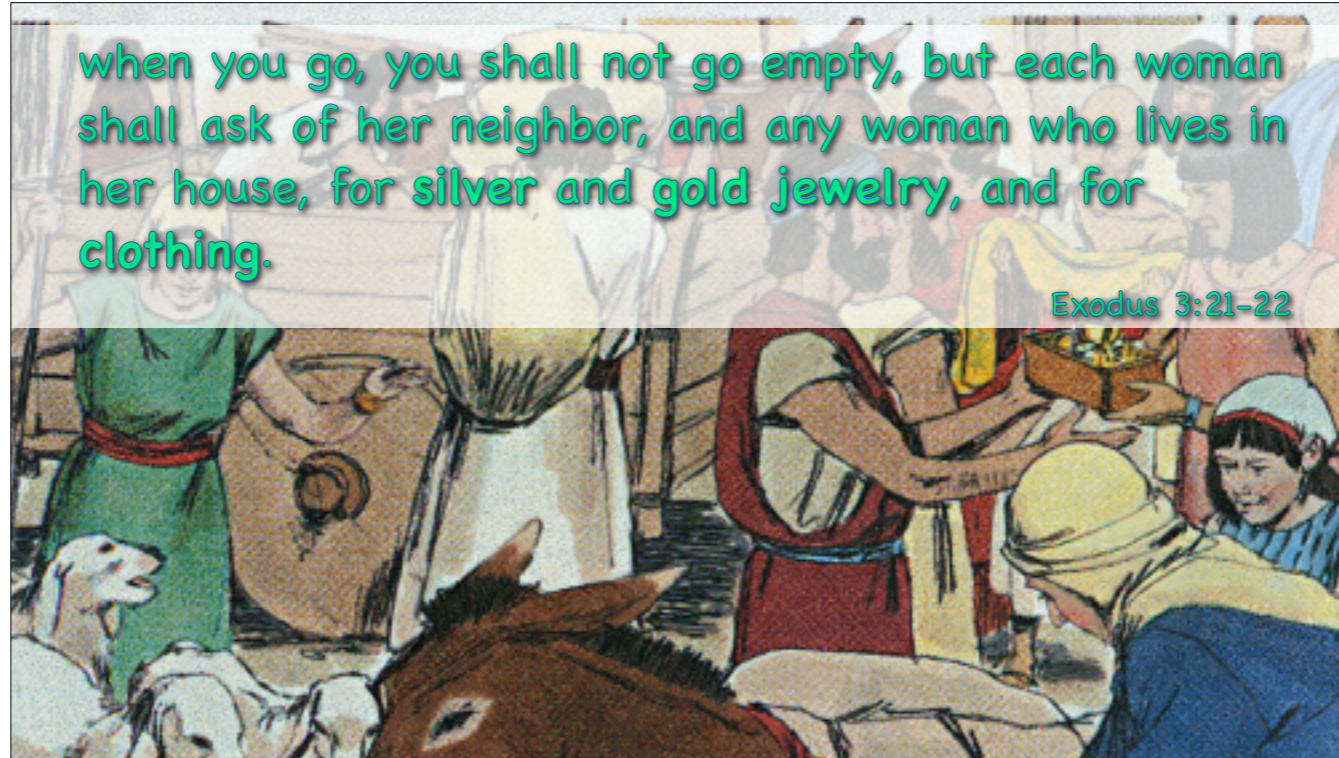
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Exodus 3:21-22



- Exodus 3:19-22 (ESV) 19 But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. 20 So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go. 21 And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, 22 but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and any woman who lives in her house, for silver and gold jewelry, and for clothing. You shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”

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Exodus 13:18



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Exodus 14:8



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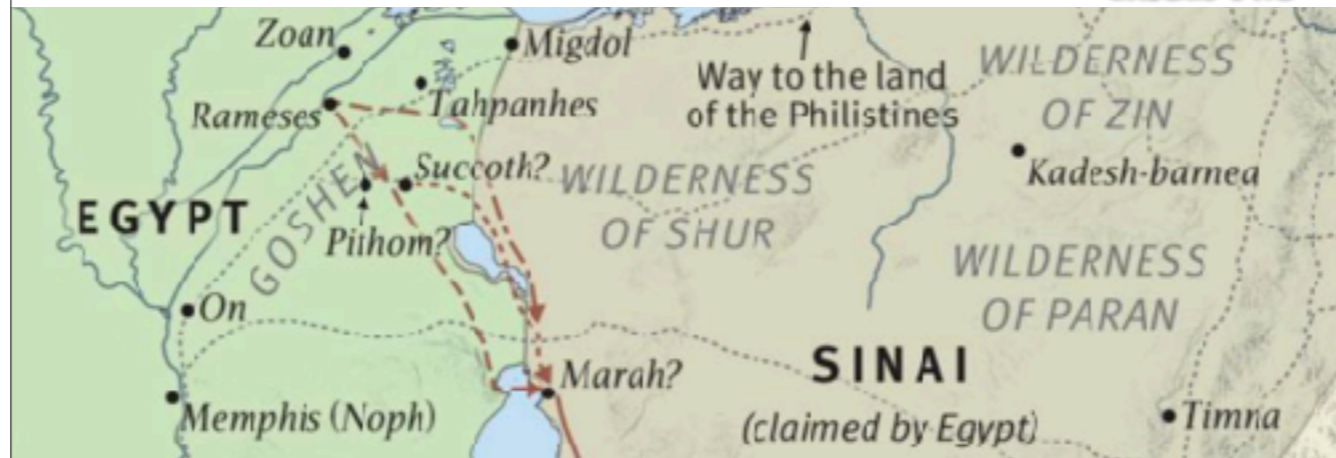
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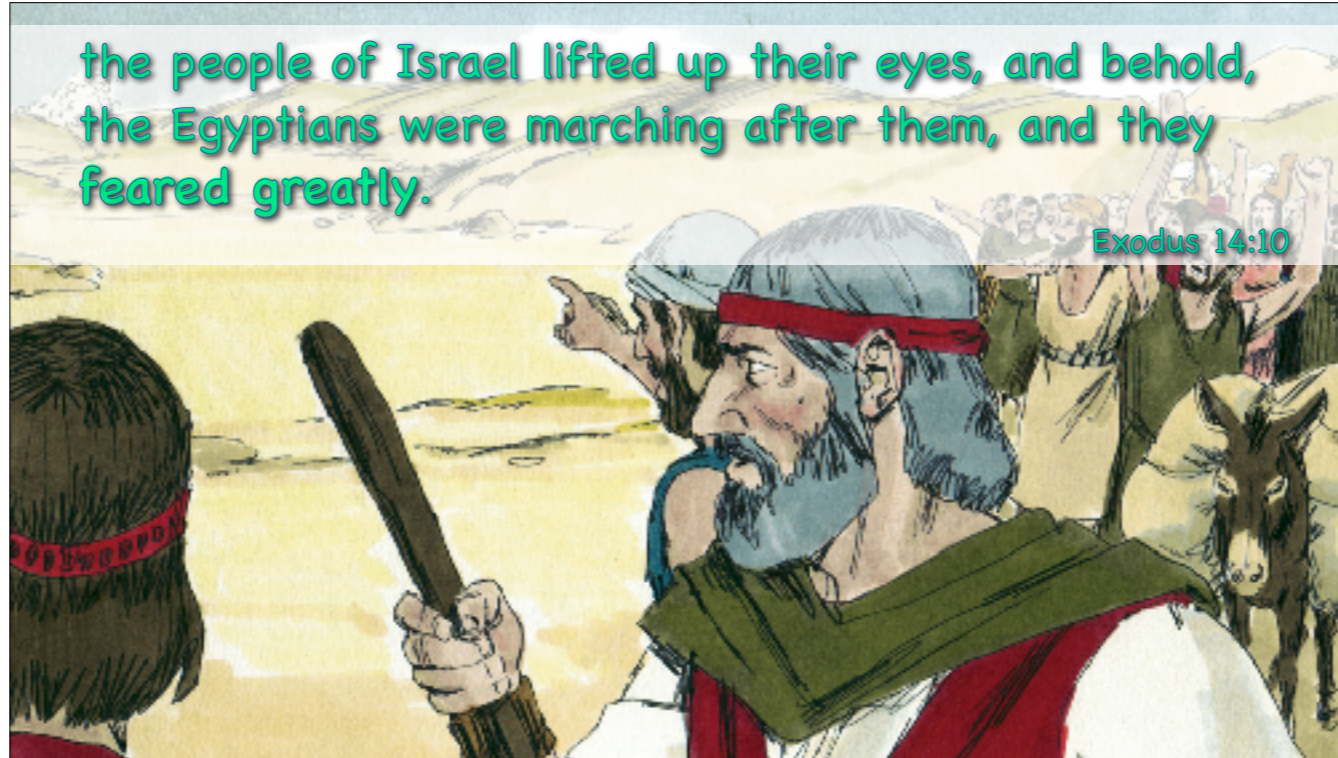
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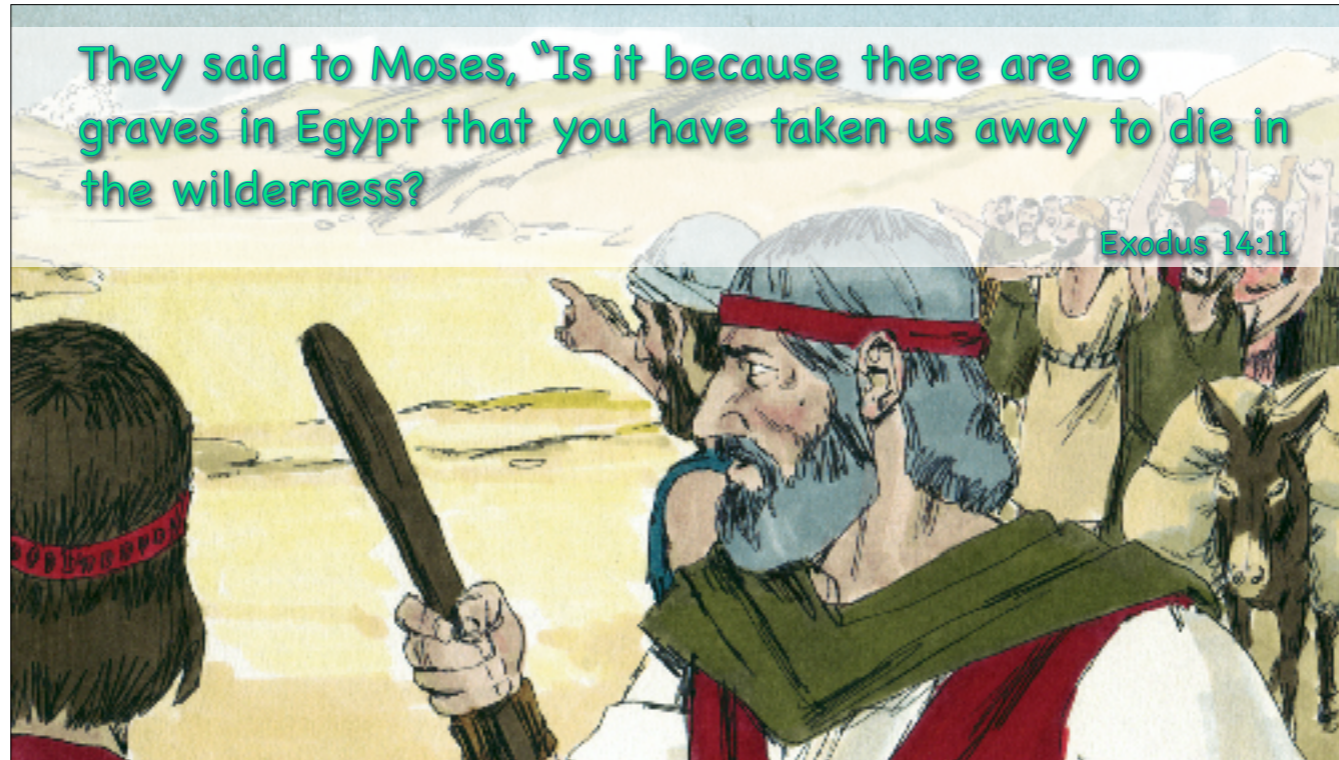
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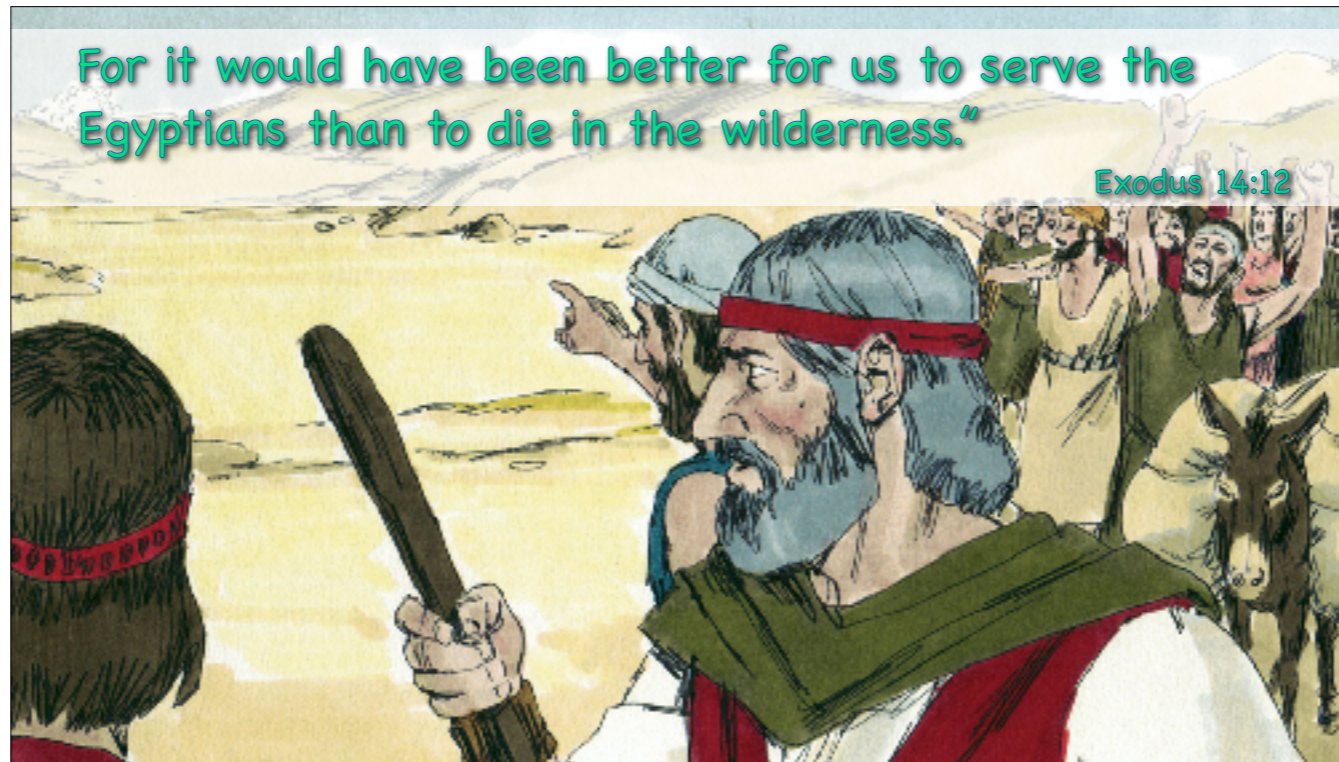
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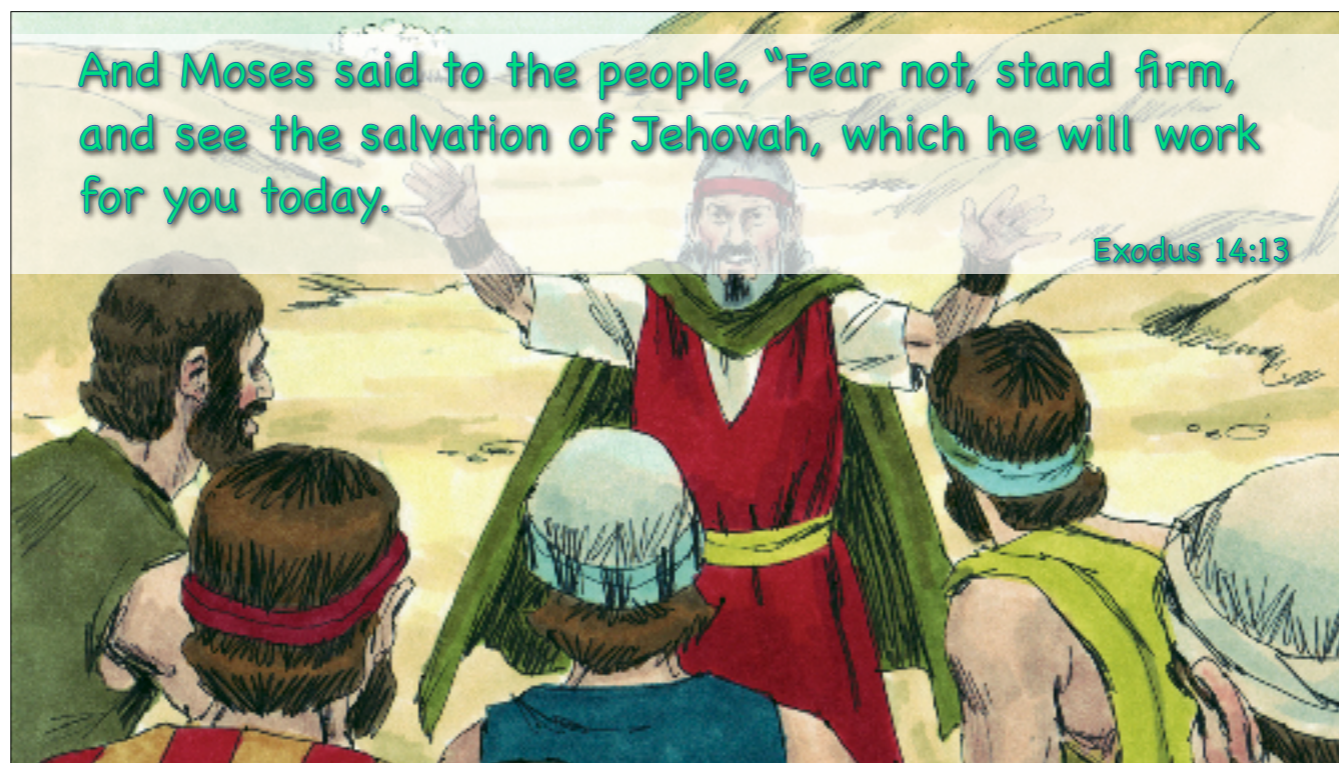
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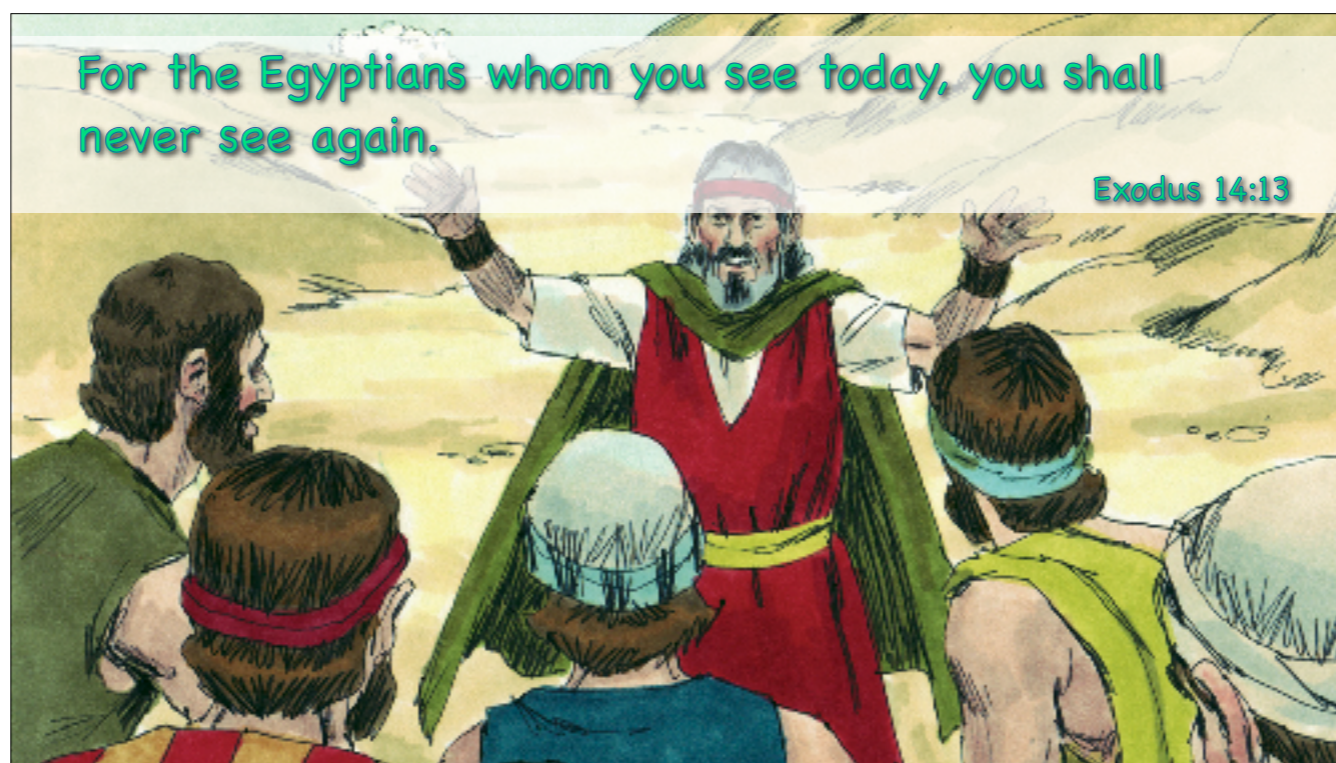
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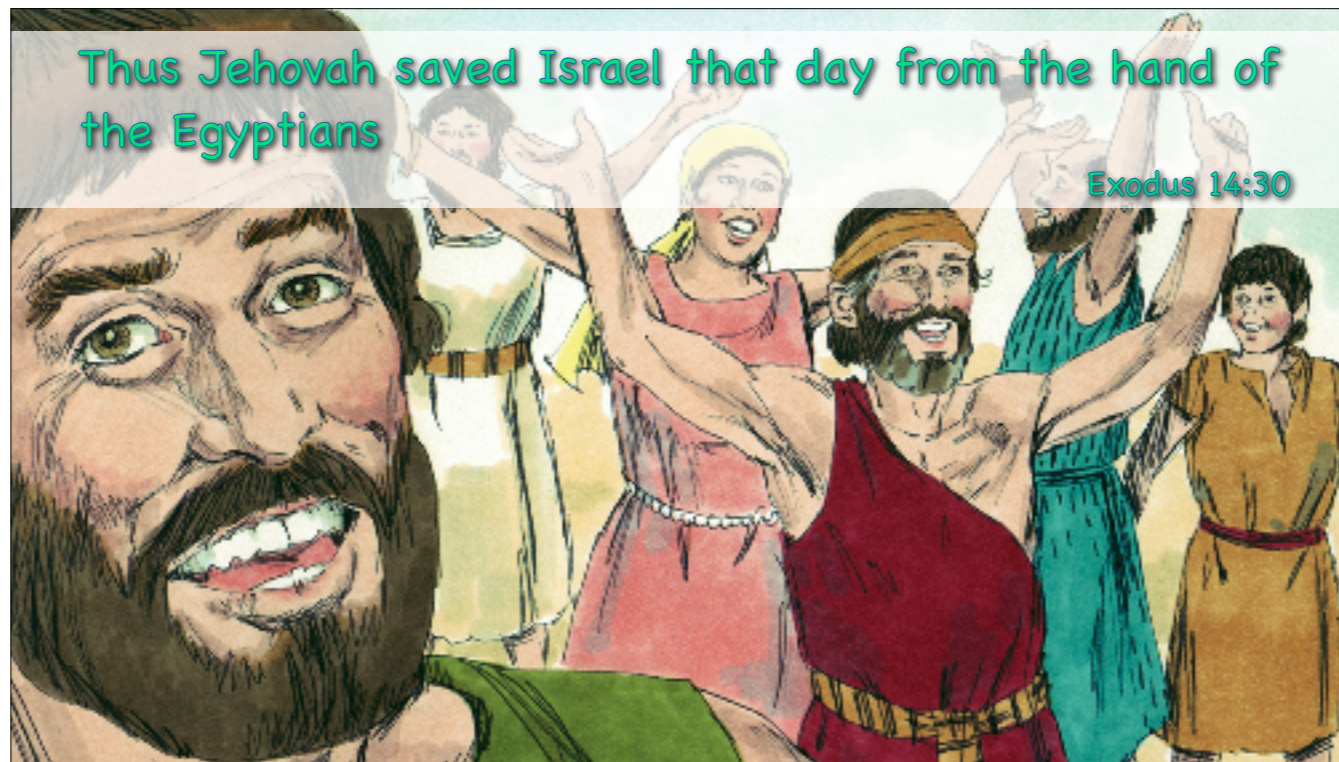
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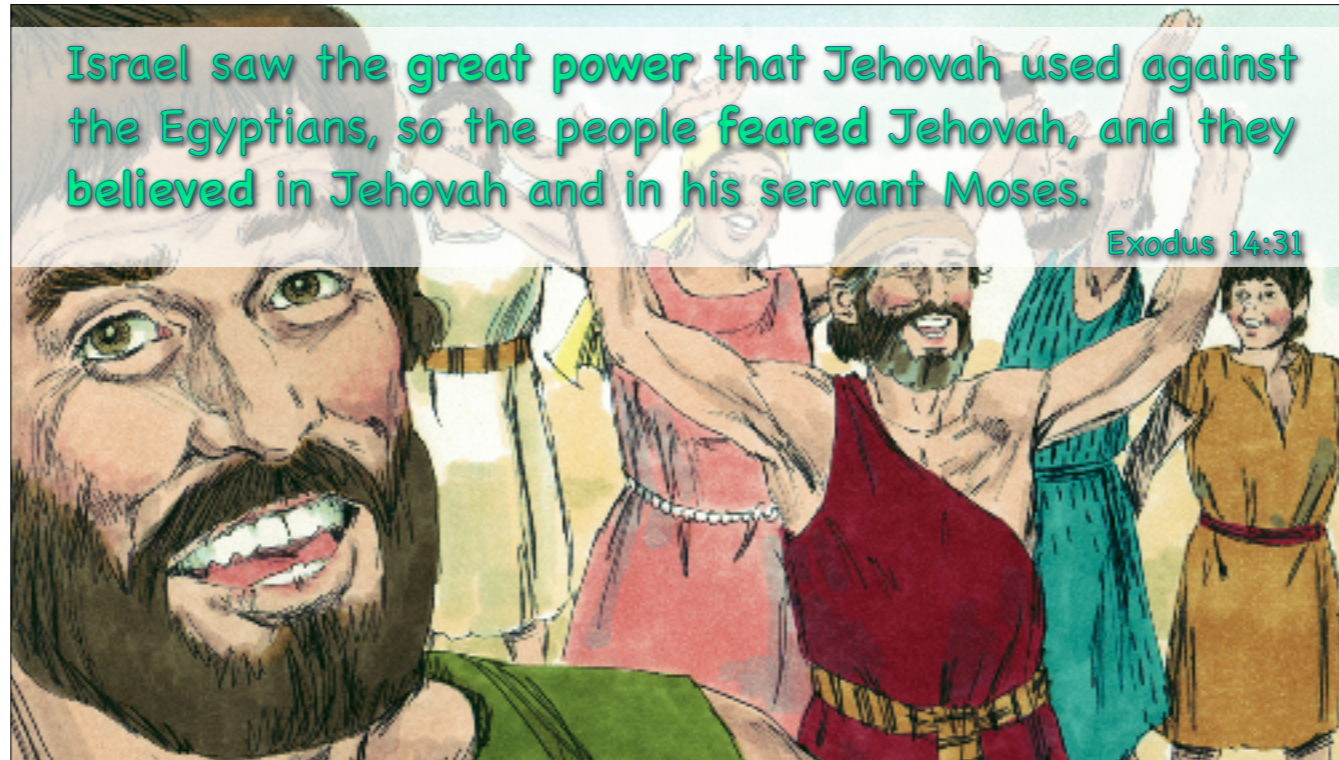
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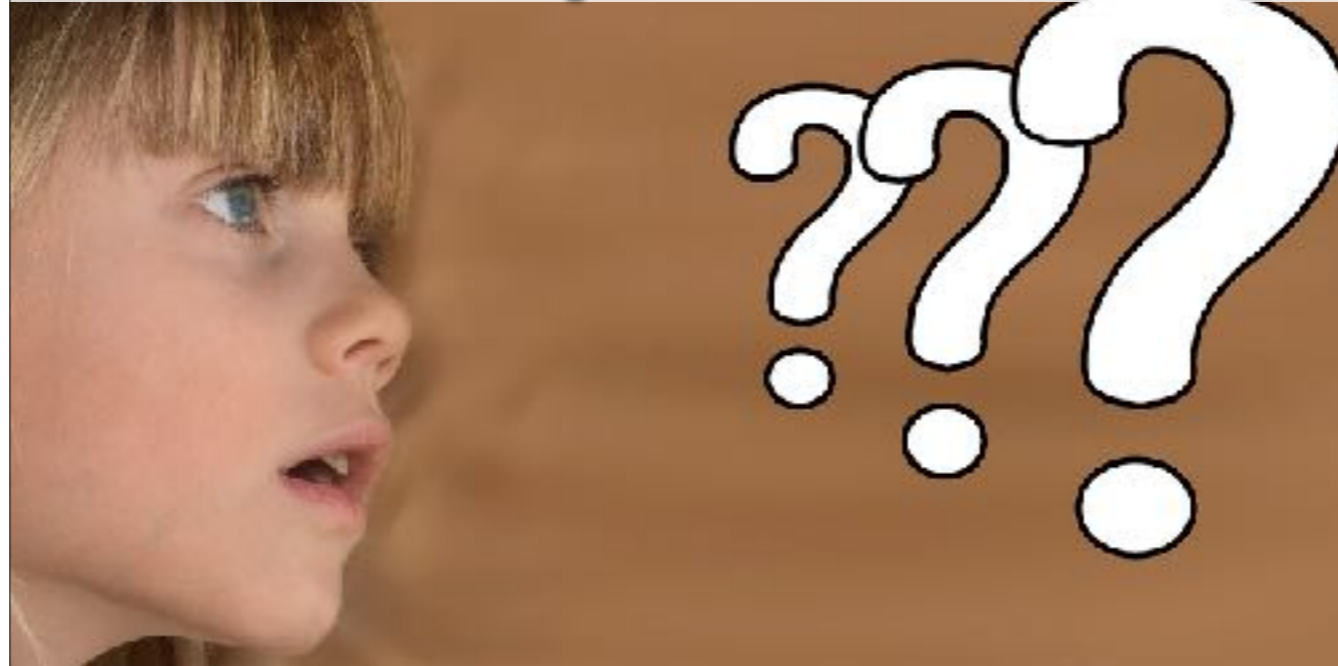


- Exodus 14:30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.



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What is Jehovah Doing?

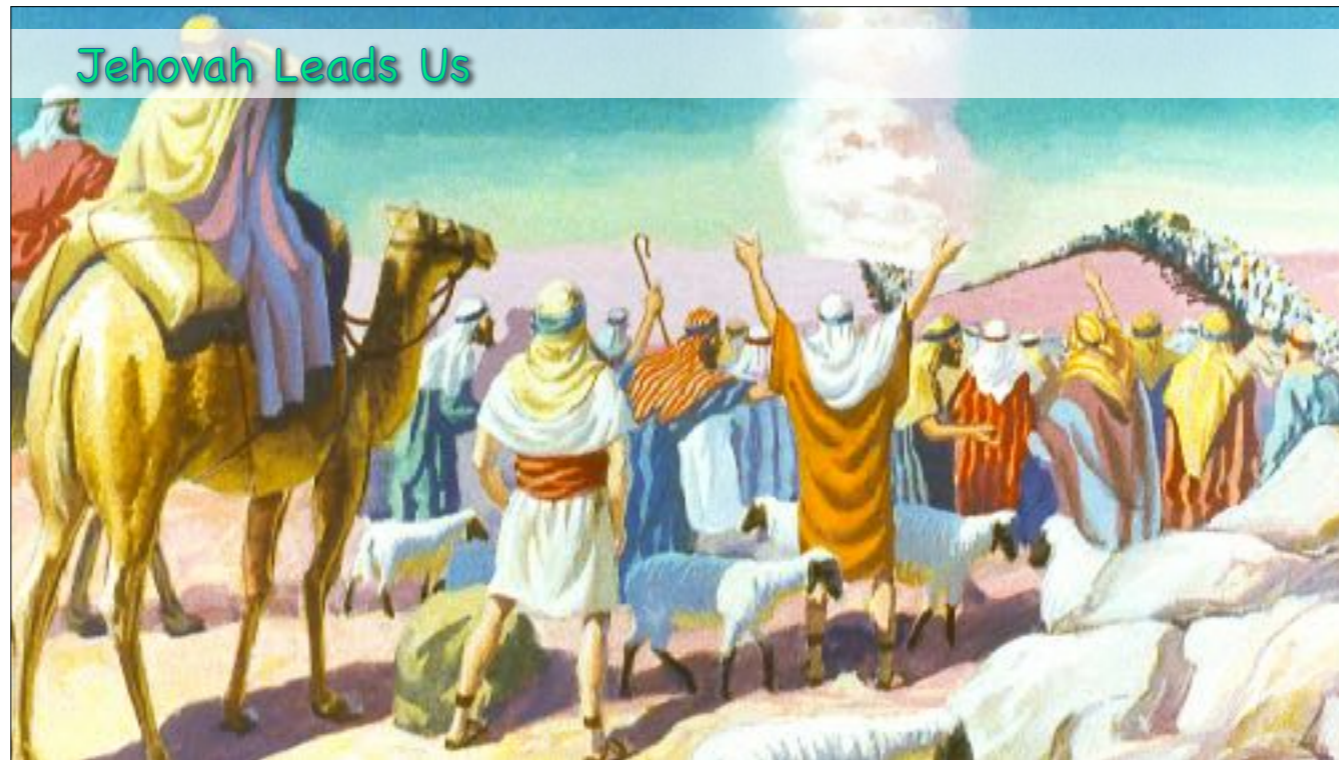


- What is Jehovah doing?

Jehovah Knows What He Is Doing and Why.



- Jehovah Knows What He Is Doing and Why
 - God's Plan was always for the Salvation to his people
 - Promise to Abraham
 - Genesis 15:13-14 (ESV) 13 Then the Lord said to Abram, "Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. 14 But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.



- Jehovah Is Leading Us
 - Often in unexpected ways
 - not the obvious, easy way

Jehovah Loves Us



- Jehovah loves us; motivated
 - Psalms 106:7 Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; **they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,** but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.



What Are We Doing?

- What Are We Doing?
 - While God is acting on my behalf, how do I respond?
 - It's more difficult struggle than we realize.
- We often, arrogantly, assume that we would not have been like the Israelites.
 - We honor God.
 - If only we could see miracles like they saw...



- From Defiance of Egypt to Rebelling against Jehovah
 - Israel left prepared for battle and defiant.
 - Attitude of victory
 - God knew that opposition would be hard for them to deal with.



- But the journey to rebelliousness is a short one
 - Psalms 106:7 Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; **they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,** but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.
 - Rebelled
 - feared greatly (Egyptian army)
 - cried to the Lord
 - challenged God's plan, purpose, power
- Roots of Rebellion are important to understand
 - Fear instead of Faith
 - Blame instead of Confidence
 - Despair instead of Hope
- What rebellion is: unbelief!

From Defiance of Egypt to Rebelling against Jehovah



- When we forget to consider God's power and works
 - When we focus on our own strength, confident in our own power
 - When we forget God's love: faithful, steadfast love!
 - We can quickly turn against God
 - fear, unbelief
 - questioning
 - blaming
- God's Plan, Power, and Love must be foremost in our minds.

From Defiance of Egypt to Rebelling against Jehovah



- Especially difficult for young Christians, just saved
 - Enthusiastic, zealous, energetic
- Opposition
 - Enemies
 - Temptation
 - Brothers
- Questioning, discouraged, quit

From Defiance of Egypt to Rebelling against Jehovah



Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-11

- Whole Armor of God

- Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV) 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

From Defiance of Egypt to Rebelling against Jehovah

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.

1 Peter 4:12

- Perseverance in Suffering and Trials

- 1 Peter 4:12-19 (ESV) 12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" 19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

From Defiance of Egypt to Rebelling against Jehovah

But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

Jude 1:20-21

- Perseverance in Suffering and Trials

- Jude 1:17-23 (ESV) 17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. 18 They said to you, “In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” 19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. 22 And have mercy on those who doubt; 23 save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

From Rebelling to Faith



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 - Hebrews 11:29 By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

From Rebelling to Faith



- Fear Not
 - See with the eyes of faith
- Stand Firm
 - defiant against slavemasters, victorious attitude
 - confident in God
- See Salvation of the Lord
 - Power demonstrated: judgments
 - Love Remembered

From Rebelling to Faith



- Jehovah will Fight
- Be Silent
 - Let God do what needs to be done
 - Trust
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From Rebelling to Faith

The Lord knows how to rescue
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2 Peter 2:9



- 2 Peter 2:7-9 (ESV) 7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked 8 (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); 9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

From Rebelling to Faith

The righteous shall live by faith.

Romans 1:17



- Romans 1:16-17 (ESV) 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

From Rebelling to Faith

And this is the victory
that has overcome the
world — our faith.

1 John 5:4



- 1 John 5:4 (ESV) For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

From Rebelling to Faith

Therefore, brothers, since we
have confidence to enter the
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Hebrews 10:19



- Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV) 19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

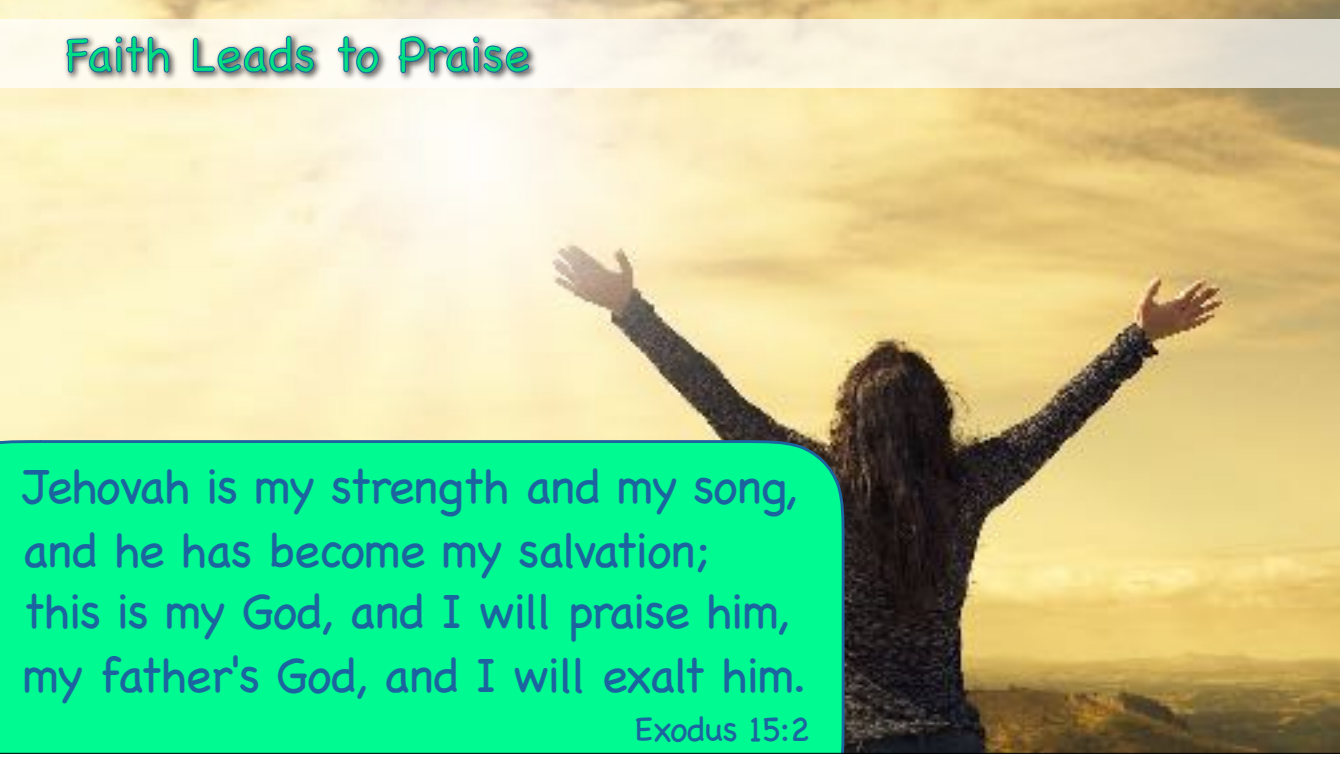
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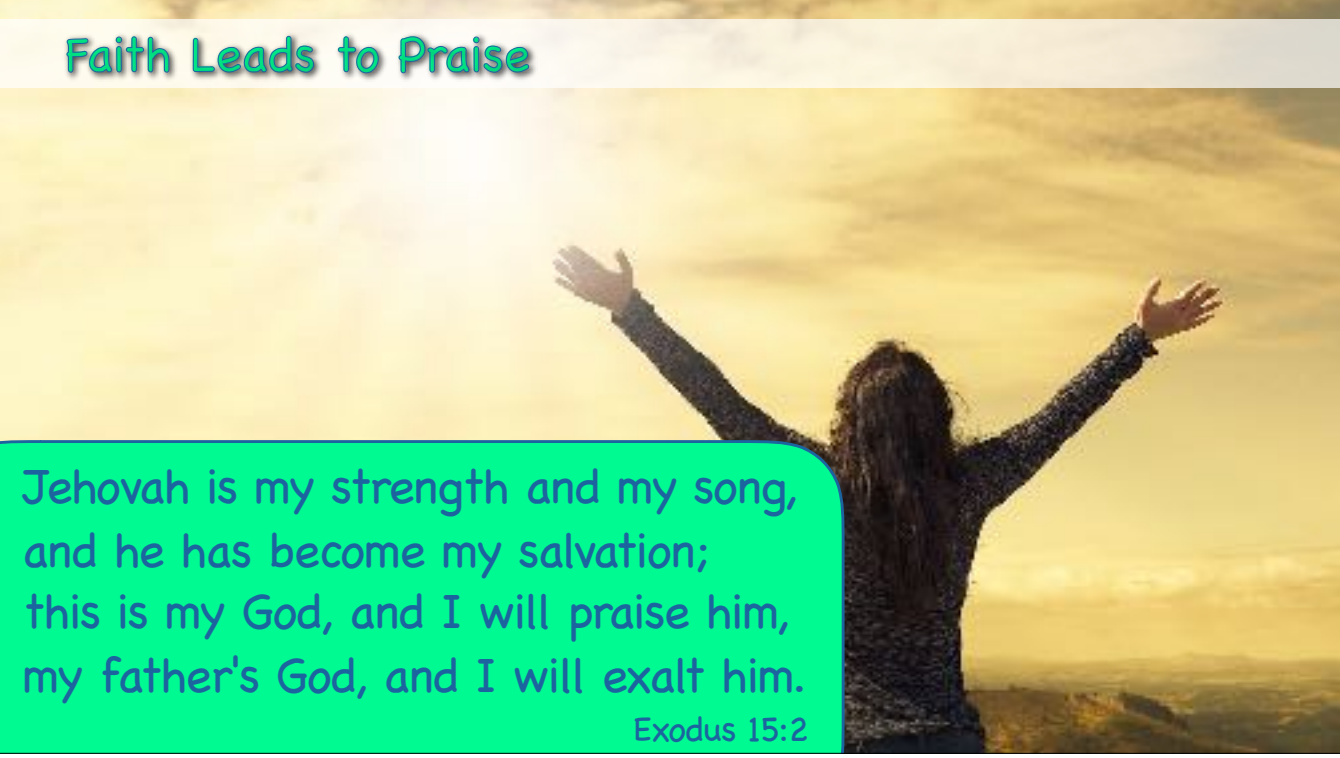
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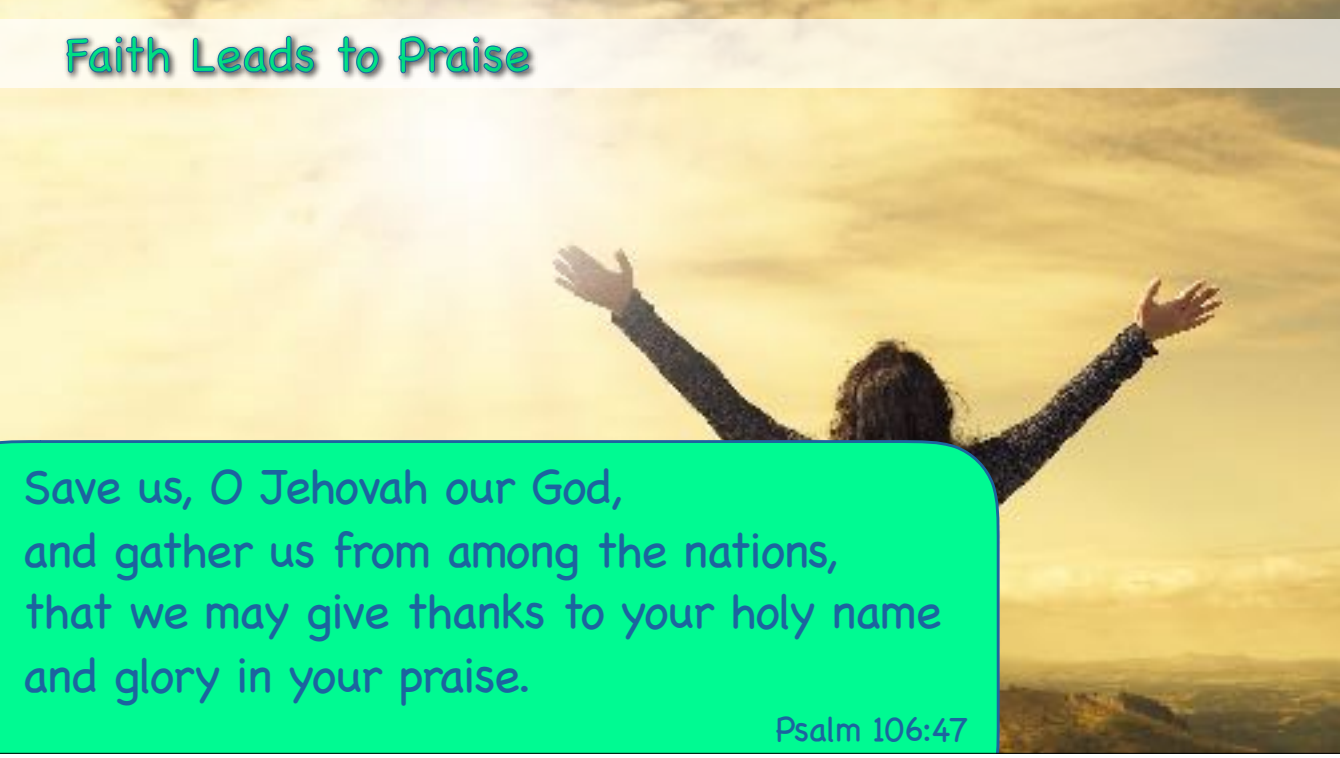


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Exodus 15:2

- What Did they See?
 - vs. 1: He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- What did they learn?
 - vs. 2: The Lord is **my** strength and **my** song, and he has become **my** salvation;
 - vs. 3: The Lord is a man of war; the Lord is his name.
- What did they do?
 - vs. 1: I will sing to the Lord
 - vs. 2: my song
 - vs. 2: This is my God, and I will praise Him.
 - vs. 2: My father's God, and I will exalt Him.

Faith Leads to Praise

A photograph of a person from behind, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The person is standing on a hillside, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape under a bright, golden sky. The overall mood is one of awe and devotion.

Save us, O Jehovah our God,
and gather us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise.

Psalm 106:47

- Psalms 106:47-48 (ESV) 47 Save us, O Jehovah our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.
48 Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say, "Amen!" Praise Jehovah!

Faith Leads to Praise

Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name.

Hebrews 13:15

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- When you are saved, don't forget to praise!
 - Songs, prayers, telling others good news.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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See the Salvation of Jehovah: Part 2 — Our Struggle

Exodus 13 - 15

Synopsis: The journey into the wilderness for Israel began with powerful demonstrations to Jehovah's power and love for his people, yet the people still struggled with fear and unbelief. Three lessons are drawn from this for our growth: 1) from defiance of the world to rebellion against Jehovah; 2) from rebelling to faith; and, 3) faith leads to praise

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