

And Make Men Go Over Dryshod Isaiah 11 Verse 15

To get to our text in *Isa 11:15*, we must look at some other scriptures, beginning with: *Ex 14:16 "But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea."* and add: *Ex 14:22 "And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left."*

Moses is commanded to stretch the rod of God over the Red Sea, that a way of deliverance may be opened to Israel. God told Moses: Israel shall pass through the sea on dry ground. Then, we are told that God did exactly what he told Moses he would do. Thus, Israel was delivered from the bondage of the Egyptians, and brought into a wilderness way, by walking on dry ground through the sea, which was the narrow way of salvation provided by God. They also followed God as he led them through the wilderness way to the land of promise.

What does this have to do with the New Testament church? Moses and the deliverance of Israel through the sea are prophetic of Jesus and the New Testament church. God parting the sea by Moses stretching his rod over the sea is a picture of Jesus stretching himself on the cross and providing a way for God's people through the sea of life, here in time. It demonstrates the finished work of Jesus Christ is the power of God, by which we have been delivered from the bondage of sin and Satan in this time world. Every time a child of God is born again, we see Israel being delivered from Egypt through the Red Sea into a wilderness way, What do you mean? When we are born again, we are given eternal life, but we are not immediately transported to heaven. We yet remain in this world, in time, which is picturesque of the sea of life which is a wilderness of sin.

As the passageway through the sea for Israel was only wide enough for them to pass through, likewise, in the sea of life here in time, the way of the church is a narrow way, as seen in: *Mt 7:14 "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."* This verse tells us two things: God must reveal the gate to us, just as God opened the way of salvation through the sea for Israel: and as the way for Israel through the sea was a narrow way, so it is a narrow way for God's people to live the life of a Christian. This is demonstrated in scripture in: *Mt 7:13 "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:"* It is clearly seen in this text: the broad way is the way of the devil, which is anything will do, which has allured many to their death.

What does it mean to go through the sea on dry ground? For Israel it was the demonstration of the ability, and the power, of God to deliver them from bondage, and to keep them from being slain by the Egyptians. Think about the scene of the path through the sea. For Israel: they had before them the miracle of the way of God's salvation. Behind, they were pursued by the Egyptians. What happened behind Israel? God returned things to normal by returning the sea to its normal state, which brought death to the Egyptians pursuing Israel. What happens when a child of God is born again? There is a way of deliverance, miraculously, opened for the child of God to move forward, in witness of the delivering power of God. What is behind them? Normalcy. Those, who are pursuing to destroy God's people, will be thwarted in their attempts, and drowned in the sea of life. As with Israel: this demonstrates the thoroughness of God's deliverance in the salvation of Israel, and it demonstrates the eternal security of the child of God saved by grace today. What a great salvation Christ has wrought for us!

How was the narrow way through the sea of life on dry ground made possible for us? It was made possible by the first coming of Christ Jesus. By his virgin birth, by his sinless life, by the sin atoning blood of his sacrificial death, by his burial, by his resurrection, and ascension back to his home in the eternal heaven. Jesus, alone, is the door, the strait gate, and the narrow way, through the sea of life in this world. God's New Testament church is delivered from the bondage of sin and Satan by the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Why is the narrow way on dry ground? Did Israel do anything to dry up the sea and provide a passageway of salvation through the sea? Nothing at all. Did the New Testament church do anything to provide the narrow way of the gift of salvation by grace? Nothing at all.

In the beginning, God breathed into man the breathe of life, and man became a living soul. So, it is in regeneration. God breathes into a person the breathe of regenerating life, which moves your soul from the state of being dead in trespasses and sins to the lively state of new life, which is Christ in you. This action of God opens the strait gate and enables us to see the way of Salvation by the grace of God, the narrow way to pass through the sea of life here in time.

Remember the scene of Israel was going through the sea. The Egyptians behind them; pursuing them to bring destruction to them. God placed himself between the Egyptians and Israel. God hindered the Egyptians and provided protection for Israel. God provided a passageway through the sea by his own power. There is a wall of water on the left and right, a wall of separation behind them, and an open way of deliverance before them. Thus, Israel is protected on every side from the Egyptians, and all others.

Now, apply this same scene to the New Testament church. Satan and his minions are pursuing the New Testament church in the sea of life, here in time. Yet, Christ has placed his protection, for the church, between the church and the satanic powers of the world of evil in which we dwell, which hinders the devil from destroying the eternal life granted to every child of God. Christ has provided the straight gate, and the narrow way, for his people to walk in through the sea of life. They are protected from attack from behind and on either side by the power of Christ in us. Jesus affirmed this when he declared in: ***Joh 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*** Jesus affirmed their security in: ***Joh 10:28-29; 28 "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. 29 My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."***

At the end of our wilderness journey, we come to the river Jordan, and the entrance into the land of promise, as seen for Israel in: ***Jos 3:17 "And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan."***

Here, we see the prophetic picture of our deliverance at the end of time. What happens with the return of Jesus and the eternal resurrection? In the eternal resurrection of the dead in Christ; the voice of Christ Jesus will call forth the bodies of his saints, which will be rejoined to their souls and spirits. The children of God who are alive shall be changed. This voice of Jesus calling forth his people from earth, is like breathing the breathe of life into the new resurrected, sinless, immortal, and glorified bodies. These new bodies will follow Jesus into the eternal place he has prepared for us, our eternal land of promise. Thus, we see Israel leaving the wilderness way and entering the land of promise, as the prophetic picture of the end of time and the eternal resurrection. We shall enter our promised rest, and we shall be present with the Lord forever, in the prepared place.

Do you remember what God told Israel about the Egyptians? ***Ex 14:13 "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever."*** This is the prophesy of the eternal resurrection being fulfilled. The New Testament church shall not see the Egyptians, who are a picture of unsaved sinners, of Satan, and of his minions, anymore. They will be banished from their sight forever and cast into the eternal lake of fire.

Isaiah, chapter 11, is a prophesy of Jesus Christ coming, establishing the New Testament church, and saving the Gentile people. We find in: ***Isa 11:15-16; 15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod. 16 And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt."*** Dryshod means *to be shod*, (to have shoes on the feet) which is indicative of God's people having their feet shod as seen in: ***Eph 6:15 "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;"*** Just as Israel went through the sea on dry ground, the way for which they did nothing to provide, so the feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace are provided to us without any work required from us. The gift of the new birth is how we are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, as we described earlier.

Isa 11:16 "And there shall be an highway for the remnant of his people" Jesus Christ has provided a highway of eternal life, which will take God's people to their eternal home in immortal glory. Wherefore, we see the New Testament church passing through the sea of life dryshod, because Jesus has provided a highway, the narrow way of dry ground through the sea of life for God's people. Not one drop of our blood was, nor will be, shed to bring to pass our eternal salvation. Praise and glory to Christ Jesus, our Saviour, for the eternal security of his finished work of our eternal salvation! Hallelujah! Amen!