

Exodus Chapter 14 Commentary

Ex 14:1 ¶ "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. 3 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. 4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so."

God has Moses to lead Israel to a place by the sea that looks like a place of entrapment to Pharaoh. God did this to have one last judgment against Pharaoh and Egypt.

Remember this New Testament scripture as you go through this chapter, seen in: *Ro 9:17-33; 17 "For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. 18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. 19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? 21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? 22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, 24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? 25 ¶ As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. 26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. 27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: 28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. 29 And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha. 30 ¶ What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith. 31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. 32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; 33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."* In this chapter, God will reveal the prophetic picture of the establishment of the New Testament church, as we see described in this text.

5 "And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? 6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: 7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. 8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. 9 But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pihahiroth, before Baalzephon."

Pharaoh receives word that Israel has fled. Pharaoh and the Egyptians say: why have we let the Israelites go from serving us? Pharaoh takes the best of his fighting equipment, and men, and pursues Israel.

10 ¶ "And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD."

Do you get the picture here? These people have nowhere to go, and their enemies, Pharaoh's armies, are right behind them. It is the same for us. We can only see that the armies of Satan are pursuing us after we have been born again. As we realize the depth of our depravity, we realize that we have no way to save ourselves and, and we are totally dependent on God for deliverance. Though we be chosen by God for salvation; we still need the mighty power of God to be manifested in our daily salvation in life.

11 And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? 12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. 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. 14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace."

When Israel sees the Egyptians coming to get them, they quickly forget what a mighty God brought them out of Egypt. Do you see the inherit nature of man at work? We, like Israel, most often look for someone else to blame when there is trouble in our lives.

Look at their complaint, fearing to die in the wilderness at the hand of the Egyptians. This provides a lesson for us: how strong and true is our faith, and trust, in God and Christ? Having been eternally saved by God's grace, we should fear nothing that man can do to us, knowing that even if they kill our bodies, we will immediately be present with the Lord, as see in:

- **Mt 10:28 "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."** Through the shed blood of Jesus Christ, we have been delivered from the destruction of soul and body in hell.
- **Heb 13:6 "So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."** Because of the finished work of Jesus Christ, we can boldly stand upon the promise that we have been saved eternally and have a place in the eternal kingdom of God.
- **2Co 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."** We should be so desirous, of coming into the presence of God and Christ, that we have no fear of our natural death. We should be longing for the day of our eternal deliverance.

These verses should be an encouragement to us, in our Christian walk, and help us stay focused on the one, who is able to deliver us from all harm and danger, our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Moses tells Israel: "**Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD,**" You cannot deliver yourselves, but God is still able. God did not bring you out of Egypt for the Egyptians to destroy you here. You have forgotten that God has promised you a land flowing with milk and honey, and you know that God will not break his promise. God is going to demonstrate that he is still in power and on the throne for Israel. Likewise, we can trust in the finished work of Christ. We can stand firm on the promise of salvation by grace, which is eternal life, because our Saviour is on the throne of God.

"for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever." What a great and sweet promise: those who have been your captors and slave masters you shall see no more. Herein is a prophetic promise of the end of time, and the eternal resurrection. God's people will be resurrected from the dead, or if alive they will be changed, and meet the Lord in the air, and ever be with the Lord, in the place Jesus has gone to prepare for us. They will not see Satan, his minions, and the unsaved, any more after that day. What a sweet, and precious, promise we have in Christ Jesus.

"and ye shall hold your peace." God tells Israel; you will have nothing to do with your final deliverance from the Egyptians. The prophetic picture for us is our eternal salvation, which we have nothing to do with. Jesus Christ, alone, has wrought our eternal salvation. We cannot make any claim, of having anything to do with the gift of our eternal life from God; just as we had nothing to do with our natural birth.

15 ¶ "And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: 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."

God tells Moses to tell the people to go forward in the way he is providing to them. A lesson here for us, seen in: **Lu 9:62 "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."** When we are born again; we are to move forward, not backward. If we go backward the devouring enemy is waiting to take us.

God commands Moses: stretch the rod of God over the sea and divide it, to provide a way for Israel to go forward. God says Israel shall go through the sea on dry ground. A prophetic picture of how Jesus will come to

earth and provide a way, for the New Testament church to move forward in the Lord's way, through the sea of life on dry ground. Why is it dry ground? Did Israel do anything to provide this way? No. It was all accomplished by the power of God. Did the New Testament church do anything to provide the way of salvation by the grace of God? No. It was all accomplished by Jesus Christ. As Moses stretched the rod of God over the sea and the way of salvation was provided; so, Jesus stretched himself on the cross, and completed the work of eternal salvation for God's people.

17 "And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen."

Pharaoh should know by now that he cannot win against God; yet he is still fighting against him. New Testament scripture teaches us that even though Satan knows that he cannot win against God, at the end of time when Jesus returns, Satan and his minions will still be rebelling against God.

"And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD," God is going to make Pharaoh and the Egyptians to once again know that he is LORD. God will get honor by destroying them. When Jesus returns and Satan and his minions make their last war against God; God will get himself honor by subduing them all to humble themselves and fall before him confessing that God is LORD, and then God will banish them all to the eternal lake of fire.

Surely, Satan thought he had the victory at Calvary's cross as Jesus hung there? Oh, my friends, Satan knows today that Jesus is the victorious leader of his people, though Satan still strives to destroy them. Satan may destroy the joy of the salvation of God's people on earth, but their joy will still be eternal, when resurrected from the dead.

In the eternal day of the Lord, Satan and all his followers will know that the Lord is God. They will know that they have no power against Jesus Christ, and they will have an eternity, in the lake of fire, to contemplate their denial of the power of Christ and his word of truth.

How can we be sure of this? Because Old and New Testament scripture support it:

- ***#Isa 45:23| I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."***
- ***#Ro 14:11| For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God."***
- ***#Php 2:10| That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;"***

19 "And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: 20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night. 21 ¶ And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 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."

"And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them;" The angel of God is the preincarnate Christ. He now stands between the pursuing Egyptians and Israel. God does send his angels to protect us. We find evidence of this in the scriptures in: ***#Ge 19:15| "And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city."***

As the angel of the God stood between Israel and the Egyptians: We see Jesus Christ standing between us, the destructive powers of Satan, and eternal condemnation in the eternal lake of fire.

The pillar of cloud also moved between them, gave light for Israel, and left the Egyptians in darkness. When Christ was here on the earth, his words and presence were veiled from the enemies and revealed unto his people. Today, the pillar of cloud is the Holy Spirit presence in our hearts and souls. This gives us the picture of the Christian having two separate natures; one is the old flesh nature and the other the new spiritual nature,

which is Christ in you. The Holy Spirit presence in your new nature is the light by which we can see our Saviour and Lord. The Holy Spirit does not illuminate the old flesh nature, it remains in darkness.

The pathway of salvation for Israel will become the way of death to the Egyptians. What does this tell us today? The message of the gospel of Jesus Christ is the way of salvation for God's chosen people, and the message of death to all others. We see this clearly revealed in scripture in: **#2Co 4:3/ 3 "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. 8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; 10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body."**

God divided the sea and provided the dry pathway of salvation for Israel to move forward. As long as Israel obeys God and moves forward; they will be safe and protected. If they go to the left, or to the right, the sea will destroy them. If they go backwards the Egyptians will destroy them. This gives us the prophetic picture of what the New Testament church is to be doing. Christians should always be moving forward in the narrow way provided by Christ Jesus, walking in harmony with **"thus saith the Lord."**

The pillar of cloud, which was darkness to the Egyptians and light to Israel, reminds us of the scripture in: **Mt 6:22-24; 22 "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."** This text reminds us that each day, we must choose who we will serve.

23 "And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen."

We see that the Egyptians are pursuing them into the sea, in the way of salvation that God has provided. This is a picture of the Christian life here in the world. When we are born again, and our feet are planted in the way of salvation by grace, but Satan does not just sit back and watch us go on our pilgrimage. He pursues us with all he has trying to bring us back into death in trespasses in sins. We see Satan is raging in this world today. The devil is attacking the very laws of morality taught by the bible. Oh, how we need God's revelation, and light, to guide us on life's journey, that we may truly serve him in Spirit, and in Truth, and walk, in the pathway of salvation by grace, without wavering.

24 And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, 25 And took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians."

"In the morning watch" Gives us the picture of the dawning of a new day. This is prophetic of the coming of the age of Grace which is the dawning of a new age and the coming into view the New Testament church.

We see in Israel walking through the sea on dry ground, a picture of the New Testament church walking in the narrow way that Christ has provided in the sea of life, 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."** We see the eternal security of God's people on display, because every one of the Israelites that entered the pathway of salvation through the sea came out on the other side. When the unsaved enter the pathway of salvation by joining the New Testament church. When they hear the testimony of eternal condemnation, by the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, they understand that God is fighting for the New Testament church. They will flee away. They turn from moving forward in the pathway of salvation and go back into the way of death. Why? Because the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ is troubling to them. When they hear the doctrine of election, predestination, foreknowledge of God

they turn away from the church. When they find out that they have no power to save themselves, eternally, by their own power, they turn away from the church. When they find out that eternal salvation is a gift from God provided by the finished work of Jesus Christ, they turn away. Why? Because the nature of man, which is at enmity with God, has a need to believe that he is in charge of his destiny. They want to forget that God is on the throne in heaven. They want to forget that they are doomed to eternal death in the lake of fire. This is why true ministers of the gospel, preach and teach the whole truth of the bible, including the damnation of eternal death in the lake of fire to all those who are not saved by God's grace.

When you are born again, you are eternally secured from death in trespasses and sins. When a Christian is walking in faithfulness before God, filling their minds and hearts with the things of Christ, they will not lose their focus on Christ, they will move forward in the narrow way, and they will be safe.

However, even though you are eternally secured, this does not mean that Satan will not continue to tempt the faithful Christian. Remember, the angel of God that stood between the Egyptians and Israel. Christ, the Word of God, will stand between Satan and the regenerated person. Christ will cause Satan to flee by the power of his Word of truth, as seen in: ***Jas 4:7; 5 "Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."*** Never forget; resist is an action command, meaning it requires action from us. This is one of the reasons that we should read and study the King James bible, that the word of God may dwell in us richly. You need God's word of truth to present to the devil when he tempts you to turn from God, just as Jesus did when Satan tempted him. It is why we are not to forsake assembling with the saints of God. It is why we are to build one another up in the truth of God. It is why we are to be singing psalms and hymns, as seen in: ***Col 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."***

This action command and the scene before us demonstrate the difference in what is a common misconception, and a false doctrine, in the world about eternal salvation. Many people believe that are required to do something to receive eternal salvation. This scene, of passing through the sea in the pathway of salvation provided by God, clearly demonstrates that this false doctrine. Remember, God chose Israel to be his people, and he brought them out of Egypt. No action was required of Israel to become the chosen nation of God's people. Likewise, God has already regenerated you and brought you from under the penalty of death in trespasses and sins. Israel is simply going forward at the command of God through the sea in the pathway of salvation provided for them, an action required after they were chosen and delivered from Egypt. Likewise, God has chosen us, and saved us by grace, and now we are just following the pathway of Salvation by grace provided by Christ for us. Action is required of us, not to get eternal salvation, but to manifest that we are already chosen and saved eternally. Action is required, because we have been chosen to eternal life, not to get it. The only salvations we have any choice about are those that are effectual here in time. Such as, we can save ourselves from falling in sin by being obedient to God.

As the hand of God begins to move against the Egyptians; We see that the Egyptians suddenly remember how powerful God is, and they begin to flee away. This demonstrates the difference in head knowledge of God and heart knowledge of God. What do you mean? If all you have is head knowledge of God, God is not the central focus of your life. Your thoughts of God are fleeting. You cast aside any lasting remembrance of God. The Egyptians, who have only head knowledge, have quickly forgotten that not many days ago, God has decimated the land Egypt, killed the firstborn of Egypt, and set Israel free.

Heart knowledge is not that which is learned from books or can be taught by man. Heart knowledge is that which we are given when we are born again. Heart knowledge is to believe that Christ Jesus is your Saviour and Lord. Heart knowledge is when we understand that Jesus died on the cross to give us eternal remission of our sins. Heart knowledge is when you love the brethren. Heart knowledge is when you love and pray for your enemies. Heart knowledge is when you have desires to read and study God's word of truth, the King James bible, in hopes of learning more about your Saviour and Lord.

Another example of head knowledge is the scribes and Pharisees, who knew Jesus as the carpenter's son, but did not know that Jesus was the Son of God. They did not believe the miracles Jesus performed, nor the word of truth that he taught. This clearly demonstrates the difference in head and heart knowledge.

26 "And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. 27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them."

God, who is faithful to do what he says, tells Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea that the waters may return to their normal state. Remember, the Egyptians are pursuing Israel in the darkness of the night. As morning is appearing, God smites the Egyptians by drowning them in the sea. This gives us the picture of what happens when we are just living a normal human life. A life without Jesus Christ. Normalcy is a life that leads to eternal death. Everything is just going along as normal for mankind, just as the sea returned to her normal state and the Egyptians died therein. This is why we are told in scripture: ***Re 18:4 "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."***

Of all that went into the sea pursuing Israel; not one came out alive. Wherefore, God has fulfilled his promise that Israel should see these Egyptians no more, that is; no more actively pursuing them to bring them to captivity or destruction.

We see that God used Moses to bring his judicial judgment upon the Egyptians. Likewise, God used Jesus Christ to bring his judicial judgment upon Satan and his minions. Moses, stretching his hand over the sea, is a picture of Jesus stretching himself upon the cross. There, upon the cross, Jesus paid the debt for the eternal remission of the sins of God's chosen people. There Jesus provided a way of salvation for God's people. However, in remitting the sins of God's people, Jesus also brought eternal condemnation on all others.

We can see this clearly in eternal resurrection. When the dead in Christ are raised, and the saints that are alive are changed, we shall see no more of Satan, his minions, and the unsaved, for we will be carried away to the place Christ has gone to prepare for us, and they will be sent to eternal damnation in the lake of fire.

29 "But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. 31 And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses."

We gather from the context, of these verses, that Israel entered, into the pathway of salvation through the sea, during the night, by the light of the pillar of cloud of the fire of God which gave them light. They emerge on the other side of the sea the next day. We know this from **30 "Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians;"**

"and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore." This is the prophetic picture of one who is saved by the grace of God. How? When you realize that you have been saved by God's grace to eternal life, and you look upon the sea of life in this world; and you see those who bear no evidence of being chosen or saved by God's grace; you are looking upon the Egyptians dead upon the shore.

We see the picture of the saved sinner, who is empowered by the Holy Spirit to walk in the narrow way of salvation by grace. We see a wall of water on the left and right, and behind there is a sea of death. Wherefore, we see the picture; when one is born again there is only one direction they can go and avoid destruction, which is forward in the narrow way.

When we see our old nature trying to draw us into sin, we understand that we should flee before them trusting fully in the promises of God. We should have full confidence in the finished work of Jesus Christ, and not be afraid, as seen in: ***Joh 14:26-27; 26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said***

unto you. 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." We have peace in our hearts, only, by fully trusting in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Seeing the destruction of the Egyptians, by the power of God, should cause us to fear God, as Israel feared God. However, our fear of God is to be reverential, as seen in: **Mt 10:28 "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."** Having been saved eternally; we understand that God is the One, who is able to give and withhold eternal life.

Where is Israel at this time? They are moving forward at the commandment of God, in the way he has provided for them, which is the way of salvation from bondage to the Egyptians. Where are you in your Christian walk? You should be moving forward in the narrow way, provided by Jesus Christ, through the sea of life. This is the way of salvation by grace provided, by Jesus Christ, for the New Testament church. Understanding the sovereignty of God, will teach us reverential fear of the Lord. It will bring us to an understanding, of who and what Christ is to us. It will create in us a desire to be steadfast in faithfulness to Jesus Christ, and in our belief of his finished work. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the security of our eternal salvation. Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!

In closing we point out: In this chapter we see at least three of our Articles of Faith set forth:

- **Article 3: "We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election."** God chose this people Israel to be his people and to save and protect them, just as he has done for every person that has, or ever will be saved by grace through Jesus Christ.
- **Article 8: "We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace, and never finally fall away."** All of God's people that went into the sea came out on the other side, none were lost.
- **Article 10: "We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal."** We see the eternal aspect set forth here: The Egyptians are the picture of those condemned to eternal death: Israel is the picture of God's people separated to eternal life with God and Christ. Praise God for the security of our eternal life in Christ Jesus!