

**TruthInScripture**  
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**The story of the Exodus. CH 14.**  
**Where was the crossing?**

We left off in CH 13, so we need to finish that first. We have seen and we know that the more we can understand about Passover, and the spring feasts, the more we understand Yeshua.

One thing for sure, Passover is NOT easter and ham, and chocolate eggs. That is all pagan pure paganism. KJV ACTs 12 = Passover, Pesach.

/Through Redemption we find ourselves in a spiritual battle we are in spiritual warfare because of

our redemption through the blood of the Lamb and ultimately that blood of the Lamb is Messiah.

Paul wrote in

**/EPH 6:12, For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.**

These instructions for the Passover in EXO 13 were for the time of Israel's future, primarily during the tabernacle in the promise land, and later, the temple periods.

But all these things we must know to fully understand all that Yeshua spoke and did on Passover.

/What HE did and why, what HE spoke and why. We need an understanding, from a biblical standpoint and then we can more fully appreciate the spiritual Passover we as believers celebrate and remember.

We left off in CH 13 at Vs 16...

Remember we saw the Phylacteries and those Vs's 1-16 are in those boxes, along with parts of DEU 6, and 11.

So let's finish CH 13 and then to 14 which is pretty straightforward.

**17 Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, GOD did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for GOD said, “The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt.”**

This will explain where the actual Red Sea crossing takes place.

**18 GOD led the (AT) people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea; and the sons of Israel went up in martial array from the land of Egypt.**

There were two routes to Canaan, the nearest through the land of the

Philistines; but to take that would have meant that they would fight the Philistines. So GOD eases their burden, they were to get to the sea and GOD will destroy the Egyptians.

**19 Moses took the bones of Yoseph with him, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, “GOD will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones from here with you.”**

Remember

**/GEN 50:25, Then Yoseph made the sons of Israel swear, saying, “GOD will surely take care of**

**you, and you shall carry my bones up from here.”**

**Back to EXO 13:20 Then they set out from Succoth and camped in Etham on the edge of the wilderness.**

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**/21 The LORD was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. Remember there were maybe 2**

million, men women children.  
That is important when we see the  
actual route of the Exodus.

In EXO 19 we will see that the  
LORD also carried them on  
eagles' wings. So they traveled  
day and night and none feeble and  
the LORD was with them. So they  
were traveling 15-20 miles a day  
perhaps.

By this sign then of the pillar of  
cloud and pillar of fire, the LORD  
showed HIMself as their leader  
and General, Protector, Navigator.

**22 HE did not take away the  
pillar of cloud by day, nor the  
pillar of fire by night, from  
before the people.**

Also implied here is that the cloud provided protection from the heat and the fire protection from the cold as well as showing them the way.

CH 14 we will read mostly without too much discussion as I said it is pretty straight forward.

**14:1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,**

**2 “Tell the sons of Israel to turn back and camp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea; you shall camp in front of Baal-zephon, opposite it, by the sea.**

**3 “For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, ‘They are**



**wandering aimlessly (entangled in the wilderness) in the land; the wilderness has entangled them shut them in.’**

On this Josephus writes in Antiques of the Jews Bk 2: *For there was on each side mountains that terminated at the sea, They were impassable.*

Keep that in mind.

**4 “Thus I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” And they did so.**

This CH is pretty self-explanatory so we will cover it and then discuss where this crossing took place.

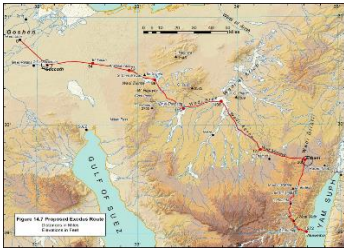
Where it happened doesn't really matter in the big picture I guess but it seems to fascinate many, me included to be honest.



This is the traditional route, Bible cemetery school...Notice where Mt. Sinai is said to be.

This has a few problems as we will see. For there is another more likely route.

There are several options like this one



This one holds the route via one of the main trade routes. This was under control of the Philistines in some areas. SO the route would have been further south.

So, through these wadis or dry river beds in this mountainous wilderness with walls on each side, the Israelites were indeed entangled. I'll get to that.

/The route then takes them to the west side of the smaller finger of the reed sea or red sea gulf of

Aqaba. Aqaba in Arabic means the obstacle and indeed it may have been. The Philistines were to the north the Egyptians were to the west but coming after them and perhaps the people came to Nuweibaa.

Solomon knew exactly where the exodus was. I will show you.



Let's get back to Exodus. And read the CH, and then get back to where it happened. So, stick with me.

**5 When Pharaoh was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his servants had a change of heart toward the people, and they said, “What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?”**

Pharaoh had to know that they were not coming back, although we can't be sure of that. At any rate, Pharaoh realizes they are not coming back and his disdain for the Israelites increases.

/The Pharaoh had his intel soldiers out across the land and the news of the Israelites on the move away from Egypt would have reached Pharaoh in a couple of days.

And within a day or 2 more, an army from Ramses and other garrisons would have their orders. Pharoah himself prepares to join in the capture, and return or killing of the Israelites led by Moses.

**6 So Pharoah made his chariot ready and took his people with him;**

**7 and he took six hundred select chariots, and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them.**

The Egyptian army was comprised of large numbers of chariots, they were the fast attack vehicles of the day. Each of the select or best of the chariots carried 2 men with

weapons and the horses and chariots were protected and armed.



/Each drawn by two horses, with two men, one bearing the shield and driving, the other fully armed. The horses were thoroughbred, renowned for strength and spirit.

So, the general idea here is that the troops the Pharaoh took were like the special forces of his day. Highly trained well equipped and loyal to the Pharaoh.

**8 The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and**

**he chased after the sons of Israel as the sons of Israel were going out boldly.**

What takes place in Vs 9-10 should not be understood as happening all at once. It may have been several days and with the group of 2 million people there was a long, long line. But as we have seen, they traveled steadily.

**9 Then the Egyptians chased after them with all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and they overtook (naw sag = reached) them camping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth (pee hah-khee-roth'), in front of Baal-zephon.**



**10 As Pharaoh drew near, the sons of Israel looked, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they became very frightened; so the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD.**

**11 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?”**

**12 “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.”**

In the worldly sense we can understand to one degree or another that there was some concern for the Israelites.

/BUT, they just seen plagues that devastated the Egyptians and left them (the Israelites) unharmed. Moses had told them that the LORD was the one driving their freedom.

They certainly should not have been frightened to the point where they want to go back to the Egyptian bondage. They had gold, silver, materials, livestock. GOD provided everything they needed.

GOD led Israel into what the world would call a trap. But it was actually a trap for the Egyptians.

There was no way of escape except the way they had come in, and the Egyptian army had that path blocked. The reed sea on the other side.

Spurgeon wrote this:

*/There were only two ways to choose from: they could not miss the way, for they must march through the sea. No room for wandering remained: their road was walled up and they could not miss it."*

Well, Israel was barely out of Egypt and they already distorted

the past, thinking that it was better for them in Egypt than it really was.

**13 But Moses said to the people, “Do not fear! Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD which HE will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever.**

Stand still = yaht sab = you stand still... station yourself and GOD will provide the action.

Deliverance, saving = Yeshua Yehovah. GOD SAVES

**14 “The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent.”**

The LORD responds to Moses and the people. To the people, GOD tells Moses to tell them to stop crying out to ME and follow Moses.

**15 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to ME? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward.**

Then the LORD addresses Moses with very specific instructions.

**16 “As for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it (imperative = split), and the sons of Israel shall go through the midst of the sea on dry land.**

/Lift up, stretch forth and divide.  
So notice the instructions, the plan  
of GOD. People, obey Moses and  
shut up about your fears, stand still  
and Moses lift up and stretch out  
you staff and I will do the  
delivering.

**17 “As for ME, behold, I will  
harden the hearts of the  
Egyptians so that they will go in  
after them; and I will be  
honored through Pharaoh and  
all his army, through his  
chariots and his horsemen.**

**18 “The Egyptians will know  
that I am YHVH when I am  
glorified through Pharaoh, his  
chariots and cavalry.**

**19 The angel of GOD, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and appeared behind them.**

This in context is the same angel of the LORD Yeshua theophany we saw when Moses was called at the burning bush in EXO 3.

Although some argue this is an angel, but this is Yeshua in a theophany.

**14:20 And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness [implied to the Egyptians], but it gave light by night [implied to the**

**Israelites]: so that the one came not near the other all the night**

The children of Israel were now gathering for the crossing, again I will show you where I think it happens.

So, Moses was confident regarding the Salvation of GOD. All the people had to do was to stand still and see their deliverance from the seeming inescapable circumstance.

I know it is hard sometimes to stand still when the situation becomes chaotic. But Satan and the KOD loves to use chaos to distract us.

/So, in situations, when they occur, where we may question what



direction to go, we might just want to stand still and pray for the direction, rather than rushing headlong into the chaos.

Our LORD always puts HIMself between us and our enemies.

/As a believer we never put circumstances between us and GOD. But as believers in the plan of GOD we need to put GOD between us and our circumstances.

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When GOD says Forward! We RE TI GO FORWARD, no excuses, no regrets, no fear, HE will open the path and lead HIS people, as a shepherd leads HIS flock.

We don't know how much GOD does to protect us from the attacks of our unseen enemies. We sometimes feel that we are overwhelmed in a present spiritual struggle, but we may not know what it would be like if the LORD pulled back HIS protection. And we never want to have that happen.

But this lull in the action this standoff if you will was perhaps also a final chance for Pharoah. One final chance to repent...I know the LORD had hardened his heart...

**21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and**

**turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided.**

**22 The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.**

**23 The Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea.**

**24 At the morning watch, the LORD looked down on the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and brought the army of the Egyptians into confusion.**

**25 HE caused their chariot wheels to swerve, and HE made them drive with difficulty; so the Egyptians said, “Let us flee from Israel, for the LORD is fighting for them against the Egyptians.”**

**26 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen.”**

**27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal state at daybreak, while the Egyptians were fleeing right into it; then the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.**

**28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, even Pharaoh's entire army that had gone into the sea after them; not even one of them remained.**

**30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.**

**31 When Israel saw the great power which the LORD had used against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in HIS servant Moses.**

OK, so let's talk about where the Exodus, the crossing happened. I

could do an entire class or series on this but others have done it and so I will summarize.

First there is the traditional idea:



This is really based upon EXO 14:9-10. Traditionally the thought was it was at the west finger of the reed sea.

There is an area there where it is marshes of reeds and so that was thought to be the place. Sadly, I used to believe that, well not sadly but that was many years ago.

The thing that always bothered me was how would that place drown the Egyptian army. I will tell you, that much argument originates from that Vs 14:9 -10 and to fit the narrative of Mt. Sinai being in the Sinai Pen instead of in Saudi Arabia, the idea of the proposed location of Mt Sinai.

Look at the slide



Today we call that the Suez.  
Notice the placement of Mt. Sinai.

The traditional site was St. Catherine's on Mt. Sinai was constructed by the Byzantine Emperor, in the late sixth century AD.

Helena the mother of the Roman Emperor, Constantine a few hundred years before had found some artifacts and later the monastery was built. Absolutely no proof Biblically that Mt. Sinai was there.

Mt. Sinai also goes by another name: Mt Horeb.

Constantine and his mother supposedly converted to Christianity, I doubt it...they were both prone to wild visions. Many



biblical sites in that area that has a monastery or Catholic Church built upon it was the result of their wild visions.

Without exception, every one of these sites have nothing to do with historical reality, nor do they agree with the early church fathers AND the Jewish rabbis.

If the Mount Sinai location chosen by Constantine's mother was really true, the Jewish people would have already been revering that location many centuries before Helena came on the scene.

The Jewish people knew nothing of Mt Sinai being located on Sinai Peninsula per Helena's vision.

/On the other hand, many prominent people know and said the true location of Sinai being on the Arabian Peninsula. Josephus said that Mount Sinai is in Arabia. Philo also said that Mount Sinai is in Arabia. The Apostle Paul in the Book of Galatians CH4, states that Mount Sinai is in Arabia.

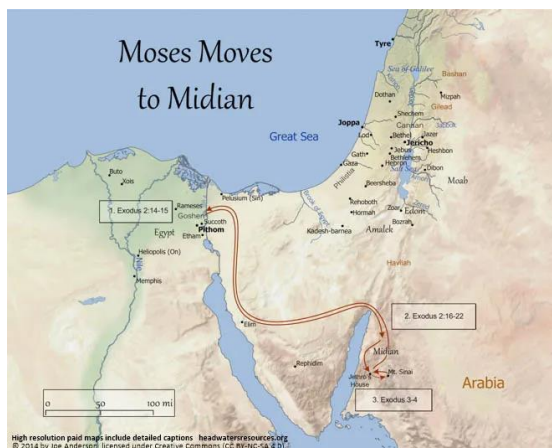


There are some problems with the crossing being in the Suez finger of the Red Sea.

First there was no need to part the sea at this point. The Philistines were to the north that is true, but there was room to go north of the Suez. Also no, none, zippo archaeological evidence has been attributed to a Suez crossing.

A more likely track is as follows;

First of all, Moses was in the area of Midian as a shepherd tending flocks in the land of Midian.



/So Moses is called by GOD there in the land of Midian and that is

where Mt. Sinai is. That is where the burning bush was and that is where Moses led GOD's people back to in order to receive the Law.

So the most logical route is this:

This is the area.



/The path of Israel's exodus followed one of the established trade routes to Midian. Crossed the bitter lakes then followed the eastern shore of the Gulf of Suez and then cut through a mountain

pass. This one option. But the Philistines were in that area so...

They traveled day and night, shielded from the heat of the Desert Sun by a cloud in the day and they were warmed by a pillar of fire at night, as well as being guided by the very hand of GOD.

Near Ethan they entered into this twisting maze of a dry riverbed with mountains on each side.

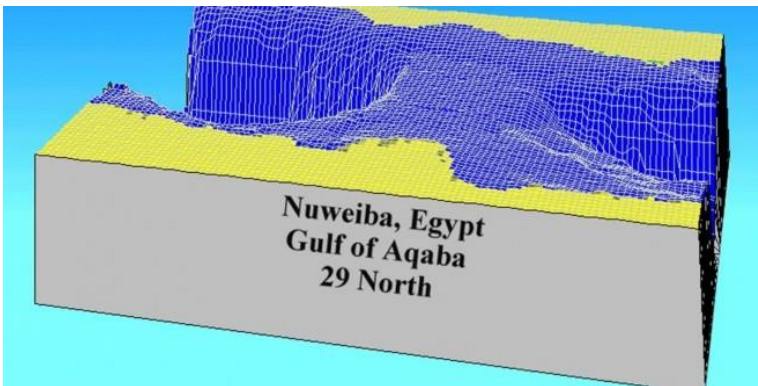
Remember the account of Josephus?

Pharaoh knew that he had Israel trapped as they made it to the beach at nuweiba.

Pharaoh gave the order to attack but

**24 At the morning watch, the LORD looked down on the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud and brought the army of the Egyptians into confusion.**

/A mighty easy wind roared all night the land bridge appeared with wall of water on each side, the Israelites then went through the water the parted sea. This was Divine but the LORD used HIS creation, why not?





/Archaeologists found identical columns on each side of the crossing. Put there by Solomon. On one of the columns the paleo Hebrew read: Yahweh, Pharaoh, Mizraim, Moses, Death, Water, King Solomon built his Navy Yard about 40 miles north of Nueva, 500 years or so later.

Solomon knew exactly where the children of Israel made their escape 500 years before and made pillars to memorialize the crossing.

So the Israelites walked through the divided sea ascending the opposite shore. Yehovah looked down from heaven and broke off the wheels of their chariots. The walls of water then closed in crushing the army of Pharaoh.

So you ask are there any artifacts in this area of the crossing. Well the answer is yes. Some things have survived. The LORD I believe gives these things to us, to those who look.



Remote-controlled submarines reveal coral encrusted chariot parts wreckage on the bottom of the red sea. Gold for example remains and other items that the LORD preserved.

One chariot wheel was recovered, well many, but one was identified as being from the 18th dynasty an identical match to the chariot wheels preserved in Tutankhamun tomb's to 18th dynasty chariot

This is Nuweiba and it can hold 2 million people or more.



So this is beyond a doubt the route...

Well 50 days after the first Passover, the first Pentecost took place at Mt Sinai. We will see that as we continue.

With all our study in Exodus, the first Passover the first feast of first fruits and now the first feast of

weeks Shavuot leading up to the first Pentecost our celebration of the LORD's Supper should be even more meaningful than ever. It is a privilege to do.

**For I received from the LORD that which I also delivered to you, that the LORD Jesus in the night in which HE was betrayed took bread;**

**24 and when HE had given thanks, HE broke it and said, "This is MY body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of ME."**

**25 In the same way HE took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in**

**MY blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of ME.”**

**26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the LORD’s death until HE comes.**