

God's miracles in *our own* "Red Sea moments"

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Summary: *In the coming years, we may be seeing "Red Sea sized" miracles among the people of God if we believe. This message reviews how massive the Red Sea exodus miracles were. You're going to be surprised. I believe giant miracles are coming again for those who believe. What could "on eagles' wings" mean? Hear inspiring examples of how our God delights in doing the impossible for his children in our own "Red Sea moments" of our lives, especially when we believe.*

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Hello everyone. As I record this, we're all done now with the seven Days of Unleavened Bread 2023. The seven days and last day teach us to trust in God all the way, all the time. We know they left Egypt on the first day of Unleavened Bread and then started traveling towards the Red Sea – actually ultimately towards the real Mt Sinai in Arabia (Midian) **Gal. 4:25**. Could Israel have crossed the real Red Sea on the Gulf of Aqaba side on the last day of Unleavened Bread?

This teaching today is about how, once we're saved from the death penalty of our sins, that God's work in us continues for the rest of our lives. He's the God of miracles and loves to do the impossible for his children. You'll hear about that today – how the lessons of Exodus pertain still to us today: believe in God, trust in his miracles and wonders and his love – especially in your "RED SEA moments of life".

I believe there's a good probability that God had Israel cross the Red Sea in the deep Gulf of Aqaba Red Sea on the last day, the 7th day of the feast of Unleavened Bread.

God had to be with them and He was, every step of the way. **Now we're counting the 50 days to Pentecost, which means "50"**. Even though the last day of Unleavened Bread has passed by the time you see this, I hope you'll glean a lot from this sermon when you get a chance to hear this. Please also listen to the newly posted Passover- Unleavened Bread sermons I've posted. I certainly learned a lot preparing them.

I'm Philip Shields, host of Light on the Rock. We're going to have to grow in deeply trusting God as time passes. We certainly are witnessing a lot more demonic activity – which explains so many events that seem to otherwise have no explanation. To me, it's very clear especially since 2020, that God has allowed Satan to get more active, leading up to the return of Christ.

Recently I went to post a video on my Facebook page about the Red Sea crossing that I found helpful, though I've been aware of much of this for over 10 years. But something I said about God's miracles, etc. prompted a sudden warning on my screen saying that if I post untrue statements (God, the Bible) I would incur some penalties. I posted it anyway. Mine were not untrue. God did part the Red Sea and Israel crossed. But now in America, the land of the free and free speech, I'm being warned against saying what I wanted to say! Things are changing fast in our country and not for the good. Here's that video that complements this sermon. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPUSESCISV4>

Believers will be targets for ever greater persecution

Believers will be prime targets. We'll be labeled as treasonous traitors because we don't always agree with the agenda of their New World Order and our government. They'll come after you, your beliefs, your pregnancy, your children, your money, your home, everything about you. Be ready for it. It's already happening. They know we don't go along with all they do and want to do, so we'll be targets. But today let's remember our God is there in **our own Red Sea moments**; times when there's no human way to get out of a terrible trial.

Anyone who claims belief in God or Jesus, or Yeshua, will be targets. Not just sabbath keepers but any who profess Christ and our Father. (more on the audio). But neither can any of us afford to deny him or even remain silent about him. You and I will have to be more on guard and be closer to our Father and Savior and using God's Spirit, more than ever before. **Your BELIEF in God, your FAITH and TRUSTING in God will be tested as never before.** It's time we all wake up fully, repent of lack of zeal, repent where we've compromised with sin and the world, and seek a closer walk with God and Yeshua more than ever before. Your physical and spiritual life depend on it!

So this sermon today is about having a deeper trust in God in our Red Sea moments—times when we have a huge problem with no visible “way out”.

Please note: These notes are close to what I actually say but I really cannot devote the DAYS it would take for me to transcribe exactly. I urge you to listen to the audios with the notes in hand so you see scriptures, etc. But there's SO much more in the audio and video sermons, especially with notes in hand too. Plus you'll hear and feel my personal heart in the audio messages.

The meaning of the Passover and then the first day of Unleavened Bread is so much clearer, with more definite explanations, than the last day. Plus there's the Wavesheaf day. So what made the 7th day, the last day, so significant? And how does it build on Passover, and the FIRST day of Unleavened Bread, then Wavesheaf day...

I do believe God parted the Red Sea on the 7th day, last day of Unleavened Bread after leaving Egypt. *Please be sure to hear the previous sermons on “Unleavened Bread – was who?” as it will explain how all our faith has to be in God working through Jesus in our lives. And that faith is being tested!*

What makes this interesting is that many people would say it would be impossible to move 2.5 to 3 million (600,000 men plus women and children) people plus their herds, flocks -- 272 miles from Goshen in Egypt to the Red Sea crossing. But I believe. I believe the crossing was halfway up the Gulf of Aqaba part of the Red Sea at Nuweiba Beach. They crossed to Midian/Arabia on the other side. I

believe Israel arrived at the Red Sea in just 6 days, allowing for the 7th to be the day they crossed. They crossed at NIGHT, in spite of all the movies showing a daytime crossing. Remember after Israel had crossed, **“in the morning watch” (2 a.m. to dawn; read Ex. 14:22-34 carefully)** God took off the Egyptians' chariot wheels! SO Israel crossed before then. Before they crossed God had sent a strong east hot wind to help dry the land.

God loves doing the impossible

God does a lot of his “best stuff” at NIGHT, the dark times of our lives. Protecting Israel's firstborn from the Destroyer during the Passover was at night. Israel left Egypt triumphantly at night. God had Israel cross the Red Sea at night. The angelic choir announced the Messiah's birth to shepherds at night. Nicodemus learned about being born again – at night. Christ was betrayed and arrested illegally at night for his final countdown to victory over Satan and death.

So in your own night time trials and Red Sea moments where you see no way out, no light at the end of the tunnel, look up. God is there. Believe. We're much more likely to experience his miracles if we trust and believe and obey.

So that begins one of my main points for today: After God saved us at Passover from our sins – worthy of our death – the work of forgiving our sins indeed was “Finished”, as He proclaimed while dying at his crucifixion. That part is done. But we find that God – thank God – *remains very active doing the supernatural to continue to save us – night and day!*

As the firstborn of Egypt died during the Passover, wherever God saw the blood on the doorposts and lintel of the Israelites, He passed over those homes and spared Israel's firstborn. Remember? God said, “When I see the blood...” he promised to Pass Over that home. Those slain lambs and their blood all pointed to Jesus the son of God.

But the Egyptians despised lambs and did not splash any blood and so all the firstborns of man and beast died that night among them. Some households no doubt had several deaths that *could have included a son, a husband, a father, uncle or grandpa*. What a chillingly terrifying night that must have been to lose so many deeply loved firstborns.

We know a bit about the feeling of seeing your own firstborn son die suddenly. He would be 41 years old today had he not died. (I said 39 on the audio). I describe on the audio what we went through finding our precious son lying dead and lifeless on our bed and already blue in the face. Indescribable pain, shock and horror.

But all of Egypt, a whole nation, was going through this screaming cry and horror. Our Father in heaven of course also experienced the horrible death of his own first born Son.

Remembering the spiritual lessons of Unleavened Bread

Then we go through the Days of Unleavened Bread, where we throw out the old leaven picturing our old sinful nature and sin in us and then we bring in perfect Unleavened Bread -- bread that had never been leavened before (never “sinned”) and never could be once it was baked. That Unleavened Bread can only picture our Savior Jesus the Messiah.

When we ate Unleavened Bread during that time, that was us picturing taking in the Messiah into our lives and REPLACING our old fleshly sinful nature with his perfect life.

We're not trying to fix, repair or beautify our old nature. God wants to REPLACE it with the life of his perfect son, not fix our old self. God is not trying to make our old nature better. He wants to replace it. IN our fleshly nature dwells nothing good (Romans 7:18).

Don't focus or feed on the old human nature. **Our miracle today: being transformed by God's spirit. Transformed, not repaired.** (Much more on audio) We need the bread of Jesus Christ, His LIFE as the end of John 6 explains.

If you find yourself slipping spiritually, do the "constant contact" I've been introducing. Scripture says to pray without ceasing. Pray constantly. So on top of your first and last prayers of the day, for 20 or more times a day, have a 1-2 minute prayer to Father where you bless and thank God, pray for others, express gratitude for endless things and most of all keep inviting Jesus to come live in you and to be your new creation life (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20; Col 3:3-4). Pray in those many short prayers for help in overcoming temptations coming your way, or attitudes that could be better. It really helps a lot to help you be focused on the "resurrection Jesus" who now lives in us, for us and with us.

Yeshua/Jesus is now our life.

Romans 8:1 – those in Christ are not condemned. IF we're part of HIM, we cannot be condemned because HE cannot be condemned. His life was perfect. The context of Romans 8:1 is Romans 7, where Paul admits to still occasionally sinning. But in Romans 8, Paul beautifully explains that God now sees the life of Jesus over us and in us and his perfect life. Not the old fleshly nature IF, big IF – IF we walk now in the spirit and not in the flesh (Rom 8:1, 4). (Audio has more)

That's where the constant contact short prayers can really help because we're tuning in to God's presence many times a day and sinful thoughts are more easily dispensed with as we stand in the power of HIS might (Eph 6:10).

If Christ is now our life, then his life's perfection can be ours too, by faith. Our righteousness is now the righteousness by faith, of believing God – like Abraham did (Gen. 15:6); like **Noah did (Hebrews 11:6-7). And they proved their faith by obediently doing what God said – like Noah building the ark.** And by faith we receive **God's gift of HIS very own righteousness** credited to us. Please read **Romans 5:17** and the verses around it, plus **Romans 4:22-25, Phil. 3:9-11**; and there are many more in Romans 3-4 and end of Romans 9. We have to come to fully accept and believe what scriptures are telling us. God is obviously for us. Wanting the best for us.

When we go astray – Our Savior will come search for us like the stray sheep we had become (Luke 15). When we come back repentantly to Him after a period of sin, he runs out to welcome us as the Father did to His Prodigal son. See Jesus' stories of Luke 15 and the love of God, even when we become lost and sin, when we turn back to him. When we sin and confess and repent, God faithfully cleanses us (1 John 1:7-9) even on a daily basis and defends us in heaven's courts (1 John 2:1-2).

My point in saying all this is that yes, even when we've repented and accepted Christ, we ALL will still have many stumbles into sin and where we know we're failing. But God's love and miracles will continue because – please understand this – **GOD has PROMISED us that HE will FINISH what he has started in us to the day of Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:6).** *Just as with the Israelites coming joyfully out of Egypt, God had to*

finish what he started with them and God did, with his incredible love, patience and miracles! Too many of us feel that when we don't measure up that God abandons us. No.

So there are between 2.5-3 million Israelites God's got to get moving, cross the Red Sea, and crush the Egyptian mighty army.

There are coming so many huge and stunning miracles in the very last days that I feel people will be talking about the powerful God we have for millennia afterwards. Some will be divinely protected in ways that we can't even imagine now. Others will have to go through Great Tribulation so they can end up as gold refined in the fire. See the end of Revelation 3. It will be rough for them, but the key is constant contact and zealous prayers throughout the difficult times.

GOD led them TO the Red Sea. YOUR "Red Sea moments" may be times God is guiding you so you grow in the difficult times. We grow more in the hard times than we ever do in the easy times.

Your Bible Exodus maps are all wrong

*Check your Bible's map of the Exodus at the Maps section at the back of your Bible. Do you see a single place where Israel actually crosses the Red Sea? **The map below is a typical Bible map. NOWHERE is the Red Sea crossed. Look at the black lines from the left, going down in the middle of the map. That's what some "experts" claim as the Exodus route showing Israel crossing the Sea of REEDS at the top left, just a marshy swampy area. But that hardly would be enough to have high walls of the Sea to your right and left (Exodus 14:22) or deep enough to drown Egyptian horsemen.***



So this kind of map above, this first map, I call a very unfortunate map. It's just plain wrong and does not support what God tells us in his Word.

*That first map I showed is pure nonsense. And they show a "Mt Sinai" in the southern section of the so-called "Sinai Peninsula" but **there's absolutely zero evidence that it ever had a large group of 2-3 million people camped around its base for a year or more. Nor is there any cave that Elijah could have used at the same Mt Sinai.** Most importantly, the "Mt. Sinai" of Bible maps like mine above, is not in MIDIAN, now known as Arabia (Galatians 4:25). Moses fled to Midian (Exodus 2:15-16)*

and helped Jethro tend to his flocks (Exodus 4:19 also). **MT SINAI WAS IN MIDIAN**, now Saudi Arabia (Gal. 4:25). The "Sinai Peninsula" was never in Midian.

The Hebrew for RED SEA is Yam Suph. Yes it can be translated "Reed Sea". But it also clearly was the full blown RED SEA in the case of **1 Kings 9:26** where **Solomon docked his NAVY at the top of the Gulf of Aqaba in what we now know as Eilat. In the Hebrew original, that was also Yam Suph, the RED SEA.** CLEARLY there's no navy that would ever park in the Reed Sea, the swamp, near the Nile.

BETTER maps of the Exodus

Now I show a second map below. You won't find this one in your Bible maps section. This one correctly shows Mt Sinai across the Red Sea Gulf of Aqaba and where they would more likely have crossed halfway up the Gulf of Aqaba at a huge beach called Nuweiba Beach to this day.



This next map BELOW shows much more detail of the march out of Egypt until you get to Nuweiba Beach at the bottom right corner of the larger map below.

Remember the story of the burning bush happened in Midian. That's the modern-day area of Saudi Arabia. After killing an Egyptian, **Moses fled to Midian (Ex 2:15, 21)** and stayed with his new father-in-law Jethro. It was on "**Mt. Sinai in Arabia**" (Gal. 4:25) – ancient Midian – where all this took place. God told Moses he wanted all the Israelites to come to Mt Sinai (Ex. 3:12) to worship. Exodus 4:19 God spoke to Moses in MIDIAN.

So the real Mt Sinai is NOT the one in the so-called Sinai Peninsula. That location is not in Midian and has no evidence showing millions of people lived there for a year or two.

I recommend you watch the 2-part videos below. You'll learn a lot.

Part 1 – from Goshen to crossing the Red Sea 32 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPUSESCISV4> PART 1 – to the Red Sea

Part 2 of the video covers from the Red Sea to finally reaching Mt. Sinai in Midian, modern day Arabia <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeXHBmZl4oc>

There are a lot of skeptics, but also check out this video showing evidence of possible corals growing on chariot wheels and axles. Video is 9-1/2 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOIRLsCk-TM>

Of course all the wood and metal is gone, but coral can't grow just on sand. Check those out.

BACK TO HEADING TO The RED SEA.

God loves to prove men wrong when they say something's impossible. As Jesus said to the father of a demon-possessed mute son, if we would BELIEVE, all things are possible with God.

In the years just ahead, many of us will face very trying times when we MUST believe in God's presence and ability and desire to help His children.

Let's pick up next in Exodus 13.

(These notes are not word-for-word so do use them, but be sure to listen to the audio too.)

Exodus 13:20-22 NIV

"After leaving Succoth they camped at Etham on the edge of the desert."

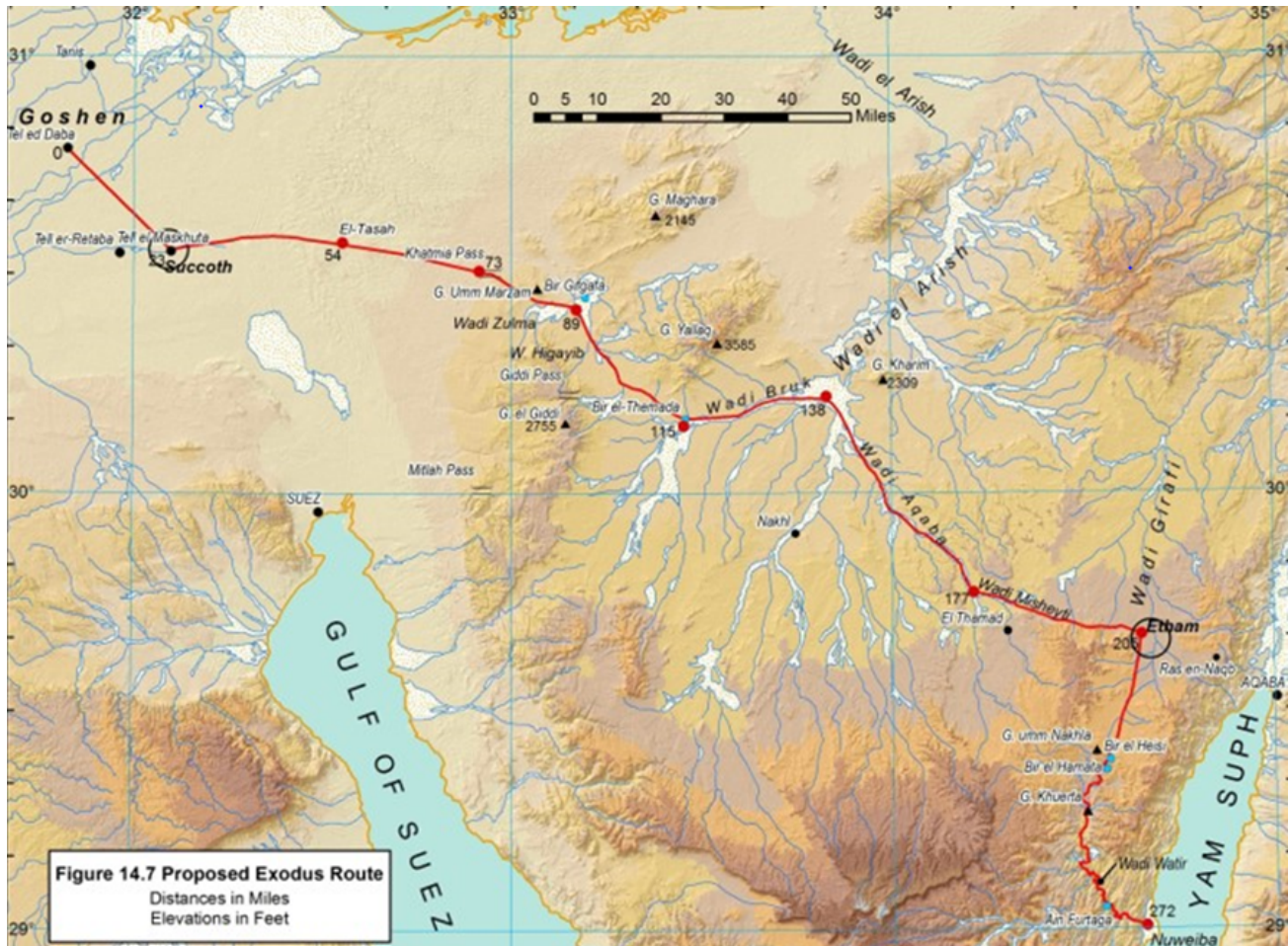
Let me comment on Ex. 13:20 first. **Num 33:2** tells us Moses documented every time they stopped. The **first camp was Succoth**, not that far from where they started. Now be looking at the next map on the next page. The second CAMP, or STOP, was far down on the right at ETHAM, not far from the Red Sea Gulf of Aqaba. Be looking at the next map. Look at the top left of that map **below** to find Goshen, where Israel lived. They marched to Succoth after day 1 and then camped.

But are you ready for this? Their next camp after Succoth, was at Etham, 200 miles (320 km) east of Succoth, their first camp. Imagine marching 200 miles (320 km) before stopping again.

"How could that possibly be?", we're tempted to say. **Num 33:2** tells us Moses documented every time they stopped. The first camp was Succoth, not that far from where they started. The second CAMP, or STOP, was far down on the right at ETHAM, not far from the Red Sea Gulf of Aqaba. Be looking at the next map. Look at the top left of that map **below** to find Goshen, where Israel lived. They marched to Succoth and stopped and camped, and then on to Etham.

But are you ready for this? Etham camp was 200 miles from Succoth, their first camp. Then they marched eastward to near edge of the wilderness to Etham, where they camped just the second time. How could that possibly be,

without massive miracles from God? From Etham God made them head south, head down, TO the Red Sea, which is called Yam Suph on the map. (That's Hebrew for Red Sea. It's the same word for where Solomon docked his navy).



Back to Exodus 13:21-22 now. NIV

“By day YHVH went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, **so that they could travel by day or night.**

22 Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.”

VERSE 21: “SO THEY COULD TRAVEL BY DAY OR NIGHT”? *Really? Two million plus, traveling with flocks and herds non-stop at times? With children and old people?*

Traveling day and night with a large group? That not only sounds Impossible, but sounds crazy, we humans would say. By human standards. I also believe God really wanted them at the Red Sea crossing so they could cross on the last holyday of Unleavened Bread and he could completely destroy Egypt’s powerful army. But God was obviously moving them fast.

There would be no NEED to travel day and night for several days unless God wanted them someplace specific in a hurry – like parked beside the Red Sea! This is one reason why to me it makes sense that they crossed the Red Sea on the last holyday, the

7th day, of the days of Unleavened Bread. It also gives a terrific illustration of what happened on that holyday.

Ps. 105:39 – God “spread the cloud over them for a covering and fire to give them light in the night”. The pillar of fire would also give some warmth. Deserts can get cold at night. Psalm 105 indicates the pillar wasn't always in front but God used his cloud also for shade and warmth at night. Deserts can be cold at night.

From Goshen to the Red Sea, Israel stopped to camp only three times in those 272 miles (Succoth, Etham, Migdol). Look at the big map above. That seems so impossible to us when considering 2-3 million people (including infants and little children) plus their flocks and herds. And some days they walked day and night apparently (Ex. 13:21). Again, seemingly impossible.

In six days, they covered 272 miles (435 kms), or 45 miles per day average (75.5 kms). But just be sure you don't say “impossible” to our great God.

Migdol we believe was close Nuweiba Beach, a huge, huge beach head that could hold 3 million people.

Remember God says in **Exodus 19:4** that **HE brought them out of Egypt on EAGLES's wings. That implies speed and power and miracles.** If they crossed on day 7 of the days of Unleavened Bread as I think, they had to be there by day 6.

Numbers 33:2 says Moses noted every place they stopped and camped. Let's read it carefully this time from the Bible. He records only three total stops for the 272 total miles on that trip from Goshen to the Red Sea.

Numbers 33:3-8a

3 They departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the Passover the children of Israel went out with boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians. 4 For the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom the Lord had killed among them. Also on their gods the Lord had executed judgments.

5 Then the children of Israel moved from Rameses and camped at Succoth. 6 They departed from Succoth and camped at Etham, which is on the edge of the wilderness. (see big map on the right side)

7 They moved from Etham and turned back to Pi Hahiroth, which is east of Baal Zephon; and they camped near Migdol. 8 They departed from before Hahiroth and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness,...

Exodus 14:2 says they were to camp by the sea at this 3rd campsite point. There's a very broad beach head halfway up the Gulf of Aqaba on the left side (west) called Nuweiba Beach. I'll show an aerial view.

It can easily hold 2.5 to 3 million people plus their herds. Mountains surround Nuweiba beach. There's one road into it. Many now believe this fits the description of the beach where they crossed. If all this is wrong, and not on the last day of Unleavened Bread – so be it. But Nuweiba makes sense to me for several reasons.

Pharoah and his armies give chase, as God wants to annihilate the Egyptian army totally and victoriously.

Exodus 14:6-9

“So he (Pharaoh) had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. 7 He took six hundred of the BEST chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. 8 YHVH hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly.

9 The Egyptians — ALL Pharaoh's horses and chariots, horsemen and troops — pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.”



So it wasn't just the 600 choice chariots but ALL the chariots, 50,000 horsemen and 200,000 foot soldiers according to Josephus, the Jewish historian. The Bible does mention troops and horsemen.

I have a photo of Nuweiba Beach above giving an aerial view of Nuweiba Beach, Egypt. Egypt allows no tampering with the corals below, by the way.

Antiquities of the Jews, by Josephus,

“Now when the Egyptians had overtaken the Hebrews, they prepared to fight them, and by their multitude they drove them into a narrow place; for the number that pursued after them was six hundred chariots, with fifty thousand horsemen, and two hundred thousand footmen, all armed. They also seized on the passages by which they imagined the Hebrews might fly, shutting them up⁹² between inaccessible precipices and the sea; for there was [on each side] a [ridge of] mountains that terminated at the sea...”

That's 250,000 total if you count the 600 chariots plus additional chariots, plus 50,000 armed horsemen and 200,000 armed soldiers. IMPOSSIBLE for Israel to defeat that many, we'd say. But God wanted to annihilate Egypt.

Back to the traveling: HOW on earth could the 2-3 million Israelites and their herds march 272 miles in less than 6 days? *Where's the food and water? This was all before the Manna and the split rock for water remember.*

Whether the Red Sea crossing actually happened on the last day of Unleavened Bread, or took much longer, it would still be a massive miracle. I believe they crossed on the 7th day of the Feast. There had to be a series of impressive miracles. Otherwise why was God hurrying them along so much? You and I are going to have times in our lives when it looks like there's no hope. Our "RED SEA MOMENTS".

In the same way as Israel had to, you and I will also have to rely on God especially in the final years of this world before Jesus returns.

Psalms 105:36-40 NKJV

"He also destroyed all the firstborn in their land,
The first of all their strength.

37 He also brought them out with silver and gold,
And there was none feeble among His tribes.

38 Egypt was glad when they departed,
For the fear of them had fallen upon them.

39 ***He spread a cloud for a covering,
And fire to give light in the night.***"

Remember Exodus 19:4 says GOD says HE brought them out and carried them on eagles' wings. He relieved pain and weakness. "None feeble".

Remember this in the years to come. God can move people not only quickly, but miraculously.. Remember Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8?

GOD CAN MOVE PEOPLE QUICKLY WITHOUT HUMAN EXPLANATION.

- After baptizing the Ethiopian eunuch, Philip just suddenly disappeared, only to appear many miles later in Azotus. If God could do that for Philip, God can do it for you and me and even millions.

Acts 8:38-40a

"So he commanded the chariot to stand still. *And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. 39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more;* and he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus..."

- When Jesus got into the disciples' boat after walking on the water, *the boat just suddenly was on the shore!* A lot of people read right over this. God can move things and people whenever He wants to. I think it's possible God moved that whole GROUP miraculously. God says, "I brought you out on eagles' wings."

John 6:18-21

“Then the sea arose because a great wind was blowing. 19 So when they had rowed about three or four miles, they **saw Jesus walking on the sea** and drawing near the boat; and they were afraid. 20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." 21 Then they **willingly received Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land where they were going.**”

- Elijah: Apparently people in Elijah's day knew that God could move him without notice. Some had come to arrest him and they died from fire from heaven. Then another came to arrest him and pleaded for his life, as a true believer in the true God. But notice what he says. (This was just before the spectacular contest on Mt. Carmel between Elijah and the priests of Baal)

1 Kings 18:12

“And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, **that the Spirit of YHVH will CARRY you to a place I do not know;** so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have feared YHVH from my youth.”

God's spirit can suddenly move you and all of us to a place that's safe from the mobs and persecutors in coming years. We must believe first, though. It's going to get tougher and tougher – as in the days of Noah and days of Lot in Sodom, as you know.

And you know how he was taken up – but NOT by a fiery chariot. Read how.

2 Kings 2:11

“Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; **and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.**”

You can learn more in a blog I have “Enoch and Elijah”.

WHY am I talking about all this? To make the point God can move people suddenly to anywhere in the world. Ezekiel was taken up by the spirit to all kinds of places.

Ezekiel 3:12

“**then the Spirit lifted me up,** and I heard behind me a great thunderous voice: ‘Blessed is the glory of YHVH from His place!’”

WE also will need God's miracles and interventions in the very last few years. If God's people need protection or need to move someplace SAFE, as I've shown you, God can do it.

For ancient Israel, is it beyond the realm of possibility for God to do anything? Could he not have given them extra strength? Could he not even have moved ALL of them, including their herds, miraculously 50-100 miles without them even realizing how or even knowing what was going on? **If he can move Philip, he can move 2 million as far as he wanted to.**

I'm not trying to be silly, but trying to get us all to look past the human limitations we impose on God in our thinking!

Jesus, who was also God, walked on water. That's impossible. But not for God the Father who was working in Jesus (John 14:10). And Jesus said WE would do even greater works if we would just believe in him (John 14:12), because God our Father and Yeshua/Jesus actually come to live in us by the Holy Spirit (John 14:23). If we had more faith, we too could do, be a part of, and see so many more miracles than we do.

SO when WE need special protection, if God wishes to give it – there could be incredibly “impossible” things happening. God could move you and me or groups of people to the other side of the world, instantly, if he wishes to. So moving 2-3 million people with their flocks and herds is no problem for God. **GOD brought them out on Eagles' wings. HE did something supernatural, even beyond just giving them extra strength.**

Exodus 19:4 (God is speaking)

“You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and **how I bore you on eagles' wings** and brought you to Myself.”

We don't need to know all the answers to our “HOW” questions. We just need to know WHO it is we are working with. So how they were fed, or how they had water, or how they had bathroom breaks, or how could they travel day and night – God had his answers. We just have to believe that He specializes in the impossible by human standards.

There are many inspiring details from scriptures we're given elsewhere, and so please pause the audio for a couple minutes and read the power in THESE next verses I found later. I think it's clear God used his supernatural powers to move them in the wilderness.

POWERFUL, INSPIRING BONUS SCRIPTURES.

Deuteronomy 1:29-33

"Then I said to you, 'Do not be terrified, or afraid of them. 30 Yehovah your God, who goes before you, He will fight for you, according to all He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 **and in the wilderness where you saw how YHVH your God CARRIED YOU as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came to this place.'**

32 Yet, for all that, you did not believe the Lord your God, 33 who went in the way before you to search out a place for you to pitch your tents, to show you the way you should go, in the fire by night and in the cloud by day." (Ex 13:21)

Deuteronomy 32:9-12

For the LORD's portion is His people;
Jacob is the place of His inheritance.

10 "He found him in a desert land
And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness;
**He encircled him, He instructed him,
He kept him as the apple of His eye.**

***11 As an EAGLE stirs up its nest,
Hovers over its young,
Spreading out its wings, taking them up,
Carrying them on its wings,***

12 So the LORD alone led him,
And there was no foreign god with him.”

WOW, did you read all that carefully?

Isaiah 46:3-4

"Listen to Me, O house of Jacob,
And all the remnant of the house of Israel,
Who have been upheld by Me from birth,
Who have been carried from the womb:
4 Even to your old age, I am He,
And even to gray hairs I will CARRY you!
I have made, and I will bear;
Even I will carry, and will deliver you”.

Isaiah 40:31

“But those who wait on YHVH
Shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary.
They shall walk and not faint”.

Isaiah 63:9

“**In all their affliction He was afflicted,**
And the Angel of His Presence saved them;
In His love and in His pity He redeemed them;
And He bore them and carried them
All the days of old.”

The ACTUAL CROSSING OF The RED SEA

Keep in mind that God used the dry east wind from Arabia/Midian area to help dry the sea bed after the waters were parted. It does seem that Israel crossed over by night because God looked down at the Egyptians coming behind them, **during “the morning watch”**, which was from 2 am to sunrise (Exodus 14:24). **Moses knew ahead of time that the sea would part and the Egyptians would pursue (Ex. 14:4).** There's a time to stand still (v 13) and watch God work – and a time to move (v 15)

Exodus 14:13-18

And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. **Stand still**, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. 14 LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

15 And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? **Tell the children of Israel to go forward. 16 But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.** 17 *And I indeed will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them.* So I will gain honor over Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen. 18 Then the Egyptians shall know that I am YHVH, when I have gained honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

Exodus 14:19-22 NIV

Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, **20 coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel.** Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with WALL OF WATER on their right and on their left.

So the wall on each side could easily have been 2,000 feet (200 stories! 609 m) or even much higher. **The deepest part of the Red Sea in the Gulf of Aqaba is 1850 meters (6,070 feet),** and that's just 1/3 of the Gulf's greatest depth!

By contrast, in the liberals' choice of sea of Reeds, it wouldn't have been deep enough to drown a horse, let alone have high walls of water.

Another bonus scripture to ponder. After crossing over, the Israelites praised God in song led by Moses and his sister Miriam. Notice some of the phrases:

Exodus 15:8

**“And with the blast of Your nostrils
The waters were gathered together;
The floods stood upright like a heap;
The depths CONGEALED in the heart of the sea.”**

Congealed? That's what most translations say. Some say, “became hard; solidified; became solid”. Maybe like ICE WALLS? I don't know. But “congealed” IS the Hebrew meaning of the word. Maybe that happened on the sea floor too. Rock hard like solid ice like walking across a deeply frozen lake? Would that pass also for “dry land”? Just a thought. It would have to be rock solid enough for chariots and horses to ride across.

Exodus 14:23-29 NKJV

“And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 Now it came to pass, in The MORNING WATCH (2 am to dawn), that YHVH looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. 25 And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for YHVH fights for them against the Egyptians."

26 Then YHVH said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen." 27 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; *and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So YHVH overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained.* 29 But the children of Israel had

walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.”

There was much more going on than we realize. God caused massive earthquakes that made the hills and mountains look like they were skipping!

At the Passover, Jews sing Psalm 113-118. Look at Psalm 114:

Psalms 114

“When Israel went out of Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
2 Judah became His sanctuary, And Israel His dominion.

3 The sea saw it and fled; Jordan turned back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, The little hills like lambs.

5 What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 O mountains, that you skipped like rams? O little hills, like lambs?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, At the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of waters.”

Josephus adds in “Antiquities of the Jews” that that there was **a terrifying wind storm and rain** (maybe like a Category 5 hurricane?) and now quoting him:

“..Dreadful **thunders**, and **lightning**, with flashes of fire. **Thunderbolts also were darted among them....**For a dark and dismal night oppressed them. Thus did all these men perish; so that there was not one man left, to be a messenger of this calamity to the rest of the Egyptians.”

Let's use the remaining time we have on this earth to be turning back to God with more zeal than we've ever had. **Let's repent of any lack of zeal, lack of prayer, lack of obedience**, lack of faith in Yeshua and our Father. Let's be sure we know our Creator intimately.

Use these next few years and the rest of your to come to really know and believe in God, no matter how bad your “Red Sea moment” is. Some of us will have to die as a testimony of our faith. *Others of us will be spared. God didn't take away the fire from Daniel's friends. God JOINED them in the fire. God didn't remove the lions from Daniel but closed their mouths.*

As scary as our own “Red Sea moments” will be, we must thank God he's there. Even thank God for having already heard you. Jesus thanked God “that you have heard me” when praying about Lazarus (John 11:41). It's when we start praising God – that He so often responds.

See 2 Chronicles 20 for the story of King Jehoshaphat and what a powerful miracle they witnessed when he moved the singers and praisers to the front of the army and people.

And remember: the greatest miracles often happen even after we start wondering if God has abandoned us but then in faith we see him walking in the fire with us (**Daniel 3:19-25**) . Hallelujah. Also remember, if we remain in disbelief, don't count on seeing any miracles. **We have to believe (Mark 9:22-24), then the impossible become very possible.** Also read Mark 6:1-5, how even in Nazareth, Jesus could not do but a few miracles due to their unbelief.

Remember Romans 8:28? ALL things work together for good for those who love God and who have been called according to his purpose.” They work together for us when we love God. But what we IMMEDIATELY see sometimes is not what we’d consider “good” – like your son dying, or the pain continuing, the trials getting worse -- but believe, hang in there, and it will become clear, especially when we thank and praise God IN the trial, FOR the trial, knowing trials build our faith when we keep going back to God.

It was when **Paul and Silas, after being severely beaten with rods and then chained in the dungeon began to pray and sing to God after midnight**, that God acted and loosened all their chains. (Acts 16:25). Let’s start praising and praying in **gratitude even before we see the answers from God**, as Jesus did even before calling to Lazarus (John 11:41).

I believe in the coming decade many of us are going to see huge, huge miracles in our behalf in the midst of our own Red Sea moments – for those who love God, know him, seek Him, believing in Him. For those who are grateful to him – no matter what.

Closing prayer

God is in the night times as well as the day times of our lives. God is there directing us TO the Red Seas of our lives to show his amazing power so we trust in him. Help us to study you and your word til we know it inside out. Help us come to You, that we may know you (John 5:39-40). Etc.

Again, let me repeat, after hearing all of this sermon, when you get a chance, I highly recommend you watch these videos too. Soon.

Part 1 – from Goshen to crossing the Red Sea 32 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPUSESCISV4>

Part 2 of the video from the Red Sea to finally reaching Mt. Sinai in Midian, modern day Arabia <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeXHBmZl4oc>

There are a lot of skeptcs, but also check out this video showing evidence of possible corals growing on chariot wheels and axles. Video is 9-1/2 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOIRLsCk-TM>