

# Exodus 14:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea.

## Analysis

The command to 'turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon' redirects Israel toward the sea. This positioning, with water blocking forward progress and Egyptians behind, creates a strategic trap—from human perspective. The phrase 'before it shall ye encamp by the sea' places them in visible vulnerability. God intentionally creates a crisis requiring miraculous deliverance to maximize His glory.

## Historical Context

The exact locations (Pi-hahiroth, Migdol, Baalzephon) are debated, but clearly Israel was directed to encamp in a narrow space between sea and mountains with limited escape routes.

## Related Passages

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does God sometimes positioning you in humanly impossible situations demonstrate that salvation is His work alone?
2. What does God creating crisis to maximize His glory teach about the purpose of trials?

## Interlinear Text

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לִפְנֵי	תְּמִימָה	וְ	יִשְׁכָּאֵל	בְּנֵי	אֶל	דִּבֶּר	
<b>Speak</b>	H413	<b>unto the children</b>		<b>of Israel</b>		<b>that they turn</b>	<b>and encamp</b>
H1696		H1121		H3478		H7725	
						H2583	<b>before</b>
						H6440	
בְּעֵל	לִפְנֵי		קַם		וְ	מְגַדְּל	בֵּין
H0	<b>Pihahiroth</b>	H996		H4024		H996	<b>between Migdol</b>
							H3220
							<b>and the sea</b>
							H0
עַל	תְּמִימָה	וְ	נִכְחֵה	וְ	צָפֵן		
<b>Baalzephon</b>	<b>before</b>	<b>and encamp</b>		H5921	<b>and the sea</b>		
H1189		H5226			H3220		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 44:1** (Parallel theme): The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

**Jeremiah 46:14** (Parallel theme): Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thee; for the sword shall devour round about thee.

**Exodus 14:9** (Parallel theme): 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 Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.