

Exodus 14:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

God 'took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily' demonstrates how God can disable superior technology with simple mechanical failure. The verb 'yasur' (יָסַר) means removed or loosened—either breaking or jamming wheels. Egypt's elite chariots become death-traps. The Egyptian realization 'Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians' comes too late. Recognition of truth after the trap closes brings no salvation.

Historical Context

Chariot wheels detaching or jamming in seabed turned Egypt's military advantage into disadvantage. What gave them speed and power became vehicles of death when God intervened.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How has God disabled the 'superior technology' or advantages your enemies used against you?
2. What does Egypt's recognition 'the LORD fights for Israel' coming too late teach about the tragedy of delayed recognition?

Interlinear Text

וַיֵּסֶר	אֶת	אֲפִי	מִרְכָּבֹתָיו	וַיִּנְהֲגוּ	בְּכִבְדָּתָם	וַיֹּאמֶר
And took off		wheels	their chariot	that they drove	them heavily	said
H5493	H853	H212	H4818	H5090	H3517	H559
בְּמִצְרַיִם:						
for them against the Egyptians						
H4714						
אָנֹכִי וְסָה						
Let us flee						
H5127						
מִפְּנֵי יְיָ						
from the face						
H6440						
לְיִשְׂרָאֵל						
of Israel						
H3478						
H3588						
יְהוָה הִנֵּה						
for the LORD						
H3068						
נִלָּחֵם						
fighteth						
H3898						
לָהֶם						
H0						
בְּמִצְרַיִם:						
for them against the Egyptians						
H4714						

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 14:14 (References Lord): The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

Psalms 68:12 (Parallel theme): Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

Psalms 76:6 (Parallel theme): At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.

Job 27:22 (Parallel theme): For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.

Job 20:24 (Parallel theme): He shall flee from the iron weapon, and the bow of steel shall strike him through.

Jeremiah 51:21 (Parallel theme): And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;

Deuteronomy 3:22 (References Lord): Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God he shall fight for you.

Amos 9:1 (References Lord): I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

Amos 5:19 (Parallel theme): As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

Psalms 46:9 (Parallel theme): He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.