

Exodus 14:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

God's command to Moses—'Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians'—reverses the miracle. What provided salvation to Israel becomes judgment on Egypt. The same waters that walled protection now bring destruction. The comprehensive targets—'chariots, and...horsemen'—ensure total defeat. God's judgments are thorough, His deliverances complete.

Historical Context

Moses' obedient stretch of his hand triggered the waters' return. The timing came after Israel crossed safely but while Egypt was in mid-sea—perfect for judgment, evidence of divine orchestration.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How does the same means (the sea) bringing salvation to some and judgment to others picture the gospel's dividing effect?
2. What does God's timing—water returning at the perfect moment—teach about His precision in judgment?

Interlinear Text

וַיֹּאמֶר	יְהוָה	אֶל	מֹשֶׁה	נָטֵה	אֶת	יָדְךָ	עַל
said	And the LORD	H413	unto Moses	Stretch out	H853	thine hand	H5921
H559	H3068		H4872	H5186		H3027	
הַיָּם	וַיָּשָׁב	הַמַּיִם	עַל	מִצְרַיִם	עַל		
over the sea	may come again	that the waters	H5921	upon the Egyptians	H5921		
H3220	H7725	H4325		H4714			
רֶכֶב וְ	וְעַל	פָּרָשָׁיו:					
upon their chariots	H5921	and upon their horsemen					
H7393		H6571					

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 14:16 (Parallel theme): 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.

Exodus 8:5 (References Lord): And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt.