

# Exodus 14:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

## Analysis

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Moses' obedience—'stretched forth his hand over the sea'—again activates judgment. The timing 'when the morning appeared' (at dawn) means Egyptians saw the wall of water returning. The phrase 'the sea returned to his strength' indicates waters resumed their natural course violently. Egypt's attempt to flee came too late—'the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.' God didn't merely allow drowning; He actively overthrew them.

## Historical Context

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The morning light revealed the returning waters. Egypt's attempted flight showed they recognized danger but couldn't escape. The sea's violence in returning to its place swept away the entire force.

## Related Passages

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

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

1. How does the sea 'returning to its strength' picture natural order resuming to judge those who oppose God?
2. What does the LORD actively overthrowing rather than passively allowing destruction teach about judgment's nature?

## Interlinear Text

וַיַּשְׁבַּ	בְּמִ	עַל	יָדֵ	וְאַתָּה	מֵשֶׁה	וְיַעֲשֶׂ
stretched forth	And Moses	H853	his hand	H5921	and the sea	returned

מִצְרַיִם לֹא יִתְּנַצֵּל בְּקַר לִפְנֵי וְתַּקְפֵּן  
and the sea appeared when the morning to his strength and the Egyptians  
H3220 H6437 H1242 H386 H4714

מִצְרַיִם	אֶת	יְהֹוָה	יִנְعַר	לְקַרְאָת	וּ	תֵּצֵא	יְמִין
<b>fled</b>	<b>against</b>	<b>overthrew</b>	<b>it and the LORD</b>	H853		<b>and the Egyptians</b>	
H5127	H7125	H5287	H3068			H4714	

בָּתְּ וְ בָּתְּ מִםְּ  
in the midst and the sea  
H8432 H3220

## Additional Cross-References

**Joshua 4:18** (References Lord): And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as they did before.

**Psalms 78:53** (Parallel theme): And he led them on safely, so that they feared not: but the sea overwhelmed their enemies.