

# Exodus 14:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

## Analysis

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God's purpose statement: 'I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host.' The Hebrew 'kaved' (כבד) means to be heavy, weighty, glorious—God will display His glory through Egypt's defeat. The outcome: 'the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD.' God's judgment serves pedagogical purposes—teaching His identity and character. The prediction 'they did so' confirms Israel's obedient faith despite apparent danger.

## Historical Context

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This statement reveals God's purpose in the exodus: not merely Israel's freedom but demonstration of YHWH's supremacy to both Israel and the nations. The events at the Red Sea would be remembered for millennia.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does God using your difficulties to display His glory give purpose to trials?
2. What does God desiring even enemies to 'know that I am the LORD' teach about judgment's purpose?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאַתָּה תְּחַזֵּק	אֶת	לְבָב	בְּפַרְעָה	וְכִי	רַ	אַסְרִירָם
And I will harden	אֶת	לְבָב	בְּפַרְעָה	וְכִי	רַ	אַסְרִירָם
H2388	H853	H3820	H6547	H7291		after
הַיְדָעָה וְאֶתְבָּדֵד	וְכָל	בְּפַרְעָה	וְכָל	בְּיָדָעָה	וְאֶתְבָּדֵד	וְאֶתְבָּדֵד
them and I will be honoured	בְּפַרְעָה	בְּפַרְעָה	וְכָל	בְּיָדָעָה	וְאֶתְבָּדֵד	וְאֶתְבָּדֵד
H3513		H6547	H3605	H2428		H3045
וְאַתָּה תְּשַׁׁעַן	אָנָּה	וְאַתָּה תְּשַׁׁעַן	אָנָּה	וְאַתָּה תְּשַׁׁעַן	אָנָּה	וְאַתָּה תְּשַׁׁעַן
that the Egyptians	אָנָּה	וְאַתָּה תְּשַׁׁעַן	אָנָּה	וְאַתָּה תְּשַׁׁעַן	אָנָּה	וְאַתָּה תְּשַׁׁעַן
H4714	H3588	H589	H3068	H6213		H3651

## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 7:3** (References Egypt): And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt.

**Exodus 7:5** (References Lord): And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

**Romans 9:17** (Parallel theme): For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.