

Exodus 14:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

The comprehensive pursuit—'the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army'—emphasizes total military commitment. Finding Israel 'encamping by the sea' confirms they're trapped in the strategic location God commanded. The specific place names recall verse 2's instructions. God's plan unfolds exactly as predicted—crisis created, enemy engaged, stage set for deliverance.

Historical Context

The Egyptian army overtaking Israel at their camp by the sea placed Israel in perfect strategic trap: sea ahead, mountains on sides, army behind. No human escape possible.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How has God's plan in your life unfolded exactly as He said, even through apparent disasters?
2. What does Israel's position—trapped by sea with army approaching—teach about faith when circumstances seem hopeless?

Interlinear Text

וַיִּרְדֹּפּוּ	מִצְרַיִם	אַחֲרֵיהֶם	וַיִּשָּׁ יִגּוּ	אוֹתָם	חֲנֵי יָם
pursued	But the Egyptians	after	and overtook	H853	them encamping
H7291	H4714	H310	H5381		H2583
עַל	הַיָּם	כָּל	סוֹס	וְרֶכֶב	פָּרָעֵה
H5921	by the sea	H3605	them all the horses	and chariots	of Pharaoh
	H3220		H5483	H7393	H6547
וּפָרָשָׁיו	וְחֵילֵוּ	עַל	פִּי	הַחִירוֹת	לִפְנֵי י
and his horsemen	and his army	H5921	H0	beside Pihahiroth	before
H6571	H2428			H6367	H6440
צִפּוֹן:					
Baalzephon					
H1189					

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 15:9 (Parallel theme): The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

Joshua 24:6 (References Egypt): And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea.