

# 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

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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

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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

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**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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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

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pursued But the Egyptians after and overtook them encamping

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עַל־כָּל־בָּנָי־מִצְרָיִם וְכָל־בָּנָי־מִצְרָיִם  
by the sea them all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh

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עַל־פִּיהִיר־תְּהִרְשֵׁה וְעַל־פִּיהִיר־תְּהִרְשֵׁה  
and his horsemen and his army beside Pihahiroth before

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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.