

# Exodus 15:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

## Analysis

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The statement 'Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them' pictures divine gesture causing judgment. The 'earth swallowing' uses the same imagery as Korah's rebellion (Numbers 16:32), indicating permanent removal. God's outstretched hand (same gesture Moses used) accomplishes effortlessly what Egypt's entire army couldn't prevent. The imagery combines water (drowning) and earth (swallowing), emphasizing creation itself serves God's purposes.

## Historical Context

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The 'earth swallowing' metaphor indicates permanent removal from the land of the living. Combined with water imagery, it emphasizes total, irreversible judgment with no possibility of return.

## Related Passages

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

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does creation itself serving God's purposes in judgment demonstrate His comprehensive sovereignty?
2. What opposition to God's work needs the earth to 'swallow' it permanently in your circumstances?

## Interlinear Text

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אָז: תָּלַע מִן יְמִינְךָ תָּלַע אָז  
the earth swallowed thy right hand stretchedst out Thou

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 15:6** (Parallel theme): Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power: thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.

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