

Exodus 15:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

Analysis

The prose summary repeats the miracle: 'the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them.' This rehearsal ensures the event's historicity is emphasized—not poetic exaggeration but actual occurrence. The contrast 'but the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea' reiterates the different outcomes for the two groups. Same location, opposite results, based on covenant relationship.

Historical Context

This transitional verse bridges the poetic song (vv. 1-18) and the narrative continuation (vv. 20-27). Its prose format emphasizes historical factuality rather than merely poetic imagery.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the repeated emphasis on historical factuality rather than myth strengthen faith's foundation?
2. What does the same location producing opposite outcomes teach about covenant relationship determining destiny?

Interlinear Text

בְּרַכְבָּז	בְּרַכְבָּז	פְּרָעָה	ס 10	בָּא	בָּא	וּבְפְּרָשִׁי
H3588 went in	For the horse	of Pharaoh	with his chariots	and with his horsemen		
H935	H5483	H6547	H7393			H6571
בְּמִן:	בְּמִן:	בְּיַד שָׁבָת	בְּיַד הָיָה	בְּעַלְהָם	בְּאַת	מִן:
into the sea	brought again	and the LORD		H5921	H853	the waters
H3220	H7725	H3068				H4325
בְּמִן:	בְּמִן:	וּבְגַם	בְּכָל	בְּבָשָׂר	בְּבָשָׂר	
into the sea	upon them but the children		of Israel	went	on dry	
H3220	H1121		H3478	H1980	H3004	
בָּת וּרְבָּה	בָּת וּרְבָּה					
land in the midst	into the sea					
H8432	H3220					

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 11:29 (Parallel theme): By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.