

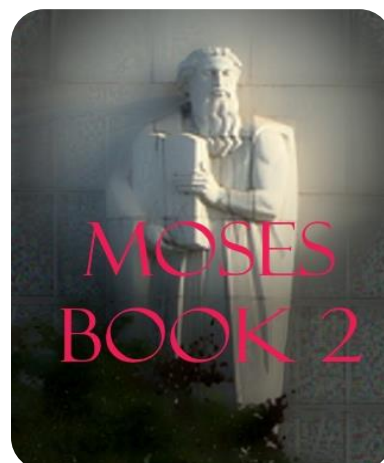
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The crossing of the Red Sea... is an amazing story known all over the world; and in recent years many wonder if it's true. Of course it is; it's in the Bible. All the early church validated its truth. Yet rethinking some data about what we have been told, and even while questioning claims, we can be skeptical when considering stories told by whom?

If what we have been told is solely based on roman scholarship or orthodox Jewish scholarship, which is similar... those who value the traditions of their fathers over the word of God, then their data is likely to be unreliable; as they seem to avoid biblical truth like a plague, because it unveils their twisted and often perverse traditions; so, looking around, we may discover more interesting answers to some of the archeological questions in the biblical record... still waiting to be examined; for example: where is Sinai? Is it where we see on most maps? Or is it really in Midian (modern Saudi Arabia) where Moses ran to live many years, where he saw the burning bush, after wrongly striking dead an Egyptian? And is it the same place where Paul went in Arabia after his profound Damascus experience; where he received teaching directly from the risen Lord?



¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

² Tell the children of Israel / who first came to Egypt in the days of Joseph... and lived in Goshen, **that they turn and encamp facing Pi-hahiroth** / meaning: at the mouth of the gorges, **between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon: you will encamp by the sea / Yam Suph,** the **Red Sea**, also were centuries later Solomon had his naval fleet stationed at Ezion-Geber, 1 Kings 22; why there?

³ For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel,

They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.

⁴ And I will harden Pharaoh's heart: he will pursue them; and I will be honored over Pharaoh and all his host; and the Egyptians will know: I am the LORD. And they did so.

⁵ When the king of Egypt was told that the people fled: the heart of Pharaoh and his servants turned against the people, and they said,

Why have we done this? We let Israel go from serving us.



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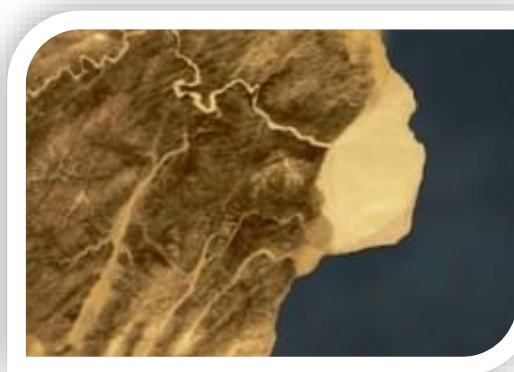
⁶ So he made ready his chariot, and took his army with him:

⁷ and took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the other chariots of Egypt with captains over all of them / with their finest officers... at that time Egypt was the military might dominant in that part of the world.

⁸ And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel: and the children of Israel exited defiantly.

⁹ The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots, his horsemen, and his army; to overtake them encamped by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

¹⁰ When Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel saw with their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them / the armies were advancing toward them on the southern route, as all Israel perhaps 2,000,000 frantic, panicking, terrified men, women and children hurried through that sole passage Wadi Watir... between the mountains only to discover a vast peninsula leading to a dead-end at Nuweiba shoreline the eastern arm of the Red Sea (notice: the satellite picture here: along what is now called the Gulf of Aqaba); and they greatly feared.



And the children of Israel cried out to the LORD / they had taken the southern trade route; but turned south rather than go north; and the Egyptian armies hurried to seal off any way of escape.



¹¹ They said to Moses, Is it because there were no graves in Egypt, you took us away to die in the wilderness? These are just a sample of some of the things they said to Moses; we can well imagine they also said:



What have you done, bringing us from Egypt?



¹² Is not this what we told you in Egypt, saying,



Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians?

For it was better for us to serve the Egyptians,

than that we should die in the wilderness.



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¹³ And Moses said to the people, Fear not, stand still, and see the **salvation** of the LORD / this is the second time of the 164 times the word is used in the bible, so it is a defining moment for all the other times we see the prophets use this word: in Hebrew, **Yeshua**, the same word for the name: **JESUS** who we know is the Christ, the Messiah of God; Moses said:

Stand still and see **the Yeshua of the LORD**;

which He will show you today: for the Egyptians whom you see today,

you will never see them again forever / they were on their way express mail to meet their Maker. And where were the children of Israel standing? At **Nuweiba shoreline**, where this pillar has stood since the time of Solomon (another pillar is on the eastern side of this part of the Red Sea); local Bedouins of the area have always acknowledged this is where Israel stood still... and saw **the Salvation of the LORD**; as 13 miles of water parted before their eyes.



¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you only be silent.

¹⁵ The LORD said to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? speak to the children of **Israel**, that they go forward.

¹⁶ Lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it: and the children of **Israel** will go through the sea on **dry** ground.

¹⁷ And behold, I, even I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, so they follow them: and I will be honored by Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots and his horsemen.

¹⁸ The Egyptians will know: **I am the LORD**, when I receive honor from Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen / even to the 21st century, the Lord God receives honor as our brothers and sisters in Egypt still sing to His great glory. So Moses, having learned the game plan... probably stood along the shoreline... and assured the people.

¹⁹ The angel of God who went before the camp of **Israel**, then removed and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:

²⁰ coming between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of **Israel**. And the cloud was darkness to them / to the Egyptians, but it gave light by night to these / to God's people:

so that none came near the other all night.

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²¹ **And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea / and all night...** the Egyptian reconnaissance didn't have a clue what was going on; but the whole world now knows the story; clearly recorded on the 3 Mycenae Steles;

and the LORD drove back the sea with a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

²² **And the children of Israel entered the midst of the sea on dry ground /** it's hard to imagine that anyone slept that night, though many undoubtedly dozed off while anxiously waiting; and can't you imagine when the time came, that runners went through the ranks of Israel awaking and reminding them to be silent; Shhhhhh! Pointing to get up and get moving:

the waters being a wall to them on their right and on their left.

And as morning broke, the finest military might of Egypt discovered they had been outmaneuvered; with the last of the tribes of Israel approaching the ascent of the shoreline on the other side... off in the distance 13 miles away.

²³ **Then the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all of the horses of Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen /** did God make them do that? NO! He just knows what mankind is capable of doing; it's predictable, a typical kneejerk reaction, it's incredible, isn't it? That's what hardheaded jackasses would do; especially when they don't think clearly.

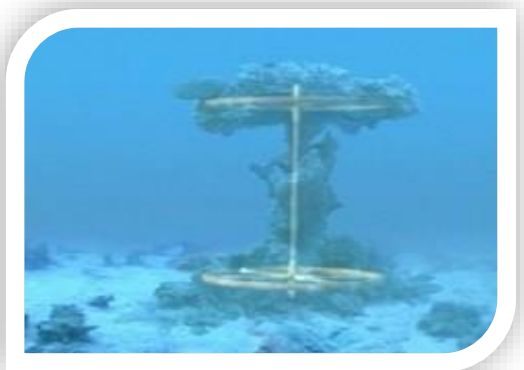
²⁴ **And it happened, that in the morning watch, the LORD peered down on the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and the cloud, and troubled the Egyptian hosts /** It's almost funny: did the Lord spook them? The historian, Flavius Josephus said the number of Egyptian warriors was around 250,000; and were they provided a wake-up call with a lightning strike? What we know is that suddenly, the genius military strategists of the day were in a panic; and their horses were spooked,

²⁵ **and driving heavily, clogging their chariot wheels, that their chariot wheels fell off:**

so the Egyptians said, Let us flee before Israel; for the LORD fights for them against Egypt.



Similar to the coral structures found in the Red Sea; 4- and 6-point wheels are only from the 18th dynasty, no later than 1450 bc.



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²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen.

²⁷ So, Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared.

And as the Egyptians fled into it; the LORD shook off the Egyptians in the midst of the sea / and NO, 250,000 -- a quarter of a million fierce, well-trained warriors didn't drown in a little shallow lake.

²⁸ And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, the horsemen and all the armies of Pharaoh that came after them into the sea; not one of them remained.

²⁹ But the children of Israel walked on **dry** land through the sea; the waters being a wall to them on their right, and on their left / Moses tells us 4 times in this chapter that they walked on dry land. So, it's clear he wants us to know a miracle of the Lord happened near where King Solomon parked his naval fleet on **Yam Suph**, the Gulf of Aqaba -- **1 Kings 22**; why? Apparently, he knew it was safe.

³⁰ Thus the LORD **saved** Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians **dead on the seashore**.

³¹ And Israel saw the great work the LORD did against the Egyptians: and the people **feared** the LORD, and they **believed** the LORD, and His servant Moses.



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at the Nuweiba shoreline

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We are grateful to God that the Saudi govt has preserved the Mountain of Moses.