

# Let the Journey Begin

## a study in the book of Exodus

Pray - Exodus 14:10

Lesson 8

"Their fear set them a praying, and that was a good effect of it. God brings us into straits that He may bring us to our knees" (Matthew Henry). Many situations offer us two options - we can either panic or pray. Exodus 14:10 reveals the children of Israel's reaction to seeing the armies of Pharaoh *march after them*. Their first response was fear. Certainly understandable. Then they *cried out to the LORD*. Certainly wise.

### Read Exodus 14:10

1. Read through this week's verse using both your Observation Worksheet (the last page of this homework) and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through Exodus 14:10, what would you say to someone if they asked you what it is about?
2. Key words help us to better understand the verses. We have listed below key words. Mark each one in a distinctive way (either with a symbol, highlighting, or some form of boxing, circling, or underlining). Mark each of the key words each time they are used in the text. Remember to mark any personal pronouns that refer to *the children of Israel*.

Key Words: *LORD, Pharaoh/Egyptians, and the children of Israel*

3. Notice the verb phrases used and list each one as it applies to either *Pharaoh/Egyptians* or *the children of Israel*. The first one has been recorded for you.

Egyptians	Children of Israel
<i>drew near</i>	

**Read Exodus 14:10** *when Pharaoh drew near and the Egyptians marched after them*

1. Consider the verb phrases in Exodus 14:9 – *the Egyptians pursued them* and *overtook them*. Using synonyms, define the words:

*pursued*

*overtook*

- a. Now consider the verb tenses of verse 10 – *drew near* and *marched after*. Using synonyms, describe the phrases:

*drew near*

*marched after*

2. Using Exodus 15:9, describe the intent of the Egyptians.
3. Reflect upon the fact that *the children of Israel* had no options of escape. Relate their predicament as you might tell their story to someone.
4. List various responses we might have when in seemingly impossible situations.

**Read Exodus 14:10** *the children of Israel lifted their eyes*

1. The children of Israel *lifted their eyes* to behold the oncoming Egyptian army. Using Exodus 14:6,7, what did they see?

2. Factor in their position of camping between the Red Sea and the vast Egyptian army. Read the promise of God as told to them by Moses in Exodus 6:7-9. List what God declared He would do for them.

a. In light of their predicament, what might they have thought about God's promises?

b. Record the following promises of God to *deliver* His people:

Psalm 72:12

2 Corinthians 1:10

2 Timothy 4:8

2 Peter 2:9

1.) What can a believer trust in God to do as it relates to *delivering*?

3. The children of Israel first lifted their eyes and beheld the vast Egyptian army *drawing near*. How does it help you to have an understanding of your situation before you pray?

4. Nehemiah 9 is a rehearsal of God's care for the children of Israel. Record the words of Nehemiah 9:9.

a. The children of Israel *lifted their eyes* and beheld *the Egyptians marching after them*. One of the names of God is El Roi – The God who sees. God also saw *the Egyptians marching after them*. What does it mean to you that God sees your affliction?

**Read Exodus 14:10** *So they were very afraid*

1. Their immediate response to seeing the approaching Egyptian army was *fear*. Read Isaiah 7:2. Record the words used to describe *David and the house of Israel*.

a. In what ways can *fear* provoke this kind of response?

2. Reflect upon the words of Isaiah 51:12,13. What does God want His people to understand?

3. Record the words of the Lord to us when we are afraid from Isaiah 41:10.

a. What does this promise personally mean to you?

4. As part of Moses' message to the people before they entered into the promised land, He spoke to them about the nations who would challenge them. What did He say to them in Deuteronomy 7:17,18?

a. How does it calm you to remember the many times God has helped you, against all odds, in the past?

**Read Exodus 14:10 *the children of Israel cried out to the LORD***

1. At this point in their journey, *the children of Israel* had little understanding of the LORD. Yet, they knew their lives mattered to Him. What do these verses remind us of God's desire that we *cry out* to Him?

Psalm 50:15

Psalm 86:7

Psalm 116:2

Jeremiah 33:3

- a. Considering these verses, what can you **know** about *calling on the LORD*?
  - b. How would reminding yourself about God's desire to help you, encourage you to call out to Him?
2. *I will cry out to God Most High, to God who performs all things for me* (Psalm 57:2). Ponder the *things God has performed for you*. What are your thoughts?

**Examples of Pray-ers**

1. The Bible is full of examples of those who prayed. Consider these three. How are you encouraged by them?

**The Woman with the issue of blood** – Mark 5:27-29

**Blind Bartimaeus** - Mark 10:47-49

## The apostle Paul – 2 Corinthians 12:8,9

Challenge: Share other examples of people in the Bible who prayed.

2. 2 Kings 19 records the time during King Hezekiah's reign when Israel was threatened by the Assyrians. The Assyrians had conquered the surrounding nations. They proclaimed to Israel that they would be next to fall under their power. King Hezekiah prayed these words: *Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You are the LORD God, You alone*" (2 Kings 19:19). Record God's response to King Hezekiah's prayer. (2 Kings 19:20)
  - a. Ponder on the words, *Because you have prayed to Me*. What are your thoughts?

## Review Exodus 14:10

1. In what ways have you related to the plight of the children of Israel?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What have you learned about *crying out to the LORD*?

*Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
And He delivered them out of their distresses.  
- Psalm 107:6*

## Observation Worksheet

**Exodus 14:10** And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD.