

More Than Hearing Worksheet

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Text: Exodus 14:19-31

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army **moved and went behind them**; and the pillar of cloud **moved from in front of them** and took its place behind them. 20 It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it **lit up the night**; one did not come near the other all night.

21 Then **Moses stretched out his hand over the sea**. The Lord drove the sea back by a **strong east wind** all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. 24 At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. 25 He **clogged their chariot wheels** so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, **"Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."**

26 Then the Lord said to Moses, **"Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back** upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." 27 So Moses **stretched out his hand over the sea**, and **at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth**. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. 28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. 29 But the Israelites **walked on dry ground** through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

30 Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 **Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.**

Eye - B, Music - I, Nature - B, Self - S

Smarts	Images in the text/ interesting exegesis	Illustrations	SFX
Word - Verbal/Linguistic	"God's saving grace is always 'miraculous' in that it overcomes all that seeks to control and confine its power. And yet it remains mystery in that it cannot be fully comprehended,	"I think these discussions are attempting to discuss an issue which is of no concern to the writers of the Hebrew Scriptures - whether it is historically true. The writers of the Hebrew Scriptures are intent on telling the story	

		time, no excessive effort.	
Musical D2		John Michael Talbot - Let Us Sing to the Lord	
Natural D2	“Strong east wind”	<p>Hurricanes Katrina, Harvey, Irma - the massively destructive power is in the wind</p> <p>Connection to the creation and flood stories in Genesis - wind and water are central figures in these stories of creation and redemption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vs. 25 - “what is often understood as God’s violence is actually God acting to protect the creation itself or the creation, following the will of God, rising up in rebellion against those who would ruin it.” Violence in Scripture, By Jerome F. D. Creach Review by Walter Brueggeman 	Video of a guy reporting scientific papers suggesting the parting of the sea was physically possible. He somehow thinks this debunks God having done it, but whatever.
People - Interpersonal	God brought the people out of Egypt and set them on the journey to becoming a nation.	<p>The image of God willy nilly throwing Egyptians into the water to be drowned is disturbing. Is this passage making God in our image (history is written by the victorious) or did God actually do this?</p> <p>What does this reveal about God’s character? Or ours?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a sermon published in Journal for Preachers, 	<p>This is the climax of Exodus 3-14, that no matter how powerful are one's enemies Yahweh is even more powerful.</p> <p>How does this relate to our lives? If Yahweh is more powerful than our enemies, it follows that Yahweh is also more powerful than us. What new light does this shed on the relationship we have with enemies?</p>

		<p>Albert C. Winn told an old Hasidic tale. According to a rabbi, the angels were rejoicing over the deliverance of Israel at the Red Sea—playing their harps, singing and dancing. "Wait," said one of them. "Look, the Creator of the Universe is sitting there weeping!" They approached God and asked, "Why are you weeping when Israel has been delivered by your power?" "I am weeping," said the Maker of the Universe, "for the dead Egyptians washed up on the shore—somebody's sons, somebody's husbands, somebody's fathers" ("A Way Out of No Way: Exodus 14:5–31").</p> <p>Theodore J. Wardlaw, <i>The Christian Century</i></p>	
<p>Self - Intrapersonal</p> <p>MWD</p>			<p>Vs. 21, 26-27 - Moses is involved in this effort, but God does all the heavy lifting. What does this reveal about a partnership with God?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the coming week, visualize God blowing through and dividing the spiritual roadblocks in your path -- not just things you want but can't get, or people you don't prefer, but <i>spiritual</i> blocks like bitterness, fear, envy, laziness, greed, etc. -- so that you can walk forward on solid ground.