

—working by human instruments. If God direct, one shall “chase a thousand.” Deut. xxxii. 30. (2) *The natural and the supernatural.* Working together, a miracle is possible. Both forces of God. STRONG . . . WIND. A natural force supernaturally increased. By divine force the rod divides the sea, and the wind makes the passage possible and DRY. THE LORD CAUSED all the results here recorded. As to the locality, the weight of evidence points to the vicinity of Suez as the probable crossing place.

Pompey boasted that with one stamp of his foot he could rouse all Italy to arms; but God, by one word of his mouth, can summon the inhabitants of heaven, earth, and the undiscovered worlds to his aid, or bring new creatures into being to do his will.—Foster.

3. THE SAFE PASSAGE, vers. 22, 29. (1) *The march of faith.* WENT. A vast procession of over two millions. In the night, step by step, trusting in the Lord of hosts. Doubtless the sea was not opened entirely across at once; but only little by little, thus making the march of FAITH, not of “sight.” See Golden Text. Thus God usually opens our way through darkness and difficulty. (2) *The divine defence.* WATERS . . . A WALL. On each side, perhaps nearly one hundred feet high; while before them was the separating cloud casting its wondrous light up on this wondrous path in THE MIDST OF THE SEA. The Lord is fighting for Israel now, ver. 13.

We had the satisfaction of surveying the scene of the Israelitish crossing. When we looked at the rocky promontory of Attakah on the south, with the wilderness beyond, and the precipitous ridge, Jebel Attakah, on the west, and saw the sea on the east, we could comprehend the meaning of Pharaoh when, coming up with the fugitives from the north, he uttered the exultant exclamation: “They are entangled in the land; the wilderness hath shut them in.”—A. S. Hank, M.D.

4. THE BOLD PURSUIT, verse 23. (1) *The madness of the wicked.* THE EGYPTIANS. All their cavalry and war-chariots, with Pharaoh at their head, vers. 7, 9. Far better armed than Israel. PURSUED. The fury of the king is fully roused by the loss of so many slaves, ver. 5. The proud spirit which called forth the plagues is still dominant in Pharaoh. (2) *The worthless faith of the wicked.* WENT IN. As boldly as Israel; perhaps much more so. The cloud before them was “darkness.”

Doubtless they did not know that the “dry ground” under their feet was IN THE MIDST OF THE SEA. The steps of the good are “ordered by the Lord.” Psa. xxxvii. 33. The ways of the wicked may see “right,” “but the end . . . are the ways of death.” Prov. xiv. 12.

THE TROUBLED HOST, verses 24-28. (1) *A hopeless day-dawn.* MORNING WATCH. Between 3 and 6 A.M. A watch was one fourth of the period between sunset and sunrise. (2) *Vengeance from heaven.* THE LORD LOOKED. Noonday flushed out of midnight. The glory that saves the good sometimes blasts the wicked. Psa. lxxvi. 7; lxxvii. 17-20; Matt. xxiv. 30. TROUBLED. Confounded. Made difficult the way. OFF . . . WHEELS. Overwhelmed the charioteers so that doubtless their chariots were driven against each other, or the wheels impeded by the rocks. (3) *Pursuers pursued.* LET US FLEE. Convinced that the Almighty One that slew their first-born now seeks their life also. SEA RETURNED. By the hand of Moses. A natural means supernatural empowered. This was not the “flood-tide of the sea,” but the flood-tide of Divine wrath. TO HIS STRENGTH. Against which the strength of a nation is powerless. (4) *The mighty burial.* ALL THE HOST. Including haughty Pharaoh. A great multitude, doubtless. NOT . . . ONE. Moses’ prophecy (ver. 13) speedily fulfilled. Utter overthrow the certain end of the wicked.

Like as the stone of Sicily, the which, the more it is beaten, the harder it waxeth; even so the wicked, the more that the terrors and threatenings of God’s judgments are denounced against them, the more hard-hearted they be.—Cawdrey.

6. THE TRIUMPHANT PILGRIMS, vers. 30, 31. (1) *Their wondrous deliverance.* SAVED. How often saved! From the plagues, from the death of the first-born, from a watery grave; saved from THE EGYPTIANS. “Salvation is of the Lord.” Jonah ii. 9; Psa. iii. 8. (2) *Witnesses of Almighty power.* DEAD UPON THE SHORE. So many tokens of God’s hatred of sin, and of his power to save his children. Doubtless now the Israelites gathered armor and other spoils washed up from the sea. THAT GREAT WORK. The mighty miracle which made Israel forever free from slavery in Egypt. God was manifest at every turn. (3)