

WHERE PHARAOH AND KAISER FAILED

The International Sunday School Lesson For January 26 is: "Israel Crossing the Red Sea"—Exodus 14:1-15:21

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Coincidences great and small have been crowded into the war; as, for instance, the fact that both sultan and kaiser came a cropper at the very spot where Pharaoh met disaster in his attack upon the Israelites.

the history than in the name. From its beginning in Abraham down to the present, Israel has been finding a way to cross streams and oceans of decision and peril.

For the larger Israel which calls Jehovah Father, there is here a dramatic re-enactment of the ever fresh and practical teaching that somehow God makes a way for the feet of His own; and that by His dealings with His children He teaches the unbelieving His might and majesty.

The story is the story of a miracle. All the ingenious theories of tides and shallows and sandbars seem foolish to one who has looked upon the site of this great deliverance. Let me quote from one of my own lessons, penned a dozen years ago, while traveling from India to Egypt: "At the minute of this writing I am sailing up the Red Sea, with the mountainous Sinai Peninsula in sight on one side by His shores of Egypt on the other."

A strong west wind, such as drove the waters upon the Egyptians, is blowing and the sea is running high and heavy, dashing up on the deck of the great ocean liner. For five days we have been ploughing swiftly through the Red Sea, which suggests how great is this body of water which some commentators would treat as if it were a shallow mill pond.

"Spoiling the Egyptians" The enslaved Israelites went not forth from Egypt empty-handed on the night of the Passover. When the suffering and panic-stricken Egyptians did at length let them go they were of a sudden more eager to get rid of their slaves than they had been to retain them.

It is easy to be brave, as all braggarts are, when no enemy is in sight. But the truly courageous are they who can teach by their words of danger. Consider what drew nigh to these fugitives, not yet emancipated from the slave spirit, and with the crack of the overseer's whip still in their ears. I quote Ederheim: "They Shall Not Pass."

The route chosen by Moses was not directly across the isthmus of Suez, for that would have led into the country of the Philistines, and the newly-emancipated slaves need-

ed much disciplining before they were ready to enter upon hostilities with this war-like people. So the line of march lay down the shores of Egypt toward the Red Sea; apparently into a "cul de sac," but really into a great deliverance that would forever eliminate Pharaoh and his hosts as a factor to be feared.

Even a disciplined army is cumbersome in its movements; those who have seen a great unorganized mob of people know how difficult it is to handle. So the leadership of this raw company was no small task for Moses. The Israelites were each carrying such of his baggage as he had about his person, and the whole were encumbered with oxen and herds and the inevitable impedimenta of an army of families.

Harder than the slave's task of making bricks without straw was that which fell to Moses in leading the Israelites in their bodies, more sore and more weary than the Egyptian slaves had been broken by subjection to tyrannous masters. Sorely as the Egyptians had smitten the Israelites in their bodies, more sorely had they smitten their spirits. They bequeathed to Moses a company of craven hearts. So at the first sight of pursuit—Pharaoh having realized the value to him of his slaves—he let them go.

It must have been as the rays of the setting sun were glinting upon the war chariots, that the Israelites turned back to see the approach of Pharaoh's army. It followed in their track, and came approaching them from the north, there was no escape in that direction. Flight was impossible, but they broke into murmuring against Moses. But the Lord was faithful. What now took place was to be the only the final act of sovereign deliverance by God's arm alone, nor yet merely to serve ever afterwards as a memorial by which Israel's faith might be upheld, but also to teach by their judgments upon Egypt, that Jehovah was a righteous and a holy Judge.

John Knox before Mary, Queen of Scots, and Luther at the Diet of Worms, are suggested by the answer which Moses made when the people began to show fear. It was the tremendous certainty of a man of unshaken faith. There is something terrible about the assurance and boldness of the man who knows that he speaks for God. Here the swish of the sword of battle in these words of the saint-hearted: "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of Jehovah, which He will work for you today; for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more forever. Jehovah will fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace." Doesn't it make one shudder at the thought of undertaking combat with the will of the Lord of hosts? This surely must be the crowning honor of the fugitive exiles, the word of Jehovah which He now knows that the Supreme Being Whom He blasphemed fought against him.

The Interposed Cloud "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward," cried Jehovah to Moses. The divine programme for humanity is progress. That is God's message to every individual life and to the race as a whole. To emphasize it he often mercifully shuts all paths except the one that means advance. True, real progress is not always along the line of the least resistance; there are Red Seas to be crossed in every experience. But when God points the way He also prepares it.

As a protection pending the passage which had led the vanguard became the rear-guard; it was interposed between the Israelites and their pursuers. Little wonder that the sweet singers of Israel loved to commemorate Jehovah as a "shield." On His own side of the mysterious veil the Lord was preparing great things for His own, and terrible things for His enemies. It was soop to be demonstrated, as Moses sang, "Jehovah is a man of war."

The Great Miracle And wonderful weapons He wielded. Since He holdeth the winds in His fist, it was easy for God by a great east wind to pile up the waters of the turbulent sea, so where the fishes had swum the Israelites walked dry shod. This passage of the Red Sea was a miracle, why try to minimize it, or explain it away? Only the direct interposition of the Lord of creation could have wrought this mighty wonder, making a way of escape for the Israelites, hemmed in on all other sides. Dozens of great ocean liners may now anchor in what is commonly regarded as the site of the crossing; water to the depth of ten feet naturally become dry land for a night. God did it; it was that one of the countless unguessed tactics which the God of war has at His command.

The wall of water on either side—the simple statement of inspiration is majestic—made an impression upon the marching Israelites; even as it has made an impression on all who have heard or read the story since. It was a rampart such as only God could build; one of the highways of help for His own which the word of Jehovah obliges us to build whenever there is occasion.

But what is help for friend may be hurt for foe. When day broke, the Egyptian army, with its six hundred picked chariots, essayed to follow by the same path. But what had been easy going for the Israelites proved a snare for their pursuers, so that the latter were soon crying, "Let us flee from the face of Israel, for Jehovah hatheth for them."

The Song of Victory Therein the Egyptians, ere they were engulfed in the waters of the God Whom they defied, showed an understanding of the significance of

the whole matter. God was caring for His own people and vindicating His own name. That is the point of the whole story, as it appeared in the song of victory which Moses sang; and in the later song of the Psalmist (107:12):

"Our fathers understood not Thy wonders in Egypt; They remembered not the multitude of Thy loving kindnesses, But were rebellious at the sea, even the Red Sea. Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, That He might make His mighty power to be known. He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up; So he led them through the depths as through a wilderness. And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them, And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. And the waters covered their adversaries: There was not one of them left. Then believed they His words; They sang His praise."

Bolsheviki Continue to Shell Americans

Archangel, Jan. 24.—The Bolsheviki are continuing their shelling of the American positions at Ust Padenga, 30 miles south of Shenkursk, and the American artillery is replying to the enemy's fire. The infantry attack which the Bolsheviki were expected to make Tuesday failed to materialize.

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Baldwin's Worker Took Ten Bottles



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The celebrated vegetable tonic, stomachic and nerve tonic, is also sold in neighboring cities and towns. Ask for it.

State Fuel Regulation to Pass Into History

Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—As far as Pennsylvania is concerned, the end of the coal administration is in sight. William Potter, state fuel ad-

ministrator, announced yesterday that the local offices of the fuel administration would close February 28.

Mr. Potter stated that both the anthracite and bituminous industries were working satisfactorily now, and that the only matter remaining for attention was the problem of gas

distribution in McKean, Potter and Tioga counties. In these districts domestic consumers are now limited to 24,000 cubic feet a month, and industrial consumers are entirely excluded with the exception of a few plants, where gas engines are installed. These are limping along, Mr. Potter said, on a much reduced supply.

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