

LIFE OF MOSES
STUCK BETWEEN PHARAOH AND THE SEA
EXODUS 13, 14

I. GOD DID NOT LEAD THE ISRAELITES BY THE QUICKEST WAY 13:17

A. NOT BY THE WAY OF THE LAND OF THE PHILISTINES

B. Why did God not lead them that way?

1. People might change their minds when they see war
2. God had some lessons to teach the Israelites could only be learned this way
3. God was working on Pharaoh's heart

C. God led the people around by the way of the wilderness v. 18

1. Which way did they travel?
2. How long did it take?
3. What was it like?

D. The LORD was with them however 13:21,22

1. God led them by a pillar of cloud by day
2. God led them by a pillar of fire at night
3. What does that mean for the Israelites?
4. What should these pillars have given the Israelites?
5. Notice that the pillars never left the Israelites v.22

II. PHARAOH CHASES AFTER THE ISRAELITES 14:1-12

A. God told Moses to tell the Israelites to turn back v1,2

1. It was God initiating it

B. God told Moses what Pharaoh will do v.3,4

1. Pharaoh will think the Israelites are trapped v.3
2. God will harden Pharaoh's heart so he will chase after them
3. Why?

C. Pharaoh's response v. 5-9

1. "What is this we have done, that we have let the Israelites go"
2. He took 600 select chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with him v.6,7
3. Pharaoh overtook the Israelites as they were camping by the sea v. 9
 - a. v. 8 as they were going out boldly
 - b. v. 9 as they were camping
 - c. What happened?
4. Notice the response of the Israelites to Pharaoh v. 10
 - a. What did they see?
 - b. They became very "frightened"
 - c. They cried out to the LORD
5. Their words to Moses v. 11,12
 - a. "is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?"
 - b. Notice, " Why have you dealt with us this way?"
 - c. "Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt saying leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians?"
 - d. Their lack of gratitude to Moses is amazing