
Pearl Seeking

TREASURING HIS WORD

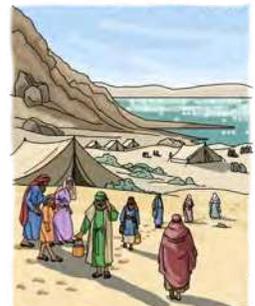
Let's do a quick overview of the entire Torah portion:

Monday:	Ex. 13:17-22	Leaving Mitsrayim; Days of Unleavened Bread instruction; Column of cloud and fire leads the children of Yisra'el
Tuesday:	Ex. 14	Pharaoh pursues Yisra'el; Yahweh parts the sea and the children of Yisra'el are saved
Wednesday:	Ex. 15	The Song of Mosheh and Miryam
Thursday:	Ex. 16	Yisra'el complains; Yahweh provides manna in the wilderness; Yahweh's instruction on the Sabbath Day
Friday:	Ex. 17	Yisra'el complains again; Yahweh provides water from the rock; The Yisra'elites fight Amaleq

In this week's Parsha Pearls lesson, we will be covering the departure of the children of Yisra'el from Mitsrayim. Now, let's read Ex. 13:17-22; 14:1 - 15:21.

PARSHA POINTS

- When Pharaoh let the children of Yisra'el go, Elohim did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines even though it was nearer - 13:17
- Yahweh was concerned that they would be frightened seeing the fighting of the Philistines - 13:17
- Elohim led the children of Yisra'el around by the way of the wilderness of the Sea of Reeds - 13:18
- Mosheh brought the bones of Yoseph with them as promised - 13:19
- The children of Yisra'el departed from Sukkoth and camped in Etham at the edge of the wilderness - 13:20
- Yahweh went before them by day in a column of cloud to lead the way and by night in a column of fire to give them light - 13:21
- The column of cloud did not cease by day, nor the column of fire by night so as to guide them - 13:22
- Yahweh then told Mosheh to have the children of Yisra'el camp by the sea (**yam**) - 14:1-2
- Yahweh revealed to Mosheh that Pharaoh would think that he had them trapped between the sea and the wilderness (**midbar**) - 14:3



- Yahweh said He was going to harden Pharaoh's heart yet again, so that he would feel compelled to pursue the children of Yisra'el. But through this, Yahweh would be esteemed by Pharaoh, his army and all the Mitsrites, and they would finally know that He is Yahweh - 14:4
- As Yahweh had foretold, Pharaoh regretted his decision to let the children of Yisra'el go. He made his chariot (**rekev**) and his army ready, including 600 (**shesh me'ot**) choice chariots, with officers over them - 14:5-7
- Pharaoh and his army pursued the children of Yisra'el, and found them camped by the sea, where Yahweh had brought them - 14:9
- When the children of Yisra'el saw Pharaoh and his army approaching, they were terrified, crying to Mosheh that they were going to die - 14:10-11
- The children of Yisra'el complained that they would have been better off remaining in Mitsrayim than to die in the wilderness - 14:12
- Mosheh reassured the people that Yahweh was about to deliver them so mightily that they would never ever see the Mitsrites again - 14:13
- Mosheh told the people, "Yahweh does fight for you, and you keep still/silent" - 14:14
- Yahweh told Mosheh to lift up his rod to divide the waters of the sea, so that the children of Yisra'el would walk on dry ground through the midst of the sea - 14:16
- The Messenger of Elohim and His column of cloud moved behind the Yisra'elites, separating their camp from the camp of the Mitsrites. The cloud gave them light all night, and kept the Mitsrites from pursuing - 14:19-20
- A strong east wind made the sea split apart, forming a wall on the left and on the right, so that the children of Yisra'el were able to walk across the sea on dry ground - 14:21-22
- The Mitsrite army ran after them into the middle of the sea. But in the morning, Yahweh pulled off their chariot wheels, plunging their army into panic and confusion - 14:24-25
- The Mitsrites were forced to acknowledge that Yahweh Himself was fighting on behalf of Yisra'el, and decided to flee - 14:25
- As they tried to turn back, Yahweh had Mosheh stretch out his hand and the water closed up over the Mitsrites, trapping them in the midst of the sea - 14:26-27
- Not one Mitsrite who had pursued the children of Yisra'el was left alive, and Yisra'el saw their bodies strewn along the seashore - 14:30
- When Yisra'el saw the great work which Yahweh had done, they feared Yahweh, and believed Yahweh and His servant Mosheh - 14:31
- Mosheh and the children of Yisra'el sang a song (**shiy'r**) of praises unto Yahweh - 15:1



- *Here are just a few of the beautiful words that were sung to Yahweh (15:1-2, 6, 11, 13, 18):*
 - "I sing to Yahweh, for He is highly exalted!"
 - "Yah is my strength and song, and He has become my deliverance. He is my El, and I praise Him - Elohim of my father, and I exalt Him"
 - "Your right hand, O Yahweh has become great in power"
 - "Who is like You, O Yahweh among the mighty ones? Who is like You, great in set-apartness, awesome in praises, working wonders?"
 - "In Your kindness You led the people whom You have redeemed, in Your strength You guided them to Your set-apart dwelling"
 - "Yahweh reigns forever and ever"
- Miryam the prophetess (sister to Mosheh and Aharon) then took her timbrel and led the women in a song unto Yahweh, with timbrels and joyful dancing - 15:20-21



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Parents/Teachers may choose to use these prompts for further discussion of the Torah portion.

- Discuss the faith of the Yisra'elites on their journey, and how it would falter as soon as they were in need of something that didn't seem to be provided. Do you think you would have acted differently than they did?
- Yisra'el was free from Mitsrite slavery, but we need to note that freedom, by Yahweh's definition, means changing masters, not being masterless. Did Yisra'el embrace their new Master and trust in Him?
- Research the name of the body of water that the Yisra'elites walked through and its location.