

# Sermon Outline

## THE RED SEA | Geoff Lin

Readings: Exodus 13:17-14:31; Exodus 15:1-18

### 1. On the way to the Promised Land (Ex 13:17-22)

#### i. A potential problem (13:17-18)

- it's not like Israel was any better or more deserving than Egypt

#### ii. A positive sign (13:19)

Gen 50:24 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." 25 And Joseph made the Israelites swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

- we belong to a bigger and better story

#### iii. A great reassurance (13:20-22)

### 2. "The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD" (Ex 14:1-9)

#### i. What the King of Egypt does (vv5-9)

#### ii. How God controls the situation (vv1-4)

- "I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD" (v4)

### 3. "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die?" (Ex 14:10-12)

### 4. "The Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians" (Ex 14:13-31)

- stand firm ... you will see ... the LORD will fight for you ... you only need be still
- the mechanics of the miracle vs the meaning of the miracle
- "And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant" (v31)
- "The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt" (v25)

## So what, for us?

#### i. Praise God!

- The Song of Moses (Ex 15)

#### ii. "The people feared the LORD and put their trust in Him and in Moses his servant"

Jos 2:8 Before the spies lay down for the night, she [Rahab] went up on the roof 9 and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. 10 *We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt*, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. 11 *When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.* 12 "Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign 13 that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them —and that you will save us from death."

Mt 1:1 This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham: 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers ... 5 *Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab*

#### iii. Recognize which promises of God we can depend on today

- "How to read the OT": not *moralistically* but *theologically* and above all *Christologically*

Col 2:15 And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

1 Cor 15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Mt 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.* 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. *And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*"