

# Five Declarations of Moses

## Last Day of Unleavened Bread

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What we want to do today is to see what happened to Ancient Israel on this very day so many, many years ago. With that in mind, let's go back to Exodus chapter 13. We're breaking into the story here about Pharaoh letting Israel go, Exodus 13:17.

*Exodus 13:17. And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; ... (KJV)*

It was more convenient. It was faster. It was easier to get to the Promised Land in that regard.

*17b) ... for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: (KJV)*

Because the Philistines were hostile to Israel. So God knew what Ancient Israel could take and what they could not take at that moment in time. So, He led them into the wilderness.

*18) But God led the people about, through the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed ... (KJV)*

That's kind of an odd translation. The Hebrew word means *stoutly*. And we know they went out with a high hand and they went out holding their heads high. This refers to that point. So, they went up stoutly or:

*18b) ... harnessed out of the land of Egypt.*

*19) And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straightly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and [you] shall carry up my bones away [from here] with you. (KJV)*

You can find that prophecy in Genesis 50:25 and it came to pass.

*20) And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness.*

*21) And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them [in] the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:*

*22) He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people. (KJV)*

Part of that was for God to show them that He was with them. The pillar was always there. It was a symbol that God was not going to desert them and God was going to take care of them. Chapter 14, verse 1:

**Exodus 14:1.** *And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying,  
2) Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baal-zephon: before it shall [you camp] by the sea. (KJV)*

God was having Ancient Israel camp right by the water. Now, there is a plan in this. They didn't understand it as we often do. When we have trials or certain things come our way, we don't understand why God allows it. Yet, here they were heading toward the sea, and, as we're going to find out, the Ancient Israelites didn't understand.

*3) For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, ... (KJV)*

God did this in part because Pharaoh will say to the children of Israel:

*3b) ... They are entangled in the land, the wilderness ... (KJV)*

By "wilderness," Pharaoh is referring to the mountains that we'll talk about later.

*3 continued) ... [has] shut them in. (KJV)*

So, at this point Ancient Israel was heading south into the point of a "V." The mountains were getting closer on their right hand as they were going south and the Red Sea was getting closer on their left hand. So, as they went farther down into this "V," the mountains and the Red Sea kept getting closer and closer to them as they progressed. Finally, they got to the point where there was nowhere else to go because the mountains were on one side and the water was on the other side. Guess what? In the open part of the "V" behind them, guess who was there? It was Pharaoh. And God did it on purpose.

*4) And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honored upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the Lord. And they did so.*

*5) And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people [meaning Israel], and they said, Why have we done this [thing], that we have let Israel go from serving us?*

*6) And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him:*

*7) And he took six hundred chosen chariots, ... (KJV)*

Then, notice this.

*7b) ... and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. (KJV)*

Now, why the distinction between two types of chariots? Jamieson Fausset and Brown says this:

... a difference is made between the "chosen," ... chariots [and the chariots of Egypt]. ... As to "the chariots of Egypt," the common cars contained only two persons-one for driving and the other for fighting....

Then Clarke says this about the chosen chariots:

According to the most authentic accounts we have of war-chariots, ...

Those were the chosen chariots.

... they were frequently drawn by two or by four horses, and carried three persons: one was [the] charioteer, whose business it was to guide the horses, but he seldom fought; the second chiefly defended the charioteer; and the third alone was properly the combatant. It appears that in this case Pharaoh had collected all the cavalry of Egypt; ...

Every one of them to pursue Israel. Going on in verse 8:

*8) And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went [forth] with a high hand.  
9) But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon. (KJV)*

So, the Egyptians were charging. There was blood lust. The Egyptians wanted to kill all the Israelites and the Israelites had nowhere to go. Verse 10:

*10) And when Pharaoh drew [near], the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord.  
11) And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, [have you] taken us away to die in the wilderness? [Why have you] dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt?  
12) Is not this the word that we did tell [you] in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. (KJV)*

At this point, Israel walked right up to the Red Sea, right to the water. They could go no further. And, in this life and death situation, Moses told them five things. So if you have a marker, you're probably going to want to put it here in Exodus 14:13, five things:

1. Fear you not;
2. Stand still;

3. See the salvation of the Lord, which He will show you this day;
4. For the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you shall see them again no more forever; and
5. The Lord shall fight for you.

Going on, Moses says, "And you shall hold your peace." And holding your peace is a repeat of the first one, "Don't be afraid," and number two, "Stand still." Hold your peace and don't worry.

So, Moses made these five declarations on this day, this very day. What we want to do in the sermon today is go over those five declarations and see how they apply to us today. The title of the sermon is:

### The Five Declarations of Moses

#### **1. The first declaration of Moses: Fear you not.**

Now why did Moses say that? Why did Moses tell them that? The answer is because, as we are going to see, God would take care of them. They did not have to fear. They did not have to worry.

Verse 15, this is somewhat funny.

*15) And the Lord said unto Moses, Why [are you crying] unto me? ... (KJV)*

"Get busy."

*15b) ... Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward:*

*16 But lift up [your] rod [while they're going forward], and stretch out [your] hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the [middle] of the sea.*

*17) And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honor upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. (KJV)*

The huge lesson of this is that God can do things we can't do.

God can part a sea—none of us can part a sea. So, when we fear not and put our trust in God, we're allowing God to do what He wants to do and He has the power of the universe behind it.

Israel learned this lesson again forty-plus years later. Let's go to Joshua chapter 10 and we're going to start in verse 1. The occasion is the Amorites are coming against Israel. They had taken Ai. They had taken Jericho and now the Amorites are uniting and coming against Israel. This is a lesson, again, of "Don't be afraid." Joshua 10, verse 1.

**Joshua 10:1.** Now it came to pass, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, ... (KJV)

This is after crossing the Jordan.

*1b) ... and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, ... (KJV)*

The Gibeonites didn't want to be slaughtered. They didn't want to be overcome. So, they surrendered and made peace. The Gibeonites made peace with Israel and "were among them," meaning right there with Israel. Verse 2:

*2) That they [the King of Jerusalem and the Amorites] feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men [referring to the men of Gibeon] thereof were mighty [and, yet, they surrendered].*

*3) Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, (KJV)*

Now let's just stop here. When it said "these kings," these were actually heads of small towns and villages, but, unlike say the mayor of a small town or village, these men had life and death authority. They were kings. It would be like a "king" of Toppenish, Othello, or Benton City here in Washington.

These kings of these small towns realized that they would be overthrown if they didn't get together. So, Adoni-zedek made an appeal to them in verse 4. By the way, all these towns were a little over forty miles southwest of Gilgal, which is near Jericho where the Israelites were camped. So they knew that Israel was getting close and they had better do something and had better get together. So, in verse 4, Adoni-zedek said:

*4) Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it [has] made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.*

*5) Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.*

*6) And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not [your] hand from [your] servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us. (KJV)*

At this point, it says:

*7) So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, ... (KJV)*

This is because if you go west out of Gilgal, you start climbing up toward the mountains. So Israel had to climb as they went west to rescue the Gibeonites.

*7b) ... he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor.  
8) And the Lord said unto Joshua, ... (KJV)*

Notice what God says.

*8b) ... Fear them not: for I have delivered them into [your] hand; there shall not [be] a man of them stand before [you]. (KJV)*

Don't be afraid. Verse 9:

*9) Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night. (KJV)*

They marched all night.

*10) And the Lord discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that [goes] up to Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. (KJV)*

These towns are all west of Gilgal.

*11) And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.*

*12) Then spoke Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, ... (KJV)*

This is Joshua standing up in front of everybody and he said:

*12b) ... Sun, stand [you] still upon Gibeon; and [you], Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. (KJV)*

"Stand still," Joshua says. Verse 13:

*13) And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.*

*14) And there was no day like that before it or after it, ... (KJV)*

And notice this!

*14b) that the Lord [listened] unto the voice of a man: ... (KJV)*

Now think about that. One man making an appeal to God and God listened.

*14 continued) ... for the Lord fought for Israel. (KJV)*

Now the lesson here is that God listens to us and He fights for us if we will just let Him do it. He will listen and He will fight for us.

The term "fear not" is a Godly admonition through all time, through the entirety of the Bible. Let's go to Isaiah 41 and look at verse 10. Throughout the Bible, God tells us "Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid of your enemies. Don't be afraid of what people can do to you."

***Isaiah 41:10.*** *Fear [you] not; .. (KJV)*

And why should we not fear?

*10b) ... for I am with [you]: ... (KJV)*

So, we're not to be afraid and the reason we're not to be afraid is because God says, "I am with you." Then God goes on to say:

*10 continued) ... be not dismayed; ... (KJV)*

The Hebrew word for "dismayed" is interesting. It means *to break down by fear*. We would say today "to fall apart" or "to fall in pieces." I think we've all seen people just dissolve into a puddle when they're faced with some problem or they become afraid. They just fall apart. God is saying:

*10 continued) ... [don't be dismayed, don't fall apart]; for I am [your] God: I will strengthen [you]; ... I will help [you]; ... I will uphold [you] with the right hand of my righteousness. (KJV)*

Verse 13:

***Isaiah 41:13.*** *For I the Lord [your] God will hold [your] right hand, saying unto [you], Fear not; I will help [you].*

*14) Fear not, [you] worm Jacob, ... (KJV)*

It's interesting He refers to Jacob as a worm. By extension, we're all worms. We're tiny little things. Satan could just squash us under his feet if he wanted to, but God won't allow that. So, God is saying, "Yes, human beings compared to Me are worms, but I'm talking to you. I'm with you. I hear your prayers. I will come and rescue you."

*14) Fear not, [you] worm Jacob, and [you] men of Israel; I will help [you, says] the [Eternal], and [your] redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. (KJV)*

This term "fear not" also appears in the New Testament many times. We'll just pick one. Let's go to Matthew chapter 6, The Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus Christ is speaking. We'll begin in verse 25. Christ is giving His disciples and all those around listening to that first sermon, some advice, an admonition. I'll read this out of the New King James. Christ says:

**Matthew 6:25.** *"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, ... (NKJV)*

Don't be afraid about your life.

*25b) ... what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?*

*26) Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

*27) Which of you by worrying [by being afraid] can add one cubit to his stature?*

*28) "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;*

*29) and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

*30) Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? (NKJV)*

Then Christ repeats it again in verse 31.

*31) "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'*

*32) For after all these things the Gentiles seek. (NKJV)*

And this whole world seeks that today. They are just going headlong, worrying, seeking about all this physical stuff. Going on.

*32b) ... For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.*

*33) But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, ... (KJV)*

And Christ said if you do that, then:

*33b) ... all these things shall be added to you.*

*34) Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble. (NKJV)*



The message is, as we conclude this first point, when we're in trouble, don't be afraid and don't worry. God is with us and He will fight for us. We don't have to be afraid.

## **2. The second declaration of Moses: Stand still.**

What is God saying when He says to stand still? What God is saying is "Look, if you trust in Me, I will do what you cannot. I have power you don't have. I have insight you don't have. I see a picture that you don't see. So, stand still and let Me fight for you. Let me do what I know is best for you."

In West Texas, we have this saying, "Hide and watch." That's exactly what God is saying. "Keep your head down, watch, and I'll take care of you. I'm going to look after you." And we know what God did to the Egyptians. In this dire life and death circumstance, look what God did.

Let's look at another example of standing still. We'll come back to what happened to the Egyptians in a minute, but let's go to 2 Kings 6. This is after the days of Solomon. This is in the days of King Jehoram the son of Ahab. Syria is coming up against the Northern Ten Tribes. We'll begin in verse 8 of 2 Kings 6. This is a good lesson about standing still.

**2 Kings 6:8.** *Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, ... (KJV)*

I said, the Northern Ten Tribes because the kingdom was divided at this point.

*8b) ... and took counsel with his servants, ... (KJV)*

The king was telling his servants:

*8 continued) ... saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. (KJV)*

"As I go up to Israel, here is where I'm going to camp."

*9) And the man of God ... (KJV)*

We'll see in a second that this is Elisha.

*9b) ... sent unto the king of Israel, saying, ... (KJV)*

Because God had revealed this to Elisha.

*9 continued) ... Beware that [you] pass not such a place [where the king of Syria was going to camp]; for [there] the Syrians are come down.*

*10) And the king of Israel [Jehoram] sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice.*

11) *Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; ... (KJV)*

The king of Syria couldn't catch Jehoram.

11b) *... and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will [you] not show me which of us is for the king of Israel? (KJV)*

The king of Syria just knew that Israel had some spies in his court because everything he said, Israel seemed to know. And God was revealing it to Elisha. Verse 12:

12) *And one of his servants said, [No], my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, [tells] the king of Israel the words that [you speak] in [your] bedchamber. (KJV)*

"You can't get away from this."

13) *And he [the king of Syria] said, Go and spy where he [Elisha] is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. (KJV)*

Dothan is about twelve miles north of Samaria, Israel's capital. So, off the servants of the king of Syria went.

14) *Therefore sent he there horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.*

15) *And when the servant of the man of God [Elisha's servant] [he rose] early, [he went] forth, [and he beheld] a host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him [to Elisha], Alas, my master! how shall we do? (KJV)*

"Look at this army out there. We're surrounded!"

16) *And he [Elisha] answered, ... (KJV)*

Does this sound familiar?

16) *Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. (KJV)*

The servant probably said, "What are you talking about? It's just you and me and this army is outside." Verse 17:

17) *And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray [you], open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. (KJV)*

Can you imagine seeing that? Horses and chariots that are on fire and they're on the side of a mountain behind you? Now, all of a sudden, the situation is different. Verse 18, notice this.

*18) And when they [the horses, the chariots and the angels] came down to him, ... (KJV)*

They came down off the mountain around Elisha and this young man is seeing all of this.

*18b) ... Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray [you], with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. (KJV)*

And the lesson is to stand still. Let God do what He is going to do. You don't have to be afraid (the first point). Just stand still.

Now, when we look at our strength, when we try to use our strength, when we try to do things with our strength, it's my experience that most often we fail. I do. And we have to understand something, those of us who are living in the end-time. Let's go back to Revelation 3:8 and note in the letter to Philadelphia something that is true for all of us. It's true for the churches and true for us as individuals. Revelation 3:8, from the letter to Philadelphia.

**Revelation 3:8.** *I know [your] works: behold, I have set before [you] an open door, and no man can shut it: (KJV)*

Why?

*8b) ... for [you have] a little strength, [but you have] kept my word, and [have] not denied my name. (KJV)*

Now, this principle applies to all of us. We all have little strength. Of ourselves, we are powerless against Satan, against this evil world. And this principle applies to all of us if we keep God's word and we don't deny His name. God understands we are weak and, as we have seen in this second declaration, if we will just stand still and use the strength of God, no one, no being can stop us. If God is on our side, we are not afraid and we just stand still.

### **3. The third declaration of Moses: See the salvation of the Lord.**

Ancient Israel witnessed their salvation. There is no question about it. They witnessed the destruction of Egypt and that Egyptian Kingdom never recovered from that event. In fact, they have altered their chronology. They altered their history after that event because it was such a damaging blow to them that they manufactured history to cover it up.

Ancient Israel witnessed a physical salvation, but our salvation is going to be a much greater event. It's going to be huge compared to the parting of the Red Sea. It will be a far greater event than the destruction of Egypt.

Today, we cannot, as we know, we cannot actually see God and Christ. The apostle Peter reminds us of that in 1 Peter 1, where we'll begin reading in verse 6. We can't see them. I think all of us wish we could, wish we could sit down and talk, wish we could communicate face-to-face, but that's not God's plan at this point. 1 Peter 1:6, Peter is saying:

*1 Peter 1:6. Wherein [you] greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, [you] are in heaviness through manifold temptations [trials]: (KJV)*

And so many of God's people are. So many are under huge trials. Verse 7:

*7) That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that [perishes], though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: (KJV)*

When we're under a trial, we look forward to that day. The trial was worth it because it prepares us to be the Bride of Christ.

*8) Whom having not seen, [you] love; ... (KJV)*

That is the mark of a Christian that we haven't seen God face-to-face. We haven't seen Christ face-to-face but the fact is, despite that, we love them and we want to be like them and we want to keep their commandments.

*8) Whom having not seen, [you] love; ... in whom, though now [you] see him not, yet believing, [you] rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: (KJV)*

Because we know our future. We know what lies ahead. If we do not deny Christ's name, if we are obedient, if we love God with all our hearts, with all our minds, and we love our neighbor as ourselves, conduct ourselves accordingly and try to have the mind of Christ, we have an unspeakable joy and an unspeakable reward. We can't describe it. It's so great!

In the future, we will see God and Christ. And we will witness our own salvation just like the Israelites did on this day. We will actually meet Christ in the air. I know we read that scripture, but think about it. Let's go to 1 Thessalonians chapter 4 where we'll begin in verse 16. This is our salvation. This is what we have to look forward to. When God promised Israel that He would take care of them, they had no clue He was going to part a sea. They didn't have a clue, but God gives us a clue about our salvation. Boy, we look forward to this day!

**1 Thessalonians 4:16.** *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the [trumpet] of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

*17) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds [meaning those who had come out of their graves], to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (KJV)*

What an event! We get a picture of what it's going to be like and this is a picture we need always to keep in the front of our minds.

Then Christ is going to return to earth with us at His side. Look at chapter 3 and verse 13 of 1 Thessalonians.

**1 Thessalonians 3:13.** *To the end he may [establish] your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. (KJV)*

The saints will be coming with Christ. Those who were dead along with those who were alive at the time and were changed will come back down to this earth with Jesus Christ. What a time!

Now, the question is: Are we just going to be part of a big mob—144,000 or whatever the number is? With Christ at the head and that's about as close to Christ as we get? We're so small in comparison to Jesus Christ. Does that mean we can't have contact with him? We can't have a one-on-one with Jesus Christ? Look at chapter 2 and verse 19 of 1 Thessalonians. Paul is saying, as an apostle:

**1 Thessalonians 2:19.** *For what is our hope, ... (KJV)*

He's asking, "What's my hope for you" or:

*19b) ... [what's my] joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even [you] in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? (KJV)*

Now, it's interesting what the word "presence" means in the Greek. And it means *literally, in front of*. That tells me there is going to come a time—we don't know exactly when the saints return with Christ, but at some point after that—there is going to be a time when we are literally in the presence of, in front of, face-to-face, one-on-one with Jesus Christ.

We're not some insignificant number, but we will look at Christ face-to-face and have a relationship, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We have one now, but it will be a whole lot different when you're face-to-face and you're both spirit-beings. And, this is what we are promised.

As with the Israelites, we're going to see our salvation, but it will be so much better because it will be a spiritual salvation. Not a physical one.

#### **4. The fourth declaration of Moses: You shall see your enemies no more forever.**

What a promise! And we know that was fulfilled for Ancient Israel on this day. After God was through with Egypt, Israel's enemy was no more. Their entire army was wiped out. Their equipment was gone. Their Pharaoh was gone. Their general staff was gone. It was completely obliterated. Can you imagine what happened that day—what actually happened? Let's go back now to Exodus 14 and we'll pick up the story in verse 19. No man could invent a story like this. To me this is one of the proofs of the Bible. If you look at all the stories in the Bible, no single individual or no group of humans could invent stories like this. This is true. Only God could do this.

*Exodus 14:19. And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; ... (KJV)*

From the front to the back, so the Israelites were facing the Red Sea. The pillar was in front of them and we're told that the pillar went around behind them. Israel must have wondered what was going on.

*19b) ... and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:*

*20) And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; ... (KJV)*

It was a barrier, this cloud.

*20b) ... and it was a cloud and darkness to them [meaning the Egyptians], ... (KJV)*

All of a sudden, things got dark. The Egyptians couldn't see Israel in front of them.

*20 continued) ... but it gave light by night to these [meaning the Israelites]: ... (KJV)*

Only it was just behind them now.

*20 continued) ... so that the one came not near the other all the night.*

*21) And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, ... (KJV)*

Remember they were heading south. The wind came from the east and it blew all night. You can imagine what the Israelites were thinking. "What's going on here?"

*21b) and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.*

*22) And the children of Israel went into the [middle] of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. (KJV)*

This is what Kathleen was picturing with the decorations in the hall when we walked in on the First Day of Unleavened Bread. Verse 23:

*23) And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.*

*24) And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the Lord looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and [He] troubled the host of the Egyptians,*

*25) And took off their chariot wheels, that they drove them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; ... (KJV)*

Why? Now the Egyptian army is starting to get the message.

*25b) ... for the Lord fights for them ... (KJV)*

That's the message that God wanted Ancient Israel to learn and us to learn today. The Egyptians were learning it now that they were stuck in this muck with walls of water on either side of them. Verse 26:

*26) And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out [your] hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. (KJV)*

Now let's stop here and analyze this situation. Let's look at the force involved in what happened. We're going to be conservative here. But let's just say at this point that the Israelites are through the Red Sea. Egypt is coming and there is a wall of water on either side of the Egyptians. Let's just say conservatively that it was a minimum of twenty feet high. I'm sure that it was more than that, but we're going to be conservative. Let's say it was just twenty feet high. It was probably much higher.

And let's say, because of the wind, the water that used to be in the area where the dry ground is, that water was piled up on either side. Let's say that pile went back the length of a football field. I'm sure it was much greater than that. But let's just say it went back 300 feet, 100 yards. Now, water weighs sixty-two and a half pounds per cubic foot.

Take the space that one Egyptian occupies. Most human beings are about a foot thick front to back. So, let's carve out a foot of this water.

There's a column on one side twenty feet high and 300 feet back. There's a column twenty feet high on the other side, a foot deep, 300 feet back. That means when God released the water, the weight of that column of water, which was just a foot thick, hit

each Egyptian. You can calculate the weight of that water by multiplying 20 (twenty feet high) x 300 (feet back) x 62½ (the weight of every cubic foot). Guess what the weight of the water was that hit each Egyptian. It was 750,000 pounds of water for each foot that a human being occupied.

No wonder they were seen no more. When you have that kind of force coming in that short a time—and it was probably much greater than that, being stacked up farther, being stacked up higher, but, as a minimum, as a very conservative estimate, a quarter of a million pounds hit each foot where an Egyptian was walking or running or scared. No wonder everything was crushed—chariots, horses, men, weapons, shields. Verse 27:

*27) And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared [this very day]; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the [middle] of the sea.*

*28) And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. (KJV)*

And we can understand why. Verse 29:

*29) But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.*

*30) Thus the [Eternal] saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.*

*31) And Israel saw ... (KJV)*

They witnessed it.

*31b) ... that great work which the Lord did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the Lord, and believed the Lord, and his servant Moses. (KJV)*

Now that applies to the Egyptians. What about us? Who is our enemy? Pharaoh was the enemy of the Ancient Israelites. And we know Satan is our enemy. 1 Peter 5:8: Satan, as a roaring lion, goes around seeking whom he may devour. Satan is our enemy. Satan is our Pharaoh, so to speak.

As with Israel, our enemy we will see no more. At some point in the future there will come a time for all of us, all of God's people, we will see our enemy no more. First of all, we know that Satan will be bound for a thousand years. Revelation 20:2 tells us that, but also there is some scriptural evidence that indicates that Satan will perish as Pharaoh perished and as the Egyptians perished. Let's go to Ezekiel 28. We know Ezekiel 28 and Isaiah 14 are the two groups of scriptures we go to that describe Satan. Let's go to Ezekiel 28 and look at verse 17, which is talking about Satan.



**Ezekiel 28:17.** *[Your] heart was lifted up because of [your] beauty, [you have] corrupted [your] wisdom by reason of [your] brightness: ... (KJV)*

Polluted, perverted.

*17b) I will cast [you] to the ground, I will lay [you] before kings, that they may behold [you].*

*18) [You have] defiled [your] sanctuaries by the multitude of [your] iniquities [your sins], by the iniquity of [your] traffick; therefore will I bring forth ... (KJV)*

Notice this!

*18b) ... a fire from the [middle] of [you], it shall devour [you], and I will bring [you] to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all [of] them that behold [you]. (KJV)*

So the point is, one way or another, Satan will never have influence over us again. And we will see our enemy no more forever just as Ancient Israel never saw Pharaoh and those armies and those chariots and those horsemen ever again.

## **5. The fifth declaration of Moses: The Lord shall fight for you.**

We've seen this as a theme through all the scriptures we've looked at so far. "The Lord shall fight for you." The fact is as long as we humbly obey God, as long as we have that humility and we obey God and we want to serve God and we want to have His mind, God will fight our battles for us.

I learned that in the first year of my conversion. You have to learn it again and again, but the fact is that I applied to get out of the military. I just knew I'd be approved. It was refused the first time. And I was so devastated and disappointed, but after the disappointment, a few weeks later I suppose, I finally came to the realization that this issue is far more powerful than I am. I have no influence over the upper echelons of the US Government or of the brass in Washington DC or of any other power like that. I am totally helpless. Finally, I got down on my knees and said, "God, you're going to have to do this. You're going to have to fight this battle." Sure enough, God intervened and He approved my application to get out.

When we do that, we can have peace because we say, "I've done everything I can do. I have no power. I have no influence. I have no control. God it's up to you." Then we can just relax, and hide and watch and see what God does. With that in mind, let's go to Deuteronomy chapter 20. Moses is summarizing their forty years in the wilderness. And this is an important point that he is reminding Israel of because they will need it going forward when they cross the Jordan. We just read about the battle they got into where God took care of them. Deuteronomy 20 beginning in verse 1, Moses is speaking.

**Deuteronomy 20:1.** *When [you go] out to battle against [your] enemies, and [you see] horses, and chariots, and a people more than [you], ... (KJV)*

You're outnumbered. Notice what he says.

*1b) ... [Do not] be afraid of them: ... (KJV)*

That was the very first point.

*1 continued) ... for the Lord [your] God is with [you], which brought [you] up out of the land of Egypt.*

*2) And it shall be, when [you] are come [near] unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, [you] approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be [you] terrified because of them; (KJV)*

And, why? Verse 4:

*4) For the Lord your God is he that [goes] with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. (KJV)*

This was right before they went into the Promised Land. Did God deliver on that promise? We read one account already, but let's look forward 450 years approximately, and let's go to 2 Chronicles 20. The kingdom is now divided. Solomon is long dead. Four hundred fifty years after the Exodus, 2 Chronicles 20, this is the example of King Jehoshaphat and Judah. We'll begin in verse 1.

**2 Chronicles 20:1.** *It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab [the hated enemies of Israel], and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle.*

*2) Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against [you] from beyond the sea on this side Syria; ... (KJV)*

Syria was east of the Dead Sea.

*2b) ... and, behold, [they're coming from] Hazazon-tamar, which is En-gedi. (KJV)*

Now, that is about thirty miles almost due south, a little east of due south, from Jerusalem. And it's right on the Dead Sea.

*3) And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. (KJV)*

He did the right thing. "Let's fast about this."

*4) And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the Lord: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord. (KJV)*

They came to Jerusalem to the temple.

*5) And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, (KJV)*

Now, notice what He said.

*6) And said, O Lord God of our fathers, [are] not [you] God in heaven? and [rule] not [you] over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in [your] hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand [you]? (KJV)*

What a realistic view of God! Jehoshaphat had it nailed. He knew who God was and he knew the situation. Verse 7:

*7) [Are] not [you] our God, who [did] drive out the inhabitants of this land before [your] people Israel, and [gave] it to the seed of Abraham [your] friend forever?*

*8) And they dwelt therein, and have built [you] a sanctuary therein for [your] name, saying,*

*9) If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, ... (KJV)*

The King James says, "judgment." The Hebrew can mean *punishment* for their sins.

*9b) ... or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in [your] presence, (for [your] name is in this house,) and cry unto [you] in our affliction, ... (KJV)*

Then, notice what he says. "You might hear"? No, he says:

*9 continued) ... [you will] hear and help.*

*10) And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom [you would] not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; (KJV)*

Because God knew Israel would be afraid if they confronted them as they walked out of Egypt. God knew the limits of the Ancient Israelites. As we talked about earlier, they headed out into the wilderness. Verse 11:

*11) Behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of [your] possession, which [you have] given us to inherit. (KJV)*

Jehoshaphat knew the land was God's. And he said, "They're trying to cast us out of Your land, God." Verse 12:

*12) O our God, [will you] not judge them? ... (KJV)*

Notice what he says.

*12b) ... we have no might ... (KJV)*

Just like all of us.

*12 continued) ... we have no might against this great company that [comes] against us; neither know we what to do: ... (KJV)*

"We don't have a clue what to do." All of us have been in situations like this where we come to a point, there's a crisis and we just don't know what to do. The king is admitting this before God. Jehoshaphat says, and here is the key:

*12 continued) ... but our eyes are upon [you]. (KJV)*

That's the key.

*13) And all Judah stood before the Lord, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. (KJV)*

Then in verse 14, God answers.

*14) Then upon Jahaziel the son ... a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of the [Eternal] in the midst of the congregation;  
15) And he said, ... (KJV)*

This man is telling everyone God's message.

*15b) ... [Listen you], all Judah, and [you] inhabitants of Jerusalem, and [you] king Jehoshaphat, Thus [says] the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed ... (KJV)*

Meaning, don't fall apart or lose it.

*15 continued) ... by reason of this great multitude; ... (KJV)*

And here's the key.

*15 continued) ... for the battle is not yours, [it is] God's. (KJV)*

We can never lose sight of that fact. When we get in a jam, a righteous jam. Not some problem we bring on ourselves because of our stupidity or because of our sins. But

when we have people come against us and we're doing our best to obey God, the battle, then, becomes God's and not ours. Verse 16:

*16) Tomorrow go [you] down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and [you] shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel.*

*17) [You] shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, ... (KJV)*

Now, notice this.

*17b) ... stand [you] still, and see the salvation of the Lord ... (KJV)*

Does that sound familiar?

*17 continued) ... with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; ... (KJV)*

Don't fall apart by fear.

*17 continued) ... tomorrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.*

*18) And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the [Eternal], worshipping the Lord.*

*19) And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, ... (KJV)*

The Kohathites were the clan that carried the ark. That was their exclusive responsibility.

*19b) ... and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise the Lord God of Israel with a loud voice on high.*

*20) And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: ... (KJV)*

Now they're about fifteen miles from the Ammonite army, pretty close.

*20b) ... and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and [you] inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so [you] shall be established; believe his prophets, so [you shall] prosper.*

*21) And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy [endures] forever. (KJV)*

The singers were in the front. Not the army. Interesting. Verse 22:

*22) And when they began to sing and to praise, ... (KJV)*

Guess what God did?

*22b) the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.*

*23) For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, ... (KJV)*

They started fighting amongst themselves.

*23b) ... utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy [one] another. (KJV)*

They turned on each other.

*24) And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, ... (KJV)*

That was at the border out there.

*24b) ... [they went to the watch tower,] they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped. (KJV)*

Just like Pharaoh and his army. Verse 29:

*29) And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the Lord fought against the enemies of Israel. (KJV)*

The lesson for us is we must deeply believe that God is there to fight our battles too and we have the power of the universe behind us and beside us to help us. Our job is to be faithful, to follow God, to obey Him and to have faith that He is there. If we do that, we can trust in God to fight our battles for us. Then, we can have peace. We can just hide and watch, and let God take care of the problem.

So, let's conclude here. Israel on this day and last night was in a life and death situation. Moses made five declarations to them before events started to unfold. The fact is these words apply to us today. This is an increasingly dangerous world. Every day there is some shooting in a school, in a mall by some wacko. Undoubtedly, demons are involved. Undoubtedly, Satan is involved. And God is showing humanity that nobody is safe. If you don't believe in God, if you're an atheist, or you're not sure, or you're just looking at the physical, God is going to show the world over the next years we have left that nobody is safe. Nobody can save you. No human being can protect you.

And in this increasingly dangerous world when trouble comes to us—as it surely will because we know that through much tribulation, do we enter the Kingdom of God—what should we be keeping in mind? These five declarations:

1. Fear not;
2. Stand still;
3. Have the faith that we will see our salvation from God and Jesus Christ;
4. Have faith that there is going to come a time when we will see our adversary, our enemy, Satan, no more forever. To have faith in that. And, then, finally;
5. To know that God is going to fight our battles for us.

Our job is to prepare ourselves to be the Bride of Christ. Our job is to have the mind of Christ. Our job is to love God with all our being, to love our neighbor as ourselves, to keep the commandments that God has admonished us to keep. And, if we do that, then we won't fear and we can stand still. And we will see our salvation. We will know Satan will no longer bother us, and that no matter what lies ahead, God will fight our battles for us. So, let's take to heart these five declarations of Moses.