

# A Red Sea Moment

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Many nations and most individuals face "a Red Sea moment" at some point, and it is a test of who, or what, they put their trust in. Because of the powerful weapons at our disposal today, and the fecklessness of our leadership, we are at a point when the entire planet could be facing a Red Sea moment. Therefore, it is timely to consider where our priorities should be, and in whom we should put our trust.

According to one of Winston Churchill's speeches, Great Britain faced a Red Sea moment during World War 2, and his following speech reflects this:

*"Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization. Upon it depends our own British life and the long continuity of our institutions, and our Empire. The whole fury and might of the enemy must very soon be turned on us. Hitler knows that he will have to break us in the island, or lose the war. If we stand up to him, all Europe may be freed, and the life of the world may move forward into broad and sunlit uplands. But if we fall, then the whole world, including the United States, and all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark age made more sinister and perhaps more prolonged by the lights of perverted Science. Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duty, and so bear ourselves that if the British Empire and Commonwealth lasts for a thousand years, men will still say, 'This was their finest hour' (Churchill's 'Their Finest Hour' Speech from The Churchill Archive).*

In the original Red Sea moment, an ancient nation also faced imminent destruction, but they had a leader who was convinced their

continued existence was guaranteed. That leader was Moses, and the nation he was leading consisted of the twelve families of Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel (cf. Genesis 32:28).

**The Egyptians pursued Israel, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the (Red) sea.. (Exodus 14:9a; Ed. note in parenthesis; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted).**

As Israel was not armed for combat, they were at the mercy of a very powerful army determined to destroy them. Added to this dilemma, they had nowhere to run because they had the Egyptian army on one side and the Red Sea on the other.

**And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord (Exodus 14:10).**

Because Moses had learned to trust in God over a period of eighty years, he spoke to this nation with absolute assurance.

**And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation (deliverance) of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. <sup>14</sup>The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace (be quiet)" (Exodus 14:13-14; Ed. notes in parentheses).**

God then opened up the earth for the safe passage of this nation on dry ground by separating the waters of the Red Sea.

**Lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea (Exodus 14:16).**

This scenario is rich in symbolism, with Pharaoh being "a type" of Satan whose goal it is to defeat those who are set apart to teach and obey God's law and commandments. This explains why this nation is referred to as "*the church in the wilderness*;" although they failed to live up to their responsibility.

**This is he, (Moses) who was in the church in the wilderness with the Angel which spake to him in the mount Sinai, and with our fathers; who received the lively oracles to give unto us (KJV; Ed. note in parenthesis).**

Metaphorically, the earth will always open a way of escape for those who trust in God and seek to obey Him.

**So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood (symbol of conflict/war; cf. Psalm 124:1-5) after the woman (symbol of God's church; cf. Revelation 21:9), that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. <sup>16</sup>But the earth helped the woman, and opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon (symbol of Satan; cf. Revelation 12:9) had spewed out of his mouth. <sup>17</sup>And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus (Revelation 12:15-17; Ed. notes in parentheses).**

In some cases, this way of escape is death for those who die as witnesses to God's truth. One

of these was the deacon, Stephen. Of note, even death did not cause his trust in God to waver. So, he faced his Red Sea moment knowing he would be part of a future resurrection at Christ's return. He said the following to the religious leaders who were determined to kill him.

**You stiff-necked and uncircumcised of heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One (Christ/Messiah), of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, <sup>53</sup>who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it (Acts 7:51-53; Ed. note in parenthesis).**

**Then they (religious leaders) cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; <sup>58</sup>and they cast him out of the city and stoned him... (Acts 7:57-58a; Ed. note in parenthesis).**

Others, like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego were sentenced to death, but were rescued as it was not yet their time to die. However, they made it clear where their trust was.

**...our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us from your hand, O king. <sup>18</sup>But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up (Daniel 3:17b-18).**

The tendency, and the default, in this current era is trusting in physical/material solutions for the problems we face. Winston Churchill described one of these as, "*the lights of*

*perverted Science.*” In other words, whatever, or whoever, we put our trust in becomes our “de facto god.” Therefore, if we believe a politician, political party, or science and technology can save us when we face our individual, or collective, “Red Sea moment” we will be sorely disappointed. This is illustrated in the example of Samson “*bringing down the house*” using one of the ‘gods’ of the Philistines.

**Now the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice. And they said: “Our god has delivered into our hands Samson our enemy!” (Judges 16:23).**

**...So they called for Samson from the prison and he performed for them... (Judges 16:25).**

**Then Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand (because Samson was blind), “Let me feel the pillars which support the temple (of Dagon), so that I can lean on them” (Judges 16:26; Ed. note in parenthesis).**

**Then Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines!” And he pushed with all his might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who were in it. So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life (Judges 16:30).**

The modern ‘gods’ of science and technology cannot save us when we face a global Red Sea moment; any more than Dagon could save the Philistines. In reality, it will be the destructive power developed by science and technology that is used against us by the ineptitude of our human leadership under the influence of our

archenemy, Satan. Thankfully, for the continuance of the human species this scenario will be prevented.

**For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup>And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened (Matthew 24:21-22, emphasis added).**

“The elect” mentioned in Matthew 24:22 are those who trust and obey God. Consequently, their behavior will result in the preservation of this planet, even though there will still be considerable devastation. Because these people did not trust in the ‘gods’ of this present age, they will “*stand in the breach*” whenever this future Red Sea moment occurs, just as Moses did when the ancient nation of Israel faced extinction by the Egyptian army.

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