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16 This must serve as a sign on your hand and as a headband on your forehead, for with a mighty hand Jehovah brought us out of Egypt.”

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SCRIPTURE-CONTAINING CASE

A relatively small case containing four portions of the Law (Ex 13:1-10, 11-16; De 6:4-9; 11:13-21) and worn by Jewish men on their forehead and left arm. Concerning the practice of wearing such cases, or phylacteries, The Jewish Encyclopedia (1976, Vol. X, p. 21) observes: “The laws governing the wearing of phylacteries were derived by the Rabbis from four Biblical passages (Deut. vi. 8, xi. 18; Ex. xiii. 9, 16). While these passages were interpreted literally by most commentators, . . . the Rabbis held that the general law only was expressed in the Bible, the application and elaboration of it being entirely matters of tradition and inference.”

Christ Jesus censured the scribes and Pharisees for ‘broadening the scripture-containing cases that they wore as safeguards.’ (Mt 23:5) By enlarging these cases, they apparently wanted to give others the impression that they were very zealous and conscientious about the Law. Jesus’ words indicate that the religious leaders viewed these cases as safeguards, or charms. The Greek word *phy-la-kte’ri-on*, in fact, primarily means an outpost, fortification, or safeguard.—See FRONTLET BAND.

(Exodus 13:18) 18 So God made the people go around by the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. But it was in battle formation that the Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt.

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He led them in security, and they felt no fear.—Ps. 78:53.

When the Israelites left Egypt in 1513 B.C.E., they may have numbered more than three million. Spanning three or even four generations, there were children, elderly ones, and no doubt some who were infirm or disabled. To lead such a vast crowd out of Egypt certainly called for an understanding and thoughtful Leader. Jehovah, by means of Moses, proved to be such. As a result, the Israelites felt safe as they left the only home they had ever known. (Ps. 78:52) How did Jehovah make his people feel safe and secure? For one thing, he led them out of Egypt in well-organized “battle formation.” (Ex. 13:18) Such organization surely reassured the Israelites that their God was in control. Also, Jehovah made his presence visibly manifest by means of “a cloud by day and . . . the light of a fire” at night. (Ps. 78:14) In effect, Jehovah was saying: “Do not be afraid. I am with you to guide and protect you.” w18.09 26 ¶11-12

(Exodus 14:5) 5 Later it was reported to the king of Egypt that the people had run away. Immediately, Phar'ao and his servants had a change of heart regarding the people, and they said: "Why did we do this and release Israel from serving as slaves for us?"

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Pharaoh had changed his mind about the release of the Israelites as soon as he learned of their departure. Certainly the loss of such a slave nation meant a heavy economic blow to Egypt. It would not be difficult for his chariots to overtake this entire nation on the move, particularly in view of their 'turning back.' Now, encouraged by the thought that Israel was wandering in confusion in the wilderness, he went after them with confidence. With a crack force of 600 chosen chariots, all the other chariots of Egypt mounted with warriors, his cavalymen, and all his military forces, he came upon Israel at Pihahiroth.—Ex 14:3-9.

the sea and the Egyptian army. They cried out to Moses: 'We are going to die! You should have left us in Egypt.' But Moses said: 'Don't be afraid. Wait and see how Jehovah will save us.' Moses really trusted in Jehovah, didn't he?

Jehovah told the Israelites to break camp. That night, Jehovah moved the cloud and placed it between the Egyptians and the Israelites. On the Egyptian side, there was darkness. But on the Israelite side, there was light.

Jehovah told Moses to stretch out his hand over the sea. Then Jehovah made a strong wind blow all night long. The sea was split in two, and there was a pathway down the middle. The millions of Israelites marched on dry ground, between the walls of water, to the other side.

Pharaoh's army followed the Israelites into the dry seabed. Then Jehovah threw the army into confusion. The wheels began to fall off their chariots. The soldiers shouted: 'Let's get out of here! Jehovah is fighting for them.'

Jehovah told Moses: 'Stretch out your hand over the sea.' At once, the walls of water collapsed on the Egyptian army. Pharaoh and all his men died. Not one of them survived.

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LESSON 22

The Miracle at the Red Sea

As soon as Pharaoh heard that the Israelites had left Egypt, he changed his mind about sending them away. He commanded his warriors: 'Get all my war chariots ready, and let's chase after them! We should not have let them go.' He and his men began chasing the Israelites.

Jehovah was leading his people, using a cloud during the day and fire at night. He led them to the Red Sea, and he told them to set up camp.

Then the Israelites saw Pharaoh and his army chasing after them. They were trapped between

On the other side of the sea, the large crowd of people praised God with a song: "Sing to Jehovah, for he has become highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea." While the people sang, the women danced and played tambourines. Everyone was very happy that now they were truly free.