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# DAILY READING

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Exodus 14:1-14

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## **EXODUS 14:1-14**

**14** Then the Lord spoke to Moses: <sup>2</sup> “Tell the Israelites to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea; you must camp in front of Baalzephon, facing it by the sea. <sup>3</sup> Pharaoh will say of the Israelites: They are wandering around the land in confusion; the wilderness has boxed them in. <sup>4</sup> I will harden Pharaoh’s heart so that he will pursue them. Then I will receive glory by means of Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.” So the Israelites did this.

## **THE EGYPTIAN PURSUIT**

<sup>5</sup> When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about the people and said: “What have we done? We have released Israel from serving us.” <sup>6</sup> So he got his chariot ready and took his troops with him; <sup>7</sup> he took six hundred of the best chariots and all the rest of the chariots of Egypt, with officers in each one. <sup>8</sup> The Lord

hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the Israelites, who were going out defiantly.”<sup>n</sup>  
<sup>9</sup> The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, his horsemen, and his army—chased after them and caught up with them as they camped by the sea beside Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon.

<sup>10</sup> As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up and there were the Egyptians coming after them! The Israelites were terrified and cried out to the Lord for help. <sup>11</sup> They said to Moses: “Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? <sup>12</sup> Isn’t this what we told you in Egypt: Leave us alone so that we may serve the Egyptians? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.”

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to the people, “Don’t be afraid. Stand firm and see the Lord’s salvation that he will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. <sup>14</sup> The Lord will fight for you, and you must be quiet.”