

The Red Sea Part 1

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Now this morning, I want to begin reading in Jeremiah 32. It won't be the primary text that I'll use. We'll begin in verse 17. In a little bit, I'll come to the text that I'm going to use to get the outline from but it's been on my heart to bring a series of messages on the opening of the Red Sea. The opening of the Red Sea and the deliverance of Israel out of 430 years of bondage through the Red Sea and brought them out. I want to bring this series of messages about that and before we come to the text, I want to just start and show you that the opening of the Red Sea and the deliverance of Israel did some things for the Lord and I want you to see what they were.

Jeremiah 32:17, Jeremiah's praying,

17 Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:
18 Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name, 19 Great in counsel, and mighty in work: for thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men: to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings: 20 Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day, and in Israel, and among other men; and hast made thee a name, as at this day; 21 And hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror;

Now notice the opening of the Red Sea brought to God and hast made thee, in verse 20, and hast made thee a name, as this day. Now notice this name of God. The Holy Spirit has chosen that the name that the opening of the Red Sea and the deliverance of Israel gave to God that would never be forgotten, notice it said in verse 20, "Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day." That is, Egypt by the power of the Holy Ghost has never been allowed to forget God's opening of the Red Sea, the taking out of Israel and the drowning of all of the Egyptian forces. They have never been allowed to forget it.

2. Israel has not been allowed to forget it, "and in Israel," and then notice this, "and among other men." Now I can see that Egypt and Israel would never forget the

experience at the Red Sea but that terminology, "among other men," and I began to look into that and, sure enough, it meant that the Holy Ghost of God will not let men forget that God did open the Red Sea.

I went to an encyclopedia and I'll give you its name, it was "The World Book Encyclopedia," and I opened it up the "Red Sea." It had many facts about the Red Sea but then I quote and, boy, oh boy, oh boy, oh boy, oh boy, and among other men. It said and I quote, "The story of the passage of the children of Israel across the Red Sea is one of the most famous Bible stories." And I said to myself, "Look there, Lord, even in a modern-day encyclopedia the Holy Ghost said, 'When you write up all of that stuff you're gonna tell them about the Red Sea, don't you forget the Red Sea is the place that I opened and delivered my people and drowned my enemies,'" and "The World Book Encyclopedia" was made by the Holy Ghost of God to include this Old Testament story.

God will not let men forget that time that he delivered his people. In your Bible in Isaiah 63, he got him an everlasting name. He got him a name that the Holy Ghost said Egypt would never forget, Israel will never forget, and other men will never forget what you did. In Isaiah 63, let's look again at verse 7.

7 I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the LORD, and the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. 8 For he said, Surely they are my people, children that will not lie: so he was their Saviour. 9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. 10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them. 11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit within him? 12 That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name? 13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble? 14 As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself [now notice not only an everlasting name but the Red Sea made for God] a glorious name.

A glorious name. When you begin to study, you find out of all the mighty acts of God, especially in the Old Testament, all the mighty acts of God, the Red Sea is the one act that the Holy Ghost goes back to in Scripture after Scripture after Scripture and says, "When I want you to understand the great power of God, I'm taking you to the opening of the Red Sea." Not creation. Not the flood. But again and again and again and again and again the Holy Ghost says, "Don't forget the opening of the Red Sea." If you want to see how great God is, if you need a great God, if you need a mighty God, if you need a God

that has an everlasting name and a glorious name, then you must go to the Red Sea. Not creation. Not the flood. Not the destruction of Korah. Not any of those things. Not the building of the temple. Not the rebuilding of the temple. Always it is the Red Sea and, in fact, the number one Bible story that the Holy Ghost magnifies to lift up the name of the Lord is the opening of the Red Sea until the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When you had the resurrection of Jesus Christ, in order for Colossians 1 to say that in all things he might have the preeminence, once Christ resurrects from the dead, then the Holy Ghost points you to the empty tomb that Sister Lois sang about, hallelujah, he points you there, but up until the resurrection, to see God, oh glory to God, hallelujah, we're living in the last days and if there's anything we need, it is a great God, a glorious God, a God whose name cannot be forgotten and the Red Sea is the Holy Spirit's number 1 Bible act to cause you to see that.

I began to study three years ago adding to, watching carefully, purchasing certain things so I could prepare. One thing I've noticed and this is as it ought to be, there is rank unbelief among Bible scholars and commentators and map makers about the opening of the Red Sea, and as soon as I discovered how much unbelief was there, I may have copied this from Brother Talbert Moore but it sure fits,

"I once was a tadpole, long and thin.
Then I was a frog with my tail tucked in.
Then I was a monkey swinging in a tree.
Now I am a college professor with a PhD."

When I began to see the gross unbelief about the opening of the Red Sea, I knew I was on the right thing. I said, "Oh, glory to God. Anything they don't believe, I'm gonna believe." Amen? "If they're going upstream, dear God, I'm going the other way. If they're going to hell, hallelujah, I am going the other way because I'm gonna believe all that the Bible says."

Judy has been working with me these three years. I've been adding to her. I practice on her and try it out on her and see what she thinks. She's carrying a new Bible and it is a Scofield Reference Bible and it is not a new Scofield. Now this is no reflection on Dr. Scofield. He didn't do the maps so it's no reflection. But I said to Miss Judy, "Turn in your maps, wifey, and find a map of the exodus of Israel out of Egypt for me." She turned over there. I said, "Okay, tell me where they crossed the Red Sea." Do you know she has that Bible along this morning, do you know the map people, and I see you turning, I wish you would. I borrowed Brother Harrison's Bible this morning to double check. Do you know in this Judy Scofield Bible if you look at the maps, the line they have drawn does not even come near the Red Sea. They don't have them crossing the Red Sea. They don't have them getting near the Red Sea map after map after map. Any map that does show it, will nearly always have them crossing at the Bitter Lakes, the Greater and Lesser Bitter Lake, or they'll have them crossing at the northern finger which is now called the Bay of Suez because of the Suez Canal, and there's no wonder if you wondered why somebody called it the Reed Sea, reed, Reed Sea, it's because of the gross unbelief among so-called Bible scholars.

Some of you are looking. Does your Bible cross the Red Sea? Does it show them coming across the Red Sea? No. Do you know the people that do your maps and do the commentaries, do you know that they almost unanimously, they almost despise you wanting to study such a subject. Look me straight in the God-given eyeball, anything that unbelief crowd, anything they gag on, I like to give them more of it. It just suits me. Boy, and I began to see that, I began to study, I began to want to know why. Why? What is it about the Red Sea that they don't like?

I told you already and this involves three years of study and I want you to know that at the end of three years in all the places I've looked and studied and checked and bought and read, I want you to know that I have absolute assurance that God took the children of Israel across the Red Sea at the very place that he chose, and I want to tell you that after looking into it, both the timing of it and all the logistics of it, there is not one problem too big for God to overcome. And I probably won't have time, you can't hardly crowd three years into three days, but I'm gonna tell you why I believe it. If I have time on the last day, we're gonna see it again. And I'll tell you something else, the opening of the Red Sea, there is a direct comparison between the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ at the rapture and the catching away of the church to be with him. If you study the Red Sea in depth, it's gonna happen. That's what's gagging them. That's what's making them mad. That's why they can't handle it.

Well, here's the text we'll use if you'll look in Psalm 114. One day an old old-timer preacher, in fact, it was the same preacher that brought me to head-busting runs in my family, that old-timer preacher I was listening one day and, boy, he lit my or cranked my motors. Is that the right word? He lit my flashlight. By the way, if you were in the Red Sea today, there are flashlight fish in the Red Sea. I won't have time for that. But he cranked my engine and here it is, Psalm 114,

1 When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of
strange language; 2 Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion. 3
The sea saw it, and fled:

On that day, the preacher said to me, what did the sea see when the sea saw? That's pretty deep for my little old brain. I'm not like Brother Talbert Moore. I ain't gonna reign in the kingdom, I'm just gonna shoot up liquor bottles. That's all I plan to do. I'm just gonna be an Eliot Ness. Me and my machine, gun and my .22, it ain't no telling what I'll do to budge stupid, amen? Ain't no telling. But, you see, that's pretty deep for me. The sea, the sea saw it and fled. What did the sea see when the sea saw that caused it to flee? Well, you say, "He can't cross the Red Sea." Can I tell you the sea was most cooperative? Ah, you just have to stay in the Bible. It was so cooperative.

Let's talk just a minute about the Red Sea and we'll go to some other places in our Bible. The Red Sea, the Red Sea is 1,400 miles long. It's 190 miles wide at its widest point. It is approximately the size of California, 1,400 miles long and 190 miles wide and it's roughly the size of California. The average depth of the Red Sea is 2,200 feet. Oh, but I

ain't done. The average depth is 2,200 feet and the main trough is a deep 9,580 feet. It only lacks less than 1,000 feet to be 2 miles deep in its main trough. The Titanic lies at the 2 mile mark in the Atlantic Ocean and this Red Sea's average depth 2,200 feet. Now that's what's getting these Bible scholars and commentators and map makers. How can anybody walk through such a place? How could you walk through such a place? Do you know how much water a trough, the main trough is 9,580 feet deep, do you know how much water that is? And yet do you know if you'll study the Red Sea for three years, every place in the Bible, do you know that exactly every Hebrew word exactly fits the truth that God didn't go up here in the little tiny finger called the Bay of Suez, he didn't do that, God took the people maybe through the deepest part for he is God – and listen to me – he got out of it a glorious name. And when I saw that I said, "There is no wonder, there is no wonder that God got him a glorious name, an everlasting name, and it's no wonder that these people have fought against it so."

Look in your Bible one more time, Psalm 114:3, while we're there. I said the sea cooperated. Now we'll see this a lot over the next two days but, "The sea saw it, and fled." The word "fled" means the sea saw it and did everything in its power to escape. It tried to vanish away. It tried to take flight. It tried to hide. Look at minute, when God approached the Red Sea, here's what the word means when it said it fled, the Red Sea hunkered down and tried to creep out of the way of the presence of God. It tried to back out. It tried to vanish. It tried to hide. It had no intentions of being an obstacle. It had no intentions of standing against the God of creation. It fled. Boy, oh boy, oh boy, oh boy, oh boy, I'll tell you, I'm so glad to be a Bible believer! I'm so glad I can puke all over the maps and just believe the Bible. I'd be glad if they never write another commentary in their lives. I have my Bible and I believe it. I believe it.

Well, what did the sea see when the sea saw? In Psalm 77, I'm not allowed to go off on a tangent now, I ain't allowed to just jump in and start making up my own little things. That'd be a lot of fun, no doubt, you know. My, what did the sea see when the sea saw, you could surely make some acoustic outline or whatever you call it out of that. You know, I tried that. That's what took me three years. I said, "Well, I'll take the letters of the Red Sea." God said, "Puke all over that. That ain't gonna impress nobody. I don't need none of that junk done." But I'm hard-headed, Brother McBride, and I labored at it and finally I junked it.

"Well," God said, "we're back on track again, ain't we? Now then let's just study." I said, "Okay. Okay." You see, I always start in wanting a message. I'm in training, Brother Talbert. I still get that make me a reputation. Keep your head up, I'll tell you when we're gonna [unintelligible]. I ain't the only one. And God's so far off from that, ain't he? God's always saying, "Is that all you want outta this? Is all you want is an outline? Is that all you want?" Three years ago I could've preached, "What did the sea see when the sea saw," for anybody could make an outline outta that but that ain't what God wanted. God said, "Listen, you're dealing with holy things. You quit fooling around with some stupid little outline." You lay into the word of God until you're ready to face anybody and tell them, "I can tell you whether he opened the Red Sea or not," and I'm looking at every one of you, I'm looking at you, you college professor, I've checked even the timing. Do you

know if he went across at the 190 mile mark? The timing fits. He threw it around up there in that little shallow water and said, "Pull your panties up now a little." Gag a maggot off a gut wagon.

In Psalm 77, here's what the sea saw when the sea saw, sawed and seed. Here's what it seed, how do you like that? Psalm 77, here it is in verse 16. Now I told you I'm not allowed to get out of the book.

16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they were afraid: the depths [look at that word, look at that word] the depths [it means the abyss, it means especially the deep main part of the sea, it means as a surging mass of water] the depths also were troubled. 17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad. 18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world [we've got all of that to look at in the next three days]: the earth trembled and shook.[Now watch this, don't miss verse 19] 19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters.

And that word "great" and that word "depth" complement each other, great means abundant, exceedingly full. It means too very much, too much water. Not for God. Now look at the last phrase. I want to be right with these map makers, why can't any of them pin this stuff down? Judy's Bible, it lists all these places, the water of Meribah where there's a three day journey and you come to the waters of Meribah and that's what fools these people. They go up north and say, "Well, if it's gonna take three days, then he must've crossed way up here near the Mediterranean Sea and came down there." But if you'll look carefully, the waters of Meribah, Edom, all of those places have question marks by them because they don't know where they were. And the places that you read about in the book of Exodus, I have purchased the newest personal computer Bible atlas and I've worked diligently with it, it's a tremendous program. It gives me the height of the mountains. It gives me the distance. It lays it all out. It'll put it in scale. When it got all done, it said, "We don't know where these places are."

Well, here's why, verse 19,

19 Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

And here is why. Come up to your Bible to Hebrews 11. Here's why. Here's why God intentionally hid his footsteps. Here's why. He said, "thy footsteps are not known." That means, dear people, you can turn back there in your map as John just did, find the Red Sea, and you according to your faith, according to the size of God you believe in, you can him crossing where the deep trough is 9,580 feet and the Bible will fit.

Look in Hebrews 11. Now notice in verse 27 it's speaking about Moses. "By faith he forsook Egypt." Do you see the "he"? Now, that's personal. That's Moses' faith.

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he [that's Moses] endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By faith

Now notice the difference. It's been "he, he, he" but when you come to verse 29,

29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

And here's what the truth is, people. Here's what the truth is: every person that walked off of that sandy beach that day and stepped into that way that God had opened, every man did it by faith. Every man saw that water. Every man saw the way and it was a long way over. Don't forget that. We ain't talking about the length of this auditorium. If he crossed at the 190 mile mark, that means they could not see the other shore, all they could see was these towering walls of water and every man had a decision to make for himself. In the book of Exodus, the opening of the Red Sea and the delivering of Israel is not only a national thing [unintelligible] this is what he did for me. God said, "I'm not talking about national salvation, I'm talking about you as an individual and it's gonna take faith. Now I've opened the way and every man and his family," and oh, if I get time and we get to that night and what it was like and all of it, it was most frightening, not unlike you when the Holy Ghost said, "You need Jesus. Go forward. You need Christ." Think of all the fears you have. Think of all the things that flood your mind. But every man said, "Mother, I don't know what you're going to do, I'll carry the babies. Children, I can't promise you nothing except God said that he would carry us through. Mother, I hope you'll follow me but I gotta go." And he stepped out. The Red Sea has demanded faith, faith of the people that crossed and it demands faith from everybody that picks up his Bible and begins to read and begins to study. Every man has to come to the place that he has to decide how great is the God I preach and the God I believe? Is he great enough for the last days? Does he have the power until he comes for me? Can he handle every bit of the trouble.

We're in the New Testament, 1 Corinthians 10. You ought to know this, 1 Corinthians 10. You ought to see this. We try to spend some time there. 1 Corinthians 10,

1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant,

Well, that means I'm gonna have to junk them Bible maps or I'm gonna be ignorant as a billy goat. Judy couldn't believe it. She tried to send the Bible back. She got hopping mad. She said to me, "The Bible said they crossed the Red Sea, why did they draw that like that?" Made her mad. Well, I'm glad she's got a little bit of starch in her. I'm glad she just didn't say, "Well, after all, I'm just a simple little woman. They know more than I do." Puke all over that. There ain't nobody knows any more than the man that believes in an everlasting glorious God. Hallelujah. You're alright, honey. You're alright. You're qualified. Nod your little pointed head up and down.

He said, "I don't want you to be ignorant,

1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

Do you know the waters were so high as they stood that it is the very thought that when Brother John takes someone beneath the water, the water stood, there was such a depth, such a greatness, such great waters that it could be said they were baptized as they came through the waters.

Well, we haven't been to Exodus 12 yet, maybe we ought to go there. I just want to exalt him a little bit this morning. In Exodus 12:37 "I've brought you now to the place that you're gonna have to make a decision. You're gonna have to decide." They had to believe God. Will you believe God? Will you believe that he's a God great enough to open the Red Sea in spite of what so-called scholars say? What do you believe? How many were saved that day? In Exodus 12:37, "And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses." Now that's the place that Joseph put them back in Genesis 47. Joseph put his family in the best of the land.

37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children.

Now 600,000 men plus the children, and the wives were not counted like when Jesus fed the 5,000 men plus women and children. Six hundred thousand men. Do you know that that would mean conservatively that there must have been at least a million people that came out of Egypt that night and crossed through the Red Sea. At least a million people. Some say that when you add the wives into that and in verse 38 the "mixed multitude," probably the number approached 2 million or more. But just 600,000 men with their children and their wives, there had to be 1 million people.

I began to do a study on the logistics of moving a million people and I discovered, you know, in America 13 is the unlucky number. Brother Moore, when we get on the airplane, there is no 13th row. You never have 13A or B. You never have that. There's no 13th floor. It'll jump from 12 to 14. Thirteen is unlucky in our way of thinking. Well, Jewish history unto this very day records that the number 5 is the unlucky number for Egypt. Five. Even modern-day history records that 5 is the unlucky number for the nation of Egypt. Why? Because their history records that the night Israel left, they didn't leave as a mob, they didn't leave. By the way, when Jesus comes, we ain't leaving as a mob either. It'll be all every man in his own order, the dead will rise first. It won't be a mob. We ain't gonna show up in heaven saying, "Hey, where's the mall? Do they have an 18-holer up here?" We ain't leaving out as a mob. You've been a mob down here. Some of you can't stand church because it's orderly. If they'd just let you run it, you'd do better in it, huh? But God has a plan. God has a plan and they left out that night not as a mob, they didn't just all pile out in the street and everybody start down the street, "Ha, ha, ha! Hey, come on! Come on, Bruce! Everybody's going this way." No. History records for the nation of

Egypt that the Israelites lined up 5 abreast, 5 is the number of grace, and they came out of Egypt that night and that day walking 5 abreast. Egypt ain't never got over that and has made 5 their unlucky number.

Do you know if there were a million people leaving, and there was, and everybody walked 5 abreast, they were 200,000 rows deep. Do you know in the military 30 inches between the ranks because if you bring it in more than that, you walk on the guy's heels in front of you. Thirty inches. If you had a million people and they were 5 across and 200,000 rows deep and there was 30 inches between each row, that means that night there were 94 miles of people. "Hey, granny, are you in line?" "Worry about yourself, you turkey!" Yup, granny was in line. Ninety-four miles of people. Do you know if he picked 190 foot mark and you take that 94 miles of people and tie it to exactly what the Bible said, Egypt drowned in the midst of the sea.

He'd look at me, "How, hey, we're living in tough times." All the easy salvation decisions have been made. Now you've got to work at it and pray at it until folks like Mrs. Pitt who have been the church how many years, Sister? Forty-five years and just say, tell us when, Sister? March 14, 1994 while her son-in-law was preaching, a Sunday school teacher of 20 years. Mrs. McBride's mother, that's your mother, you lived with her how long and took it until that guy came and got you in that car that didn't have any money and you nearly froze to death and you were sick and in that trailer, and he had long hair and... You think I don't listen, Brother McBride, I listen. How many years you live with her? Eighteen years. Hey, you know we're living in tough times. You know why I'm into this series of messages? It's an hour, we're gonna have to exalt God and if God is as great as I'm preaching, then I want to say to you regardless of communism, regardless of anybody, God can give a harvest and we don't have to drag around. Missions are right, missions are right. We can have a year of not 10,000 saved Rock of Ages, but 100,000.

Boy, I'm so glad. The Holy Ghost said, "You'd better find out what the sea saw when the sea saw." I said, "I think I will see what the sea saw when the sea saw." Ah, 94 miles of people.

Numbers 33:8. Again, all the Scriptures agree together. There's no problem in the Bible, the problem is when you start believing men, then you start having trouble, but as long as you'll stay with the old black book, Numbers 33:8,

8 And they departed from before Pihahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea

Now there again, the word "midst" means "the center"; it means "the middle"; it means "the mid."

and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

Which, of course, you know means "bitter." But there it is again, in "the midst of the sea."

Well, I must bring it down. What did the sea see when the sea saw? First of all, the sea saw the God of creation. Second, the sea saw the God of redemption. And second of all, the sea saw the God of war. That's what the sea saw.

The sea saw God, first of all, the God of creation. Now I want to test your faith. Boy, some of you talk like you've got a lot. Look in Luke 19 with me just a moment, verse 40, and see how you respond to this. Luke 19:40, "And he answered and said unto them," now I want you to look at this and you're gonna have to tell me do you believe this is the literal, is this some kind of poetic language, is this one of those big words that PhD's dream up where one thing means another thing? Or does it mean what it says? "And he answered and said unto them," and I'll remind you that's Jesus speaking.

40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

Now where are you on that? Is that okay? Now wait. Now wait, some of you, you're just saying okay but you'd better give some thought about that. Here we are in West Virginia, stones everywhere. Judy's scared to death we'll break down, park on the side of the road and some of them great big stones will fall down on our car. She rides along the turnpike saying, "Look at there, there's some more fell down. Look over there, there's some more that fell down." Well, let's let her have her way. See them great big rocks that fell down and are laying there? If Jesus walked by and nobody cried, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna!" If you picture creation, the earth, the rocks, the trees, the water, if you picture it as dumb, unknowing, inanimate, you'll stumble at the greatness of God.

1 Kings 19, see how you do here. 1 Kings 19, would you look there with me just a moment because the sea saw the God of creation and things began to happen. In 1 Kings 19, look in verse 11.

11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. [Now notice all that happened was] And, behold, the LORD passed by [now that's all that happened. He didn't speak to these things, he just passed by] and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake [now that's all he did, he just came down and passed by and there was a great earthquake]; but the LORD was not in the earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire

All of that just because he passed by. Why, you go in the bank and people stand up and, boy, you just swell up like a toad. You ought to see what happens when God passes by. In a little bit, we're gonna have to believe that mountains can move.

Well, in Psalm 68 if you look there with me just for a moment, in Psalm 68, this ain't the first time the mountains moved, somewhere back before somewhere at sometime, I don't know exactly when it was, but in Psalm 68 if you look there with me just a minute in verse 16, look at this:

16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever.

Do you know somewhere God came down and looked over this earth and picked him a place where he would dwell? Do you know when he came looking for a place to dwell, the mountains leaped like Isaiah and said, "Here, Lord, here, here, dwell here! We want you! Stay here, Lord! Stay in the Adirondacks. Stay in the Cascades. Stay in the Rockies. Here, Lord, here! Stay in the great Smoky Mountains. There's no place like it." The Himalayas cried, "Here! Here!" Everest said, no doubt, "Here." But look, Psalm 68:16, "Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desireth to dwell in; yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever." Even the mountains were saying, "Here, Lord, here! Oh, dwell here! Build your house here! Make us your footstool! Stay here!" A little old hill in Palestine named Moriah said, "I ain't worthy but would you dwell here?" And God walked over to the little hill called Moriah and said, "I will." In that day, the Himalayas hung their head and Mount Everest said, "I'm the highest place on the face of the planet but I didn't get chosen." And little Moriah said, "Phew, I'm redeemed. Boy, oh boy, oh boy, oh boy, oh boy, oh boy, oh boy. I was nothing but that night I cried out, 'Here, Lord! Dwell here! Make my heart your home!' Wooooo! I ain't been the same since." Oh, man. Oh, the God of creation.

Hurry, Jeremiah 32, would you look there one more time? We were there, come back there. I just, well, if I don't show you a few of these and we will, I promised John I'll be done in just a few minutes. Look, I want you to understand that night when God opened the Red Sea, I don't want you to see it as just the wind blew. No, boys. It's one thing to say, "Boy, I wish I coulda been there." Better think on that before you say that. You talk about a frightening night. Jeremiah 32:21 at the very end, notice at the very end of verse 21, let's all read, "and with great terror." He brought them out with great terror.

Now look back in Psalm 114. You see, one of the reasons they say it can't be done in the Red Sea and they have them crossing up there in the northern part is because on the west bank you have the Sahara Desert and it is low and it is very easy, they came out of Egypt, there's the Sahara Desert, it's very easy to come off of the Sahara Desert and walk right down into the Red Sea. But on the Arabian Peninsula side, there are high mountains, there are high hills, and people say, "Well, that's obvious, he didn't cross there because when they got over there, there were the mountains. They couldn't have got out of there. There'd of been a dead-end. You can't get a million people over the top of mountain peaks."

Psalm 114, what happened to all the mountain peaks? "The sea saw it," in verse 3, and in verse 4,

4 The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs. 5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest?

Woo, don't you like the Bible? Do you know a way over there? The mountains were jumping up and down. They were skipping like rams, like little lambs. Lambs are so full of energy, they just stand on all four feet and leap straight up. They just like it and mountains that have never moved said.... It was a night of great terror.

In Psalm 77, look at the night, look at the night, look at the night. Verse 17,

17 The clouds poured out water

And yet the ground was congealing, that's what the Bible says, congealing, was becoming like frozen, and yet there's water pouring out of the sky. Well, he's a great God. Somebody said, "I'm gonna rain all over your parade." Ah, that don't matter. He has a vacuum cleaner that can suck up anything. By the way, he has a fire that eats water, rocks too. Woo! Next thing you know, he's a great God with a glorious name, amen? Next thing you know, you'll get full of faith and start trying to do something for God like build your Sunday school class, run a bus and get the children in and keep them out of hell because he's a great God. We've listened to so many problems, we've listened to why it can't be done, but it just depends how big your God is.

Have them looking at the night,

17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad. 18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

What a night. All of Egypt was plunged into an impenetrable darkness, a darkness that they couldn't find their way, they couldn't feel. They could feel the darkness, they couldn't see each other. But, oh, what the depth of the darkness and on Israel's side there shone a light, a light greater than the sun, a light that led on, a light that said, "Stay in step, boys. Keep your hearts full of faith. We're crossing over tonight."

I'm done. Habakkuk 3, if you'll look here. The sea saw it and fled. The sea saw the God of creation that night. In Habakkuk 3:10, I want you to see this one more thing. "Whoa," they said, "you can't have them crossing in the deepest part," but the word "fled" means that the sea literally tried to escape. The sea, the sea in the presence of the majesty that our preacher preached on. The sea, here it is, Habakkuk 3:10. Do you believe that creation can cry out? Well, it will in the book of the Revelation. It's already done it.

10 The mountains saw thee, and they trembled: the overflowing of the water passed by: [look at this] the deep uttered his voice,

You remember at this time, the waters stood up on either side of the path God opened. It wasn't like Jordan. Jordan flowed away from God, but at the Red Sea the waters stood up

high. They stood up. The path was literally covered with the water. They were standing up and listen to what they were crying,

the deep uttered his voice [and look at me], and lifted up his hands on high.

That's the international, always has been the sign, "I surrender. I surrender." And all the way across, the water was standing, hands held high and crying, "I surrender! I surrender!" Look at the word "voice" and the word "uttered." The word "uttered" means "to cry; to weep." There was an actual sound. The word "voice" means "to call out"; it means "a bleating; a crackling; a lowing"; it means "a proclamation coupled to a song"; it means "a thundering voice." And the waters stood and said, "We surrender all! We surrender all! We surrender all!" And for the first time since creation, the depth of the Red Sea was seen by men.

We'll start there if God be our helper tomorrow and look at the God of redemption. Oh, oh, oh, I know nothing except every place I've ever checked my Bible, it stands the test of scholarship, call it whatever you want, and I'm never studied it that when I'm done it doesn't give me a vision of the greatness of the God that saved me and called me. He is great enough for the problems and trials and for the ministry of the last days.