

Seeing and Savoring the Miracle at the Red Sea Exodus 14:21–31

Introduction: The *lifting of eyes* motif or pattern in Genesis and Exodus.

- *Lot and Abraham* (Gen. 13:10; 13:14)
- *Abraham and Sarah* (Gen. 18:2)
 - 2 angels and the preincarnate Christ appear to Abraham (he lifts his eyes and sees them) and Sarah to tell her she will conceive and be pregnant with Isaac.
- *Abraham and Isaac* (Gen. 22:13)
 - Just as Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac he lifted his eyes and saw a ram that then acted as a substitute.
- *Isaac and Rebekah* (Gen. 24:63–63)
 - Both of them are said to have lifted their eyes when they saw one another for the first time
 - The AC covenant would continue through them.
- *Jacob* (Gen. 31:10, 12)
 - God appears to Jacob in a dream (he lifts his eyes) and God tells him to leave Laban and head back to Canaan
- *Jacob and Esau* (Gen. 33:1, 5)
 - After several years of turmoil, birthrights and blessings exchanged and stolen, they reunite—on good terms. And when they first see each other they both lift up their eyes.
- *Joseph and his brothers* (Gen. 37:25)
 - The brothers see a caravan of people coming and then sell him to the Ishmaelites and Joseph is taken to Egypt.
- ***Israelites and the Egyptians at the Red Sea*** (Exod. 14:10)
 - Their Israelites lift their eyes and they see the Egyptians closing in on them.
 - This is the first time this expression is used of an entire nation. So why is it used here?
 - The greatest miracle, the greatest act of redemption, the greatest display of salvation in all of the OT Scripture happens at the parting of the Red Sea.

Sermon Theme: The Israelites lift their eyes and see God make His name and power known at the Red Sea in three profound ways: miraculously parting the Red Sea, utterly destroying the Egyptian army, and graciously saving His people.

I. _____ (14:21–25)

A. _____ (21)

B. _____ (22–25)

i. _____ (22)

ii. _____ (23)

iii. _____ (24–25)

II. _____ (14:26–28)

A. _____ (26)

B. _____ (27–28)

III. _____ (14:29–31)

- *The Israelites responded to God’s miraculous work at the Red Sea in three ways:*

A. _____ (31)

B. _____ (31)

C. _____ (31)

Appropriation:

1. Behold the redemptive and salvific work of God in the lives of the Israelites at the Red Sea—and meditate on the true and final redemption and salvation found in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.