

The Exodus Story, part 2 (exodus and the parting of the Red Sea)

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Source: Cokie and Steve Roberts, Our Haggadah (Harper Collins, 2011)

Here is the conclusion of the exodus narrative in Cokie and Steve Roberts Our Haggadah :

And so with the terrible tenth plague, "Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron while it was still night and said, 'Up with you! Be off, and leave my people, you and the Israelites. Go and worship the Lord, as you request.' And on that very day the Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt. Then Moses said to the people, 'Remember this day, the day on which you have come out of Egypt, the land of slavery, because the Lord by the strength of his hand has brought you out.'

When it was reported to the Egyptian king that the Israelites had gone, he and his courtiers had a change of heart. "The Egyptians, all Pharaoh's chariots and horses, cavalry and infantry, went in pursuit, and overtook them encamped beside the sea. The Lord said to Moses, 'You are to raise high your staff and hold your hand out over the sea to divide it asunder, so the Israelites can pass through the sea on dry ground.' And the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, while the waters formed a wall to the right and left of them.

"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Hold your hand out over the sea, so that the water may flow back on the Egyptians, their chariots and horsemen.' Moses held out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the water returned to its usual place and the Egyptians fled before its advance, but the Lord swept them into the sea. As the water came back it covered all Pharaoh's army, the chariots and cavalry, which had pressed the pursuit into the sea. Not one survived. That day the Lord saved Israel from the power of Egypt."