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Numbers

Six Hundred Chosen Chariots of Egypt

Ex. 14:7 "And he took **six hundred chosen chariots**, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them."

There is a very strong correlation between the number six hundred and the subject of war and weapons of war in the scriptures. Pharaoh and the Egyptians had experienced the ten very sore judgments of God upon the land of Egypt and had agreed to let the children of Israel go into the wilderness to worship God. As the children of Israel were in departing, Pharaoh and the Egyptians changed their mind and Pharaoh gathered his army to go out and destroy and enslave once again the children of Israel. At this time, Pharaoh's army was considered the greatest and best-armed army on the earth.

In contrast, the children of Israel had no chariots, no captains, and no army with which to fight in a conventional war against Egypt. However, this particular war was not going to be fought by the children of Israel, even though it was directed toward them. God was going to fight for the children of Israel. Thus, this war was a miss-match from the beginning; the Egyptians did not have a chance of winning even though they had all the trained soldiers and all the best equipment (**six hundred chosen chariots**). Natural weapons and equipment and natural training are no match against the Lord. In this war, the Lord caused a mighty east wind to blow to part the waters of the Red Sea. In the morning, the children of Israel passed over the sea on dry ground. The Egyptians assayed to follow the children of Israel, but God caused the waters of the Red Sea to return and thus destroy Pharaoh, his army, and his equipment.

God's deliverance of the children of Israel from Pharaoh, Egypt, and the army of Egypt is typical of God's eternal deliverance of his elect people from their enemies. We will compare the two deliverances.

We make the following points about God's deliverance of the children of Israel at the Red Sea:

1. The children of Israel were no match for their enemies. They had nothing by which they could fight or deliver themselves from such a host who came out against them.

2. God fought the war for the children of Israel. The children of Israel did nothing in the fight against their enemy to overcome and destroy them.

3. The children of Israel were delivered across the Red Sea in which they could not have delivered themselves.

4. Pharaoh, his army, and all his equipment and weapons was destroyed in the same place that the children of Israel were delivered (in the Red Sea).

5. The children of Israel after this deliverance would never have these enemies to fight against as they were completely destroyed.

The east wind crossing a north-south running Red Sea is typical of the cross of Calvary where the Lord Jesus Christ fought a war that his elect people were not capable of fighting and on behalf of his elect people. The enemies he fought against were Satan, sins, death, hell, and the grave. Now we compare the eternal deliverance of the elect children of God to the above deliverance of the children of Israel at the Red Sea:

1. The elect children of God were no match for their enemies (Satan, sins, death, hell, and the grave). We had nothing whereby we could fight or deliver ourselves from such a host who was against us. We were completely powerless and unable to even actively engage in that war. We were "dead in trespasses and sins."

2. The Lord Jesus Christ fought the war against our enemies for us. We, the elect family of God, did nothing to aid or assist in our deliverance. We were completely passive in this war.

3. The elect family of God was delivered at the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ by a deliverance that we could not attain for ourselves.

4. With the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, our enemies (Satan, sins, death, hell, and the grave) were completely destroyed in the same place that we were delivered. According to Heb. 2:14 Christ delivered us from the works of Satan and the fear of death: "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Likewise, Rom. 8:33 tells us that we have been forever delivered from the judgment of God upon our sins: Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is

he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

Moreover, through this work of Christ we are delivered from the grave: 1 Cor. 15:51-57 "Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Furthermore, we were delivered from hell as it is reserved for those whose sins are not redeemed: 1 Tim 5:24 "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after." The elect children of God had their sins go before to judgment (at the cross). The non-elect have their sins follow after them and they will be cast into the lake of fire because of their sins at the last day.