

The Sea

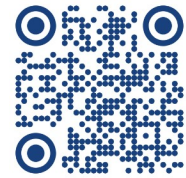
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About This Teaching

Clip from "Israel's Blessed Hope" — Lesson 3

This teaching explores why bodies of water surround the land of Israel, tracing the answer to God's "decreed place" being broken up at the flood (Job 38:10). Keith Blades reveals that Satan and his foul spirits took up strategic residence in those waters as part of his campaign to prevent Israel from repossessing the land. Drawing from Job 38, Isaiah 27, Psalm 74, and Exodus 15, the session shows that every key battlefield in the Book of the War of the Lord involves water — because at each site the Lord must drive out the spiritual powers entrenched there. The crossing of the Red Sea was not merely a miracle of deliverance; it was a direct confrontation with Satan at the very entrance to the pit.

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Lessons at a Glance

Lesson	Core Focus
The Sea	Why water surrounds the land of Israel — God's decreed place, Satan's strategy, and the spiritual significance of the Red Sea crossing

Lesson Summaries

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The Sea *God's Decreed Place & Satan's Stronghold*

- God has a "decreed place" on earth — the land of Israel — where He plans to establish His residence in the midst of creation (Job 38:10).
- At the flood, God broke up His decreed place for the sea; the bodies of water now surrounding Israel (Mediterranean, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Black Sea, Caspian Sea) are the direct result.
- Satan (Leviathan) took up strategic residence in the Red Sea, which sits directly over the major opening to the pit (Isaiah 27:1).
- His choice of the Red Sea was deliberate — it was the only entry point into the promised land, forcing Israel to cross directly over the entrance to the pit.
- Satan's lesser dragons and foul spirits took up residence in the other surrounding waters — posted as guards around every approach to the land

(Psalm 74:13–15).

- The “mighty rivers” of Psalm 74:15 are not mighty because of water volume — they are mighty because of the spiritual powers dwelling in them.
- Satan also posted the Canaanites (Ham’s descendants) inside the land to hold it, and assigned foul spirits to each of the surrounding nations — a comprehensive encirclement strategy.
- After Babel, Babylon became the mother of harlots and a foul spirit was assigned to each nation that developed under Satan’s authority.

The Red Sea Crossing — A Confrontation at the Pit

- When God sent Israel to Egypt, He sent them into Satanic captivity — and getting out required crossing directly over the pit’s opening.
- God congealed the earth in the midst of the Red Sea so Israel could walk over it solid — without being swallowed into the pit; Satan had the keys of death and hell and was waiting.
- Numbers 16: when the earth opened and swallowed Korah, that is exactly what would have happened to Israel at the Red Sea without God’s congealing.
- Exodus 15: Pharaoh’s army was not congealed — the earth swallowed them up and their souls went down into the pit.
- Psalm 69 foreshadows the Lord Jesus Christ going through those same waters on the cross — praying not to be bound in the miry deep; Jonah also typifies this descent and preservation.
- This is why every battlefield in the Book of the War of the Lord (Numbers 21) involves water — at each site the Lord must drive out the spiritual strongholds entrenched in those waters.

Key Doctrinal Distinctions

God’s “Decreed Place” — The Land of Israel as Divine Real Estate

The land of Israel is not a geopolitical choice or a historical accident. Job 38:10 reveals that God decreed a specific place on earth for His own residence. The bodies of water now surrounding that land are a direct consequence of God breaking up His decreed place at the flood. Understanding this transforms how one reads the entire geography of Israel’s program.

The Red Sea as Satan’s Stronghold Over the Pit

Satan’s residence in the Red Sea was not symbolic but literal and strategic. The Red Sea sits over the major opening to the pit — the entrance to death and hell. His position there meant that the only way into the promised land required Israel to cross directly over that entrance. The crossing of the Red Sea was therefore a direct power confrontation between God and Satan at the gate of the pit itself.

Mighty Rivers = Mighty Foul Spirits

The “mighty rivers” referenced in Psalm 74:15 are not mighty because of their water flow or physical size. They are mighty because of the powerful spiritual beings — dragons and foul spirits — that took up residence in them. Satan systematically posted these creatures in every body of water surrounding the land of Israel as part of his strategy to encircle and hold the land against God’s program.

Key Scripture References

Job 38:8–11	God’s “decreed place” broken up for the sea at the flood; bars and doors set on the waters
Isaiah 27:1	Leviathan/Satan identified as the dragon in the sea (Red Sea); his future destruction
Psalm 74:10–15	The dragons and foul spirits in the waters surrounding Israel; their defeat by the Lord
Exodus 15	The Red Sea crossing; God congealing the waters; Pharaoh’s army swallowed into the pit
Psalm 69	The Lord Jesus Christ going through the waters on the cross; praying not to be bound in the miry deep
Numbers 21	The Book of the War of the Lord; battlefields where water is present at each site
Revelation 18	Babylon as a prison for every foul spirit the Lord drives out of the waters at His return

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