

## Parshat Beshalach

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### Look Ahead and Look Up

#### 1. Exodus 14:10-16

<sup>15</sup> Then GOD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to Me? Tell the Israelites to go forward.	וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל־מֹשֶׁה מִה־תִּצְעַק אֵלַי דְּבַר אֶל־בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיֵּסְעוּ:
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#### 2. Rashi on Exodus 14:16

<b>Why do you cry out to Me?</b> – This teaches us that Moses stood in prayer. The Holy Blessed One said to him, "It is no time now to pray at length, when Israel is placed in trouble." Another explanation: This matter is mine and not yours, as it later says, "Concerning My sons and concerning the work of My hands will you command Me?" (Isaiah 45:11)	<b>מה תצעק אלי.</b> לְמַדְּנוּ שֶׁהָיָה מֹשֶׁה עוֹמֵד וּמִתְפַּלֵּל, אָמַר לוֹ הַקֹּדֶ"ה, לֹא עֵת עֵתָה לְהִאָרִיךְ בְּתַפִּלָּה, שִׁי־יִשְׂרָאֵל נִתּוּנִין בְּצָרָה (מְכִילתָא). דָּ"א – מִה תִּצְעַק אֵלַי, עָלַי הַדְּבָר תָּלִי וְלֹא עָלֶיךָ, כְּמוֹ שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר לְהֵלֵן "עַל בְּנֵי וְעַל פְּעַל יְדֵי תַצִּוֵּנִי" (יִשְׁעִיָּהוּ מ"ה):
<b>Tell the Israelites to go forward</b> – There is nothing for them to do but to journey on, for the sea will not stand in their way: their ancestors' merits, and the faith that they placed in Me so that they left Egypt will suffice to divide the sea for them.	<b>דבר אל בני ישראל ויסעו.</b> אֵין לָהֶם אֶלָּא לֶסַע, שְׂאִין הַיָּם עוֹמֵד בְּפָנֵיהֶם, כְּדָאֵי הוּא זְכוּת אֲבוֹתֵיהֶם וְהָאֱמוּנָה שֶׁהֶאֱמִינוּ בִּי וַיֵּצְאוּ, לְקַרַע לָהֶם הַיָּם (מְכִילתָא):

#### 3. Ibn Ezra on Exodus 14:16

<b>Why do you cry out to Me?</b> – Some say that Moses was crying out to God, but this is incorrect, for God had already said to Moses, "I will gain glory through Pharaoh" (Exodus 14:4). On the contrary, this was told to Moses who stood in Israel's stead because the Israelites cried out to God.	<b>מה תצעק.</b> יֵשׁ אוֹמְרִים כִּי מֹשֶׁה הָיָה צוֹעֵק אֶל הַשֵּׁם. וְזֶה אֵינּוּ נִכּוֹן כִּי כָּבַד דְּבַר לוֹ וְאִבְדָּה בְּפָרְעֹה. רַק נֹאמַר עַל מֹשֶׁה שֶׁהוּא כֹנֵגֵד כָּל יִשְׂרָאֵל. בַּעֲבוּר שִׁצְעָקוֹ בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֵל ה':
<b>Go forward</b> – Little by little until they reach the edge of the sea.	<b>ויסעו.</b> מַעֲט מַעֲט עַד שִׁיִּגִּיעוּ לַשִּׁפְתַּי הַיָּם:

#### 4. Exodus 15:22

Then Moses caused Israel to set out from the Sea of Reeds. They went on into the wilderness of Shur; they traveled three days in the wilderness and found no water.	וַיִּסַּע מֹשֶׁה אֶת־יִשְׂרָאֵל מִיַּם־סוּף וַיֵּצְאוּ אֶל־מִדְבָּר־שׁוּר וַיֵּלְכוּ שְׁלֹשַׁת־יָמִים בַּמִּדְבָּר וְלֹא־מָצְאוּ מַיִם:
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#### 5. Rashi on Exodus 15:22

<b>Then Moses caused Israel to set out</b> – He made them journey against their own will, because the Egyptians had adorned their horses with gold and silver jewelry, and with precious stones, and the Israelites were finding these in the sea. Greater was the booty they obtained at the Red Sea than the booty they had brought out of Egypt, as it is said "We will add wreaths of gold to your spangles of silver" (Song of Songs 1:11). Therefore, he was compelled to make them journey on against their will.	<b>ויסע משה.</b> הִסִּיעֵן בְּעַל כָּרְחָם, שֶׁעָטְרוּ מִצְרַיִם אֶת סוּסֵיהֶם בְּתַכְשִׁיטֵי זָהָב וְכֶסֶף וְאַבְנִים טוֹבוֹת, וְהָיוּ יִשְׂרָאֵל מוֹצְאִין אוֹתָן בַּיָּם – וְגִדּוּלָה הָיְתָה בְּזֵת הַיָּם מִבְּזֵת מִצְרַיִם שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר "תוֹרֵי זָהָב נַעֲשֶׂה לָּךְ עִם נִקְדּוֹת הַכֶּסֶף" (שִׁיר הַשִּׁירִים א') – לְפִיכָךְ הִצְרִךְ לְהַסִּיעֵן בְּעַל כָּרְחָם:
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