

Waters Splitting Everywhere

וַיִּט מֹשֶׁה אֶת-יָדוֹ עַל-הַיָּם וַיּוֹלֶךְ ה' אֶת-הַיָּם בְּרוּחַ קָדִים עֶזְרָה כָּל-הַקְּלִיָּה וַיִּשָּׁם אֶת-הַיָּם לְחַרְבָּה וַיִּבְקְעוּ הַמַּיִם. וַיָּבֹאוּ בְנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּתוֹךְ הַיָּם בַּיַּבֵּשָׁה וְהַמַּיִם לָהֶם חוֹמָה מִיְּמִינָם וּמִשְׂמָאלָם (שמות יד: כא-כב).

And Moses stretched his hand out over the *sea* and God moved the *sea* with a strong east wind all through the night making the *sea* into dry land and the *waters* were split. And the people of Israel went into the *sea* on dry ground, the *waters* forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. (Exodus 14:21-22)

וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה נִטֵּה אֶת-יָדְךָ עַל-הַיָּם וַיָּשֻׁבוּ הַמַּיִם... (שמות יד: כו).

And the Lord said to Moses, stretch out your hand over the *sea* and the *waters* will return... (Exodus 14:26).

אֵינוֹ אוֹמֵר וַיִּבְקַע הַיָּם אֶלָּא "וַיִּבְקְעוּ הַמַּיִם" (שמות יד: כא). מְלַמֵּד שֶׁכָּל הַמַּיִם שֶׁבְּכָל הַמַּעֲיָנוֹת וּבַבּוֹרוֹת וּבְכָל מְקוֹם נִבְקְעוּ, שֶׁנֶּאֱמַר: "וַיִּבְקְעוּ הַמַּיִם". וְכֵן בַּשָּׁעָה שֶׁחָזְרוּ, חָזְרוּ כָּל הַמַּיִם, שֶׁכֵּן הוּא אוֹמֵר: וַיָּשֻׁבוּ הַמַּיִם... (שמות יד: כו).

Scripture does not say, *and the sea was split*; rather, *and the waters were split* (Exodus 14:21). This teaches that all of the waters in all the wells, cisterns, and in every other place were split, as it says: *the waters were split*. Likewise, when they returned, all of the waters returned, for it says: *and the waters returned* (Exodus 14:26).

(Exodus Rabbah 21:6)