

**Series:** Exodus

**Sermon:** A Rescue Story for the Ages: Part Two

**Scripture:** Exodus 14 (ESV)

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In the crossing of the Red Sea, there are three significant allusions to overarching biblical themes:

## 1. Creation and Re-Creation

### **Creation:**

God brings humanity into an ordered cosmos, into life with Himself. He does this, in part, by displaying His sovereign control over the sea, so that the chaotic waters turn into waters of life.

*The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2 (ESV)*

*And God said, 'Let the waters under the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Genesis 1:9-10 (ESV)*

### **Creation – Darkness and Light:**

God's first act of creation? Separating the light from the darkness.

*And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. Genesis 1:3-4 (ESV)*

God's first act of deliverance at the Red Sea? Separating light from darkness.

*Then the angel of the Lord who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night. Exodus 14:19-20 (ESV)*

### **Re-Creation – The Flood:**

God delivers humanity through the waters of judgment and back into an orderly, life-giving cosmos.

*And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. Genesis 8:1b (ESV)*

## 2. The Sea as Sheol

*I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and He answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and You heard my voice. For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all Your waves and Your billows passed over me. Jonah 2:2-3 (ESV)*

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. Revelation 21:1 (ESV)*

### 3. Slaying the Serpent/Dragon

*And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord. Exodus 14:4 (ESV)*

*And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen. Exodus 14:17-18 (ESV)*