

Exodus: The Miracle: Phase 3, Watery Trap, 10-14, Art of War, Christ & Sun-tzu, 1-10

The Lord Himself took care of details for the Israelites; He personally protected the Jews as the Shekinah Glory, functioning as a FLOT Line between the Egyptian and the Israeli encampments. He then combined a natural meteorological phenomenon with divine omnipotence to create a miracle escape route—a breach in Little Bitter Lake opening the way to freedom.

By faith, two million Jews moved into this four-mile long and one-mile-wide breach lit up by the light of the Shekinah fire.

Hebrews 11:29a - By faith they [the Israelites] passed through Little Bitter Lake as though they were passing through dry land.

Finally, as a general of an army will, through strategy and tactics, maneuver an enemy into a trap where he can be easily defeated, so the Lord of the Armies accomplished with Pharaoh's army.

Hebrews 11:29b - The Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned [katapino: to swallow up as by water or waves].

In 1441 B.C., Jesus Christ used military science to lure, entrap, defeat, and destroy the elite Egyptian chariot corps, along with a division of horse and infantry.

In circa 500 B.C., the Lord's principles of military science were unknowingly cataloged by Chinese military genius, Sun-tzu, in his treatise, The Art of War. Here are some excerpts which indicate the timelessness of these principles developed by our Lord:

Sun-tzu. The Art of War. Edited by James Clavell. New York: Delacorte Press, 1983, passim:

1. All warfare is based on deception. Feign disorder, and crush him (the U-turn at Etham).
2. If he is of superior strength, evade him (the Israelites were incapable of attack).
3. When far away (moving through the breach), make him believe you are near (the FLOT Cloud prevented the Egyptians from knowing about the evacuation).
4. Hold out baits to entice the enemy (when the FLOT Cloud was lifted, the Egyptians were lured into the breach).
5. Supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting (the Jews never engaged the enemy yet it was completely destroyed).
6. He will win who knows when to fight and when not to fight (the Lord knew He had inferior human forces).
7. He will win who, prepared himself, waits to take the enemy unprepared (the Lord knew what He was doing).
8. To secure one's army against defeat lies in the general's hands, but the opportunity of defeating the enemy is provided by the enemy himself (The Lord protected his people through a three-phased miracle; Pharaoh's army provided the opportunity for victory).
9. He wins his battles by making no mistakes, for it means conquering an enemy that is already defeated (as a master tactician, the Lord perfectly maneuvered Pharaoh's army into His trap).

10. The skillful fighter puts himself into a position that makes defeat impossible and does not miss the moment for defeating the enemy (the Lord's strategy all along was to eliminate Pharaoh's army in Little Bitter Lake).