

What was the goal of the miracles of the exodus from Egypt?

Why do you think it was necessary for God to create these miraculous events?

Who were they for?



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Look at Ibn Ezra’s commentary (find it on the left side of the page under “Commentary”)

What does he say about the state of Bnei Yisrael’s mentality prior to the splitting of the sea?

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The text in the Torah presents us with clues as to the development of the narrative. In his article “Divine Therapy at the Red Sea”, Rabbi Elchanan Samet discusses this development within the structure of the text.

He divides Shemot chapter 14 into two sections, verses 1-14, and 15-31, and each section is divided into 6 units.

Recreate the chart below and fill in the text from the verses, in Hebrew or English.

	Section 1	Section 2
UNIT 1	1-4	15-18
UNIT 2	4-8	19-22
UNIT 3	9	23
UNIT 4	10	24-25
UNIT 5	11-12	26-30
UNIT 6	13-14	31

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Closely examine your completed chart. What patterns do you see? What linguistic or thematic parallels do you notice between the groups of verses of the two sections?

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Now turn to Rabbi Samet's article "Divine Therapy at the Red Sea" (you can find it on the Tanakh Exodus chapter 14 page on the left under the "articles" section, or by typing the title into the search bar) and **read section E** of the article. Summarize his insights on each of the sections. What development does he notice throughout the text?

The screenshot shows the HaTanakh.com website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search HaTanakh.com" and a navigation menu with icons for Home, Search, and a menu icon. The main content area is titled "Articles (13)" and lists several articles. The article "Divine Therapy at the Red Sea" by Rabbi Elchanan Samet is highlighted with a red arrow. The article title is "Divine Therapy at the Red Sea" and the author is "Rabbi Elchanan Samet". The article content is visible on the right side of the screen, showing the beginning of Exodus Chapter 14, Verse 1: "14 (1) And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: (2) 'Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal-zephon, over against it shall ye encamp by the sea. (3) And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel: They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. (4) And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he shall follow after them;".

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Besides the miracles performed by God, there were some rituals described in Exodus chapter 12 that Bnei Yisrael had to actively perform prior to the exodus.

How do you think that each of these actions, listed below, could contribute to their psychological exodus from Egypt and from their slave mentality?

### Sanctifying the month

How does the idea of sanctifying time and establishing holidays relate to freedom from slavery?

### Korban Pesach

See Rashi's words (12:6): משכו וקחו לכם משכו ידיכם  
מאלילים וקחו לכם צאן של מצוה

How does Rashi's comment illustrate the transformation from Egyptian slaves to worshippers of God?

### Blood on the Doorpost

Why did God command Bnei Yisrael to put blood on their doorposts? What could this act by Bnei Yisrael symbolize?

**Read section F** of the article. According to Rabbi Samet, what was the goal of the process of the exodus from Egypt?

How did the miracles of the exodus from Egypt succeed in psychologically freeing Bnei Yisrael from their slavery?