

בְּעַמֹּוד אֵשׁ וְעַנָּן

(Pillar of fire and cloud)

וַיְהִי בְּאֲשֶׁר מָרַת הַבְּקָר וַיִּשְׁקֹף יְהוָה אֶל-מַחֲנֵה מִצְרָיִם
בְּעַמֹּוד אֵשׁ וְעַנָּן וַיְהִם אֶת מַחֲנֵה מִצְרָיִם:

Exodus 14:24 ([Westminster Leningrad Codex](#))

<http://biblehub.com/texts/exodus/14-24.htm>

Pillar of Fire (theophany)

A **Pillar of Fire** was one of the manifestations of the presence of the God of Israel in the Torah. According to Exodus, the pillar of fire provided light so that the Israelites could travel by night during the Exodus from Egypt (claimed to be the 18th Dynasty; see dating of the Exodus). The pillar of fire is traditionally paired with the manifestation of the divine presence by day as the Pillar of Cloud. This was so they "could travel by day or night".

Usage

- Exodus 13:21-22. By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and *by night in a pillar of fire to give them light*, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.
- Exodus 14:24. During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the *pillar of fire* and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion.
- Numbers 14:14. And they will tell the inhabitants of this land about it. They have already heard that you, O LORD, are with these people and that you, O Lord, have been seen face to face, that your cloud stays over them, and that you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and a *pillar of fire* by night.
- Deuteronomy 1:33 Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to shew you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day.
- Nehemiah 9:12. By day you led them with a pillar of cloud, and by night with a *pillar of fire* to give them light on the way they were to take.
- Nehemiah 9:19. "Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the desert. By day the pillar of cloud did not cease to guide them on their path, nor the *pillar of fire* by night to shine on the way they were to take.

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