



Session 6 - Passover & Red Sea

There is an important principle for us to understand as NT believers. That principle is that when one views Israel in the OT even though Israel is a nation of people Israel can also be viewed as a picture of what an individual believer's life can look like.

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,11-12 (NASB) 1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 and all ate the same spiritual food; 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. 6 Now these things happened as examples for us, so that we would not crave evil things as they also craved... 11 Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.

1. CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AND SALVATION

EGYPT IN SCRIPTURE IS A PICTURE OF THE WORLD FOR THE BELIEVER

Hebrews 11:25-27 (NLT) 25 He chose to share the oppression of God's people instead of enjoying the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26 He thought it was better to suffer for the sake of Christ than to own the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to his great reward. 27 It was by faith that Moses left the land of Egypt, not fearing the king's anger. He kept right on going because he kept his eyes on the one who is invisible.

EGYPT IS DEPICTED IN SCRIPTURE AS A PLACE OF SLAVERY.

Deuteronomy 5:15 (NASB) 15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to observe the sabbath day.

Acts 7:9 (NLT) 9 "These patriarchs were jealous of their brother Joseph, and they sold him to be a slave in Egypt. But God was with him."

WE ARE SLAVES TO SIN WITHOUT CHRIST.

Romans 6:16 (NASB) 16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

John 8:34 (NASB) Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin."

ISRAEL WAS CALLED AN ALIEN IN EGYPT.

Acts 7:6 (NASB) "But God spoke to this effect, that his DESCENDANTS WOULD BE ALIENS IN A FOREIGN LAND, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE ENSLAVED AND MISTREATED FOR FOUR HUNDRED YEARS."

THE BELIEVER IS REFERRED TO THE SAME WAY IN THIS CURRENT WORLD.

1 Peter 2:11 (NASB) Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

BUT GOD CALLED THE NATION OF ISRAEL OUT OF EGYPT JUST AS HE DOES THE INDIVIDUAL BELIEVER OUT OF SLAVERY TO SIN TO FREEDOM IN HIS SON.

How did He do that?

Just like with us, God did it with the blood of a lamb for the Nation of Israel.

Exodus 12:1-3,5-13 (NASB) 1 Now the LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month shall be the beginning of months for you; it is to be the first month of the year to you. 3 "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 'On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers' households, a lamb for each household...5 'Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 6 'You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight. 7 'Moreover, they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 'They shall eat the flesh that same night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

9 'Do not eat any of it raw or boiled at all with water, but rather roasted with fire, both its head and its legs along with its entrails. 10 'And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire. 11 'Now you shall eat it in this manner: with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it in haste--it is the LORD'S Passover. 12 'For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments--I am the LORD. 13 'The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Until we put our trust in the blood of Jesus Christ we are slaves to this sinful world.

Romans 6:6-7 (NASB) 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; 7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

We see salvation come to Israel while they are still in Egypt (there is no cleaning oneself up, pulling away from the dirtiness of the world, repenting of being in a sinful place in life...it's simply accepting the sacrifice of the Messiah).

Romans 5:8 (NASB) 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

"...think of a diver, first reducing himself to nakedness, then glancing in mid-air, then gone with a splash, vanished, rushing down through green and warm water into black and cold water, down through increasing pressure into the death-like region of ooze and slime and old decay; then up again, back to color and light, his lungs almost bursting, till suddenly he breaks surface again, holding in his hand the dripping, precious thing that he went down to recover. He and it are both colored now that they have come up into the light: down below, where it lay colorless in the dark, he lost his color, too."

- CS Lewis

John 3:16-18 (NASB) 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. 18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Specific instructions are given on how to eat the lamb. If these weren't followed would they be sinning? Yes. But note what it is that saved the people "when I see the blood I will pass over you".

Exodus 12:13 (NASB) 13 The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Of course this is obviously a direct picture of the below for the modern day believer.

1 Peter 1:18-19 (NASB) 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

John 1:29 (NASB) 29 The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him and *said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

2. CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AND BAPTISM

We see the next part of the Children of Israel's journey was into the Red Sea.

Exodus 14:11-16,19-23,26-31 (NASB) 11 Then they said to Moses, "Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you dealt with us in this way, bringing us out of Egypt? 12 "Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." 13 But Moses said to the people, "Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the LORD which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. 14 "The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent." 15 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to Me? Tell the sons of Israel to go forward. 16 "As for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall go through the midst of the sea on dry land...19 The angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them. 20 So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night. 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided.

22 The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 23 Then the Egyptians took up the pursuit, and all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots and his horsemen went in after them into the midst of the sea...26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen." 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal state at daybreak, while the Egyptians were fleeing right into it; then the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, even Pharaoh's entire army that had gone into the sea after them; not even one of them remained. 29 But the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 When Israel saw the great power which the LORD had used against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.

What is this equated to for the believer? *This is baptism.*

1 Corinthians 10:2 (NASB) 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

Some things stand out here:

Baptized - a good way to understand baptize is to understand that the meaning is to identify with.

Baptized into Moses - Moses is a type of Christ. The Old Testament showed different types of Christ, Moses was one, Joseph was one and Noah being one.

MOSES AS A TYPE OF CHRIST:

1. Just like Jesus Moses goes back to Egypt or the world to save His people.
2. Just like Jesus Moses constantly stands and made intercession for His people.
3. Just like Jesus Moses spent time in the Wilderness before starting his ministry (Moses 40 yrs, Jesus 40 days)

16 "As for you, lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the sons of Israel shall go through the midst of the sea on dry land...26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen."

Two things have happened here.

29 But the sons of Israel walked on dry land through the midst of the sea, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. 30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

verse 29....God made a way and verse 30 He destroyed sin and it's power over us.

Just like Christ stretching His arms out twice (His right and left) and creating a way for us while also defeating death and sin.

Who was saved in this scene? They all were saved in this scene. Not just Moses, the one that had the faith that God would work through him to provide a way everyone got to cross through the way that was made.

II Corinthians 5:14 (NASB) 14 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died.

They were saved because of Moses faith or trust. Just as we are saved because of Jesus' perfect faith. They couldn't have had the level of perfect faith required to be saved. He had it for us...now we are asked to believe that His sacrifice was enough.

HIDDEN IN CHRIST

In other words these people were ABLE TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH GOD because of Moses' faith that God would save them and bring them through the sea.

Romans 6:3-4 (NASB) 3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Just as we are baptized into Christ or have been identified with Christ because of our trust in Him.

NOT ONE ISRAELITE IS LOST...NOT ONE, BUT THE ENTIRE EGYPTIAN ARMY WAS DESTROYED.

And it is His sustaining work that keeps us saved.

1 Corinthians 10:1(NASB) 1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea;

John 6:39 (NIV) And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

Another good visual of this from the diagram is that even if the people had wanted to go back (which they did, many times) they couldn't go back. The Sea covered their way up, they couldn't physically go back along with that God defeated the army and Pharaoh in the Sea. Who were they going to go back to and plea for mercy to have admittance back into Egypt.

The ruler had been destroyed.

Important concept here for the believer, for those believers that desire the lifestyle of the world we must understand there is nothing there for us. There is nothing fulfilling to go back to.

Baptized into the Cloud - God is the cloud. We are identified with Him upon our belief as well. We are now in His family and called children of God. We are a part of His chosen race now.

We are the church.

The Children of Israel were identified with God or the Cloud because of Moses or the deliverer that God was providing. We are identified into God's family because of the deliverer that God provided in His Son.

19 The angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them. 20 So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night.

God placed Himself between the Egyptians and His people. He was protecting them, He was fighting for them: Remember what Moses said:

14 "The LORD will fight for you while you keep silent."

SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLE: God sets us apart and protects us. He tells the world that we are His. The world can no longer have us.

PURCHASED AND SET APART

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Exodus 15:16 (NASB) 16 "Terror and dread fall upon them; By the greatness of Your arm they are motionless as stone; Until Your people pass over, O LORD, Until the people pass over whom You have purchased."

Acts 20:28 (NASB) 28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood."

SET APART:

1 John 3:1 (NASB) 1 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

2 Corinthians 6:18 (NASB) 18 "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," says the Lord Almighty.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NASB) 17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

The Sea destroyed the Egyptians and our slavery to sin or to the world. We no longer have to be slaves to our sin.