

On the Corner Fringe: Moses Strikes the Rock August 24, 2017

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Moses and the Prophetic Foreshadow of Yeshua

This presentation from **Pastor Daniel Joseph** of **Corner Fringe Ministries** explores the biblical account of **Moses striking the rock** to illustrate a deeper **prophetic message** regarding the gospel. Daniel explains that because **Moses and Aaron** failed to honor God and spoke impulsively to the Israelites, they were denied entry into the **Promised Land**. This historical event serves as a **foreshadowing**, demonstrating that the law, represented by Moses, cannot lead believers to their **eternal inheritance**. Instead, the narrative highlights **Joshua (Yeshua)** as the one who ultimately secured victory and rest for the people. By focusing on this transition of leadership, Daniel argues that **salvation and justification** are found exclusively through **faith in Yeshua (Jesus)** rather than human adherence to the law. Consequently, he encourages people to return to their **first love** and recognize that only **divine grace** provides entry into God's kingdom.

[Introduction]



Insightful—Challenging—Cutting Edge—Biblical

[Daniel Joseph]

Shalom everyone. I want to welcome you to our very first video presentation of *On the Fringe*. I'm your host, Daniel Joseph. And today I want to talk about something I read a couple of weeks ago, and I'm always given this friendly reminder whenever I go through the Torah. But there is a prophetic foreshadowing of the gospel, and it's really done in a spectacular way, where we see that the Torah is crying out to us to put all the emphasis upon Yeshua. All our emphasis is to be upon Him, to put our trust in Him, understanding that it is He and Him alone by whom we are going to receive an eternal inheritance. And let me explain what I mean.

As you go back to Numbers, chapter 20, the children of Israel come to the wilderness of Zin and Kadesh, and they begin to complain because there's no water. So, the LORD commands Moses, "Hey, grab the rod and go to the rock. I want you to speak to the rock, and it's going to bring forth water." Well, Moses calls the congregation, and as we come to verse 10, this is what we read: Numbers 20:10—**And Moses**

and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?"

Now, this statement that Moses just made, he would greatly regret. And so, as we get into Psalm, chapter 106:33, we find out that the LORD would not allow Moses to go into the land because "he spoke rashly with his lips." And here we see the very moment that Psalms 106:33 is referring to. It's referring to Numbers 20:10 and him calling them "rebels" and saying, "Must we, meaning he and Aaron, must they bring water for you out of this rock?"

Then, as we continue in Numbers 20:11-12, Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank. ¹² Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them."

So Aaron, we know, died on Mount Hor. He was not a part of bringing the children of Israel into the land. And Moses, the man who led the children of Israel for 40 years in the wilderness, would not get the crescendo. He would not be able to fulfill and bring them into the land. Now, who brought them in?

Well, this is where things get really fascinating because as we get to Numbers, chapter 27, we discover that Moses actually is commanded to place his hand upon Joshua, or in Hebrew, *Yeshua* (יֵשׁוּעַ), or in the long form, Yehoshua. He's to place his hand on him and inaugurate him in the sight of Eliezer, in the sight of all Israel, and it would be this Yeshua who would bring the children of Israel into the land. They would actually receive the inheritance by Yeshua leading them and conquering it. They received victory; Israel received victory. They received rest through Yeshua. That's how it happened.

And the whole structure—what we see here is screaming out to us, "Listen to the gospel," and where's our focus supposed to be? It's supposed to be on Yeshua. And so, as we get to the New Testament, it puts all this together. We find it all over the place in Acts, chapter 13, in Romans, chapter 3, and in Galatians, chapter 2; we could go on and on. The same thing is being said over and over again: the works of the law cannot justify us; only faith in Yeshua can.

Well, isn't that fascinating? Because as we look to the Torah, we are given that prophetic foreshadowing. We were given the structure of the Gospel and the reality that we would be justified only, receive this inheritance only, and be brought into the land only through Yeshua. And so it's a good, friendly reminder as we go through stories like this in the Torah to get back to our first love, to focus on what we are called to focus on, and to put the emphasis on where it belongs, not on our righteousness within the Torah, but on Yeshua, on His righteousness, because it's only through faith in Yeshua that we are going to receive victory. It is only through faith in Him that we'll see the Promised Land.

And yes, yes, when we put our faith in Yeshua, and He brings us into the Land, that doesn't mean we abandon the Torah, because you'll find warning after warning within the Torah itself. As you come into the Land, make sure you keep these commandments, because the LORD would cast them out if they did not. And so, the Torah is such a mesmerizing and beautiful thing, and it corroborates what we read about Yeshua in the New Testament. And so, this very structure, as He comes on the scene and says in John 3:18, "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already..." This reality was foretold in the Torah itself, and it's such a beautiful story.

And so, I leave this with you as a reminder: get back to your first love, get back to Yeshua, and call upon His name. Know this, that it's only by His grace that you will ever see the land. And when that's at the forefront of your mind, you yourself will be so much more gracious. You will be skilled to be able to handle that mighty sword that we call the Word of God, the Torah. When you have the understanding that it is what Yeshua has done for you, you will show the same gentility, the same compassion for others, when you truly have that. You're going to be very dangerous to the kingdom of Satan when you wield that sword in a proper context.

And let me take it a step further. To have this story, to see it for what it is, I think, will be very beneficial for you if you're going to be witnessing to a Jewish person. And to say that this whole gospel of Yeshua isn't foreign to the Torah—it makes a lot of sense, actually, when you look at it. Then you see that Moses couldn't bring you into the land; you needed a Savior; you needed Yeshua to bring you in. This is who we need. And I think that aspect will resonate well with the Jewish people.

So that's all for today. Please join us again. We're looking to put these videos out weekly, LORD willing, and they'll be featured in our Corner Fringe global newsletter. If you haven't signed up for that, please do so as soon as you can. With that said, bless you and Shalom.

The Rock and the Redeemer

A Prophetic Foreshadow of the Gospel

The Failure at the Rock

Moses spoke rashly and struck the rock twice instead of hallowing God before Israel.

The Inauguration of Yeshua

Moses laid hands on Joshua (Hebrew: Yeshua) to lead Israel into the Promised Land.

Denied Entry to the Land

Despite 40 years of leadership, Moses was not permitted to bring the assembly into the inheritance.

Victory Through Grace Alone

Israel received their rest and inheritance through Yeshua's leadership and conquest, not Moses'.

The Torah Cries Out for a Savior

This structure demonstrates that justification cannot come through the Law, but only through faith.

Return to Your First Love

True victory and entry into the Promised Land depend entirely on faith in Yeshua's righteousness.

