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## Christ in All Exodus



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We are in a journey toward what I call A Strategic Grasp of the Bible. The first lesson was Seven reasons why I believe God's Word!

Next we found that Jesus gives a seven-mile Bible study to those on the road to Emmaus. Note what He said THEY (the entire Old Testament) SPEAK (every book, every chapter, even every detail) OF ME (the Bible is Christ centered)!

**Luke 24: 25-27** Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

In the thirty-nine Old Testament books, Christ is in the shadows, seen in analogies and in pictures. He is in types and rituals. He is prophesied and anticipated. The twenty-seven New Testament books complete the Old, revealing Christ in person, in truth and reality, in the present and acknowledged.

This led us to: **CHRIST IN GENESIS**

Following are but a few of the references to Christ in Genesis.

1. **THE CREATIVE WORD**—Gen. 1:3; John 1:1-5; 2 Cor. 4:3-7;
2. **THE LAST ADAM**—Rom. 5; 1 Cor. 15:45;
3. **THE SEED OF THE WOMAN**—Gen. 3:15; Gal. 3:19; 4:4;
4. **THE COVERINGS OF ADAM & EVE** - Genesis 3;
5. **THE ARK OF NOAH AND THE FLOOD**—Gen. 6-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22;
6. **THE PRIEST LIKE MELCHIZEDEK**—Gen. 14; Heb. 7-10;
7. **ISAAC, THE CHILD OF PROMISE**—Gen. 17; Gal. 4:21-31 (Isaac pictures Christ in his miraculous birth, his willingness to die, his "resurrection" [Heb. 11:19], and his taking of a bride. Of course, Jesus actually died and arose from the dead. In Isaac, these events were only symbolic.)
8. **THE OFFERING LIKE ISAAC AND THE LAMB**—Gen. 22:7-8; John 1:29;
9. **LIKE JACOB'S LADDER**—Gen. 28:12ff; John 1:51;
10. **LIKE JOSEPH**—Gen. 37-50 (Rejected by His brothers; beloved of the Father; made to suffer unjustly; exalted to reign. Joseph's brothers did not recognize him the first time they saw him, but they did recognize him the second time. So with Israel is their recognition of their Messiah.)

**CHRIST IN EXODUS:**

According to **Luke 24:27**, 44-45 Christ is found in "all the Scriptures." **Exodus 33:17** He is the One greater than the deliverer, Moses - He is Christ in ALL the Scriptures! In **Exodus** we find Christ:

1. The Voice in the Burning Bush (3.1-6)
2. The Passover Lamb of God (12.1-28)
3. The Unleavened Bread (13.3-10)
4. The Rock/Pillar of Cloud and Fire leading them (13.21-22)
5. The Manna from Heaven (16.1-36)
6. The Source of Living Water (17.1-7)
7. The Tabernacle (25-40)

We can see Pictures of Christ in every section of Exodus.

**Pictures of Christ: The Burning Bush (3:1-6)**

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The Burning Bush has some very interesting symbolism. Fire is always symbolic of judgment (in the Scripture); brass was always used in the Tabernacle for vessels which needed to hold fire, so brass speaks of fire and thus judgment. ([Num 21:5-20](#) and the brazen serpent). [Heb 12:29](#) "our God is a consuming fire"; [Heb 1:13](#) notes that He cannot even look upon evil.

So with fire speaking of judgment, what is being judged here? The bush. The Hebrew for bush is **hn,s]** (*seneh*), which actually comes from the word "to prick" and it thus means a bramble or thorn bush (sometimes called an acacia bush); the thorn bush of the desert.

The symbol for sin is a thorn; see [Gen 3:18](#). When we see Christ crucified, we find the Roman soldiers made a crown of thorns and placed it upon Christ's head. Christ was made sin for us ([Gal 3:13](#)), He bore our sins on His brow.

Here with the burning bush, we have sin being judged by God's consuming fire! The thorn bush is not consumed; sin in the Hands of the Living God, not being destroyed, is a model of mercy. Do not get Grace and Mercy confused. Grace is getting something that you don't deserve. Mercy is not getting that which we do deserve.

The seven "I AM'S" in John's record of Christ's life and ministry.

1. I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE (6:35)
2. I AM THE LIGHT OF WORLD (8:12)
3. I AM THE DOOR OF SHEEP (10: 7,9)
4. I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD (10:11)
5. I AM THE RESURRECTION AND LIFE (11:25)
6. I AM THE WAY, TRUTH & LIFE (14:6)
7. I AM THE TRUE VINE (15:1)

### Pictures of Christ: The Passover (12:1-28)

We speak often of the seven feasts of Moses, the Levitical feasts, this is not a Levitical feast. Rabbinical feasts were slaughtered by the High Priest, this is slaughtered for every household, by the head of the household. It is very different than the other feasts. It is also partaken, eaten personally.

#### Passover pictures SALVATION in Christ!

The 10<sup>th</sup> plague is a picture of dying in one's sin:

• It was UNSPEAKABLE - to even imagine a supernatural messenger of doom was to hunt and kill the first born, was beyond words. That anyone could pick out the first born of man and livestock in the unlit blackness of an Egyptian night, is imperceivable. And to know it was tonight, was beyond words to express.

- It was UNAVOIDABLE - there was no place he would not visit. Each family would be noticed and examined from poorest to the richest. From the huts of farming peasants to the ivory halls of palaces, all would see the dark shadow of the Death Angel.
- It was UNSTOPPABLE - there was no power on earth then or now that could have stopped that stalking death. Nothing to deflect his sword of death.
- It was UNEXPECTED - life was moving along as expected. Business as usual. Yes, that old fanatic was still crying judgment. But, we live in a real world, not some God we can't see who can judge us. Remember, the god's of Egypt were put to bed each night in their temples by the priest. Awakened each day, fed, clothed and put on display...Sounds just like Hell and the wrath of God facing unrepentant sinners today. Remember that Jesus says!

#### THERE WAS A FULL SALVATION TO SEEK:

- God's offer was Salvation - He gave the ones who would listen the only solution to avert the disaster of the Death Angel's sword.
- God's plan was Substitution - He detailed a simple act of taking an innocent, spotless lamb to die in the place of the family members.
- God's method was the Sprinkling of Blood - in the dark, a sprinkle of blood on the door posts was all it took to find protection.
- God's promise was Sufficient - it included deliverance from death, provision of all needs for life, and the hope of a land of promise flowing with milk and honey. All this with a personal guide to assure safe arrival!

So what does the Lord want us to remember tonight? THE PASSOVER. And what does that teach us? About our REDEMPTION? THERE IS A FINAL, DARK PLAGUE TO FEAR. It is UNSPEAKABLE, UNAVOIDABLE, UNSTOPPABLE, and UNEXPECTED. Sounds just like Hell and the wrath of God facing unrepentant sinners today. Remember that Jesus says!

THERE IS A FULL SALVATION TO SEEK: God's offer was Salvation; God's plan was Substitution; God's method was the Sprinkling of Blood; and God's promise was Sufficient. Sounds like simply receiving the gift of God in Christ! So Exodus[1] 12 gives us the thrilling story of the Passover, the clearest Old Testament picture of our individual salvation through faith in the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. In this chapter is the basis for calling Christ the *Lamb of God*, *Christ our Passover*, and the many tender references to His crucifixion as the death of our own Passover Lamb. *For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us* ([1 Corinthians 5:7](#). God said that the first-born in all Egypt should die. It would have fallen on the Hebrews, too, had they not killed the paschal lamb and been protected by its blood of redemption ([Exodus 12:12,13](#)). The message of the Passover is found in [Exodus 12:7](#) & 13.

- SPECIFIC: Only those who obeyed the Lord's specific instructions would be spared.
- SACRIFICIAL: Put the BLOOD of an innocent, spotless lamb that was poured out, caught in a bowl and applied.
- SUBSTITUTIONARY: Paint it on the door posts as the reminder that a lamb was identifies with that family and it was slain. This was true of all the homes that wish to be spared the horrors of God's wrath.
- SUFFICIENT: All who hid behind the shadow of that bloody sacrifice were protected

from God's wrath. The bloody cross of Calvary casts a narrow shadow in today's sinful world. All who step by faith into that place of refuge are eternally saved from God's wrath upon sin. And, they can begin to enjoy His abundant life forever.

### Pictures of Christ: The Unleavened Bread (13:3-10)

The heavenly Father<sup>[2]</sup> decreed that any Jew eating leavened bread (made with yeast) during this period should be cut off from the people. Why was His judgment so strong? Because in the Bible, Old Testament and New Testament, leaven is a metaphor for sin. Leaven represents the pride and arrogance that lead men to feel they have no need of God.

- The Bible says, "God resists the proud. ..." **James 4:6** NKJV) and "These six things the LORD hates...a proud look" (**Prov. 6:16-17** NKJV).
- Pride was Nebuchadnezzar surveying his kingdom and saying, "look what I've done." The result of pride was Nebuchadnezzar on his hands and knees eating grass in a cow pasture.
- Pride is an acid that turns the finest fruit bitter. Pride is a shallow and superficial weed that grows in all soils, without need of water or care. It consumes and destroys every living thing it overshadows. Pride is a swelling of the heart filled with ego and self-importance. Pride raises you above others until you look down on them. Pride is the basis of racism that divides the church and America. There is no white church, black church, brown church, or yellow church in Scripture. There is only the blood-bought church of Jesus Christ. Pride is a cancer that rots the soul.
- A man infected with pride needs nothing...not even God!

Picture a scene with me, if you will: Imagine a Hebrew participating in the Exodus.

- He has watched:

1. The hand of God peel back the edges of the Red Sea so His people could walk across on dry ground;
2. Pharaoh and his army drowned as the waters crashed back to their rightful place.
3. God bring water from a rock;
4. God lead 3 million as they followed the pillar of cloud by day and been comforted by the sight of the pillar of fire by night.

- Moreover, he has heard Moses explicitly state on several occasions -that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has commanded that leaven shall be put away during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.
- What if our imaginary Hebrew decides to have a nice little yeast roll for lunch? What does his rebellious action suggest? By today's standards of gross immorality, eating leavened bread during this festival week would be considered laughably unimportant. Yet God commanded that any person who ate leavened bread during this feast should be stoned to death.
- Think of it! What's God saying here? He's saying He has zero tolerance for sin! This is a message America has forgotten. We have become a nation of drugs, divorce, drunkenness, abortion, pornography, incest, and homosexuality. We are lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. We snap our fingers at God as if He were a cosmic bellhop. But God never changes! God has always poured out His wrath on people and nations who refuse to confess their sin.
- If our country does not have a time of national repentance, America will experience the wrath of God on her economy, on her land's ability to grow food through floods and scorching heat, and on her children, who will continue to march into captivity to drugs, gangs, sexual diseases, and Satanism. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD" (**Ps. 33:12** NKJV) -that verse does not describe America.
- **Why does God hate sin? Because sin is man's declaration of independence of God.** Hear me! You don't break God's law. ..God's law will break you. Such arrogance is hard to imagine, yet it exists all around us, just as it flourished even among the religious leaders in Christ's time. Jesus said, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees" (**Matt. 16:6** NKJV). This sort of arrogance exists in the church; it's contagious and it's cancerous. Just like yeast, sin puffs us up.
- Paul felt led to warn the early church, "Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?" (**1 Cor. 5:6** NKJV). His point? A "little" pride will destroy your marriage, your church, our nation, and your soul. The message of this feast? Redemption is to be followed by a holy life and right living. We may not be immediately punished for disobedience as the Israelites were, but we will pay the price for sin. There is a payday!

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[1] Mears, What the Bible is all about, p. 36-37.

[2] John Hagee, *His Glory Revealed*. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1999, p. 25-28.

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