

Exodus 10 – Sign 01 Waters of Life are Blood

Exodus (Names) – Changing the World

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Exodus 7:14-25

Material Represents Spiritual

- Jesus answered, “ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (Jn 3:5 ESV)
- Life is the Word and the Spirit seen as fresh waters
- If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? (Jn 3:12 ESV)
- Physical events point to spiritual truths

Material Out of Immaterial

- By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. (He 11:3 ESV)
- Discovering truth requires and is God’s Word
- What do I imply then?...I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. (1 Co 10:19-20 ESV)
- Mixing unholy with the holy is our speciality

Immature Understanding

- For too many years *I* saw these signs as consecutive, physical events designed to **punish** Pharaoh
- *I* was wrong, these signs are indicators of man's truth, warning of coming accountability for sin
- About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. Gal. 3:1-3 (ESV)

These Signs are Interdependent



- These signs are physical, representing spiritual realities resulting from our sin nature supported by the Flesh (Internal), the World (External), and Satan (Spiritual)
- This will be our focus for each sign

Pharaoh as High Priest

- Moses confronts Pharaoh going to the Nile to do his priestly duties (Ma'at)
- Moses repeats God's demand: Let the people go to worship Him
- All waters turned to blood
- Pharaoh's ancient system is empowered by Satan and his demonic forces
- They have turned the truth of God into a lie Gal. 1:18-20
- Walking in sin results in eternal death

Water Represents Word & Spirit

- Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, (Word) (Jo 3:5, Ep 5:25-26 ESV)
- Word of God cleanses us, washes our feet, if used rightly; or, it can bring death if used improperly

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- So the people went out and...made booths for themselves, each on his roof, and in their courts and in the courts of the house of God, and in the square at the Water Gate...for from the days of Jeshua the son of Nun to that day the people of Israel had not done so. (Nu 8:16-17 ESV)
- Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, " If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" (Spirit) (Jo 7:37-39 NASB)
- Festival of Millennial Kingdom required of all

Wages of Sin – Death

- Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his **blood** I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity (Ez 33:7-9 ESV)

Whose Death Counts?

- God is showing Pharaoh, Egypt, Hebrews and the ancient world that to ignore both His word and His Spirit will result in death
- Their words oppose God's word, pervert the truth of God and result in death
- Blood will be shed for sin (Le 17:10)
 - Christ's - Salvation (Re 7:13-17)
 - Sinners - Lake of Fire

Why is Blood the First Sign?

- One's source of truth determines one's end
 - If your source of "truth" is the lie then you shall not have eternal life with Christ, only eternal death (Jn 7:43-48)
 - Philosophy seeks to answer the question, What is Truth; however, man rejects Truth to erect his truth
- God's Word is the **only absolute** truth. Any other "source" of truth is of Satan, Father of Lies (Jn 8:43-48)

Ma'at Is Not Life But Death

- Pharaoh is not leading his society to eternal life but to eternal death by rejecting the Truth of God
 - His sincerity, his sense of justice is skewed because of sin
 - Their actions (Egypt's) only demonstrate their sin, condemning them
 - Drowning babies in the Nile

Comes to the Hebrews

- This sign is for the Hebrews also, who are *not* righteous
 - They have rejected God's message and His messengers
 - They sought to find mercy from Pharaoh (Straw-stubble)
 - They are not supporting Moses before Pharaoh
- This is God's warning to them that they must heed God's Word to find, and live, *the truth* – Sola Scriptura

Pharaoh's Priests Copy Sign

- Since Pharaoh's priests can reproduce the sign, Pharaoh draws the wrong conclusion
 - He believes his gods are also powerful as Moses' God
 - He refuses to believe God and grant the request
- The true message was ignored: Pharaoh and his priests can only produce death by their "truth" which was God's message to them, they missed the point

True Power of Pharaoh's Priests

- If Pharaoh and his priests could have turned the waters from blood to clear *then* they would have demonstrated true power of life
 - This would have declared the truth of their words
 - Their truth would be seen as a source of life
- However, only Christ's blood can make one's garments white demonstrating His truth is **the truth** (Jc 7:14)

Does Not End with the Egyptians

- God tells his people that if they do not remember these signs and keep His commandments then He will bring these signs upon them (De 28:58-61)
- National Israel did not keep the Law (De 31:1-18)
- God will bring this upon them, and the world, in the Great Tribulation (Re 16:4-7)

Seven Day Sign

- The number seven is divine completion, among other meanings
- God clearly emphasizes the truth of the bloody waters as it lasted seven days and the Egyptians were forced to dig in the earth for water (Ex 15:41-47)
- Not a single person asked God for forgiveness, mercy

Warning for Christians

- Christians consistently mixing the truth of Christ with the Lies of Satan (1Co 10:19-20)
 - Ephesus – Christ's truth was no longer essential
 - Pergamum – Pollute the truth with Satan's lies
 - Thyatira – Allow false teachers to bring in Satan's lies
 - Sardis – Dead church, no longer a church
 - Laodicea – Religious apathy to God's truth

Turning Water into Blood?

- Each believer should be growing in grace in Christ
- Each believer must struggle to remove the lies of the flesh and embrace the truth of God's word
- Each believer must learn to use the Word to understand how to choose the Good and reject the evil
(He 5:11-14)

Which Water Are You Drinking?

- Mixing a "little" error with God's word?
- Gnostic traditions keep you feeling "good"?
- Loving Eisegesis over Exegesis of God's Word?
(1Co 11:27-32)



Is This You?

