

Christ, The Rock (Exodus 17:1-7; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4)

- Many texts in the Old Testament gloriously prefigure the pre incarnate Christ
- Paul makes a direct connection with Exodus 17:1-7 to Christ in 1 Cor 10:1-4
- Paul says the rock from which the water flowed was of Jesus Christ: but how?

I. Israel's Problem at Meribah

- 17:1 Meribah, nearly identical to problem in Marah (15) God testing their faith
- Meribah- lit. resting place- but it was for them very far from a resting place
- People contend with Moses, “no water to drink” 2b: contention is with God
- The people were contending with God whom Moses represented (Ps 95:7-9)

II. Israel's Protest at Meribah

- Israel grumbled: protested against God via Moses: 3 elements to their protest
 - 1) 2a “**Give us water to drink**” God, you have made no provision for us!
 - 2) 3b “**You brought us up out of Egypt to kill us...**” God, you don't protect us
 - 3) 7 “**Is the Lord among us or not**” God, you have left us, doubt His presence

III. Israel Seeks to Prosecute God at Meribah

- The people are not just complaining against God they want to charge Him
- Vs 2, 7 we read twice they “contend” “test” – Heb lit. means covenant lawsuit
- Vs 3 “you brought us...to kill us” capital charge – God you want to murder us
- They had determined God was guilty: vs. 4 they wanted to stone Moses
- Elders called to be a jury – vs 5 – Moses' staff was also a picture of judgment
- Moses name of the place: Massah- to test & Meribah- to contend- law suit (7)

IV. The Judgment/ Verdict

- Vs 5 elders & peoples summoned vs 6 Moses strikes rock, God judges Himself
- The rock: proof God, provided for them, protected them, & was with them

The Rock is Christ

- 1 Corinthians 10: 4 that rock was Christ – Christ present with Israel
- Jesus' death on the cross – 19: 34 – from Jesus' side blood & water (John 4:14)