

[**NOTE:** *this series of lessons are not for the novice Christian. These are for the serious disciple who seeks to press on into all that God has and fulfill his calling. It is assumed that the reader has a basic foundation in the Scriptures and sees that God has an overriding purpose for the consummation of His plan.*]

# Blood & Water, Food & Drink

## Introduction

In this series of articles we are following the path of the patterns, types and shadows in the Scriptures. This path leads to a conclusion for which we all should be striving. God has given us graphical pictures of spiritual truth where the earthly shadows reveal the heavenly reality.

Since we are building on what has been discussed previously, let's recap the first two lessons:

Lesson 1:

1. God has given us the Tabernacle of Moses as a shadow of the Tabernacle of God in Heaven.
2. God gave us the Tabernacle as a dwelling place for His presence among His people.

Lesson 2:

1. Mount Sinai is to the Old Covenant what Pentecost is to the New.
2. God came down on Mount Sinai to speak to Moses before the people on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the passover in Egypt.
3. At Mount Sinai God revealed His plan and purpose—they were to be a Kingdom of priests, a holy people, His own possession if they would obey His and and keep His covenant.
4. When God came down before them on Mount Sinai, the people withdrew to a distance. They didn't want God to deal with them directly but instead want a man, Moses, to deal with God and tell them what He said..
5. Since the people wouldn't come to God, He would come to them and put His presence in the Tabernacle in the midst of His people.
6. At Mount Sinai
  1. God made covenant with His people;
  2. The Law was given;
  3. Priests were called and anointed;
  4. Instructions were given for relationship and interactions between people and between

people and God;

5. Instructions were given for worship, holiness, and coming into the presence of God.
7. The Tabernacle became the center of life and identity for Israel and related to all aspects of their life culturally, socially, and religiously.
8. All of these things find their fulfillment in us at Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In this lesson we will look at the types and patterns prior to Mount Sinai—the redemption from Egypt, the journey through the Red Sea, the water from the rock, and the food from heaven. These experiences are applicable to us under the New Covenant and should be experienced before Pentecost.

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. (1 Corinthians 10:11 NASB)

## The Blood of the Lamb

The children of Israel had been living in Egypt for 430 years [Exodus 12:40]. They had come to Egypt in a time of famine and because of Joseph, found a place for themselves there. They did not come as slaves but as free men. The Pharaoh of Joseph's time gave them their own area in which to live and work.

However, there came a time when there was a Pharaoh that didn't know about Joseph and what had happened previously. He was afraid of the Hebrews because they had grown so numerous. There was concern that the Hebrews might take over or at least side with an enemy of the Egyptians. So, they became slaves and the taskmasters required work quotas from them. The Pharaoh tried to limit their population growth by killing the newborns if they were sons.

This was the condition of the Israelites when God raised up Moses and sent him to Pharaoh. God had already told Moses that Pharaoh would not let the Israelites go except by compulsion. Moses had multiple confrontations with Pharaoh and his magicians resulting in plagues from God and the hardening of Pharaoh's heart. The final confrontation came when God said that He would strike and kill all of the first-born in Egypt. This would include the children of Israel if they did not follow Moses' instructions concerning the passover lamb and the blood applied to their doorposts.

Moses said, "Thus says the LORD, 'About midnight I am going out into the midst of Egypt, and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of the Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the millstones; all the firstborn of the cattle as well. 'Moreover, there shall be a great cry in all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been *before* and such as shall never be again. 'But against any of the sons of Israel a dog will not *even* bark, whether against man or beast, that you may understand how the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.' (Exodus 11:4-7 NASB)

'Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. '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. '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. 'They shall eat the flesh that *same* night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. '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. 'And you shall not leave any of it over until morning, but whatever is left of it until morning, you shall burn with fire. '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. '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. '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. 'Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it *as* a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it *as* a permanent ordinance. (Exodus 12:5-14 NASB)

The death of the first-born in Egypt was enough for Pharaoh. He was now ready for the Israelites to leave his land, which of course they did. The Passover became a permanent feast and celebration for Israel as a memorial of God's deliverance from Egypt.

This whole story is filled with types and shadows. Egypt is a type of the world and the world system. Pharaoh is a type of Satan. The passover lamb is a type of Christ Jesus sacrificed for us to remove our death sentence if we will but apply His blood. Paul speaks clearly of Christ as our Passover.

Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are *in fact* unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. (1 Corinthians 5:7-8 NASB)

When Jesus and His disciples celebrated His last Passover, the celebration became what is known to us as the Last Supper. When Jesus said "this do in remembrance of me" the last supper became our communion—our union with Him in the cup of wine (His blood) and the unleavened bread (His body).

So, we have the type of the Passover Lamb fulfilled by the reality of Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death. The shadow has passed away and we live in the reality of the Body of Christ.

## The Water of Baptism

The children of Israel were saved from death in Egypt by the blood. They were saved from their enemies at the Red Sea. The New Testament tells us that their experience at the Red Sea was a type of baptism.

For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:1-4 NASB)

The children of Israel were at the Red Sea when Pharaoh came after them by the design of God. He

had told Moses to move the Israelites from where they had camped to a new camp by the Red Sea.

Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Tell the sons of Israel to turn back and camp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea; you shall camp in front of Baal-zephon, opposite it, by the sea. "For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, 'They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' "Thus I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD." And they did so. ([Exodus 14:1-4 NASB](#))

So, God set them up according to His purpose so that He could definitively deal with the Israelites and with Pharaoh and his army. The waters of the Red Sea destroyed the power of Pharaoh to ever again take the Israelites captive. His power over them was thoroughly broken. As we have said, Egypt is a type of the world system. This reveals to us the importance of baptism to break the power of the world to again take us captive.

The people of God have developed a rather lackadaisical view of baptism and the command of the Scriptures to be baptized. God is not pleased with this. Baptism is a necessary provision that He has provided for us.

Yes, we are saved by the Blood, which removes our death penalty and makes us acceptable to God. But, we are also saved by the water of baptism, which breaks the power of the world over us as we die to the world and are buried in water and then raised up in newness of life. Both are necessary if we continue our mortal existence on this earth.

## Food and Drink

After passing through the Red Sea, the Israelites had a celebratory party and then Moses led them into the wilderness.

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah. So the people grumbled at Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" Then he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree; and he threw *it* into the waters, and the waters became sweet. There He made for them a statute and regulation, and there He tested them. And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer." Then they came to Elim where there *were* twelve springs of water and seventy date palms, and they camped there beside the waters. ([Exodus 15:22-27 NASB](#))

As we saw in I Corinthians 10:1-4 referred to above, Paul said, "*all ate the same spiritual food; and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.*" Jesus is the source of our spiritual drink just as He was the source for the Israelites. The springs and the rock from which water come forth are types of Jesus in His provision as our "*well of water, springing up to eternal life*".

Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14 NASB)

Besides water, God also provided "bread from Heaven" for them. This was the "spiritual food" of which they all ate that Paul spoke about.

Then they set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the sons of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departure from the land of Egypt. The whole congregation of the sons of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The sons of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the LORD'S hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat, when we ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether or not they will walk in My instruction. (Exodus 16:1-4 NASB)

This is a type of Jesus who is our bread from Heaven.

"Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst." (John 6:31-35 NASB)

God sustained the Israelites with food and drink that was both natural and spiritual as He led them toward Mount Sinai. This is a type and shadow of our journey toward the fullness of Pentecost.

## Recap

Israel was saved by the blood in Egypt. They were saved by the waters of baptism at the Red Sea. In Egypt they were saved from death. At the Red Sea they were saved from their enemies. Both experiences are necessary and important. God doesn't desire to save His people in Egypt and then leave them in Egypt! He has a goal in mind. The message is clear. God does not leave us in Egypt; however, to escape Egypt and Pharaoh's army it is necessary to be properly baptized. This particular type of enemy is only destroyed by baptism while God's people are saved by baptism.

Baptism provided a change of authority. They were under the authority of Pharaoh but that ended at the Red Sea. After passing through the waters they came under the authority of Moses who was under the authority of God. God did not redeem by the Blood so that they could stay under the enemy's authority.

We also have an order to these experiences. They were baptized after they were redeemed. Water before Passover is not a valid baptism experience. No enemies are destroyed if the water is applied

before the blood.

Israel continued into the wilderness but had no water and there are no rivers in the wilderness. Israel would surely die of thirst. First God provided springs and later after the manna, He provided rivers of water from the rock of Horeb [*Exodus 17:1-6*].

God told Moses to strike the rock and water ran out like a river and they all drank and were saved.

He split the rocks in the wilderness And gave *them* abundant drink like the ocean depths. He brought forth streams also from the rock And caused waters to run down like rivers. (*Psalms 78:15-16 NASB*)

As Israel traveled into the wilderness they also ran out of food. There was no food and no place to get food. If Israel didn't get food, they recognized they would all die. But God proved He could prepare a table in the wilderness. His provision was to rain down bread from Heaven. He fed them with manna. They all ate and were saved that day from death by starvation.

If Israel had not learned to eat from the manna they would have died. The type is clear. Many who neglect the Word of God die spiritually. In the same way today some in the church are not clever enough to understand the absolute importance of eating daily from God's word.

Now Israel was saved by the blood of the Passover Lamb in Egypt. They were saved by the waters of baptism at the Red Sea. They were saved by the manna in the wilderness. They were saved by the water out of the rock. By now we should be able to redefine what salvation really means. God's purpose is to totally separate us from Egypt and all that means and bring us into Canaan and all that means. That is God's salvation. Peter calls this salvation "The salvation to be revealed in the last times." [*1 Peter 1:3-9*]

The type is clear. Our salvation is not one static experience but a process which we must walk out. In verse 9 Peter says the out working of our faith results in the salvation of our souls. The final salvation will include those who began the race and also finished the race.

About three million souls left Egypt but of those only two entered Canaan. We must do better than that.