

81 JESUS LED THE SECOND EXODUS

Introduction: Moses, who led the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage, prophesied that Yahweh would raise up a prophet like him. This prophet would be completely faithful to God's will. (Dt 18:15-17). At the mount of transfiguration, Jesus met with Moses and Elijah "and spoke of His exodus, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem." Luke 9:31. With his sacrifice on the cross as the Passover lamb, Jesus, through his presence with His disciples, was about to lead the forty year second exodus, not from Egypt, but from sin slavery to reconciliation with the Father, the "promised land". This 40-year period is characterized by an over-lapping of the of the Old and New Covenant. (See P.P. #7 "Already but Not Yet")

1. THE EXODUS LASTED 40 YEARS — Both began on the 14th of the month of Nissan (Passover).

OT: Moses led the children of Israel for 40 years. (See Dt 2:7)

NT: Jesus' sacrificial death is thought to have been around AD 30. The destruction of the temple was in AD 70.

TEXT: "The way into the Holy Place [Kingdom of Heaven] wasn't yet revealed while the first tabernacle [the temple] was still standing." Heb 9:8

2. THE EXODUS ENDED WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF A GREAT CITY.

OT: Jericho was destroyed with the sound of seven trumpets 40 years after the Israelites left Egypt. (See Josh 6:20)

NT: Jerusalem was destroyed with the sound of seven trumpets 40 years after the crucifixion.

TEXT: "The seventh angel sounded, and great voices in heaven followed, saying, 'The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. He will reign forever and ever!'" Rev 11:15

3. KILLING OF THE INFANTS

OT: Newborn male Israelites were being killed during Moses' infancy. (See Ex. 1:16)

NT: Newborn male Jews were being killed during Jesus' infancy.

TEXT: "Then Herod... sent out and killed all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding country-side, from two years old and under, according to the exact time which he had learned from the wise men." Mt 2:16

4. THE FIRST EXODUS WAS A SHADOW/TYPE OF THE SECOND EXODUS

OT: Moses was called to lead the people out of Egypt. (See Ex 3:10, 7:4)

NT: Jesus was called out of Egypt to establish Him as the second Moses **and** the perfect Israel.

TEXT: "He [Joseph] arose and took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, 'Out of Egypt I called my son.'" Mt 2:14-15

5. WILLING TO LEAD

OT: Moses was reluctant to take the leadership in Israel's exodus out of Egypt. (See Ex 4:1, 6:12)

NT: Jesus was completely willing to take on the work God gave him to do.

TEXT: "I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.'" Heb 10:7

6. "I AM"

OT: Yahweh revealed Himself to Moses as the "I AM", the ground of being. (See Ex 3:14)

NT: Jesus revealed **Himself** to be the "I AM", the ground of being.

TEXT: "Jesus said, 'Most certainly, I tell you, before Abraham came into existence, I AM.'" Jn 8:58

7. WORD OF GOD

OT: Moses was given the Word of God for Israel's instruction.

NT: Jesus was revealed to **be** the Word of God incarnate.

TEXT: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Jn 1:1

8. GIVING GOD'S WORD ON A MOUNTAIN

OT: Moses received the law of God on Mt. Sinai. (See Ex 34:28)

NT: Jesus deepened the understanding of the Law of God with the beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount.

TEXT: "Seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain. When he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He opened his mouth and taught them...." Mt 5:1-2ff

9. COMMUNION WITH GOD

OT: Moses had various conversations with God— at the burning bush, Mt. Sinai, in the tabernacle, etc. (See Ex 3, 20)

NT: Jesus was in constant communion with the Lord of the universe, His Father.

TEXT: Jesus said, "I and the Father are one." Jn 10:30

TEXT: "... I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me." Jn 14:31

10. FEAST OF PASSOVER

OT: To save their firstborn, Moses instructed the people to sacrifice a lamb before they left Egypt. (See Ex. 12)

NT: Jesus was the sacrificial passover lamb to make passage into God's presence possible.

TEXT: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only born Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Jn 3:16

TEXT: "We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Heb 10:8-10

11. NON-ISRAELITES INCLUDED

OT: When Israel left Egypt, some non-Israelites went with them. (See Ex 12:37ff)

NT: Jesus' salvation was also for those not of ethnic Israel.

TEXT: "I have other sheep which are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice. They will become one flock with one shepherd." Jn 10:16

12. CLOUD

OT: Moses and Israel were led by a cloud (symbolic of God's presence) in their wilderness journey. (See Ex 13:21)

NT: Jesus disappeared into the cloud to lead His disciples for 40 years through "wilderness" trials.

TEXT: "As they [disciples] were looking, he [Jesus] was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight." Acts 1:9

TEXT: "Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mt 28:20

13. LIGHT

OT: Moses led the people through the darkness by the light of the pillar of fire. (See Ex 13:22)

NT: Jesus identified Himself as the light of life, saving mankind from spiritual darkness.

TEXT: "I am the light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life." Jn 8:12

14. TEMPLE

OT: Moses built a tabernacle for the dwelling of Yahweh. Ex 25:8f

NT: Jesus revealed that He **is** the temple of Yahweh.

TEXT: "Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up'.... He spoke of the temple of his body." Jn 2:19-22

15. BREAD

OT: Under Moses' leadership, Yahweh provided manna to Israel in the wilderness. Ex 16:25

NT: Jesus declared Himself to be the living bread that gives eternal life.

TEXT: "I am the living bread which came down out of heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Yes, the bread which I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." Jn 6:48-51

16. WATER

OT: Under Moses, Yahweh provided water for Israel from a rock. Ex 17:6

NT: Jesus declared Himself to be the living water that is an eternal well within believers.

TEXT: "He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'From within him will flow rivers of living water.'" Jn 7:38

TEXT: "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst again; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." Jn 4:14

17. SERPENT LIFTED UP

OT: Moses put an image of a serpent, symbolic of sin, on a pole. Those humble enough to look at it were saved from death. Num 21:9

NT: Jesus became sin so that man may enjoy eternal life, reconciliation with the Creator.

TEXT: "For him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Cor. 5:21

TEXT: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Jn 3:14-15

18. TEMPTATION TO COMPLAIN, FALTER IN FAITH

OT: The Israelites grumbled, distrusting God and Moses at numerous junctures in the wilderness. (See Num. 11)

NT: Christians were tempted to be fearful and complain when they were persecuted by temple activists.

TEXT: "Let's not test Christ, as some of them tested, and perished by the serpents. Don't grumble, as some of them also grumbled, and perished by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them by way of example, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come. Therefore let him who thinks he stands be careful that he doesn't fall." I Cor 10:9-12

19. OBEDIENCE/DISOBEDIENCE

OT: Moses became willful and struck the rock. This sin denied him access to the promised land. Num 20:11

NT: Jesus was perfectly obedient to the Father.

TEXT: “For it became him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in bringing many children to glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.” Heb 2:10

20. THE GOOD SHEPHERD

OT: Moses shepherded the children of Israel from Egypt to the promised land. (See Ex 3:10)

NT: Jesus is the good shepherd who gave His life for the sheep and delivered them from sin slavery.

TEXT: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” Jn 10:11

TEXT: “Even as the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Remain in my love.” Jn 15:9

21. FAITHFULNESS

OT: “Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant...” Heb 3:5

NT: Jesus was faithful over his Father’s house, which he shares with those who trust in Him.

TEXT: “Christ is faithful as a Son over his house. We are his house, if we hold fast our confidence and the glorying of our hope firm to the end.” Heb 3:6

22. THE DRAGON REPRESENTS PHARAOH-LIKE TYRANNY

OT: Egypt/Pharaoh is often depicted as a dragon, monster, sea beast, etc in the Tanakh, indicating slavery, dictatorial power, tyranny, persecution of the powerless. (See Ezek 29:1-3 ff)

NT: The tyrannical anti-Christ temple ideology was the dragon spirit.

TEXT: “...the great city [Jerusalem], which spiritually is called Sodom and **Egypt**, where also their Lord was crucified.” Rev 11:8 (See P.P. #4 “Babylon, the Harlot of Revelation, was First Century Jerusalem)

TEXT: “They will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you up to synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name’s sake.” Lk 21:12

NOTE: The anti-Christ spirit is personified in Revelation as the dragon, the satan, the devil, the accuser, the serpent, etc. These are synonymous terms. See P.P. #68 “War in Heaven—Revelation 12”.

23. THE DRAGON PERSECUTED AND OPPRESSED

OT: Moses’ people suffered under the brutality of Pharaoh/Egypt. (See Ex 1:8-14)

NT: First century Jews, possessed by the anti-Christ spirit, persecuted Jesus and His disciples. (see Preterist Paper #67 regarding the far-reaching persecution of first century Christians).

TEXT: “The dragon stood before the woman [believing Israel] who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child...” Rev 12:4

24. PROMISED LAND REACHED

OT: Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan River to the promised land. (See Josh 3:14-17)

NT: Jesus led his people into a love relationship with the Creator God free from the barrier of sin.

TEXT: “The devil [synonymous with dragon] who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur...” Rev 20:10

TEXT: “I saw a new heaven and a new earth... ‘Behold, God’s dwelling is with people; and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.’” Rev 21:1-3

CLOSING: This is only a brief sketch of the second Exodus motif. The Exodus from Egypt was a physical illustration of a deeper story of the emancipation of mankind from the bondage of sin and spiritual death. Jesus, the author of salvation, was made perfect through sufferings, and opened the way into the Kingdom of God, the promised land, for all believers.