

CROSSING THE RED SEA

Egyptians, Moses, & Israel

Introduction

1. The crossing of the Red Sea was a miraculous event.
2. There are lots of types and shadows and similar things to compare.

I. THE EGYPTIANS

1. They were like most of the world today dead in trespass and sin.
2. The Heavens declared the glory of God then as now Ps 19:1-3, but they made themselves Gods with their own hands; the Gods of today's world are triune, pleasure, fortune and fame.
3. They saw the great power of God in the plagues of blood, frogs, lice, flies, murrain, boils, hail, locust, darkness and the death of the first born.
4. Paul's words in Rom 1:18-25 fit them perfectly.
5. God hardened Pharaoh's heart, probably by doing no more than holding up the free labor before him. Ex 14:5
6. The soldiers were probably no different from Pharaoh desiring to feather their nest and have praise of Pharaoh and their people.
7. God destroyed Pharaoh and his army drowning them in the Red Sea, I have no doubt they went from water to eternal fire. Ps 9:17

II. Moses

1. Unlike the Egyptians. Heb 11:24-29
2. He was in some ways similar to Christ.
 - A. He was a prophet appointed by God Deut 18:15-16, Acts 3:19-26 and Acts 7:37
 - B. He was appointed a deliverer. Acts 7:35-36
3. He was just a man.
 - A. He got ahead of God and got into trouble. Acts 7:23-27
 - B. He made excuses Ex 3:11, Ex 4:1, Ex 4:10, Ex 4:13, Ex 5:22 and Ex 6:12
 - C. He disobeyed God in unbelief. Nu 20:1-12
4. He was just a man but some times his faith was 100%. Ps 23:4
 - A. His faith was full and complete when trapped at the Red Sea. Ex 14:13
 - B. His faith was full and complete when he led the children of Israel Into and across the sea.

III. Israel

1. They were in bondage.

A. They were set free by the death of the first born.

2. The Passover.

A. The first born of Israel escaped death by the blood of the Passover Lamb.

B. Christ is our Passover. I Co 5:7

3. JN 8:31-36

A. The truth shall make you free. JN 8:32

B. We have never been in bondage. JN 8:33

C. Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of it. JN 8:34

D. The servant abideth not in the house forever
JN 8:35 (They are sold Rom 7:14)

E. The son abideth ever. JN 8:35 (Not a slave, he is free) Christ is free from sin.

F. If the son sets you free you are free indeed. JN 8:36 The free son could buy and set an old slave free. Jesus redeemed us Gal 3:13

4. I Co 10:1-2 Baptized in the cloud and in the sea

A. Many have used this scripture trying to defend sprinkling, saying this was baptism but not immersion.

B. The fact is they were immersed, the sea was wall of water on each side and the cloud was over them.

C. Israel followed Moses into the sea separating themselves from Egypt and bondage.

D. We follow Christ into the water of baptism, by doing so we are identifying our selves with Christ portraying his burial and his resurrection; we also say we are dead to sin and raised to walk in newness of life

E. Similarities continued beyond the crossing, Paul points out That God was not pleased with many of them.