

ONE in the word

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me (Jesus).” (John 5:39)

January 25

TODAY’S READING: Exodus 14-16

OVERVIEW: Israel’s exodus out of Egypt and the crossing of the Red Sea; the song of Moses and Israel; Manna from heaven.

HIGHLIGHTS & INSIGHTS: As the Passover clearly illustrates the Christian’s salvation through the blood of the Lamb, so the journey of Israel from Egypt (the world) to Canaan (picture of the victorious Christian life) is a picture of the battles and blessings of the Christian life. Too many Christians are delivered from Egypt, but like Israel, get lost in the wilderness of unbelief. That is not to say they lose their salvation (that is impossible! Note that in the picture through Israel in Exodus 14:13, Israel never returned to Egypt), they just never receive all the inheritance that God has for them.

The crossing of the Red Sea is a picture of the believer’s union with Christ (1 Corinthians 10:1-2). Israel was “baptized unto Moses” (i.e. identified with Moses who pictures Christ here) as they went through the Red Sea. We are identified with Christ at our water baptism, which pictures our salvation and separation from the world.

Just as there is a law of gravity to which all are subjected, there is a law of sowing and reaping (Galatians 6:7-8). Pharaoh reaped exactly what he had sown. He had been responsible for drowning many Jewish boys (Exodus 1:22); now his army was likewise drowned. Be very careful what you sow!

Moses and Israel sang a song of deliverance praising God for saving them from Egypt (Exodus 15:1-21). We, as Christians, have a new song in our hearts the day we get saved (Psalm 40:1-3).

CHRIST IS REVEALED:

- As MANNA from heaven – Exodus 16 (John 6:31-33)
 1. It was a mystery – Exodus 16 (John 6:31-33)
 2. It was a gift – Exodus 16:15 (i.e. *manna* = “*what is it?*”; 1 Timothy 3:16)
 3. It was on the ground (accessible to all) – Exodus 16:14 (you had to bow, or humble yourself to get the gift; Matthew 18:4 – children could get it best)

4. It was small (speaks of Christ's humility) – Exodus 16:14 (Philippians 2:6-8)
5. It was white (speaks of Christ's sinlessness) – Exodus 16:31 (Genesis 3:15; Matthew 1:23)
6. It was sweet like honey – Exodus 16:31 (Psalm 119:103)
7. It must be received early – Exodus 16:21 (Isaiah 55:6; Malachi 4:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)