

Saved by Blood and Through Water

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BIG SANDY, Texas—In the last three weeks, we talked about lessons from the Exodus. Here is the listing of the subjects that we covered.

- How did Israel end up in Egypt?
- Deliverance from Egypt was certain.
- God hardened Pharaoh's heart.

This week, I want to talk about the concept of how the Israelites were saved by blood and saved through water.

Blood on doorposts

In Exodus 12:1-20, God spoke to Moses. Notice a portion of the instruction.

Exodus 12:13—"Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt."

In Exodus 12:21-27, Moses spoke to the elders of Israel. He repeated the message he received from God.

Exodus 12:23—"For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you."

Blood of the Savior

How did the lesson apply under the New Covenant?

Hebrews 9:11-14—"But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

Passing through the sea

As the children of Israel left Egypt, Pharaoh and his armies pursued them as they approached the Red Sea.

Exodus 14:10—“And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD.”

Exodus 14:15-16—“And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.’ ”

Water baptism

Bible students are aware of the different scriptures involving water baptism. Notice a few.

Matthew 3:13-16—“Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?’ But Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water.”

Romans 6:3-5—“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.”

1 Corinthians 10:1-2—“Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.”