

The Oldies- Week 5 Moses- Parting the Red Sea

through represented crossing from death to new life. It also happened when God used the flood waters to remove the corruption from the earth but brought Noah's ark through to begin a new life after the flood. While water absorbs and demolishes evil, it is also a pathway to salvation. Believers are saved from the waters of judgment and delivered to the other side by grace through faith, while the waters of judgment came down on those who refused to believe. We demonstrate our salvation into new life through baptism. Baptism mirrors how Israel passed from death to life.

1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2 They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. - 1 Corinthians 10:1-2 NIV

4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. - Romans 6:4 NIV

If you have been baptized share the details of your baptism, and if not, consider signing up for our next baptism in August.

WRAP-UP

God powerfully delivered Israel from slavery in Egypt, revealing His supremacy over every false god through the plagues and leading His people safely through the Red Sea while defeating Pharaoh's army. This deliverance was not only freedom from oppression but the beginning of a new life under God's guidance and blessing, foreshadowing the salvation found through Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb. The crossing of the sea symbolizes God's power to bring His people from death to life, a theme that continues through salvation by faith and is reflected in Christian baptism.

MEMORY VERSE

13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. 14 The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." - Exodus 14:13-14 NIV

Challenge –

Mark your calendars for our Beach Baptism on August 23rd at the end of Grand Ave in Grover Beach at 5pm.

INTRODUCTION

Last week we rediscovered Moses' encounter with God at the burning bush. God said He had heard the cries of the people and came down to rescue them. And Moses was being invited to take part in God's mission. This week we see the culmination of the deliverance of Israel out of Egyptian slavery. This seminal event establishes the relationship between God and Israel and portends the ultimate deliverance of mankind from sin. On more than 50 occasions in the bible, God would be referred to as "The God who brought you out of Egypt.". But God's deliverance was far more than the end of oppression, it provided God's people with abundant blessing and new life.

Ice Breaker

How do you feel about taking a swim in the ocean? Love it, fear it, something in-between?

Key Passage

19 Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, 20 coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long. 21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. 24 During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. 25 He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." - Exodus 14:19-25 NIV

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. God Who Delivers and Leads

2 You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country. 3 But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in Egypt, 4 he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. - Exodus 7:2-4 NIV

Before the Israelites crossed the Red Sea, God demonstrated His power through signs and wonders. In Exodus chapters 7 through 12 Egypt suffered

under 10 plagues as Pharaoh resisted God's command to let His people go. Not only did these plagues show the Egyptians that God had supremacy over any of their gods, but it also systematically and symbolically deconstructed what God had created in Genesis.

God was the creator of light, He placed the sun, moon and stars in the heavens, He tamed the chaotic waters, brought forth life through vegetation, birds, fish, animals and man. When God chose to send the plagues, He challenged the Egyptian gods of the sky (Shu), the Nile (Hapi), the earth (Geb), crops and fertility (Osiris), livestock (Hathor & Apis) and the god of the sun (Ra). None of them had the power to withstand the hand of Almighty God as He deconstructed His creation in Egypt.

5 And the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it." - Exodus 7:5 NIV

What was it that God wanted the Egyptians to know according to Exodus 7:5? Why was that important? What are some of the "gods" that our culture turns to in place of the one true God? When have you seen those gods defeated in the lives of those who worship them?

13 Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. - Exodus 14:13 NIV

21 Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. 22 Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning. 23 When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. - Exodus 12:21-23 NIV

7 Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. - 1 Corinthians 5:7 NIV

God was delivering the Israelites out of the slavery they had lived in for generations. But deliverance means more than removing oppression. God had a new life of blessing and abundance planned for His people in the Promised Land. However, they couldn't get there on their own. God would lead them, if only they would follow Him.

Chapter 12 of Exodus details the instructions for the event that would be known as Passover. Paul refers to Christ as our Passover Lamb. What was the purpose of sacrificing the Passover Lamb in Egypt? How does Jesus sacrifice parallel what happened in Egypt?

21 By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. 22 Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people. - Exodus 13:21-22 NIV

11 They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? 12 Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" - Exodus 14:11-12 NIV

God continued to lead His people even when they were out of Egypt. But God's people are not always willing to be led.

We can be like the Israelites, praying for deliverance but unwilling to be led. Is there something you need God to deliver you from- a circumstance, attitude, or addiction? Share with others who will join you in praying for that deliverance, and ask God to lead you to take a first step in obedience?

2. God Who Fights for You

24 During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. 25 He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." 26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." 27 Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. - Exodus 14:24-27 NIV
57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Corinthians 15:57 NIV

God demonstrated His commitment to fight for His people when He demolished the Egyptian army. And when Jesus rose from the grave He defeated sin and death on our behalf. It is important for us to remember and recognize what God has done for us.

Do you have a story of God breaking the power of the enemy in your life? Share that so that God receives the glory for what He has done.

3. God Who Re-Creates

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, 22 and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. - Exodus 14:21-22 NIV

God deconstructed creation in Egypt, and then He began to recreate a new life for the Israelites. In Gen. 1:2 God's Spirit (rûah) hovered over the chaotic waters on the earth, and in Ex. 14 the wind – same word as Spirit(rûah) turned the sea into dry ground for the Israelites to pass through. The passing