

INTRODUCTION

Exodus 25:8...

The LORD (Yehwah) said, “**And let them [Israel] make me a sanctuary....**”

**The Tabernacle, in the Wilderness...
A Prophetic Designed Illustration of
The Tabernacle in Man. (Rev. 20:3)**

To establish the setting for this study -- we must go back 3500 years to 1500 B.C., before there was any written Bible. Moses and Israel have arrived at Mt. Sinai after their Exodus from Egypt, which had been 430 years since the Abrahamic Covenant.

The LORD God, on Mt. Sinai, gave Moses the intricate and detailed plans for the pattern of the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle was a very complex wood (overlaid with gold) building -- housed under 4 tents and surrounded by a white fence -- appointed with 7 specific pieces of furniture. The family of Levi (22,000 in number) was separated for the work of the Tabernacle. And the family of Moses' brother, Aaron (and four sons), were appointed as Priests and Teachers.

The materials, the colors, the construction, the room divisions, the appointments each and all portray functional parts of how the spirit of God, in man, operates -- making visible the government of the invisible God.

The Tabernacle was constructed specifically as a house for the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark and its contents were symbols of the Presence of the Covenant God. The Tabernacle was a center for teaching true worship. Learning how to appreciate the value and appropriate the worth of your Covenant is Worship. “**And there I will meet with you, and I will commune with you from above the mercy seat**” (Ex. 25:22).

The Tabernacle revealed the complex design of the spiritual body of man and the detailed program which allows the indwelling God to manifest (reveal) His character. It is a blue print “design” of the Spirit “body of the Christ,” i.e.; “**The Word was made flesh, and dwelt [Tabernacled] among us**” (John 1:14).

The LORD said; “**And let them make ME, a sanctuary....**”

THE HEBREW LANGUAGE

We are learning about the Tabernacle in the Old Testament scriptures which was first written in Hebrew. For the most part, the Old Testament is the record of the birth, development and history of the Nation Israel as they were being taught by God.

The word *Hebrew* comes from the words *Eber* and *Heber*. (Abraham was called a Hebrew.) The words are defined by *Strong's Concordance*: *Eber*, the opposite side. *Heber*, to cross over.

Abraham was called a *Hebrew* (Gen. 14:13) after he crossed over from *Ur* of the Chaldeans to Caanan to seek a city -- whose builder and maker is God. The word *UR* means *light* -- so we see the Chaldeans had worshipped imaginary gods for so long that their darkness had become light to them. Man can choose evil imaginations and traditions for so long that God gives them over to a reprobate mind and then their darkness becomes light to them (John 3:19, Romans 1:21, 29). Paul emphasized that he was a Hebrew of the Hebrews in Philippians 3:5. He had "crossed over" from the traditions of the Pharisees to the Truth of Christ.

It is very important for you to see that the Nation of Israel was planned by God to be a Nation of Priests. In Exodus chapter 19, Moses went "up onto God" on Mt. Sinai and brought back from God to Israel these words of a "Marriage Covenant": Exodus 19:5, "Now therefore, if you will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant [Marriage Covenant], then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine." Israel -- as a natural physical nation -- was chosen (elected) by God to be the visible tangible illustration of an invisible spiritual covenant. In the spiritual (heaven) there is neither marriage or giving in marriage (Luke 20:35). Exodus 19:6, "And thou shalt be unto me 'A kingdom of Priests', and an holy nation. These are the words which thou [Moses] shalt speak unto the children of Israel."

In view of these foundational scriptures one can readily see the importance of the book of Hebrews which is "addressed" to people who understand crossing from the natural mind to the spiritual mind; also the Apostle Peter pointed out that the "scattered" elect [1] are the chosen generation, royal Priesthood, holy nation, peculiar people; referred to in Exodus chapter 19.

I Hope its clear to you that the Priesthood to which Peter referred are the Believers called the Church of Jesus Christ. "Art thou a Believer?"

**Have you "crossed over" from the natural mind
to the spiritual mind?**

So the Hebrew Alphabet was designed to communicate with people who have "crossed over" from darkness to light.

It is my belief that of all the languages on the earth, the Hebrew alphabet is unique in that God designed it to convey two messages -- one to the natural man, and one to those who are spiritually attuned. One can be heard with the natural ear, the other with the Spiritual ear. One is interpreted by the natural mind, the other by the mind of the Spirit.

The Alphabet, made up of 22 consonants, is a definitive form of 22 multifaceted characters. Each letter depends upon the vowel placements and its position in a word for its significant role in communicating a thought. So one can see why Hebrew scholars would spend endless hours pondering one single phrase in a Hebrew handwritten scroll trying carefully to interpret the original intent of the author.

Our dedicated effort -- now with the guidance of the Holy Spirit of God, the true author of the scriptures -- is to discover the individualized intent of His word!

Another interesting fact about the Hebrew, which differs from other languages, is that every word can be reduced to a root of three letters. And the root of every word is a verb -- So let me insert here, simply for direction -- that the Word, *Messiah* and *Christ*, is a verb. Knowing is not the end purpose of any Word from God; you must do it.

THE HEBREW ALPHABET

The following information is my effort to equip the reader with a basic guide which is so very, very simple -- so foundational -- that it could be considered the equivalent of a “K-1” or Kindergarten introduction to the basic meaning of each Hebrew letter:

1. **Alef**
The soundless breath
and parted lips in
preparation to speak --

2. **Beyth**
A house or dwelling
place

3. **Giymel**
The acts of moving or
beginning --

4. **Daleth**
An open door

5. **Ha'**
Expelled breath

6. **Vav**
To attack or join

7. **Zayin**
The experience
of age; wisdom
-- male, remember

8. **Cheyth**
The idea of balance or
equality -- made by
two zayin side by side

9. **Teyth**
Openness
-- or teachable
-- wrapped in prayer --

10. **Yowd**
The Presence of God
in Completeness

11. **Kaph**
Eager receptivity

12. **Lamed**
Learned or learning --

13. **Mem**
Of the earth

14. **Nuwn**
Feminine
-- to propogate
-- reproduce

15. **Camek**
The Sukka, the house
of God is transient

16. **Ayin**
To see, not to speak

17. **Pe**
To speak

18. **Tsaday**
Righteousness, the
foundation stone

19. **Qowph**
To declare or decree

20. **Reysh**
To discern -- good or evil

21. **Siyn**
To collect or assimilate

22. **Tav**
The End
-- Completeness

THE TABERNACLE IS A PAGEANT; A 3-ACT PLAY

This study of The Tabernacle can be divided into three main parts or levels:

1. The **PAGEANT** of Worship
2. The **PARABLE** or Concealed Truth
3. The **PROPHECY** or Revelation of Jesus Christ

The **PAGEANT** was actually a “Play” which recounts the history of God’s interaction with Israel, and was performed or “acted out” at the Tabernacle throughout Israel’s annual 7 month cycle of worship.

It would be helpful to you to visualize the **PAGEANT** as a Three Act Play. The Acts are called Feasts, which is actually a celebration. Each Feast was designed to help us understand the progression of spiritual growth, from childhood to maturity. His goal is to train us for Priesthood.

ACT 1
PASSOVER

ACT 2
PENTECOST

ACT 3
TABERNACLES

The Feast of PASSOVER, also called The Feast of Unleavened Bread was celebrated over a period of 7 days and divided into three separate events or Feasts:

1. **Passover** -- celebrated on the 14th day of the first month which began with the new moon after the Spring Equinox (usually our April).
2. **Unleavened Bread** -- also celebrated beginning the 14th day, and commemorated for a period of 7 days.
3. **First Fruits** -- celebrated on the day after the Sabbath (Sunday) of the same week.

PENTECOST -- celebrated 50 days (7 Sabbaths plus one day) after First Fruits (always on Sunday).

TABERNACLES was divided into three events:

1. **The Feast of Trumpets** -- celebrated on the first day of the 7th month. (The first day was the new moon.)
Note: Each month commenced with the first sighting of a new moon.
2. **Day of Atonement** -- celebrated the 10th day of the 7th month.
3. **The Feast of Tabernacles** -- began on the 15th day, or 5 days after the Day of Atonement, and celebrated for a period of 8 days. The 8th day was called “that great day of the feast.”

A Feast was actually ordered to help you ‘remember.’

A **Feast** is a **chagag** which in Hebrew means “a solemn holiday--a celebration.”

The Hebrew names for the following Feast days are:

Passover Unleavened Bread First Fruits	<i>Pesach</i> <i>Metstah Lechem</i> <i>Bakar</i>	Relates To Egypt	The Carnal Mind
Pentecost	<i>Pentekoste</i> <i>(feminine)</i>	Relates To Wilderness	The Human Soul and/or The Human Spirit
Trumpets Day of Atonement Tabernacles	<i>Rosh Hashana</i> <i>Yom Kipper</i> <i>Sukkoth</i>	Relates To Promise Land	The Spirit of God and/or The Mind of Christ

It is a prerequisite that the reader of this material understand we are dealing with a spiritual subject; i.e., the Covenant that God made with sense realm man is a spiritual covenant. Therefore, it is also a prerequisite that the reader appreciate the necessity for the LORD God to design visible symbols, such as The Tabernacle and physical feasts, which natural sensual man could see and relate to. The physical oriented ‘law’ was a schoolmaster to bring her students to the Christ consciousness.

However, if you stop with the physical symbols and do not know to trust the Holy Spirit (your spiritual teacher) to reveal the spirit of the words, you will wind up with a deadly religious interpretation. “For the [literal] letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.” (2nd Cor. 3:6)

Even though we are alluding to a pre-Adam “Breath” covenant, we will begin our study of the Tabernacle with the Blood Covenant, the Covenant of Faith, which was clearly defined beginning with Abraham. Even though Adam, Noah and the other Patriarchs were all covenant men--the Covenant was not defined until Abraham. Abraham is called “the Father of our faith.” But please be aware that as we concern ourselves with the three levels of the covenant--there are levels of spirit life which go beyond faith. Jesus taught us to go from Faith--on to Hope--and on to Love--for God is Love.

Our Passover is sacrificed for us.

THE PAGEANT IS A PARABLE; CONCEALED TRUTH

The book of Hebrews in chapter 9, tells us that the Tabernacle was a “Parable.” The KJV renders the word “figure”. The Greek word translated *figure* in this particular scripture is #3850 Strong’s Concordance: *Parabole*, translated (38) times as *parable*, (1) time as *figure*, and (1) time as *comparison*. The Tabernacle is a parable--which illustrates the 3-step program (the 3 inner divisions of the Tabernacle) for the transformation of Man--from the controlling power of animal lustful appetites to the pure visible expression of the character (Righteous wholeness) of God, the Tabernacle of God.

In Matthew 13:10-11, Jesus gives the disciples the reason why he taught in Parables and thus the reason for all Parables. The reason; “to conceal the truth from those not chosen to ‘see’”. The true spiritual Israel was formed as a Priesthood to the “Others”, those to whom it was not given to see, at that time.

Matthew 13:34 states, “All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not--unto them.” This coincides with Proverbs 25:2, “It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings [those chosen] is to search out a matter.” If you are a searching researcher; it suggests that you are a chosen king, a functioning part of the KING of Kings (Rev. 1:6, 5:10, 19:16), and of the order of the Priesthood of Christ. The “Others” will see through the ministry of this transformed priesthood.

The entire Bible is a parable--concealed truth--from the natural carnal man. 1st Corinthians 2:14 says: “But the natural man [natural mind] receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God.”

The Sovereign God (El Elyon) controls by His Spirit those who will seek and those who will not, and to whom and when His Truth will be revealed, i.e., “remembered”.

Jesus said, “He, the Spirit of Truth, will call to your ‘remembrance’ the things I taught you... in the beginning.” (John 14:26, 15:27) [The very beginning.] And Jesus also said, “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him.” (John 6:44)

‘Remembering’ is actually ‘**Re-Membering**’.

It is important to always consider this point; i.e., “The Tabernacle is a Parable,” which can only be understood by revelation. You should prayerfully ask and expect your Holy Spirit Teacher to show you the hidden--life altering Truth!

Here is another 3-part program for studying The Tabernacle:

Ask -- “To desire with a strong craving”

Seek -- “To search and keep searching”

Knock -- “Expectantly” waiting to be answered

“Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” (Matthew 7:7)

Your responsibility is to seek Him with all your heart--His promise is to reveal. God is Sovereign; so if you are a “not easily discouraged” seeker--you should know that He gave you that “strong craving appetite” to know His truth. Your role is to overcome all the distractions.

THE FOUNDATION IS THE THE BLOOD COVENANT

Abraham discovered another part of himself--The Seed.

Genesis 15:18 “In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram saying, ‘Unto thy seed have I given this land...’” As the first act of this Pageant of Faith finds a focal point, we see that the LORD God enters into a *Beriyth*, which is the Hebrew word for a *Blood Covenant* with Abram. And the promise of the Covenant is to Abram’s seed. (Gen. 13:15) The Seed in Abram is spiritual. The LORD God instituted the blood covenant, not as the ultimate covenant, but as a door to lead to life--Life out of death. The blood covenant--was a “poured out” life of the flesh--or death covenant--designed to Atonement. The Spirit Covenant went beyond Atonement to Remission, and gave new life. Christ did not atone for our sin--He remitted everything causing separation. Leviticus 17:11, The life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”

Atonement means “to cover”. Remission means “to take away”.

The Promise of the Covenant to Abraham and his Seed from natural observation assumes that the Promised son Isaac is the Seed referred to. And he (Isaac) is a type. But we are privileged, from our vantage point, to know that the Seed beneficiary is Christ. In fact, “For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.” (2 Cor. 1:20) ~The Seed is Christ.” (Gal. 3:16) Christ is now--and always has been--the Seed. Christ in you is the Hope. Jesus taught us to go from Faith--on to Hope--and on to Love.

I feel it necessary for you to understand that in the Hebrew Blood Covenant--the two parties involved are considered one or equal. For a righteous spiritual God to become ONE with an unrighteous physical man--would degrade the character of God. However; when you see that the Beriyth was actually made with Abram's spiritual Seed--you will appreciate the Wisdom of God in joining Himself with the Christ Seed--and not with the humanity of Abram. "... And to thy [Abraham's] Seed, which is Christ." (Gal. 3:16) Notice Genesis 15:18, "Unto thy seed have I given this land." God is Spirit and the Seed is Spirit. The Covenant is Spiritual--Spirit to Spirit.

This Seed Principle is the foundation of insight into understanding how God can be in Covenant with man as an equal. His covenant is always and only with the Christ (His equal), because the Christ is the Anointed expression of the Father--in visible form. Jesus said, "I and the Father are ONE." (John 10:30) Herein is an important key of the Kingdom. The law of Spirit Life is a Covenant between Spiritual equals.

Christ in you is the Wisdom of God.

So 400 years later (from Abram's Covenant, confirmed or ratified at Mt. Moriah), the Pageant continues when the LORD prepares to "SAVE" His First Born of Israel out of Egypt by effecting the same blood covenant made with Abraham's Seed. The First Born, we now can see, looks forward to "the first begotten from the dead," which is Life out of death. (Acts 13:33-34; Co. 1:18; Heb. 1:5-6)

The pageant of Passover portrays God's Plan for the First Born 'to die'--in and with The Lamb--and to become the First Fruits from the dead, leaving behind His Egyptian bondage and every enemy.

Do you ever say, "I'm going to tell you the Truth" ?
Christ in you is the TRUTH in you.

We finally see The Father God in His Covenant with Man--always had in His mind that He was dealing with His first begotten son, the Christ--raised from the dead, in Man--Christ in you. When we first drank the Covenant (Communion) Cup with Christ, we didn't have a clue to what "Christ in you, the hope of glory" meant. Wow!

Our first insight into this mysterious principle is found in Genesis 1:11, "...whose seed is in itself, upon the earth." Christ is the seed--in you, your body is of the earth, earthy--until He transforms your understanding and you are renewed and discover that you are One with the Lord from heaven, the life giving Spirit. Then He can give His life through you, and you become a life giving Spirit.

You are Spirit--you have a soul--you express yourself via a physical body.

THE PAGEANT CONTINUES: PASSOVER

When Moses is 80 years old, he is commissioned (called) by Yewah (the LORD) to fulfill the Promise to Abraham (Gen 15:13-14) and deliver Israel (Yehwah's first born son) out of Egypt. (Exodus 4:22-23) **Egypt**, #4714 -- *Strong's Concordance: Mitsrayim, from #4692, 4693, 4694, 4696, to be hemmed in--limited--fenced--boundaries--the forehead.*

The personal, hidden in the Parable, truth is: "The Natural Carnal Mind--separated from God and prone toward religion--has fenced you in, hemmed you up, and imposed limited thinking in your forehead." Matthew 2:15, "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Will you answer the 'call'?

The LORD's instruction for Passover is found in Exodus 12:3, "...[every man of the house shall take a lamb." And Exodus 12:4, "And if the household be too little for the lamb..." And Exodus 12:5, "Your lamb..." Note: A lamb, The lamb, Your lamb. Nearly everyone believes in A Messiah.--Some even believe in The one Messiah--But He must be Your Messiah. (Remember, this is a Parable, and there are many hidden truths. Exodus 12:5, "Your lamb shall be without blemish [perfect], a male of the first year [unmated--virgin]; ye shall take it out from the sheep or from the goats." Exodus 12:6, "And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day [until the full moon] of the same month [Nisan]: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening [in the mid afternoon, the 9th hour, 3 PM.]" Exodus 12:46, "Neither shall ye break a bone thereof [of his body]." Exodus 12:11, "...it is the LORD's **passover**." #6453, #6452 *Strong's: Pesach. My interpretation for the word Pesach is "to hover over and protect,"* and is based on the translations of the following scriptures:

Old Testament

Exodus 12:13 -- "Pass over" (Pesach)

Isaiah 31:5 -- "passing over he will preserve it.
(Pesach is connected with protection)

I Kings 18:21 -- "How long halt ye between two opinions.
(Pesach is connected with halting, or standing still)

New Testament

1 Cor. 5:7 -- "Christ our passover is sacrificed for us."
He is our protection, stands as our preserver, passover.

The English words “pass” and “over” suggest “movement,” or “passing over”. But the Hebrew word *Pesach* suggests the Passover was as a “covering”. Christ, Our Passover, covers us as a mother hen covers and protects her chicks. Christ Our Lord was not the death angel who “passed over” the house where the Blood of the Lamb had been applied to the doors. Our Lord was the Protector, Pesach, of the house.

Moses was the Redeemer in the Parable. Jesus is the Redeemer in Truth--follow Him. He will deliver you out of Egypt. “The law [came] was given by Moses--but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” (John 1:17) Christ is the only one Who can deliver you from the Egypt (in your mind).

The LORD sent Moses (as the Presence of) “**I AM**” #1961 -- Strong’s: *Hayah*, *self existent, to be, to be becoming; -- [I am--I am who I am--I am what I am, I will be who and what I will be.]* In the Hebrew alphabet the letter “**H**ay” means to *breathe out*. The “**y**” or “**yod**” is the 10th letter which signifies the Presence of God. The “**ah**” is “**Ha**” reversed indicating to *breathe in*; thus “**Ha Y aH**”--*Breathing in the breath of God, which is breathed out to you*. Exodus 7:1, “I have made you [Moses] a god [the imaged expression of myself] to Pharaoh.”-- The LORD sent Moses, as the Presence of “I AM,” 10 times to demand Pharaoh, “Let my people go.”

Let us reflect for a moment on the very important events which brought us to this point in the Pageant: Exodus 2:23, “And it came to pass in the process of time, that the king of Egypt died.” The Pharaoh (King), who had given Israel favor at the hand of Joseph, had died. The new Pharaoh put them in slavery, “...and the children of Israel sighed [groaned] by reason of the bondage, and they *cried*.” #2199 -- Strong’s: *zaaq*, *to shriek from anguish or danger publicly*. Exodus 2:23, “...and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.” Exodus 2:24, “And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant [Berith] with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.” Please take special notice: “God remembered his Covenant.” How could God forget His Covenant? This is important!

BLOOD COVENANT; “BERIYTH”

When God entered into a Blood Covenant and agreed to become ‘One’ with Abram, the two became One Spirit--bone of bone and flesh of flesh. When Israel, in their prosperity forgot the Covenant--God forgot the Covenant. When Israel, in their desperation remembered the Covenant--God remembered the Covenant. This is very important. This is a clue to the power of Covenant. God had joined Himself to Abraham’s Seed in Oneness.

It is human nature to ‘forget’ when there is no urgent need.

The Sovereign God--Who is a spirit; had chosen a visible, physical, earth man-- Abram; and entered into Covenant by allowing Abram to recognize God's spiritual Presence within himself (Abram). God added the "**Ha**" (5th letter in the Hebrew alphabet which means "*Breath*") to the man (Abram) and Abram (the man) became Abra-Ha-m. His wife Sarah called him "**Lord**"--indicating God's Presence in the man--thus showing that she believed the LORD God had put His Covenant Breath in her husband. When Abram became A-bra-ha-m, his wife Sarai--in Oneness with him--became Sar-ah.

Can you see why it is so very important to be One with Christ?

How do we know that Israel (400 years later) remembered the Covenant that God made with Abraham?

Moses parents were Amram and Yocabel, both descendents of Levi's son Koheth. *Levi*, means *joined to God*, and *Kohath* means *to assemble*. Exodus 2:1-2 says, that when they "saw him [Moses] that he was a **goodly** child," #2896 Strong's: **towb**, meaning "a beautiful--special--better;" the root meaning; "to be or to do or to make good or better;" ...they remembered that the LORD God--in Covenant-- had promised Abraham that after 400 years He would send a Deliverer. This baby fit the bill. The timing was right. He had "that" look. They had "that" faith. They remembered --and acted.

Eighty years later, after much preparation--Moses, the I AM (Breath) Presence became I AM the Deliverer.

In Exodus 12:51, we see that Moses delivered them from Egypt 430 years to the "self-same day", which meant from "that day" when Abraham offered Isaac on Mt. Moriah. And Egypt's deliverance set a pattern and continues to be a pattern.

Jesus, our Redeemer/Deliverer--started his ministry at the Jordon River when he was 30 years old--exactly 430 years after the close of the Old Testament. Coincidence? I think not. What are the chances of that happening? With God--100 %.

Exodus 12:1-2, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." This "beginning of months" was a new calendar for Israel which began with their exodus from Egypt. It turns out that this month was *Nisan* or *Abib*, the first new moon (the beginning of every Hebrew month) after the Spring Equinox. On our calendar the first new moon after March 21st, the spring equinox, is the beginning of Israel's sacred year.

There is another pattern. The Egyptian New Year was the month after the fall equinox, usually our October, the Hebrew *Tisri*. The LORD had set the first month last--and the last month first. Does that set a precedent as to how He does things?

Another faith Covenant Principle is established when the Pharaoh had decreed the death of Israel's male sons (God's first born). (Exodus 1:22, 4:23) Pharaoh had spoken the death sentence upon his own house, and his own son died. Jesus said, "[By the same measure you judge; it shall be judged or measured to you.]" (Matt. 7:2) Another confirming scripture of this principle is Numbers 14:27-28, "How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur [complain] against me? [...in disbelief of my Promise?] Say unto them, As truly as I live, [as surely as I Am their life] saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you." This is powerful stuff!

As a Covenant partner with the Sovereign God--Who has put his Breath in our mouth--we cannot afford to speak contrary to the Covenant. "The word is very nigh unto you, in your mouth, and in your heart." (Deut. 30:14) It is His Breath with which we form words. (Prov. 18:21, Deut. 30:19-20)

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue." (Prov. 18:21)

THE PAGEANT CONTINUES; FIRST FRUITS

Three Days after Israel had accepted the death of the lamb as their substitutionary death, to Egypt (to limitation--fenced in--boundaries)--they came to the Red Sea. (Exodus 14:13-28) And the LORD introduced the principle of baptism. Here is wherein the Pageant the LORD taught them the principle of "First Fruits". He led them through the watery grave--and resurrected them on the opposite side-- while He dealt with their enemy in the midst of the sea. (Rom. 6:3-4, 1Cor.10:1-2) Baptism is a type of burial. This is a continuation of the pattern set by Abram when he crossed from Ur of the Chaldeas to the land of 'promise'.

Romans 6:3, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ [Yeshua's Anointing--Yeshua's life] were baptized into his death?" (You do not bury living people.) Romans 6:4, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: [to the ruling power of the carnal, animal appetites] that like as Christ [the Anointed, Messianic life purpose] was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father [the fulfillment of First Fruits], even so we also should [by faith] walk in newness of life." Acts 13:33, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee."

The Crossing of the Red Sea was Israel's First Fruits experience:

1. Passover (Pesach - Protection)
2. Unleavened Bread (Barley bread as opposed to wheat. Barley does not contain gluten - so there is no reaction to yeast or leaven)
3. First Fruits (A type of resurrection)

ISRAEL'S WILDERNESS TRAINING BEGINS TO CORRECT THEIR THINKING

One month (28 days) after Passover, "...on the fifteenth day of the second month [*Ivar*, May] after their departing out of the land of Egypt" (Ex. 16:1)--their training and testing continues--they hungered for bread and complained. (Ex. 16:3)--And the following day the LORD gave them manna. (Ex. 16:5) Manna means, "What is it?" From the Hebrew root '*Mah*', #4100 *Strong's: interrogatory; what?, how?, why?, when?, who?* Has your spirit ever cried; "Who am I, why am I, how can I, when will I?" The only answer is in the mystery of manna.

This divine provision is just one of several opportunities which the Lord gave for Israel to learn spirit life--as opposed to carnal life--during their wilderness journey. Manna symbolizes spiritual food or 'rhema,' revelation insight or understanding which cannot be explained except to those who have received it. In the scriptures it is referred to as "food that you know not of; hidden or concealed or secret manna." It is stored in the Ark in the Mind of Christ.

Remember? Jesus said, "I am the [True] Bread of life...
...I came down from heaven." (John 6:35, 38)

Incorporated into this mysterious, divine provision was the principle of learning to focus on life one day at a time. The Manna was sufficient only for the day. Any of the food carried over would decay, breed worms and stink. The LORD also introduced the Law of the Sabbath. On the day before the Sabbath (their Sabbath is our Saturday)--the people were to gather enough Manna for the Friday and Saturday. Seemingly to emphasize the Day of Rest--this is basic training for "entering into His Rest." (Heb. 4:1) On the day before the Sabbath, the people were to gather enough manna for that same day and also enough for the Sabbath. (Their Sabbath is our Saturday.) When you enter into His "Rest" (the Sabbath Rest), you do not need to go looking for food. You do not need to look from one person to another for a "word" from God. His Presence in you is sufficient.

THE LORD INTRODUCES ISRAEL TO THE CROSS

Exodus 15:23, Israel came to Marah after 3 more days--and the water was bitter. They saw their first illustrated sermon as Moses healed their bitter complaining by throwing a tree into the waters.

The LORD there made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them. Let's look at the Hebrew for the following key words: *statute, ordinance, and proved*. He proved (*tested*) them to see if His covenant word would be honored, and the Test Score: "F". They had not yet learned to take Him at His word.

This little phrase--"and there He proved them"--has such astounding implications: The LORD had miraculously saved them from the plagues, even death; He had introduced them to super-natural guidance via "the Cloud"; delivered them from their enemy through the Red Sea, and destroyed their foes; and three days later... this test, which they failed by their spoken 'complaints'.

The LORD proved to them that seeing His wonderful Miracles did not produce in them faith. Faith does not come by 'seeing'. Even though Israel did not learn or pass the test, God's grace introduced them to the tree (the cross).

Our hope is the Tree.

Do you know anyone whose faith is based on 'seeing' a miracle?

1st Corinthians 10:1-6 & 11, "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition [our learning]. 1st Corinthians 10:12, "Wherefore ... take heed." We should learn from their experience that faith does not come by seeing but by hearing the word. The law, which is the detailed accounting of the history of Israel's experience in the wilderness, is to be our school-master. (Gal. 3:24-25)

Do you think the "acts" of Israel in their wilderness training are "ensamples," -- eternal patterns? Israel saw the Acts of God, Moses knew His ways--and within one week, they were tested. Does that still apply to us, today? Selah -

Have you learned God's ways?

THE LORD INTRODUCES ISRAEL TO PENTECOST WHICH REQUIRES 'HEARING'

At this point, the Lord has shown Israel that faith does not come by 'seeing'. And now in Exodus 15:26 He makes this statement; "If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God... and will give ear to his **commandments**," (#4687 Strong's: **mistsvah**, "law") "...and keep all His **statutes**..." (#2706 Strong's: **chag**, *an agreement*) If you will pay attention and listen to His law, for His law is the Spirit of Life, and get into agreement--He says to you, "I am the LORD [Jehovah Rapha] that healeth thee."

Exodus 17:1, Israel journeyed from the wilderness of **Sin**. #5512 Strong's: **Ciyn**, *akin to Ciynay "Sinai"*. Israel had been numbered as six hundred thousand (600,000) in Exodus 12:37, above the age of "20", which in Hebrew means **Geber**, "*of military age.*" Bullinger's Companion Bible states that the **Ciyn** in Hebrew is "the **Bush**." The Lord had brought them into the wilderness of Siyn to Mt. Horeb; where Moses had his "burning bush experience" and made aware of The "I AM" Covenant of Breath, and he learned a new name. (Ex. 6:3) It was on this same Mt. where Moses was also shown that his rod--upon which was inscribed with his family name of Levi--had become so distorted so as to be ruled by the serpent. When Moses had been told by the LORD to throw his rod down--it became a serpent. This experience with his rod showed Moses that his self entity was corrupted by the deceiver.

It was here, the LORD taught Moses and us a most powerful lesson--deal with the deceptive enemy by taking hold of him at his end. You see--his end is already decreed, "[The Seed of the woman (Christ) shall **crush** his (deceiver, enemy's) head.]" (Gen. 3:15) #7779 Strong's: **shuwph**, *bruise, break*. He not only will be destroyed--he is destroyed. (1st John 3:8) Hebrews 2:14, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." John 3:2, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." He destroyed the works of the carnal mind-- "Canst thou believe?"

So, the wilderness of Siyn must have been a powerful reminder to Moses that this was the place where God first spoke and commissioned him.

ISRAEL'S INTRODUCTION TO THE ROCK

Exodus 17: 1-6, records one of the most wonderful "Wonders" in the Bible-- When Israel in their journey came to Rephidim (a place of rest) in the wilderness of Sin (the bush), there was no water. The people murmured (complained) against Moses. Exodus 17:3, "Wherefore is this that you brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?" Exodus 17:5, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod [Aaron's rod represents the Priest's authority--Ex. 7:12 & 15], wherewith thou smotest the river [the Nile in Ex. 7:20], take in thine hand, and go." Exodus 17:6, "Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and you shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so...." (1 Cor.10:4, Deut. 8:15, Isa. 105:40, Matt. 16:18)

What is the rock? Paul's revelation in 1st Corinthians 4:10 tells us, "And that rock is Christ."

John 7:37, "In the last day, that great day of the feast [Feast of Tabernacles, the 8th day], Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." John 7:38, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said [Isa. 55:1, 58:11; Ezek. 47:1-5, Zech. 14:5], out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."

John 7:39, "(But this spake he of the Spirit which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified [had not ascended].)"

Psalms 105:41, "He [Moses] opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a river."

In this Parable at Rephadim, the people observed--or at least heard from the elders, how the anointed rock was smitten (Isa 53:4) and water poured forth (John 7:37-39) and the people, their children, and their cattle drank to their fill.

The people also, in type, received the benefits of the smitten Christ by ingesting the Holy Spirit in fullness. According to Hebrews 3:16 and 4:2, this word or this experience did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. So this story suggests that faith is necessary to change an experience into a life practice. Hebrews 11:1 states that faith is the substance, or faith changes a belief or an experience into the substance or (substantiates) whatever was hoped for--from the word or message which was heard.

In this wonderful story--which is also a parable--we can see that faith must include a continued practice. We also can see that an experience must precipitate a paradigm shift in the way you think. "For as a man thinks, so is he."

A paradigm shift is to think in a new way.

“Just Do It!”--you must “change minds.” You must give up your human carnal mind and learn again to think, but this time to think with the spiritual mind of the anointing of the Holy Spirit; the mind of Christ. You must ask the Holy Spirit to teach you how to think with the mind of Christ.

You do know, (don't you) that the word Christ and the word Messiah are the same word? The word Christ is a verb. “Faithful is He Who calleth you, Who also will do it.” (1st Thes. 5:24) The Messiah in you is your hope of fulfilling God's purpose. God's purpose is: To bring salvation to the earth; the restitution of all things. (Acts 3:21)

Now back to our pageant. God had just miraculously provided water from the rock. The water is the Spirit from the Rock which is Christ. And if you remember, Paul said, “And that Rock is Christ.” (1st Cor. 10:4) They were ‘filled’ with its water--and then came Amalek. (Ex. 17:8) Amalek is the grandson of Esau and the father of the Edomites. Amalek is your flesh nature.

In this wilderness pasture land of Rephidim, you could expect Amalek to try to rob Israel of the water. Amalek and Esau (or Edom) are the designed opposition--a test-- of the LORD to see if we can overcome the power of the fleshly carnal mind, which is ruled by the sense realm and the appetites of the flesh (Amalek). Amalek represents the forces opposing those who really, really “desire their true (spiritual) birth right”.

Exodus 17:9, “And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.”

Things to note; This is the first mention in the scriptures of Joshua. We find a short digest of his biography in Numbers 13:8, where he is listed as Oshea the son of Nun, one of the spies from the tribe of Ephraim. His name here, **Oshea**, is Hebrew for *salvation*. His name was recorded earlier in Numbers 11:28 as **Joshua**, which is the Hebrew word meaning “*Jehovah's or Yehwah's Salvation.*” So we are given the spiritual exercise to “search out this matter.”

Oshea's parent's name, Mr. and Mrs. **Nun** (#5126: *Nuwn or Nown, from #5125, perpetuity, root, resprout, propagate by shoots, to be perpetual*), represents a powerful name or heritage! Nun or Noon is also the 14th letter of the Hebrew alpha bet with the numerical value of “**50**”. Fifty is the number of **Jubilee**. Jesus came to declare the year of Jubilee (the acceptable year of the LORD).

This is vitally important because it is the introduction and foundation of our LORD's name. The word *Jesus* is actually the same Hebrew word, *Yehoshua*, or *Joshua*, which in actual Hebrew is transliterated into English as *Yeshua*.

The very name of Yeshua, the Messiah, tells us that his nature is to propagate Himself--to perpetuate His Life in the branches. Isaiah says, "[Out of the] root of *Jesse*..."--the word Jesse means *to propagate*. (Isa. 11:10)

So in this story/parable, we are told that it is Joshua and Joshua's men who will engage the adversary while Moses, the prophet or word of God, will ascend to the top of the hill (a higher dimension) with the "rod of God" in his hand. Moses will ascend along with Aaron the Priest, and Hur. Hur is listed in Exodus 31:2 as of the tribe of Judah, and father of Uri. *Hur* means *white or righteousness*. *Uri* means *light and or fire*.

The meaning of names holds the key to the Spiritual Mystery.

Now let's look at the people who were selected to portray God's strategy for defeating Amalek (the adversary) who is sent to steal our spiritual identity. The cast and stage are as follows:

- Yeshua** your salvation
- Moses** [with the **Rod of God**] ... the prophet or spoken word with the written, documented history of miraculous power (a river turned to blood, a sea opened or parted)
- Rod** [the authority] The Rod of God because it represented the transformed understanding of Moses' true identity as I AM
- Aaron's** [authority] the anointed priest and intercessor
- Hur** the gift of righteousness with understanding and zeal
- Mountain** [Heaven] the higher dimension of the government of God
- Valley** the lower or earth consciousness of adversarial circumstances

Exodus 17:11 tells the story. Amalek will be defeated:

- As long as the authority of God's word is held up by a prophet of God
- supported by the anointed and enlightened intercessory power
- with diligent zeal.

What is the lesson we learn from this experience? Our citizenship is in the realm of higher authority. Moses' hands were held up--representing the I AM Authority in the realm of the Supreme Authority.

How important is this? “Because the LORD hath sworn [by this principle] that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.” (Exodus 17:16)