



The Gospel in Exodus

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things . . . But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”
(I Peter 1:18-19)

When people hear the word *gospel*, many immediately think about the New Testament — the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. While that is true, the message of salvation did not suddenly appear in the New Testament. From the earliest pages of Scripture, God was already revealing His plan of redemption.

The Old Testament is not separate from the Gospel. Instead, it foreshadows and prepares the way for it.

As we read Exodus chapters 11–15, we see powerful patterns that point directly to the salvation that would later be fully revealed through Jesus Christ. The Passover lamb, the departure from Egypt, the pillar of cloud and fire, and the crossing of the Red Sea all illustrate elements of the Gospel message.

These events were historical, but they were also prophetic pictures of God’s plan to redeem humanity.

1. The Passover Lamb Reveals the Redemption of Christ.

Before the final plague came upon Egypt, God gave Moses very specific instructions regarding the Passover (Exodus 12:1–11).

Every household was commanded to take a lamb without blemish, a male of the first year. The lamb was to be killed at twilight, and its blood was to be applied to the doorposts of the house using hyssop. The family would then eat the lamb roasted with fire while preparing to leave Egypt.

God said that when the destroying angel passed through Egypt, the blood would be the sign of protection. That night, judgment fell upon Egypt, but every house covered by the blood was spared (Exodus 12:12–13).

This moment was not only about Israel’s deliverance—it was also a powerful foreshadowing of Jesus Christ. The New Testament reveals that Jesus is the ultimate Passover Lamb.

- First Peter 1:19 describes Him as *“a lamb without blemish and without spot.”*
- John 1:29 says, *“Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.”*

Just as the blood of the lamb protected the Israelites from judgment, the blood of Jesus Christ redeems us from sin. Through His sacrifice, we receive forgiveness and reconciliation with God (Ephesians 1:7).

Even the Feast of Unleavened Bread that followed the Passover served as a memorial of redemption (Exodus 12:14–19). Parents were commanded to teach the next generation the story of how God delivered them (Exodus 12:26–27).

The lesson is clear: God’s redemption must never be forgotten.

Life Reflection

***Have you shared your personal testimony of salvation with your children and others?
Have you considered writing or recording your testimony to preserve it for future generations?***

The Passover lamb in Exodus points us directly to Jesus Christ, whose blood provides the ultimate redemption for humanity.

2. Leaving Egypt Behind Illustrates True Repentance.

Egypt was the place where Israel had lived in bondage for more than four hundred years. They were oppressed, enslaved, and forced into hard labor.

Yet after the tenth plague, Pharaoh finally allowed them to leave (Exodus 12:29–32).

This moment represents more than a physical departure. It symbolizes repentance.

In Scripture, Egypt often represents sin and bondage. For Israel to experience freedom and enter the promises of God, they first had to leave Egypt behind.

Repentance in the New Testament carries the same meaning: a turning away from the old life.

A person cannot remain in spiritual Egypt and still experience the fullness of God’s salvation. True repentance means surrendering our old ways and allowing God to transform our hearts.

The Israelites also experienced God’s favor even as they departed. The Egyptians gave them silver, gold, and clothing (Exodus 12:35–36). The same people who once oppressed them now blessed them.

This reminds us that God can change circumstances and give favor even in unlikely places.

Life Reflection

***Do you frequently take time to reflect on God’s deliverance and thank Him for setting you free from spiritual bondage?
What are some of the ways God has blessed you in your new life with Him?***

After leaving Egypt, God commanded Israel to consecrate their firstborn as a reminder that they had been redeemed (Exodus 13:2). Their lives belonged to the Lord who delivered them.

God then began leading them toward the Promised Land. Although there was a shorter route through the land of the Philistines, the Lord chose a different path through the wilderness (Exodus 13:17–18). He knew they were not yet ready for certain battles.

Sometimes God leads us through seasons we do not fully understand. Yet those seasons are often the very places where our faith grows stronger.

The story of Joseph's bones being carried out of Egypt also reminds us that God's promises always come to pass, even if they take many years to be fulfilled (Genesis 50:25; Exodus 13:19).

Leaving Egypt teaches us an important spiritual truth. Repentance means leaving the old life behind and trusting God to lead us forward.

3. The Cloud, the Sea, and the Spirit: God's Complete Pattern of Salvation.

After Israel left Egypt, God did not abandon them in the wilderness. Instead, He visibly led them.

The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud and by night in a pillar of fire (Exodus 13:21–22). This represented the manifest presence of God guiding His people. Wherever the cloud moved, Israel followed.

This event foreshadows the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. Believers today are led by the Spirit of God in their daily walk with Him.

When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Day of Pentecost, tongues like fire appeared upon the believers (Acts 2:3). Just as the pillar of fire guided Israel, the Holy Spirit now leads and empowers the church.

The pillar also provided protection. When Pharaoh pursued Israel with his army, the cloud moved between Israel and the Egyptians, bringing darkness to one side and light to the other (Exodus 14:19–20). God was showing that His presence protects and separates His people.

Life Reflection

Has God's protection and guidance given you a true sense of security as you face difficult circumstances?

Soon after, Israel found themselves trapped between Pharaoh's army and the Red Sea. Fear overtook them, and they cried out in distress. But Moses told the people, "*Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord*" (Exodus 14:13).

God then parted the Red Sea, allowing Israel to pass through on dry ground (Exodus 14:21–22). When the Egyptian army attempted to follow, the waters returned and destroyed them (Exodus 14:28).

The New Testament reveals that this event also symbolizes water baptism.

Paul explained that Israel was "*baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea*" (I Corinthians 10:1–2).

Just as the waters of the Red Sea separated Israel from Egypt forever, water baptism separates believers from their old life of sin.

After crossing the sea, the people responded with worship. Moses and the children of Israel sang a song of victory unto the Lord (Exodus 15:1).

Their song was the response of a redeemed people.

When God saves us, it produces the same response today—worship, thanksgiving, and testimony.

The story of Exodus chapters 11–15 is more than a historical account. It is a powerful picture of the Gospel message.

- The Passover lamb points to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- Leaving Egypt represents repentance.
- The pillar of cloud and fire reflects the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit.
- The crossing of the Red Sea foreshadows water baptism.
- Together, these elements reveal the same pattern of salvation that the apostles later preached.

That is why the message of the church remains the same message declared in Acts 2:38: repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

The God who delivered Israel from Egypt is still delivering people today. He still calls people out of bondage, covers lives with His redeeming blood, still fills believers with His Spirit, and He still leads His people into His promises.

The Gospel that was foreshadowed in Exodus is the same Gospel that continues to transform lives today.

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