

Journey of Faith

The Context of the Wilderness

Passover and the Red Sea

Exodus 11-14

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- Slavery: "God heard their groaning... and looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them." Ex. 2:24, 3:7



Jesus is our passover.

- I Cor. 5:7
- Romans 3:25
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2. The Israelites' firstborn were spared from death.

11:1-12:42

- On the 14th day of the First Month. (religious calendar.) Month of Abib/Nisan
- One year old male sheep without defect.
- Put the blood on the doorposts.
- At midnight death finds the firstborn son.
- God passes over the houses with the blood.

3. The Israelites were separated from Egypt.

- So they wouldn't rely on Egypt for ANYTHING again.
- "Burning Bridges."
- So they wouldn't go back.



We have been set apart.

- I Cor. 10:2
- Col. 2:12
- Gal. 2:20

4. The Israelites were set apart for their future.

13:17-14:31

- Led by the cloud to Pi-hahiroth between Migdol and the sea.
- Pharaoh's army + 600 chariots pursue.
- Israelites are terrified: cry out to God.
- "The Lord will fight for you." 14:14
- Cloud goes between the army & people.
- Waters are divided. People pass through.
- Egyptians pursue them & are drowned.
- Israel sees the dead Egyptians next morning.

*By the blood of the Lamb, I am
SET FREE from my past
SAVED from death
SEPARATED from the old way
SET APART to the new way.*

Meditate on this verse: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

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"In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." Gen. 12:1-3

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New Testament

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Traveled from Ramses to **Succoth** and from **Succoth** to Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. Ex. 12:37, 13:20 **Sukkot** = Booths/Tabernacles (Feast of Tabernacles is Oct. 1, 2012)



What did they live in while in Egypt? What would they live in when they got to Canaan?

So why did God have them live in tents?

- **Nomadic** (in space) Deut. 26:5; Heb. 11:8-16
This world is not permanent but is passing away.
- **Temporary** (in time) II Cor. 4:16-18
These trials won't last forever.
- **Humble** (in quality) Deut. 8:2-3, II Cor. 5:1-5
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BASIC TRAINING

**KNOW WHAT GOD IS LIKE
BECOME PEOPLE OF FAITH**

AIT (ADVANCED INDIVIDUALIZED TRAINING)

**TRAINED AS SOLDIERS TO TAKE
POSSESSION OF THE LAND OF CANAAN.**

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**TRAINED AS WITNESSES TO MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.**

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- *Teach us about Himself*
- *Develop our faith*
- *Equip us to participate in extending God's kingdom*

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