

LESSON EIGHT - (EXTRA - EXTRA - EXTRA)

The Path of Scripture Leading us to Jesus Christ - His Gospel - His Church - And Beyond

Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:16).

"Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths, to walk in paths, in a way not cast up (Jeremiah 18:15).

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Title: "More Types from the Old Testament"

Standing Text: (Jeremiah 6:16; 18:15)

Lesson Texts: (Genesis 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; Exodus 14; 2nd Kings 5)

1. REVIEWING AGAIN THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SERIES:

- A. As the texts suggest, there is a Path, Trail, or a line which starts very early in Scripture which leads us to Jesus Christ as well as His Gospel and His Church. It is the purpose of this study to follow the directions given as well as the **Landmarks** (Prov. 22:28) which will appear as we take this Journey. The way will be clear for it is **Lighted** by scripture itself (Psalm 119:105). As we make this journey, let us be sure to walk in the light and acknowledge the **Landmarks**.
- B. Today's Lesson, which is an EXTRA from our main outline in Lesson One, is entitled **"More Types from the Old Testament"**. It is designed to lead us in a straight line to the Glorious Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. If you will remember, this is a part of the main title of this series.
- C. **Early Comments:** In this Lesson we will be showing **THREE** very familiar Old Testament stories as follows:
 - (1) The story of Noah and his family's rescue from the Flood (Gen. 6-10).
 - (2) The Children of Israel crossing the Red Sea in compliance with God's Instructions (Exod. 14).
 - (3) The cleansing of Naaman from his dreaded disease of leprosy (2nd Kings 5).

2. SUMMARY OF THE STORY OF NOAH - (2348 B. C. - Chart from Lesson Two) :

A. Conditions Prior to the Flood:

- (1) This story had its beginning in what has been called "The Antediluvian Period" and continued into the "Postdiluvian Period."
- (2) From the beginning of the Creation when God had placed the sinless Adam and Eve in the

- Garden until the beginning of the story of Noah, the world had become very wicked.
- (3) Adam and Eve brought sin into the world (Rom. 5:12) when they were tempted by the serpent.
 - (4) Cain had slain his brother Abel (Gen. 4).
 - (5) As the wickedness spread throughout the land, *“God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them”* (Gen. 6:5-7).

(6) **“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord” (Gen. 6:8):**

- (a) As a result, God gave specific instructions to Noah in regard to the building of the vehicle of his salvation. He was to build an ark according to definite instructions which God gave to him (Gen. 6:14-16).
- (b) Not only did God (by his grace) provide a way of escape for Noah and his family but his plan included the saving of the pair of every *“beast of the field male and his female, fowls also of the air to keep seed alive upon all the face of the earth”* (Gen. 7:1-3).

B. God’s Command to Noah:

(1) **“And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him” (Gen. 7:5).**

Scripture: *“15 And God spake unto Noah, saying, 16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. 17 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. 18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: 19 Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, and whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. 20 And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. 22 While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”* (Gen. 8:15-21).

- (2) Thus Noah, by responding to every command given to him by God, was saved from the flood along with his three sons and their wives.

C. How this relates to the Gospel and its Saving Power to us today:

Scripture: *“18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: 19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; 20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. 21 **The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us** (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ: 22 Who is gone into heaven, and*

is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him" (1st Peter 3: 18-22).

- (1) The main lesson here is how that Noah responded to the exact commands of God.
- (2) Jesus, in the great commission (Mark 16:16), gave a definite command concerning baptism when he said, "*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.*" (See also 1st Cor. 15:1-4 at the end of this lesson).

3. SUMMARY OF THE STORY OF THE SALVATION OF THE ISRAELITES (Exod. 14):

A. A Brief History of their departure from Egypt:

- (1) See Lesson Three on the Passover for events prior to their departure.
- (2) The refusal of Pharaoh to let God's people go reached its height with him after the death of all the first born. He finally let them go - BUT changed his mind as they reached the banks of the Red Sea. He pursued after them (Exod. 14:8).
- (3) Look below at scenes:

Scripture: "6 And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: 7 And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. 8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, **and he pursued after the children of Israel:** and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. 9 But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon. 10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. 11 And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? 12 Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. 13 **And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD,** which he will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever. 14 The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace" (Exod. 14:6-14).

B. What Action was Taken on the Part of Moses?

Scripture: "15 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: 16 **But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea**" (Exod. 14:15-16).

Scripture: "21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen" (Exod. 14:21-23).

Scripture: "26 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. 27 And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them" (Exod. 14:26-28).

C. How this relates to the Gospel and its Saving Power to us today:

Scripture: *"1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; 2 **And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;** 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat; 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted."* (1st Cor. 10:1-6).

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4. A SUMMARY OF THE STORY OF NAAMAN (2nd Kings 5):

A. A Brief History of Naaman and His condition:

- (1) Naaman was the captain of the host of the King of Syria. He was a mighty man and an honorable man. (2nd Kings 5:1).
- (2) He was also a man afflicted with leprosy.
- (3) There was a little Israelite maid who waited on Naaman's wife. She told her of a prophet in Israel who could "recover" Naaman from his leprosy.
- (4) Naaman was sent to the prophet Elisha by the King of Syria carrying many riches.
- (5) When he arrived Elisha simply sent a messenger to tell Naaman what to do. He said, *"Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall become again to thee, and thou shalt be clean."* (2nd Kings 5:10).
- (6) Even though it seemed unreasonable to Naaman, after being persuaded by his servants that if Elisha had bid him do some great thing he would have done it. He then responded and upon doing so, *"his flesh became like that of a little child"* (2nd Kings 5:14).

5. THE GRAND CONCLUSIONS:

- (1) In each case, God delivered a message which is the purpose of the word "Gospel."
- (2) Also in each case, the response to the message brought the correct and promised result.
- (3) In each of these three cases they have become "types" of our salvation in that they all show a definite likeness of being "immersed" which of course is true with scriptural baptism.
- (4) More specifically, New Testament baptism is a form of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ from his death. (See Romans 6:1-6 along with 1st Cor. 15:1-4 printed below).

Scripture: *"1 Moreover, brethren, I **declare unto you the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which **also ye are saved**, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died** for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again** the third day according to the scripture."*

- (5) Like all our lessons before this, what great **Landmarks** they are leading us to the Gospel of the New Testament which Paul (above) says **"by which also ye are saved."**

