

# Interesting Parallels between the Experiences of the Children of Israel and Mankind/Believers

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God's Quest for the Children of Israel's Fellowship		God's Quest for Mankind 's Fellowship	
	"Israel" means "struggles with God."	Mankind in general, "struggles with God."	Psalms 14:2&3
Gen 37:18	As a result of deception and lies, Joseph was sold into slavery and ended up in Egypt. All of his offspring were "Children of Israel."	As a result of deception and lies from Satan, Adam and Eve sinned making all their offspring, "sinners."	2 Corinthians 11:3
Exodus 1:7	The Children of Israel were sojourning in Egypt, away from their homeland.	We are sojourning here in the world, which is not our real home.	2 Peter 2:11
Exodus 1:11	They were enslaved by Egypt, subjected to harsh and evil treatment.	Before trusting God, we were slaves to sin and its entanglements and side effects.	Galatians 4:9-11
Exodus 3:7	God saw the suffering of the Jews and heard their cries to Him for a deliverer.	Mankind suffers from trying to fill the God shaped hole within them, and some cry out to God for deliverance.	Romans 6:16-18
Exodus 3:10	God Himself provided a deliverer for Israel.	God himself has provided a Deliverer for us, Jesus the Lord.	John 3:17
Exodus 10:1	By the sovereign direction of God, miracles were put against Pharaoh, the controller of their world, so he would let His children go. The Jews saw and understood how God was working through Moses supernaturally to free them.	By sovereign election, God allows "situations" in our lives that cause us to notice Him and look up. Most of us were ignorant that God was pursuing us until we gave in to him.	Jeremiah 29:11-12
Exodus 12:23	Moses warned that the plague of the death angel that would kill the firstborn was coming,.	God's Word warns that the plague of death and eternal separation from God is coming.	Hebrews 9:27
Exodus 12:3-11	Moses conveyed God's instructions of what was to be done to avoid the death angel's deeds.	The Word of God conveys the instructions of what needs to be done to avoid eternal destruction.	Romans 10:13
Exodus 12:5	The cure was that the blood of an unblemished lamb was to be spilled.	Our cure, is the (sinless) Lamb of God, shed His blood for us.	John 1:29
Exodus 12:7	The Jews trusting God's instructions, painted the lamb's blood on the door frame.	We, trusting God's instructions figuratively apply the blood of Jesus to the frame of our hearts.  <i>That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your</i>	Romans 10:9.

		<i>heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.</i>	
Exodus 12:23	The Death angel saw the blood and passed-over.	For believers that have the blood of the Lamb on their hearts, death, where is thy sting?	1 Corinthians 15:54-55
Exodus 12:21	The Jews were freed from their bondage.	Believers are freed from the bondage of sin.	Romans 6:14
Exodus 14:12	Although they went along with the crowd, at the shore of the Red Sea, instead of trusting God whose visible presence was with them, they regretted leaving their prior lives in Egypt's bondage.	Today, many make a superficial decision to trust God's instructions but when the going gets tough, they retreat back to their former lives. Their outward lives do not reflect an inner relationship with the Living God.	1 Timothy 4:1-4
Exodus 14:30	The Jews were set apart from Egypt's bondage when they crossed the Red Sea. They were totally free from the authority and power of the Pharaoh.	Believers are sanctified (set apart) and totally free from the authority and power of Satan. Unfortunately, not from the temptation of sin.	1 Corinthians 6:11
Exodus 32:1	Newly saved by the miracle of the Red Sea, many Jews showed that the bondage to sin was not completely left in Egypt, it was in seen in their hearts as they set up idols to worship.	Believers soon experience just how sin is within us when we struggle against the temptations of the flesh.	2 Peter 3:17
Exodus 20:3-17	The Ten Commandants from God was given revealing that all of them by God's standards, were sinners and separated from the Holy God.	The Ten Commandants reveals to us that by God's standard, we also are sinners and separated from God after all, who among us has not lied or stolen.	Romans 3:19
Exodus 21:5&6	The Children of Israel sinned and the consequences of their sin became apparent to them after they were bitten by the serpents.	Sin is pleasurable for a season, but there is always a hidden painful barb poised as a hidden side effect as a consequence.	Romans 6:23
Numbers 21:8	The bite of the serpents were deadly. God Himself provided the solution. As instructed, a pole with a bronze serpent was raised and whoever trusted in God's instructions, looked at it for healing, were saved from the death that the serpent's bite brought. Those that didn't, died.	We are all bitten by sin and whether we recognize it or not, we are dying not only a physical death, but also an eternal spiritual death. God Himself has provided the solution, His Son, Jesus, lifted up on the cross. Whoever trusts God's instructions and looks upon Him for healing from sin, will be saved. Those that don't will die the spiritual death.	John 3:16-18
Numbers 15:25	Sin was still a continuing problem in the Camp of Israel and God established a	Jesus' blood was spilled for sins, past, present and future. We still sin	1 John 1:9

	system of sacrifice where innocent animal's blood was spilled to atone for the sin. If they choose, the people could participate in the sacrifice for sin.	but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.	
Numbers 4:25	The tabernacle (the dwelling place) of God was mobile and wrapped with skin. It was located in the center of Israel's camp.	Our mobile, skin wrapped bodies are the mobile Temple that the Spirit of God dwells in, located in the center of our beings.	1 Corinthians 6:19
Exodus 16:5	The Children of Israel depended daily on God's protection and provision and direction.	We depend daily on God's protection and provision and direction.	Matthew 6:9-11
Exodus 16:35	The Children of Israel were in the wilderness for 40 years while God provided them sometimes painful lessons about living their lives in trust and obedience to Him. He wanted them to not only acknowledge their sin, He wanted them to understand their need for Him and live in thankfulness toward Him, their Creator and sustainer.	For believers, although now adopted Children of God, we continue to live in this sinful wilderness as we learn to trust God with a relying trust as He faithfully sustains us and teaches us about our own rebellious attitudes. His desire is for us to trust and obey with a heart of thanksgiving toward our creator like His Son, Jesus did.	Hebrews 12:1&2
Numbers 26:65	After all the interaction with God, even though He was physically with them, they were plagued with unbelief and disobedience. The only ones to make it into the promised land from the original generation was Joshua and Caleb.	Believers in Jesus will cross over the Jordan but as illustrated by Jesus teaching of the narrow gate, not many in this world will. Still, it is critical that we live our days in trust and obedience to God. We are like what we worship.	Matthew 7:14&15
Joshua 3:15-17	The Jordan is two words = Jor=flow and Dan = Judgment. The flow of the Jordan was stopped until all the Children of Israel crossed so: The flow of Judgment was stopped.	As believers, when we cross over the Jordan which is a metaphor for death, the flow of judgment is stopped for all of us.	Romans 8:1
Joshua 5:1-4	As soon as they crossed over the Jordan, the covenant with Israel was reconfirmed with the sign of circumcision and Passover.	When we cross the Jordan, the marriage supper of the Lamb (the wedding ceremony) will soon commence.	Revelation 19:9
Joshua 5:13-15	The Children joined the Captain of the Lord's Host (Jesus) as they together fought the battle of Jericho. Note: Anytime worship of an angel is accepted, it is a preexistent encounter with Jesus. They saw the Savior in the flesh.	After the marriage supper, believers <b>will see their Savior, in the flesh</b> and then join Jesus in taking back the world from the usurpers.	Revelation 19:11-21
Deuteronomy 31:27	Even though the Children of Israel were now in the promised land, they still faced many hardships and troubles that	For believers, so shall we ever be with the Lord.	1 Thessalonians 4:17&18

	were a consequence of their continued unbelief and disobedience.		
<p>Prophesy foretells that after the rapture, the interaction between the Children of Israel and their God will continue until their hearts are turned toward their Heavenly Father and they indeed become a holy nation of priests. This will be a demonstration of God's faithfulness and what a nation living for the Holy God looks</p> <p>"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." Exodus 19:5-6</p>			
<b>Children of Israel's Summary</b>		<b>Mankind's Summary</b>	
<p>Throughout the time starting with the Jews sojourning in a hostile land, saved by the blood of the lamb as instructed by the deliverer sent by God. They were set apart at the Red Sea and for the next 40 years, they struggled in their trust and obedience to God who protected and provided for them. They had an opportunity to partake in sacrifices for their sins, many didn't.</p>		<p>Starting with our birth, we live in a place that is not our own and God actively pursues us oftentimes, through the painful consequences of our sins. His goal is always for our good, for us to look up and acknowledge our place under His Loving authority and our sinful nature that separates us. He desires for us to look upon His Son, Jesus for our salvation. Sadly, most of mankind won't.</p>	
<p><b>Dear reader:</b> If the Lord is pursuing you and speaking to your heart, today, accept his offer of salvation and eternal life. Our lives are somewhat precarious, we are always depending on that next heartbeat. Please don't put it off salvation for a future day that never dawns for you. The Bible says: 1 Corinthians 6:2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.</p>			
<p><b>Salvation, (becoming right with God)</b>          – A plan so simple, even a child can understand. For we are all children in God's Eyes-</p>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Confess</b> to God that you are a sinner deserving of judgment. (Romans 3:23 &amp; 6:23).</li> <li>2. <b>Believe</b> in your heart, that Christ died for your sins, and that He came to life again. (Romans 10:9-10).</li> <li>3. <b>Now pray this prayer:</b> Heavenly Father, thank you for loving me, for sending Jesus to die in my place, to suffer and shed His blood so I could be forgiven and my sins forgotten. I give you my life and I ask for your power to help me be the kind of person that you want me to be. You've worked for me on the cross; now work in me to change me. Lord, I pray that my life will bring you glory and bring you pleasure. In Jesus name, Amen</li> </ol> <p>Now that's done, maybe you felt something change just now, maybe you didn't, and it doesn't matter. Just believe that things have changed. Now go and tell someone, you know that person, the one who <u>really</u> believes in Jesus and is <u>really</u> a Christian. Tell him (or her) about your prayer, and that you are trusting Jesus. Then allow them to lead you in your walk with the Lord. Pray and read some of God Word (the Bible) daily, the Gospel of John is a good place to start. Stay away from denominations that rely on "extra writings" or their own "prophets." God bless you!</p> <p><i>Keith Sorrels - semperkeith.com</i></p>			