

# THE GOSPEL IN THE PENTATUCH

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## INTRODUCTION

1. The Bible is all about Jesus and God's Plan Of Salvation through Jesus.

- a. **Why I Believe The Bible:** "I believe the Bible because it is a reliable collection of historical documents that were written down by eyewitnesses during the lifetimes of other eyewitnesses. They report to us supernatural events that were the fulfillment of specific prophecies and claim that their writings are divine rather than human and that they were inspired directly by the living God." *–derived from Voddie Baucham.*
- b. **John 5:39 (ESV)**--"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and **it is they that bear witness about me....**"

- i. Jesus is the prophet Moses foretold in Deut. 18:15--Deuteronomy 18:15 (ESV)--“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen....”
  - 1. The Pharisees challenged John the Baptist to determine if *he* was that prophet: John 1:21 (ESV)—“And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.””
- c. Jesus is not only *The Prophet*; He is also the Redeemer, the King of kings, Lord of lords, the Great High Priest, and the Mediator of a better covenant.
- d. John 1:45 (ESV)--"Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.'"
- e. Luke 16:27-31 ESV--The Pharisee in torment speaking to Abraham who was in Paradise:  
“Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—so that

he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

- f. **Paul's speech before King Agrippa:** "To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, **saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.**"-- Acts 26:22–23 (ESV)
  
- g. **Paul's Introduction to the Romans:** "Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart **for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord....**" Romans 1:1-4 (ESV)

2. The Torah (the Law of Moses): the Pentateuch is NOT Simply a rule book; It is about Eternal Life In and Through Christ Jesus.

- a. **Deut. 4:1** "and now, oh Israel, listen to the statute in the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you."
- b. **Galatians 3:24 (ESV)**--"the law was our **guardian** until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith."
- c. "GUARDIAN" is the Greek word "paidagogos" from which we get "pedagogy". "Schoolmaster" or "instructor" is a better translation.
  - i. "The law was our **schoolmaster or teacher with authority** until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith."
  - ii. The law is designed to teach us what sin it is. It also teaches us that God is holy and we are sinners. Our sins prevent us from having

a relationship with God. God created that relationship by telling us how to approach Him and how to relate to Him. We do so by admitting and confessing our sins and shedding the blood of animals because "the wages of sin is death." **The law teaches us that we are terrible sinners who need a Great Savior.**

d. Thus, the purpose of the law is to make us hungry for the gospel and to prepare us for the gospel so that when we receive it, we will cling to it like a drowning man clings to a life raft.

### 3. THE GARDEN OF EDEN

#### a. THE COVERING FOR SIN

- i. Man tries to cover himself with leaves. God kills an animal and covers Adam and Eve with animal skin.
- ii. Adam and Eve disobey God in the garden. Man falls. God provides a covering of their nakedness. The gospel: Jesus covers the nakedness of our sin with his own body on the cross.

#### b. GOD'S PLAN OF REDEMPTION

- i. In the garden, God tells the serpent that he will bite Messiah's heel, but Messiah will crush his head. We see that actually happen on the cross, and then finally in the Book of Revelation, when the conquering Jesus destroys Satan, casting him into the lake of fire.
- ii. **Revelation 20:7–10 (ESV)**-- "And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the

nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, **and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."**

#### 4. ADAM AND JESUS aka the First Adam and the Second Adam

The First Adam	The Second Adam
Created in God's Image and Likeness	<b>Hebrews 1:3-4 (ESV)</b> "He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs."
God used his rib to create Eve, his wife.	God killed Him in order to create His bride, the Church
Disobeyed God	<b>John 8:29 (ESV)</b> --"I always do the things that are pleasing to him."
Betrayed his wife	Died for His bride
He was innocent but sinned	He was sinless, but our sins were imputed to Him on the cross



His sin is imputed to us	His righteousness is imputed to all who believe Him and receive His salvation.
His Fall cursed all creation	His life, death, and resurrection make salvation possible.
<b>1 Corinthians 15:22 (ESV)</b> "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."	<b>1 Corinthians 15:22 (ESV)</b> "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive."
Placed in the Garden aka Paradise, but was expelled because of sin	Created the Garden and then submitted to the Father's will. Jesus creates the new heaven and earth for all who believe Him.
He died and did not rise.	He died and rose from the grave on the third day.

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# PASSOVER--JESUS IS OUR PASCHAL LAMB

## 1. The Gospel And The Gods Of Egypt

- a. When God liberated the Hebrew people from Egyptian bondage, He destroyed all the gods of Egypt, proving that He alone is God. God struck Egypt with ten plagues.
  - i. Each plague represented an Egyptian god. Hapi was the Egyptian God of the Nile. God turned the Nile river to blood, proving that He is the water of life.
  - ii. **Heket was the Egyptian Goddess of Fertility.** So, God overran Egypt with frogs, making a mockery of this so-called fertility.
  - iii. **Geb was the Egyptian God of the Earth.** Moses struck the dirt with his staff and the dust turned to gnats. The magicians of Egypt could not duplicate this third miracle: "Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, 'This is the finger of God.'" God alone is Creator. He formed Adam from the dust of the ground and breathed into Adam the breath of life "and the man became a living creature.". Man cannot create life from the dust of the earth.
  - iv. **Khepri was the another Egyptian God of creation and had the head of a fly.** Khepri was powerless against the true God. The God of Israel was using Khepri to destroy Egypt.
  - v. **Hathor was the Egyptian Goddess of Love and Protection** and was depicted with the head of a cow. God mocks

Hathor by killing cattle and livestock throughout Egypt, except in Goshen where the Hebrews lived.

- vi. **Isis was the Egyptian Goddess of Medicine and Peace.** With **this sixth judgment** on Egypt, God afflicted the Egyptians with boils and sores. They could not be healed. The Hebrews were not touched. Nut was the Egyptian Goddess of the Sky.
- vii. **For the seventh plague, God brought painful boils** upon all the Egyptians while the Hebrews remained untouched. The true God can afflict and heal.
- viii. **For the eighth plague, God attacked Seth, the Egyptian God of storms and disorder,** by bringing swarming locusts.
- ix. **The penultimate plague involved Ra, the Sun God.** "So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived." In contrast, Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life."
- b. **In the tenth and final plague, God warned he would kill the firstborn male of man and beast** if Pharaoh did not let the Hebrews go. In a rage, Pharaoh refused and ordered Moses and Aaron to leave his presence on pain of death. Pharaoh was believed to be the Son of Ra; he was supposedly God in the flesh. God slew all the firstborn males (man and beast) in every household in Egypt except

where lamb's blood was placed on the lintels and doorposts. God spared the Hebrews' firstborn sons, but God "did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all" so that everyone who believes in Jesus will be saved and have eternal life.

c. **APPLICATION:**

- i. Is Christ's blood on the lintels and doorposts of your heart?
- ii. What idols has Jesus come to destroy in your life?

d. **Exodus 11:4–12:13 (ESV)**--"So Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, 5 and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. 6 There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again. 7 But not a dog shall growl against any of the people of Israel, either man or beast, that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.' 8 And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, you and all the people who follow you.' And after that I will go out." And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger. 9 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not listen to you, that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." 10 Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh, and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go out of his land. **The Passover:** 12 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, 2 "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the

first month of the year for you. 3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. .. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. 7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. .. It is the LORD's Passover. 12 **For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.** 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt."

e. **Jesus is our Paschal Lamb**

i. Like the Egyptians, we deserve God's wrath. But Jesus volunteered to be our Paschal Lamb and took the full blast of God's divine and holy wrath as our Substitute. Therefore, the Angel of Death passes over us. When we consciously and deliberately receive Jesus's salvation, the Holy Spirit brings us from death to eternal life in Jesus Christ.

ii. **Jesus was crucified on Passover.**

1. **John 19:14–17 (ESV)**--"Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover. It was about the sixth

hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." So he delivered him over to them to be crucified...So they took Jesus, 17 and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha."

2. Approx. 1400 years between the First Passover in Egypt and Jesus's crucifixion on Passover in Jerusalem

a. God's Plan

b. God's Sovereignty

- f. Because of Jesus's substitutionary death, death passes over us but settled its full weight upon Him as He suffered on the cross and then died for our sake.
- g. As the Apostle Paul said: **1 Corinthians 5:7-8** (ESV) --" For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."
- h. As the Apostle Peter said: we are saved by "the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." **1 Peter 1:19** (ESV)

## 2. THE GOSPEL HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOR EVERYONE

- a. **Isaiah 49:6 (ESV)**--"The LORD says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'"
  
- b. **Exodus 12:37–38 (ESV)**--"And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. **A mixed multitude also went up with them**, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds."
  
- c. **1 Chronicles 4:17 (NIV)**--"And these were the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh<sup>1</sup>, whom Mered took."
  
- d. **John 12:20–32 (ESV)**--"Now among those who went up to worship **at the feast were some Greeks**. 21 So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified... If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. 'Now is my soul

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<sup>1</sup> This woman is not the same daughter who rescued and adopted Moses. That daughter may have been as young as 12 years old at the time, which would make her at least 52 when the Hebrews left Egypt. When the Hebrew people left Egypt Moses was 80 and this woman was clearly beyond childbearing age. However, this woman was a daughter of a pharaoh. She obviously had been in Egypt and had witnessed all the miracles Moses had performed. She was incredibly brave for her to leave Egypt with the rest of the Hebrew people. Truly, she must have been a woman of faith because she was turning her back on her family and her culture in order to follow God. She reminds me of Rahab. In addition, if it was significant enough to mention that the woman was Pharaoh's daughter. Moses certainly would have identified her as the woman who had rescued and adopted him had that been the case.

troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again!... And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

### 3. The Exodus Is A Picture Of Jesus And His Gospel.

- a. Like the Hebrews, we were enslaved. Satan made us slaves, and we were under the dominion of Satan, this world, and the flesh. It is impossible for us to free ourselves.
- b. Moses is a picture of the Lord Jesus, who leads us out of Egypt (that is, sin) into the Promise Land, which is eternal life. Like Moses, Jesus must die before we can enter the Promise Land. However, Moses did not enter the Promise Land because of his sin. In contrast, Jesus leads us into the Promise Land by His righteousness, His sacrificial death on the cross, and His resurrection.
- c. The Psalmist exulted: "You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there."  
Psalm 68:18
- d. Ephesians 4:4-8 "There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high, he led a host of captives, and **he gave gifts to men.**"



i. What gifts did God give to men?

1. Forgiveness
2. salvation
3. Redemption
4. Eternal life
5. Adoption

#### 4. The Budding of Aaron's Rod--Numbers 16-17

##### 1. Ch. 16--Korah, Dathan, and Abiram (and the Rebels)

- a. The ground opened up and swallowed the entire families of Korah

##### 2. Ch. 17--AARON'S ROD BUDDED WITH ALMONDS

- a. Aaron's rod budded with ripe almonds.
  - i. Almond trees were abundant in ancient Syria and Palestine, and still are today. The Hebrew word for almond, "*shakeid*," also means "watchful," **so symbolically the almond represents God's watchfulness over His people.** The almond tree is mentioned a number of times in the Old Testament, and is associated with one of Judaism's most important symbols: the menorah.
- b. **In Christianity**, the almond, with its seed concealed behind an outer hull and a hard shell, **symbolizes the purity of the virgin and the hidden godliness within the human shape of Jesus.**
- c. You and I are like Aaron's dead staff of wood. We were dead in trespasses and sin. Jesus saved us and the Holy Spirit has given us new life, eternal life in Jesus.

We blossom for eternity!

1. the almond seed, which symbolizes the hidden godliness within the human shape of Jesus, points to **the believer's sanctification in Christ.**

d. John 15:5 (ESV)--"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me, you can do nothing."

e. Aaron was the first high priest, but as we learn in **The Book of Hebrews**, Jesus is the Great and Last High Priest who constantly makes intercession for us before the Father.

i. Jesus has abolished and replaced the earthly office of High Priest.

ii. Superior to the Aaronic line and replaced the Aaronic line

iii. The Aaronic line has been destroyed. Further, there are no more sacrifices because Jesus is both Sacrifice and High Priest.

iv. Jesus is the Great High Priest in the order of Melchizedek who also was not part of the Aaronic line and who was not qualified under the Law to

be high priest

1. Melchizedek predated the Law. Jesus fulfills the Law in Himself.
2. Jesus ended all sacrifices b/c He died **once for all**, eliminating the need for all animal and other sacrifices which were only symbolic **and** they were ineffectual to save or redeem.

f. Korah, Dathan and Abiram (along with the other rebels) challenged Aaron's authority and felt they had as much right to be high priest as Aaron.

i. But God sovereignly appoints the High Priest

ii. The rebellion against Aaron was really rebellion against God. Moses rebuked them with these words: --Numbers 16:11 (ESV)--"Therefore it is against the LORD that you and all your company have gathered together."

g. Aaron's Rod Was Placed Within The Holy of Holies Behind The Veil (Curtain)

i. By his death, Jesus tore down the middle wall of partition separating man from God. The veil in the temple was torn in two, symbolizing man's direct access to God through Jesus Christ.



# THE SERPENT ON THE POLE

## 1. Numbers 21

a. Numbers 21:5–9 (ESV)--"And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." 6 Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a **fiery serpent** and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. **And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.**

b. The Hebrew word translated as "**fiery serpent**" is #8314 שָׂרָף [saraph] and is also translated as seraphim

- i. "**fiery**" because the snake's venom makes one feel like they are being burned. Very poisonous.
- ii. **The serpent is a symbol of evil power** and chaos from the underworld as well as a symbol of fertility, life, healing, and rebirth. Nāḥāš (נָחָשׁ), Hebrew for "snake", is also associated with divination, including the verb form meaning "to practice divination or fortune-telling."

c. Jesus told the people: **And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die.**-- John 12:32–33 (ESV)

i. The poisonous snake on the pole spoke to Jesus's crucifixion. Jesus would bear all our evil, all our sin, in his own body on the cross.

d. **Numbers 21:9 (ESV)**--"So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, **he would look at the bronze serpent and live.**

i. #5027 נָבַט [nabat /naw·bat/] v. A primitive root; TWOT 1282; GK 5564; 69 occurrences; AV translates as "look" 36 times, "behold" 13 times, "consider" five times, "regard" four times, "see" four times, "respect" three times, "look down" twice, "look about" once, and "look back" once. 1 to look, regard. 1A (Piel) to look. 1B (Hiphil). 1B1 to look. **1B2 to regard, show regard to, pay attention to, consider. 1B3 to look upon, regard, show regard to.**

ii. The bronze serpent on a rod, whose mere contemplation is sufficient to cure anyone bitten by a snake, symbolizes salvation by grace. The person who has been bitten does nothing but **look upon, regard**, the snake and he is healed.

iii. We do no work to earn salvation. It is completely the work of Jesus Christ. We regard Him, We look upon Him in humility and we are healed, that is, saved.

iv. Jesus, and Jesus alone, is the Person who heals us our sin by destroying both the **power of sin** and taking upon

Himself the penalty of sin.

- v. 7200 רָאָה, רָאָה, רָאוּת [ra'ah /raw·aw/] v. A primitive root; TWOT 2095; GK 8011 and 8013 and 8021; 1313 occurrences; AV translates as “see” 879 times, “look” 104 times, “behold” 83 times,



## STRIKING THE ROCK; GOD STOOD BEFORE THE PEOPLE TO BE JUDGED: EXODUS 17:1-8

### 2. WATER FROM THE ROCK

a. **Exodus 17:1–7 (ESV)**--"All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" 4 So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 5 And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on

the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

3. 1 Corinthians 10:1–4 (ESV)--"For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. **For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.**"

<u>IN THE DESERT</u>	<u>IN ISRAEL</u>
<p>The people grumbled against God. Exodus 17:1–3 (ESV)</p> <p>"All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, <b>but there was no water</b></p>	<p>The people grumbled against Jesus</p>

<p>for the people to drink.  2 Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? <b>Why do you test the LORD?</b>' 3 But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, '<b>Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children</b> and our livestock with thirst?'"</p>	
<p>The people questioned whether God was among <b>them Exodus 17:7 (ESV)</b>  "And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, '<b>Is the LORD among us or not?</b>'"</p>	<p>Immanuel--"God With Us"</p>
<p>God stood before the elders</p>	<p>Jesus stood before the Sanhedrin</p>
<p>God was on trial</p>	<p>Jesus was on trial</p>
<p>Moses struck the rock (with his staff of judgment)</p>	<p>The people crucified Jesus</p>
<p>Water gushed from the rock <b>(Exodus 17:6 (ESV))</b>  <b>"Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike</b></p>	<p>Separated water and blood gushed from Jesus's side. <b>(John 19:34-35 (ESV))</b>  <b>"But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear,</b></p>

<p>the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel."</p> <p>The water was sufficient and efficient to satisfy the thirst of over 1,000,000 people PLUS livestock.</p>	<p>and at once there came out blood and water. 35 He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe."</p> <p>Jesus's grace is sufficient and efficient to save and sanctify ALL of God's elect.</p>

## 1) NOAH'S ARK

### a) BITUMEN

- i) Jesus is our Ark from the judgment and wrath of God. When you read the account of the Flood, it says Noah took bitumen and covered the Ark inside and out. Bitumen is the key ingredient applied between the joints of wood on the ark that allowed it to float and to be seaworthy. The word "bitumen" literally means a covering, an atonement, a reconciliation. God provided this covering it inside and out. God's Son died on the Cross so that we could be justified. We are **justified** so that we could have a relationship with Him. He did it inside, too, so that we could be **sanctified**. God purposed to clean all the way through and all over in order to create a bride for His Son.
- ii) If God had simply justified us as sinners, meaning, declared us righteous, that would be more than we could ever expect, and we would praise Him for that alone. But it would be like putting a beautiful clothing on a filthy body. When Big Mama washed me, I then got into clean pajamas. I didn't just feel clean, I was clean. I just felt wonderful. God doesn't just clean us on the outside. That's justification. He cleans us on the inside. That's the process of sanctification. We are not just cleaned on the outside, but inwardly He makes us clean. God put the bitumen inside and out. What amazing grace!
- iii) This contrasts with Jesus, who was crucified naked. He probably had urine and feces running down His legs. That

Jesus is the same holy God shown in Isaiah Chapter 6!

iv) Jesus is our covering. Why does He do this? From **Ephesians 5:27** we learn this about Jesus: "That He might present the Church to Himself in splendor without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish."

(1) Jesus became humble to the point of utter humiliation and suffering, disgusting to look upon so that His bride could be adorned with His own splendor and glory. That's the arc in Genesis 1 through 11. That is the marriage for which the whole Bible is preparing us. That we, as the bride of Christ, will raise our hands before the throne and praise God for what He has done for us, in us, and through us.

b) **The Ark's Shape:** The ark has a prow or stern. Archaeologists say these are the dimensions of a coffin. The ancients built their coffins out of cypress because it would not decay. Why is the ark a giant coffin? Because when Noah came into that ark, it pictured the way we are buried with Christ in baptism. (See Romans 6:4.)

**CONCLUSION:** God, we thank you for the great salvation You have given us. We thank You for the glory of Jesus Christ and how He is spreading Your glory in our hearts. May it ever be so. May we never take for granted the grace that was purchased for us so dearly. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.