

Christ in the Bible – Exodus Oct 23, 2022

Summary:

Between Genesis and Exodus Israel had become a nation while in Egypt. The book opens with the nation's bondage there (Ex 1) in the preparation of Moses to be their deliverer and mediator (Ex 2 - 4). The book then continues with God's supernatural judgment on Egypt by plagues and redemption of Israel by the blood of the Passover Lamb (Ex 5 - 12). Then as they headed toward the promised land (Abrahamic covenant) they receive at Mount Sinai, the Law (Mosaic Covenant), which includes the ten Commandments, the Civil Laws and Ceremonial Laws (Ex 13 - 24). The ceremonial law included the tabernacle, the priesthood and the sacrifices. The book closes with the glory of God coming to dwell in the midst of the redeemed people (Ex 25 - 40).

Christ seen as our:

Mediator, both acted as intercessors for the people. (Ex 32:31-32; Heb 8:6);

Moses pleaded to God many times on behalf of the Israelites when they sinned (Num 11:2; 12:13; 21:7). And after the Israelites worshipped the golden calf, he offered his life in exchange for the people (Ex 32:30-33).

Jesus also offered His life for the sins of the world (Jn 3:16, Rom 5:8; 1Jn 2:2).
He advocates and intercedes for us with God (1Jn 2:1, Rom 8:34, Heb 7:25).

Lawgiver (Jn 1:17; 7:19; Heb 8:10);

Heb 8:10 "FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

Deliverer (Ac 7:35; Rom 11:26);

Ac 7:35 "This Moses whom they disowned, saying, 'WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?' is the one whom God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the help of the angel who appeared to him in the thorn bush.

Rom 11:26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB."

The Passover Lamb of God (Ex 12; 1Cor 5:7)

The Unleavened Bread (Ex 13.3-10; 1Cor 5:7-8)

The Rock (Ex 17:6; 20:8;)

1Cor 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

The Pillar of Cloud and Fire leading them (Ex 13:21-22; 1Cor 10:4)

The Manna from Heaven (Ex 16:1-36; Jn 6:31, 39)

The Source of Living Water (Ex 17:1-7; Jn 4:10-14)

The Tabernacle (Ex 25-40; Jn 1:14)

High Priest [Aaron] (Heb 2:17)

Prophet (Dt 18:15-18)

Moses was faithful as a servant, but Jesus was faithful as the Son of God.

The bronze serpent (Num 21:5; Jn 3:14-15)

First-fruits (Ex 22:29; 1Cor 15:20)

In Exodus we find Christ: The Voice in the Burning Bush (3.1-6) "I am that I am" = Jehovah

The seven "I AM'S" in John's record of Christ's life and ministry.

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE (6:35)

I AM THE LIGHT OF WORLD (8:12)

I AM THE DOOR OF SHEEP (10: 7,9)

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD (10:11)

I AM THE RESURRECTION AND LIFE (11:25)

I AM THE WAY, TRUTH & LIFE (14:6)

I AM THE TRUE VINE (15:1)

Application:

Israel stood at a distance from the presence of God.

Ex 20:18-19 All the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood at a distance. 19 Then they said to Moses, "Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, or we will die." (Heb 12:18-21)

We are to pursue God's presence

We need His voice "Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts" (Heb 3:8, 15; 4:7)

Heb 10:19-22 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Comparison of Moses to Jesus

MOSES	JESUS
An evil king/Pharaoh tried to kill him as a baby: Ex 1:22	King Herod tried to kill baby Jesus: Mt 2:16
He was hidden from the evil king/Pharaoh: Ex 2:2	An angel said to hide the child from the evil King Herod: Mt 2:13
Moses was sent into Egypt to preserve his life: Ex 2:3-4	Jesus was taken into Egypt to preserve His life: Mt 2:13-15
He was saved by women: his mother Ex 2:3; Miriam Ex 2:4; Pharaoh's daughter Ex 2:5-10	Saved and helped by His mother, Mary: Mt 2:14
Pharaoh's daughter adopted Moses: Ex 2:10	Joseph adopted Jesus: Mt 1:25
Moses became a prince of Egypt: Ex 2:10	Jesus is the Prince of Peace: Isa 9:5; Mt 28:18; Lk 2:14
Long period of silence from childhood to adulthood	Long period of silence from childhood to adulthood
Moses had a secret identity	Messianic secret = Jesus the Son of God
He tried to save a fellow-Hebrew: Ex 2:11-12	Jesus came to first save the Jews: Mk 7:26-28
Went from being a prince to a Mt: Ex 2:15-19	Went from being God to being man: Jn 1:1-3; Mk 6:3
Saved women at a well: Ex 2:15-19	Saved a woman at a well: Jn 4
Became a shepherd: Exodus 3:1	Became a shepherd: Exo 3:1
Moses' mission was to redeem Israel from slavery to Egypt	Jesus' mission is to redeem mankind from slavery to sin
Moses was loved and supported in his ministry by his sister Miriam	Jesus was loved and supported in his ministry by His mother Mary [in Hebrew, Miryam]
He was often rejected by his own people	Jesus was often rejected by His own people
Moses will give God's law on the mountain of Sinai: Ex 20:1-31:18; 34:1-35	Jesus will give the new law from the Beatitudes: Mt 5
Moses spent 40 days fasting on the mountain: Ex:18; 34:28	Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert wilderness: Mt 4:2
Moses performs signs/ miracles	Jesus performs signs/miracles
Moses offered his life for the salvation of his people after the sin of the Golden Calf: Ex 32:32-33	Jesus offered His life for the salvation of the world: Isa 53:12; Rom 5:12; 6:10; 2Cor 5:15-21; Col 1:19-20; 2:14-15; 1Jn 1:7; 2:2; etc.
Moses is the prophet of the Old Covenant Church	Jesus is the prophet of the New and everlasting Covenant