

# Life Lessons from Ancient Israel (Part 1)

*“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples:  
and they are written for our admonition”* (1 Cor. 10:11)

## *Guided Growth with Pastor Keith @ CBC Sunday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup>*

Last week we discussed that God’s blessing is related to our understanding and obedience to His Word! (Joshua 1:8) Many preachers (and people) ignore the Old Testament as irrelevant. God reminds us that *“All scripture is given by inspiration and is profitable... that the man (or woman) of God may be perfect (complete) thoroughly furnished (equipped) unto all good works”* (2 Tim. 3:16,17) In fact, Jesus challenged the people of his day to *“search the scriptures”* (Old Testament) because they *“testify of me.”* (Jn 5:39) In Luke 24:225-27 he rebuked some disciples because they didn’t recognize how the crucifixion and resurrection were prophesied. Then *“beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”* *V’s 27*

**Review:** God promised that if Abram would obey him, he would give him and his descendants the land of Canaan. (*Gen. 12:1-9; Ch. 13, 15, 26, 35, 50*)

## 1. Egypt is a picture of spiritual bondage to the “world”

### A. During hard times, the pull of comfort drew Abram to Egypt.

Genesis 12:10-20 *“And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there”*

- 1) Immediate consequences. 12:11-15 (Trouble with Sarah!)
- 2) Long term consequences. Gen. 16 Ishmael: Birth of Arab nations.

### B. God warned him of the future danger Egypt would be to Israel. (Gen. 15:13-16)

*“thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them 400 years; And also that nation... will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance... But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.”*

### C. While Israel was in Egypt the Canaanites multiplied and defiled the “promised” land. Lev. 18:24,25

## 2. The Passover is a picture of Salvation. Yeshu‘â = deliverance

*“Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us”* 1 Cor 5:7

### A. Choose a perfect (flawless) lamb. Ex. 12:5

- 1) Watched for 4 days. Ex. 12:5, 6 *“without blemish”* This is what the Passion week is about! *“I find no fault in him”* Jn. 19:4 (See 1 Peter 1:28-20)

### B. Kill it without breaking any bones! Ex. 12:46 (Compare Jn 19:34-37)

*“these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.”*  
(See Zech. 12:10 and Ps. 34:20)

### C. Apply the blood to the door! Ex. 12:7 (See Eph. 2:13,14; Rev. 1:5)

*“When I see the blood, I will Passover you!”* Ex. 12:13

### D. Eat (internalize) the lamb! Ex. 12:8 (Compare John 6:48-54)

Luke 22:19 *"he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me."*

E. Get (and stay) inside during the night! Ex. 12:22-24

**Which of those steps were optional? Which of these are?**

- Repent Lk 13:3 *"except ye repent ye shall perish"*
- Believe Jn 8:24 *"if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."*
- Receive Jn 1:12 *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"*

**3. Red sea symbolizes a type of Baptism** 1 Cor 10:1-2 *"I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were baptized unto Moses in the ... sea"*

A. First Step of Faith after Salvation. Acts 2:37-38 *"what shall we do?"*  
*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized"*

B. It's an act of simple obedience. 1 Pt 3:21 *"the answer of a good conscience toward God"*

C. Commitment to identify with God and walk by obedient faith Ro. 6:4-13

**Application:** 1 Cor 10:11 *"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition"*

- 1) Are you still "stuck" in Bondage? 1 Jn 2:15-16 *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."*
- 2) Have you accepted God's gift of Salvation? Yeshû'â = deliverance  
Colossians 1:13-14 *"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:"*
- 3) Have you obediently Identified and followed Christ in Baptism? Rom. 6:4  
*"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."*

**If not, Why Not?**

**If not Now, then When?**

*"What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"*

**Mark 8:36**