

The Wandering Jew – Lesson 7

The birth of Moses was similar to the birth of Christ. Babies were being slaughtered by the government. Moses was put into an ark in Egypt. Jesus was taken by his parents into Egypt to flee Herod.

Moses grew up in the household of Pharaoh being educated in the ways of Egypt. Even so, he identified with the children of Israel, perhaps because his real, Jewish mother was hired by Pharaoh's daughter to nurse him (Ex 2.7-10). One day he intervened in a dispute between a Jew and an Egyptian, and he killed the Egyptian. The next day in a dispute between two Jews, they said to him in *Exodus 2:14 ...Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian?* So, he fled from Egypt to the dessert of Midian where he met his wife, Zipporah. He spent the next forty years in the wilderness tending sheep.

Now about 80 years old, God appeared to Moses in a burning bush and told him He would deliver the Children of Israel by his hand. Moses made excuses but eventually did as he was told. He said:

- Who am I
- I am not eloquent
- They will not listen
- Send someone else

Moses was of the tribe of Levi. His brother, Aaron, would become the first high priest. His sister, Miriam, was a prophetess who sang of the victories of the Lord over Egypt. But first in *Nu 12:1 ...Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married...* She became leprous due to this rebelliousness. Later, she was healed of her leprosy after being rebuked by the Lord and being put out of the camp for seven days. Aaron had issues regarding the golden calf he made while Moses was receiving the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai.

Moses as a type of Jesus Christ:

Both were preserved in childhood	Ex 2:2-10 Mt 2:14,15
Contended with masters of evil	Ex 7:11 Mt 4:1
Fasted forty days	Ex 34:28 Mt 4:2
Controlled the sea	Ex 14:21 Mt 8:26
Fed a multitude	Ex 16:15 Mt 14:20,21
Had radiant faces	Ex 34:35 Mt 17:2
Endured murmurings	Ex 15:24 Mr 7:2
Discredited in the home	Nu 12:1 Joh 7:5
Made intercessory prayers	Ex 32:32 Joh 17:9
Christ – Prophet like Moses	De 18:15-18, Act 3:22, 7:37
Had seventy helpers	Nu 11:16,17 Lu 10:1
Established memorials	Ex 12:14 Lu 22:19
Reappeared after death	Mt 17:3 Ac 1:3

Moses was a sinner

- A. **Did not circumcise his son.** God sought to kill him because he didn't circumcise his son. His wife spared him by her actions. See Ex 4:24-26
- B. **Disobeyed God in smiting the rock.** In the wilderness wanderings he was prevented from entering the Promised Land because he smote the Rock to provide water for the complaining children of Israel instead of speaking to it as he was commanded. See Nu 20:11. This seems like a harsh punishment for disobedience and pride, but the Rock was a picture of Christ. Smiting it the second time was like crucifying Christ twice.
- C. **Broke all of the 10 Commandments, literally!** Moses was the first person to break the Ten Commandments when he threw down the tablets on the way down from Mt. Sinai.

Results: Moses was allowed to see the Promised Land from the top of Mt. Nebo, and then he died and God buried him. The body of Moses may have special significance. He was to be one of the Two Witnesses during the Tribulation - Zec 4:2-3,11-14; Rev 11:3. See *Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.* Moses also appeared on the Mount of Transfiguration with Elijah and the glorified Christ - Mt 17:2-3.

The New Testament on Moses

Read Acts 7:17-44 and Heb 11:22-29 to learn more about Moses.

The Exodus

God heard the cry of his people and raised up Moses to deliver them, giving him power to perform miracles. God hardened Pharaoh's heart to not let his people go and caused ten plagues to come upon the people and land of Egypt.

1. Turn water to blood
2. Frogs upon the land
3. Lice
4. Flies
5. Murrain on cattle
6. Boils
7. Hail
8. Locusts
9. Thick darkness
10. Death of the firstborn (Ex 12:11-28)

The final plague is called the Passover to this day by the Jews because the death angel passed over any household that put blood on the door posts and lintel of their dwelling. Christ is our Passover. **1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:** If his blood is symbolically on the door posts of our heart, we will be passed over in the judgment of sin. See the following verses: Col 1:14,20; Heb 9:19; 10:19; 13:20; 1Pe 1:2; 1 Jo 1:7

The Jews spoiled Egypt by borrowing from them before leaving Egypt. The Egyptians rethought the matter and chased after them to their own destruction. At the Red Sea with the Egyptian army in hot pursuit and no way of escape, God opened the sea and they went through on dry ground. The Egyptians followed and were drowned when the water closed upon them.

Wanderings

God led them by day and night. The Israelites complained and wished they had died in Egypt where they enjoyed their fill of leeks and garlic. When Moses sent twelve spies to investigate the land of Canaan, ten returned a negative report. Only Joshua and Caleb brought a good report. They were the only two of that generation allowed to enter the land. They spent forty days spying out the land, so God caused the Jews to wander for forty years until the last one of that generation died. Their children were able to enter.

God did many miracles during these wanderings, and provided for all their needs – food, water, clothing, but the people continued to murmur and complain. God sent fiery serpents to bite them. He instructed Moses to make a brass serpent and hang it on a pole. Whoever looked to the brass serpent was healed. The New Testament tells us in *John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:* This brass serpent was a picture of Jesus taking our sins to the cross. Look to Jesus and be saved. *2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

Mt. Sinai

God wrote the Ten Commandments with His own finger on two tables of stone. He gave them to Moses during his first period of 40 days and nights on Mt. Sinai. When Moses came down from the mount, he found that Aaron had made a golden calf, and the people had corrupted themselves with idolatry and lascivious conduct. He broke the tables. God wanted to destroy the people, but Moses interceded for them.

God called him back up for a second period of 40 days and nights. This time Moses brought new stone tablets with him.

<u>TOWARD GOD</u>	<u>TOWARD MAN</u>
1. No other gods	5. Honour thy father and mother
2. No graven images	6. Thou shalt not kill
3. Name of the Lord not to be taken in vain	7. Thou shalt not commit adultery
4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy	8. Thou shalt not steal
	9. Thou shalt not bear false witness
	10. Thou shalt not covet

The Law: Civil, Ceremonial, and Moral: Beside the commandments and the laws regarding **moral laws** of life, **civil laws** for dealing with one another, God gave Moses detailed instructions on how to construct the Tabernacle and conduct proper worship through the feasts or **Ceremonial law**. Hebrews 8:5 tells us that these things serve as an ... *example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished by God when he was about to make the tabernacle - see that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.*

Feasts of Israel	Corresponding Prophetic Events
Passover	Crucifixion
Unleavened Bread *	Sinless sacrifice
First fruits	Resurrection of Christ
Weeks *	Pentecost
Trumpets	Rapture
Day of Atonement	Tribulation
Tabernacles *	Millennium

*All the men of Israel were required to appear before the Lord three times each year.

The Tabernacle – Type of Jesus Christ

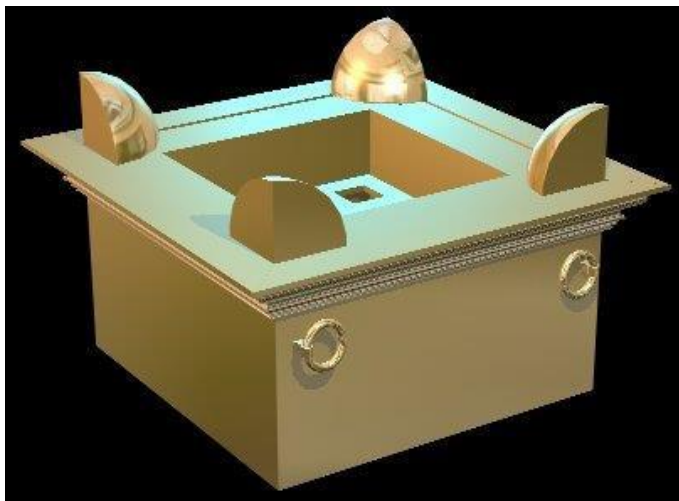
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The Tabernacle of the Old Testament was God's dwelling place with man. (Ex 25.8)

1Ti 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh... John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt (tabernacled) among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

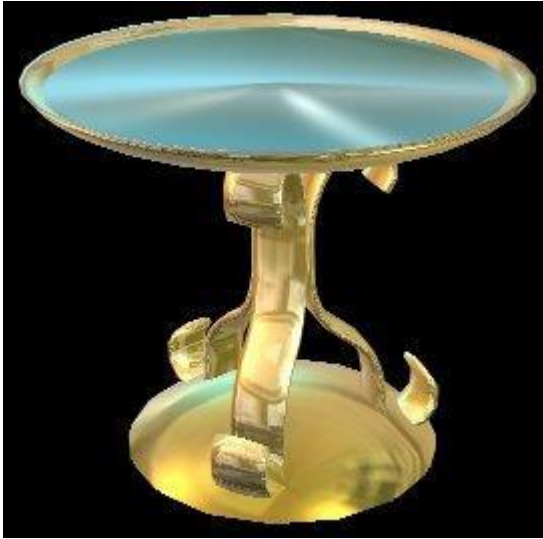
The Tabernacle also pictures the Spirit of God dwelling in the body of the believer. *1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*



The Brazen Altar was a place of sacrifice. Jesus was our sacrifice. (Ex 27.1)

John 1:29 ... Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.



The priest washed in the Laver. We are washed by the Word of God. (ex 30.18)

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.



Altar and Laver shown in the court of the Tabernacle (Ex 27.9)



The Lampstand (Ex 25.31) *John 1:5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. Joh 9:5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man...*

Light of the world: Mt 5:14; Joh 8:12; Joh 9:5



The Table of Shewbread (Ex 25.23, 29,30; 37:16) Christ is our provision, our Daily Bread

Mt 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

Joh 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

Joh 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Joh 6:41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.

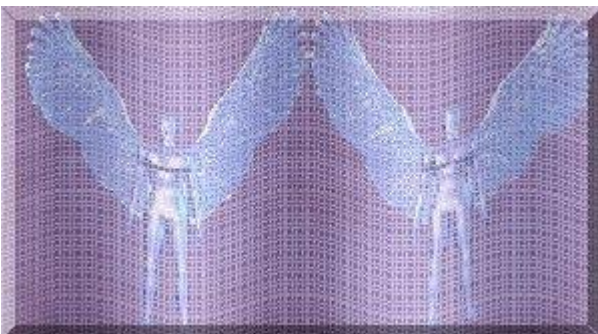


Altar of Incense (Ex 30.1) – Christ is our Mediator in the presence of God.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Re 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Re 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.



The Veil (Ex 26.31)– Christ has opened the way for us to God by his sacrifice.

Mt 27:51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Heb 6:19; Heb 9:3; Heb 10:20



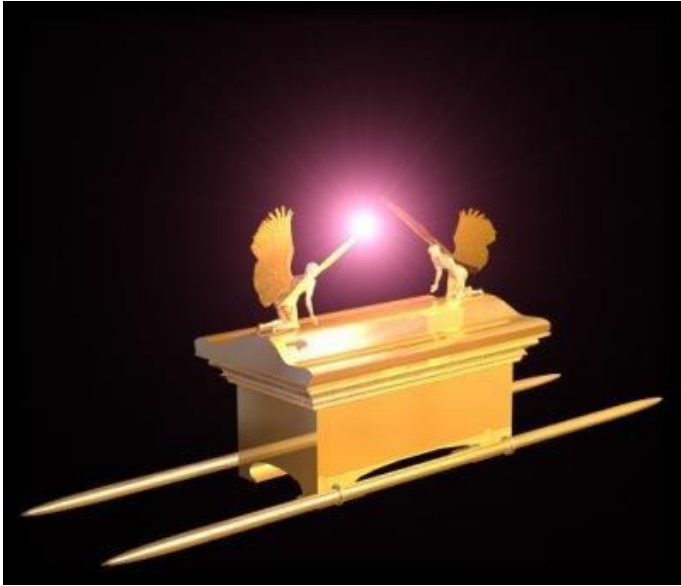
Looking Toward Holiest Place

1Co 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.



Veil open into Holiest Place

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;



The Ark (Ex 25.18) – a place of refuge for Noah, Moses, and us. *Heb 9:4...wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's Rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant.*

Jesus fulfilled the law. He was the Rod of Jesse. He was the Bread of Life.

Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Isa 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

Joh 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 6:58 ... he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

Ark in the Holiest Place (Ex 26.34)

Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.





Mercy Seat (Ex 25.18)

His blood was sprinkled on the mercy seat in heaven. *Heb 9.12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*

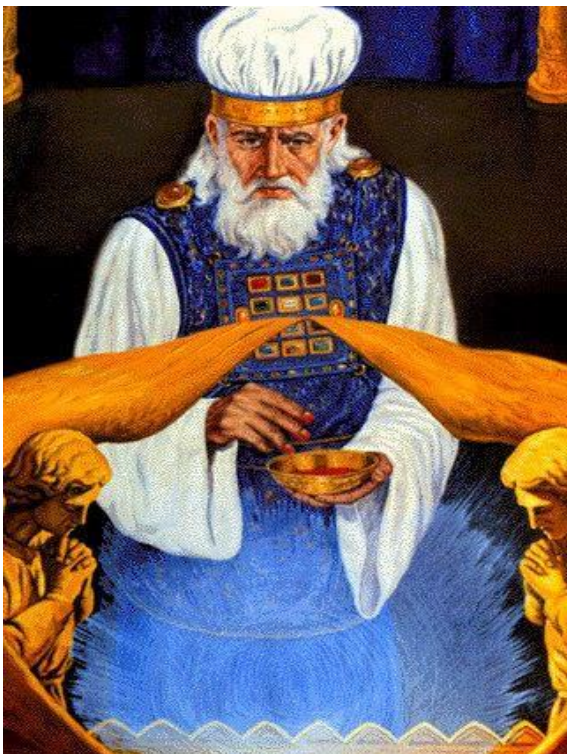
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View Inside Tabernacle Looking West (Ex 40.1)

MISSING IN THE TABERNACLE:

- **Window** – The Oil of the Candlestick was the only source of Light
- **Floor** – flesh and spirit. Feet are on the earth but our conversation is in heaven.
- **Chair** – The work of the Levitical priest was never done, but Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father. It is finished.



High Priest before the Mercy Seat (Ex 28:2) Christ is our High Priest.

Hebrews 3:1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

The tabernacle was the meeting place of God with man. The New Testament tells us in *John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*

Jesus dwelt (**tabernacled**) with men when He walked the earth, but now our bodies are the “tabernacle” of God. *1 Corinthians 6:19 What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

The Christian life can be compared to the wandering of the children of Israel. The Red Sea crossing is like salvation by faith followed by baptism. All your enemies (sin) are drowned in the sea. The wandering in the wilderness is a time of testing - trusting God for provision. The murmurers and complainers drop there. The Jordan River marks the entrance into the rest of the Lord, trusting fully in Him at all times. It also may be thought of as the death of the Christian (physically, or to self) and entrance to the Promised Land (Heaven, or fully trusting the Lord while we are here)

Review Questions on the Wandering Jew:

1. The Jews were oppressed in Egypt when a _____ arose who didn't know Joseph.
2. The Jews grew from _____ to millions over 400 years in Egypt.
3. Life in Egypt was unbearable because of _____, hard _____ and killing the _____ babies.
4. Moses fled when it became know that he _____.
5. In _____ he married _____ and tended _____ for 40 years.
6. God appeared to Moses in a _____.
7. God gave his name to Moses as _____.
8. Moses was given 2 signs to convince him to go to Pharaoh. His rod became a _____, and his hand became _____.
9. Moses made _____ why he couldn't do what God asked.
10. God convinces Pharaoh to let the people go with _____.
11. By killing a _____ and putting _____ on the doorpost, the death angel would _____ that house.
12. Christ is our _____.
13. Crossing the Red Sea is a picture of _____.
14. Wandering in the wilderness pictures the ups and downs of the _____ life.
15. Crossing the Jordan into the promised land is a picture of physical _____ and also _____ unto self.
16. The 10 commandments were written with the _____ of God. The _____ of God is mentioned in the plague of _____ and also when Jesus _____. He also wrote in the sand with his _____ when the woman was taken in adultery.
17. The 10 commandments were written on two tables of stone. The first was _____ God and the 2nd was toward _____.



18. What are the 10 commandments?

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2	6
3	7
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19. The Jews in the wilderness were always _____ toward God and Moses.
20. The wilderness was a time of _____.
21. They wandered 40 years – a _____ for each _____ spying the land.
22. Only 2 of the 12 gave a good report and said we can do it. _____ and _____.
23. Moses smote the Rock as God told him to provide water. This pictures _____.
24. At the end of 40 years they needed water again and God told Moses to _____.
25. Because of this Moses could not _____.
26. God gave _____ to eat in the wilderness, but Jesus is the true _____ that came down from heaven.
27. God dwelt with the Jews in the _____. In John 1:14 the Word became _____ and dwelt (tabernacled) among us.
28. For the sins of the people, one _____ was killed and the other called the _____ was set free.
29. The people were bit by _____ Moses was told to put a _____ on a pole to heal the people who would look at it. Jesus compared this to his crucifixion where he became sin for us and was hung on a cross in our place.
30. Only Joshua and Caleb and the _____ under _____ were allowed to enter the land. This is probably evidence of an age of accountability.
31. Israel was told to _____ and _____ the commandments.
32. The book of _____ means a repetition of the law, given after 40 years and just prior to entering the promised land.