# Christ & His Bride

Lesson #18

Exodus, Joshua & \*Revelation

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Note: All comments relating to Exodus and Joshua are in normal print.

\*All comments relating to Revelation have an \* and are italicized.

Rom. 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

The New Testament is in the Old Testament Concealed:

One Integrated Design

The Old Testament is in the New Testament Revealed.

<u>Gen. 15:13-14</u> And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; <sup>14</sup> And also that nation [Egypt], whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. [great wealth]

Exodus is God's Revelation of Himself to the nation of Israel.

Revelation is the Revelation of Jesus Christ to the nation of Israel.

Exodus and Revelation share striking parallels, both narrating God's deliverance of His people from oppression and highlighting the consequences of rebellion and judgment.

Exodus focuses on Israel's liberation from slavery in Egypt under a tyrannical Pharaoh.

- > Surrounded by worship of pagan gods.
- > God reveals His person and power through the plagues.

Revelation depicts the final judgments and ultimate victory of God's people against a tyrannical world power and leader, the antichrist, often symbolized by Babylon.

God will also be working to accomplish one final Exodus for Israel by chastening them back into the arms of her Messiah, Jesus.

<u>Leaders:</u> One leader in Egypt Pharaoh Both claim deity

One leader in Tribulation Period Antichrist

Pharaoh Has his sorcerers

Antichrist Has the False Prophet

<u>Similar or same judgments:</u> Some plagues and punishments are the same.

- > Fire, thunder, hailstones, sores, water becoming blood, biting insects
- > The Nile River was the focus in the 10 plagues.
- > The Euphrates River will be the focus during God's wrath.

<u>Lack of Repentance</u>: Pharaoh's response at first was apathy. After that, except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> plague, he asked Moses to intercede, hardened his heart and then God hardened it.

> Ultimately, Pharaoh does not repent.

<sup>\*</sup>Many will continue in their rebellion and not repent during the Tribulation Period.

### <u>Increase in severity of the plaques and punishments</u>.

There is also a honing in on the leader. In the end, God judged Pharaoh.

\*In the end of the tribulation, God will judge the antichrist.

#### In both cases, there was a witness to Israel.

During the 10 plagues, God declared His character to Pharaoh and to the Israelites. God wanted to show His people His power in comparison to the false gods of Egypt to which they had been exposed and would be tempted to worship.

\*In the end times, many of the Jews will be in unbelief. God will show Himself to them.

> The remnant will turn to Jesus and believe.

#### God's Protection:

God judged Pharaoh, the Egyptians and after a short time, He protected the Israelites who lived in Goshen.

\*During the Tribulation, God will judge the world and the antichrist. He will protect His own. Some will come to faith in Christ. He has a prepared place for the remnant. [Rev. 12:14]

Ex. 1:8-10 Affliction and bondage came when a new Pharaoh arose who did not know Joseph.

- > God's sees that His people are suffering in a land of exile, Egypt, that is not their home.
- > God hears the cries of the people. [Ex. 3:7-10]
- > They had been enslaved by the Egyptians, who were building their empire at the time.
- Moses, type of Christ, is to lead in delivering God's people from the hand of the Pharaoh and lead them to their inheritance - Promised Land.

<sup>10</sup> Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Before they were able to leave Egypt, God demonstrated His great power and might against the Egyptian empire, their Pharaoh, and their gods. God promised His wrath and judgment would come against Egypt for the way they had treated His people [Gen. 15:14; Ex. 7:3-6]. God fulfilled His promise by turning the Nile River to blood, covering the land with frogs, sending lice and flies across the land, bringing about the death of cattle, causing boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and finally the death of the firstborn. Through all these plagues, God demonstrated His power against the Egyptians and Pharaoh. Yet throughout this time of judgment, the children of Israel were protected from most of the plagues.

## Reading Revelation As An Exodus Story

\*Just as the children of Israel were living in exile under a Pharaoh who was seeking to build his empire, God's saints in Revelation are living in exile under a wicked leader, antichrist, who was seeking to build his empire. Just as the children of Israel were persecuted at the hands of wicked Pharaoh [murdering of innocent babies and slavery], in the book of Revelation, God's faithful believers face persecution which leads to the spilling of blood and martyrdom.

One of the most potent visions in the entire book is when the souls who had been slain and were underneath the altar cry out for God's vengeance [Rev. 6:9-11]. Remember when Israel cried out to God because of the harsh treatments that Egypt had forced them to endure?

> God remembered the covenant and then unleashed plagues on Egypt.

\*In Revelation, the faithful and obedient saints faced persecution and martyrdom. God revealed His judgments and plagues against those who were causing such oppression to the believers. The seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven bowls all contain a series of plagues against those who are wicked, rebellious, and refuse to repent. Many of these judgments and plagues parallel with the plagues God brought upon Egypt:

Rev. 8:7-9, 12: hail water becoming blood darkness

Rev. 9:7 locusts frogs

He offers His protection for His people who have the seal of God [Rev. 7:1-8].

Soon after the final plague, the death of the firstborn, Pharaoh conceded and allowed Moses to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt.

God's mighty hand was with them and protected them. God parted the Red Sea.

Israel was able to cross on dry ground. God destroyed the enemy.

Ex. 14:28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them.

\*In Revelation 17 & 18, Babylon the great falls.

- Babylon is connected with the Tower of Babel and Nimrod.
  God confused the languages and dispersed them into 70 nations.
- > Babylon, under Nebuchadnezzar, destroyed Jerusalem and took the people captive. The importance of "Babylon" in Revelation is that the world empire that is persecuting God's people will be destroyed.

God will judge the idolatrous worship and the wickedness that was so prominent.

Rev. 18:2 Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

Rev. 18:8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

After the drowning of Pharaoh's army, the children of Israel sang a song of praise to God. <u>Ex. 15:12</u> Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, the earth swallowed them.

\*Revelation 14 is a beautiful picture of the saints who have overcome the ploys and plots of the evil one. They have been faithful to God, even to the point of death. They did not turn to serve idols or succumb to the pressures of persecution. They did not compromise their convictions - they served God and Him alone. Therefore, they are blessed to enjoy rest from their labors. [Rev. 14:13] So they stand by the sea of glass singing the song of Moses and song of the Lamb.

<u>Rev. 15:3</u> Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.

This scene reminds us of the children of Israel singing and praising God after they saw pharaoh's army defeated and drowned in the Red Sea.

Under God's guidance and Moses' leadership, the Hebrew people went to Mt. Sinai, where God gave them His law [Exodus 19:1] and renewed His covenant with them [Ex. 19:4-6]. The Lord reminded them of His great power. Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings and brought you unto myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: <sup>6</sup> And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

\*Satan is ultimately the one who is wreaking havoc against God's saints. When the dragon and his demons are cast out of heaven after the war in heaven, Satan turns against the covenant people of God, Israel. [Gen. 12:9] God provides protection for Israel, His covenant people, by delivering them on the wings of a great eagle [Rev. 12:14].

The wilderness becomes a symbol of refuge and covenant renewal. Revelation promises that God's people will ultimately be brought to a place of safety and refuge.

The last 15 chapters of Exodus provide the details concerning the construction of the tabernacle, which provided the children of Israel a place to worship God.

Ex. 40:34-36 Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup> And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: God will lead them to their inheritance - Promised Land.

\*Rev. 15:5, 8a And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened:

And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power; \*The prophecy in Ezekiel 43 foretells that the glory of God, known as the <u>Shekinah</u>, will return and dwell in the millennial temple. This marks the beginning of a new era of God's reign. His divine presence will fill the temple, signifying God's reign and blessing upon his people. The glory will enter through the eastern gate, the same one from which it had previously departed. <u>Ezek. 43:6-7</u> And I heard him speaking unto me out of the temple; and the man stood by me.

<sup>7</sup> And he said unto me, Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever,

Exodus shows how God miraculously redeemed the descendants of Jacob from Egyptian bondage. Although Egypt wanted to enslave & dominate Israel, Exodus documents the birth of the nation of Israel & God moving them towards their Promised Land - - Their Inheritance

\*Revelation, the book of the ultimate Exodus, shows how God will miraculously redeem His people from bondage under the evil empire of the antichrist who will demand worship and his mark. Revelation documents the birth of the remnant of Israel whom Jesus Christ will lead into their Promised Land, His Millennial Kingdom.

Note: Moses, a type of Christ, could only lead the nation of Israel to the entrance of their inheritance the Promised Land.

Note: Joshua, a type of Christ, will lead the nation of Israel into their inheritance where they will begin to conquer the enemies.

- > Joshua's original name was Hosea. Moses changed his name to Joshua.
- This occurred during the scouting mission to <u>Canaan</u>.

The Hebrew name for Jesus is <u>Yeshua</u>, salvation, which translates to "Joshua" in English. The change in name from Hoshea, meaning Salvation, to Joshua, Yahweh is salvation, was seen as a prophetic one, highlighting the belief that God was the source of salvation. <u>Luke 1:31</u> Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son,

and shalt call his name Jesus. [words to Mary]

<u>Matt. 1:21</u> And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. [words to Joseph]

Jesus will save his people from their sins.

- 1. Joshua rescues Rahab the harlot.
- 2. Hosea is commanded to rescue and marry the harlot.
- 3. Both Joshua and Hosea helped a prostitute.

Jesus in the Gospels: the woman taken in adultery

The Samaritan woman at the well Mary Magdalene

Saul, drunk on the blood of the saints

<u>Luke 15:1-2</u> the tax collectors and sinners were drawing near to hear Jesus

<u>Matt. 21:31</u> Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.

In the Hebrew Bible, the first book of the prophets is the book of Joshua. The Early Church Fathers interpreted Joshua's battle at Jericho as foretelling the end of the world. The early Church Fathers understood the profound significance of the "Joshua" name of Jesus and viewed Joshua's battle at Jericho as a prefiguration of Jesus' battle against Jerusalem.

The dramatic narrative of Revelation is strikingly similar. The entire book appears to be driven by this most fundamental retelling of Joshua's battle against Jericho. The Septuagint [Greek translation of OT] account of Jericho and Revelation reveal a large extent of shared vocabulary and unique and specific language. These 2 books seem interwoven by:

- the scarlet of a whore [Rev. 17 & 18]
- > the great city appointed to fall before Joshua [Jesus],
- > the two witnesses sent into the city,
- > the appearance of the divine Commander with a sword come from heaven,
- > the sounding of seven trumpets
- > the rescue of the family of faith before the city is destroyed as the people of God receive their inheritance.
- 1. Joshua is a military leader whose mission is to dispossess the usurpers who are living in the Israelites' promised land - their inheritance.
- \*Jesus will return as Lord Sabaoth, the commander of the hosts or armies.
  - His mission is to conquer and dispossess the usurpers of earth who are living in the inheritance that God promised to Abraham and his descendants.
- 2. Joshua led the Israelites in a 7-year campaign and captured most of the Promised Land. \*Jesus will take possession of the earth after the 7-year Tribulation period.
- 3. The people of Israel must be circumcised [sealed] before the battle. [Joshua 5:2-9] At that time the Lord told Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the Israelites <u>once again</u>." \*Jesus spoke to His church in Rev. 2:1-3:22, calling them to repentance and to purify themselves, before we stand before Him at the Judgment Seat, the marriage and the Millennial Kingdom.

\*Zech. 13:8-9 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. 9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them:

I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God.

- 4. The Angel of the Lord is the Commander of the Army in Joshua.
- > Joshua's conquest of Jericho begins with a vision of the divine man. [Joshua 5:13-15]
- > He was the pre-incarnate Jesus Christ, the Great I Am.
- > When Joshua met Jesus, he fell at His feet and worshiped Him.
- > IF this had been an angel, he would have refused the worship of Joshua.
- \*Jesus is the Commander of the army in Revelation.
  - > Revelation begins with a vision of the True Joshua. [Rev. 1:12-19]
  - > He is pictured in priestly glory with a sword in His mouth. [Rev. 1:16]
  - > When John saw the vision of Jesus, he fell at His feet and worshiped Him.
  - > Jesus, Lord Sabaoth, will fight the last battle in Revelation.
  - > The Jews will recognize Him and worship Him.

#### Destruction of Jericho Vs. Destruction of Babylon

Jericho: a city fortified by high walls stands in the way of Israel's inheritance. [Deut. 9:1] When Jericho is destroyed, Israel can move in and begin to take the land.

\*Babylon: a city whose sins reach to heaven, has stolen the inheritance of God's people Rev. 18:5 This city must be destroyed so Jesus and His people can possess the earth.

Joshua's battle against the great and most fortified city of Jericho is significant because:

- 1. It is a city rich in gold and silver and merchandise from Shinar [Babylon]. [Josh 6:21) It was filled with silver and gold, bronze and iron, linen and scarlet. Joshua 6:19; 7:21; 2:6; 2:18
- > The plunder Achan kept for himself was from Shinar. [Josh. 7:21]
- > Shinar was associated with Babylon. [Gen. 10:10; 11:2, 9] Part of Nimrod's kingdom
- \*Wealth of Babylon: It was filled with material wealth: gold and silver, bronze, iron, linen and scarlet. Rev. 18:12-13
  - 2. Harlot in Jericho: Rahab, the harlot, with scarlet thread. [Joshua 2:18] Rahab was cursed by Noah, she was a Canaanite.

    She was an Amorite. Moses said to put all Amorites to death.

She is a whore which is an abomination to God's holy law.

\*Harlot in Babylon: In Revelation, there is a whore in the walled-up city of Babylon. She wears garments of scarlet and purple. [Rev. 17:4]

- 3. Joshua sends ahead "two spies or witnesses" who viewed the land and served as witnesses of the coming judgment.
- > They end up being <u>two witnesses</u> to Rahab.
- > As a result, she & her family are saved from the coming invasion and destruction.
- > The spies were threatened by the king of Jericho. [Joshua 2:7]
- > The spies were saved from the king through burial under the stalks of flax.
- > The harlot spared the life of the spies. She sends them into the hills for 3 days which is a time associated with death and resurrection.

\*God will have 2 witnesses during the first 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  years of the tribulation period.

- They will testify to the coming judgment. [Rev. 11:3-12]
- > The beast that ascends out of the pit will kill them. [Rev. 11:7]
- > After 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  days, they are delivered from death while everyone is looking on. [Rev. 11:12]

## 4. Joshua's Warfare: 7 Circles

There are 7 priests with 7 trumpets who circle the city of Jericho 7 times, followed by the Ark of the Covenant, led by Joshua.

At Jericho, they were to march around the city once a day for 6 days, "keeping silent."

On the  $7^{th}$  day, they march around 6 times, "keeping silent" again.

The 7<sup>th</sup> time around on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, they <u>shout</u>, <u>blow trumpets</u> and the <u>wall comes down</u>. <u>Result in Joshua:</u> The walls fell at once. All those who remained in Jericho were put to the sword and the city was burned with fire. [Joshua 6:21, 24]

#### \*Jesus' Warfare: Cycles of 7:

Jesus leads the campaign against Babylon, the antichrist and his armies.

The 7 trumpets in Revelation are introduced after a strange silence which warns of the storm about to envelop the earth. The trumpet judgments are carried out when the 7 angels blow their trumpets causing God's judgments to fall on earth.

When the  $7^{th}$  trumpet sounded, there was a loud shout in heaven where the kingdom of God is declared to overcome the kingdom of man [Rev. 11:15].

Result in Babylon: The destruction of the wicked city happens in one hour. [Rev. 18:2]

All the city was burned with fire. [Rev. 18:8]

Defeat of Jericho: made the nations tremble with fear. [Joshua 9:1-3, 24; 10:1-4] \*Defeat of Babylon: Kings of the earth will tremble at Babylon's fall. [Rev. 18:9-10]

- 5. In the judgment on Jericho, there was Salvation. Rahab the Harlot The exodus theme was played out in her life. She experienced a salvation much like that of Israel in Egypt. [hiding in her home behind the scarlet cord.]
- > Like children of Israel on Passover night; in their homes with blood on doorposts She came out safely because she obeyed the word of the 2 spies. The family of righteous Rahab is rescued before the city is put to the sword and burned. Consider: Type of the Rapture: God's people are taken out before judgment falls.

In the city of Jericho, is a family of faith, Rahab's family, whom Joshua thinks is the enemy. In Israel, there is a family of no faith, Achan, who was the great, great grandson of Judah. His grandfather, Zerah, one of the twins of Judah & Tamar, was marked with the scarlet cord on his wrist at his birth. His twin, Perez, would be in the line from which Christ would come.

- Achan covets and takes the Babylonian garment.
- He is then cursed or cut off from the royal line.

The one who will be grafted into the same royal line is Rahab who marries into the tribe of Judah and is in the genealogy of Jesus Christ.

Key: The natural branch cut off; the unnatural branch grafted in.

In Joshua, you have the rescue of the Whore of Jericho. Her story is in her repentance and leaving her whoredom. Rahab was accepted into the nation of Israel to such an extent that she was able to marry into the royal family of Judah, the people of God. She married Salmon, the son of Nahshon who was the leader of the tribe of Judah and commanded their army. Through him becomes one of the ancestral mothers of David, and ultimately of Christ Matt. 1:5-16 Rahab becomes a royal Gentile bride and is in the lineage of Jesus Christ Rahab was the mother of Boaz.

\*Salvation in Babylon: In The judgment on Babylon, there was salvation.

The people living in Babylon are given a chance to live:

<u>Rev. 18:4</u>-5And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

<sup>5</sup> For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

The exodus theme plays a prominent role in Revelation. Some of those who had belonged to the harlot city were delivered from death, even those who had obeyed the word of the 2 witnesses, the 144,00 and the angel flying in the air proclaiming the Gospel.

#### Enemies of Joshua/Jesus

<u>Joshua:</u> There were originally 10 Canaanite groups who needed to be conquered.

3 of the 10 were conquered or subdued on the east side of the Jordan River.

\*Tribulation Period: Originally there will be 10 kings, but the antichrist will subdue 3 of them.

Then the enemies of God will confederate under the antichrist, but Jesus will defeat them all.

- 1. The enemies of Joshua were confederated under a leader in Jerusalem who called himself Adoni-Zedek which means the "Lord of Righteousness."

  His actions depicted rebellion against God and His people.
- \*The enemies of Jesus will be confederated under a leader in Jerusalem who is known as the antichrist the one who claims to be the Messiah and is worshiped.
  - 2. Adoni-Zedek is defeated with hailstones, fire from heaven, signs in the sun and the moon at the battle of Beth Horon. [Joshua 10]

\*In Rev. 16:21 rebellious men against God and His people:

And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent:

3. In Joshua 10, several men, including the 5 kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish and Eglon, hid in a cave near Makkedah during a battle against the Israelites.

Joshua, the leader of the Israelites, was informed of their hiding place and instructed his men to roll large stones against the cave's entrance, effectively trapping them.

Later, Joshua ordered them to be brought out and were then executed, with their bodies exposed on poles before being thrown back into the cave, which was then sealed with rocks.

- \*Rev. 6:15-17 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;
- <sup>16</sup> And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
- <sup>17</sup> For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

It is profitable to study the typological connections between the books of Exodus, Joshua and Revelation. Christ will return to the earth, save His people, enter in the New Covenant with Israel and victoriously lead the believing remnant into the Millennial Kingdom.

Jesus Christ will free the earth from the bondage of Satan and establish His Millennial Kingdom to rule over all the earth.

Loud voices in heaven will announce:

Rev. 11:15 The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever.

#### The Seven Trumpets of Joshua and Revelation

	Joshua Conquest	Jesus' Conquest
Commanders Name	Joshua (Joshua 5:13)	Joshua (Jesus) (Mat 24:30-31)
Trumpets	7 Trumpets (Joshua 6:6)	7 Trumpets (Rev 8:2)
Days of Conquest	7 days	7 <u>years (</u> Dan 9:27)
Location of Trumpets	Before the Arc (Joshua 6:6)	Before the Throne (Rev 8:2)
Silence	Silence until the sixth day (Joshua 6:10)	Silence in Heaven for $\frac{1}{2}$ and hour (Rev. 8:1)
Invading army	Children of Israel (Joshua 6:1)	Saints with angels (Rev 19; 14,Mat 24:31)
Time of Invasion	End of 7 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet (Joshua 6:15- 18)	End of 7 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet (Rev 10:7)
Holders of Trumpets	7 Priests before arc (Joshua 6:6)	7 Angles before Throne (Rev 8:2)
People's reaction to 7 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet	Shout by Israel (Joshua 6:16)	Loud voices in Heaven (Rev 11:15)
Inhabitants spared	Rahab & all in her house waiting for Joshua's invasion (Joshua 6:17)	Inhabitants on Earth waiting for Jesus' Return (Matt 25:31-41)
Description of Rahab & Israel before invasion	Prostitute (Joshua 6:17)	Prostitute (Ezekiel 16:33- <u>36,Ezekiel</u> 23, Hosea 1:2.2:4,4:10)

<sup>\*</sup>Rev. 19:17-18 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.