

Israel's Slavery in Egypt

- At the birth of Moses Israel's slavery was pitiful
- *made their lives bitter with hard bondage*
- *sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came unto God*
- *God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant. (Ex. 1:13-14; 2:23-24).*
- The 10 Plagues designed to bring deliverance.
- Pharaoh relented, after the death of firstborn then changed his mind.

Israel Delivered From Egypt

- *Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?*
- *He took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, Ex. 14:5-30*
- *He sought to kill or enslave them again.*
- *Trapped by the Red Sea, the army approached*
- *God opened the Red Sea and after Israel had passed, closed it again.*
- *After they passed through the sea they were saved.*
- *So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians.*

Christ's Deliverance Far Greater!

- **POWER** of Christ's Deliverance:
- *working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He **raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand** Eph 1:19-20*
- **MAGNITUDE** of Christ's deliverance:
- *that through death He might **destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death** were all their lifetime **subject to bondage.**" Heb. 2:14-15*
- **ACCOMPLISHMENT** of Christ's Deliverance:
- ***When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.**" Eph 4:8*

Deliverance's Compared

- *“Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that **ALL our fathers** were under the cloud, all **passed through the sea**, 2 **ALL were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea**. 1Cor. 10:1-11*
- As Israel at the Red Sea, these also cried out in fear.
- On Pentecost, they cried out in fear:
- *“Men and brethren, what shall we do?” Acts 2:36-38*
- The answer: Nearly identical to the one God gave to Moses at the Red Sea except this had more power.
- *Repent, and **let EVERY ONE OF YOU be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins.*

This is Why Are they “our” Fathers

- *For **AS MANY OF YOU AS** were **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ. ... And if you are **Christ's**, then you are **Abraham's seed**, and heirs according to the promise. Gal 3:27-29; 4:28*
- The wall of water on each side and cloud of God's presence above them: **baptized into Moses**.
- Their passage through the sea baptized them and freed them from the slavery of Egypt.
- Our passage through baptism freed us from the bondage and slavery of sin (Rom. 6:3-23).

After Israel's Deliverance – Mt Sinai

- *You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. Ex. 19:4-5; 19:17;*
- *Moses **brought the people** out of the camp **to meet God**, and they stood **at the foot of the mountain**.*
- *What happened next is a copy and shadow:*
- *For you have not **come to the mountain that may be touched** and that **burned with fire**, and to **blackness and darkness and tempest**, 19 and the **sound of a trumpet** and the **voice of words** Heb. 12:18-19*

From the Less to the Greater

- *“you have not come to the mountain (**Mt. Sinai**),*
- *“you have come to Mount **Zion** and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.”*
- Because God opened the Red Sea and they were baptized into Moses and came to Sinai.
- Because God opened the way by baptism into Christ we came to Zion – Heavenly Jerusalem.
- The same miraculous power that opened the sea
- Opened the way to Zion
- There is something wonderful, profound and amazing in this comparison! God wanted us to see and understand this amazing deliverance!

Mount Zion Contrasted with Jerusalem

- Different figures ... but same spiritual reality
- *he who was **of the bondwoman** was born **according to the flesh**, and he of **the freewoman through promise**, 24 which things **are symbolic**. For **these are the two covenants**: the **one from Mount Sinai** which gives birth to bondage, which is **Hagar** — 25 for this **Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia**, and **corresponds to Jerusalem which now is**, and is **in bondage** with her children – 26 but **the Jerusalem above is free**, which is **the mother of us all**. Gal 4:21-27*
- We did not come to Sinai – birth to bondage (slavery)
- We did come to Jerusalem above – We are Free.

Mount Zion / Heavenly Jerusalem

- A very large role in prophecies of the NT age:
- *I have set My King On **My holy hill of Zion** Ps. 2:6*
- *they shall call you The **City of the Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel**, Isa. 60:14*
- *for **in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance** Joel 2:32*
- The Holy Spirit quoted this verse in Acts:
- *I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, ... 32 and it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.*

Peter Quoted Joel

- *and it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.*
- The Holy Spirit stopped there But all of 32 reads
- *and it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls. Joel 2:32*
- The Holy Spirit Called that remnant:
- *Repent and be Baptized for the remission of sins...*
- *those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*
- Those added came to Mt Zion and Jerusalem!

Mount Zion / Heavenly Jerusalem

- *“The stone that struck the image became **a great mountain and filled the whole earth,**” Dan. 2:35*
- *a **kingdom which shall never be destroyed,** 2:44*
- *Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the **mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains,** And shall be exalted above the hills; And **all nations shall flow to it** Isa. 2:2-4*

Mount Zion / Heavenly Jerusalem

- Jesus reigns from Zion and heavenly Jerusalem
- It is where the chief cornerstone has been laid and where we as living stones have been built up a holy temple.
- It is also the city whose builder and maker is God that those who died in faith were seeking.
- We came to something far greater than Sinai.

The church of the Firstborn

- *But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, Heb 12:22-24*

The Church

- *church of Christ and church of God in ownership*
- *church of the firstborn in membership.*
- Paul told the Galatians: “*As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ*” and “*if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*”
- The baptism that brought us to Zion made us Abraham’s seed, heirs and firstborn.
- *heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,*” “*no longer a slave but a son, an heir of God through Christ,*” “*like Isaac, children of promise.*” and “*heirs of promise.*” “*conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren,*” (Rom. 8:16, 29; Gal 3:27-3:29, 4:7, 28; Heb. 6:17).

The spirits of just men made perfect

- The church of the firstborn extends far beyond this world or age.
- It extends all the way back to include all the righteous from the time of Abel until the advent of the New Covenant and NT church.
- All who were in Paradise were translated as we have into the kingdom of the Son of His love. All who are *“qualified to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, (Col. 1:12-13).*

Sinai and Zion

- Those who came to Mount Sinai passed through the Red Sea baptized into Moses.
- Those who are baptized into Christ became Abraham's seed and heirs to all God's promises.
- Registered in heaven citizens of heavenly Jerusalem just as much as those who are already made perfect.
- *For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.*
(Phil. 3:20).

Sinai and Zion

- Now, we are “*fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.* Eph. 2:19-20
- This glorious church perfected forevermore is now the temple of the living God.
- God has given all His glory and majesty to her.
- Even if we can't see it within this creation, we can see it by faith.