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## ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE

BEFORE the tabernacle and after

Prophecy, specifically of Israel's deliverance, is a major reason the Bible is like no other book. Because people have so much confidence in the Word of God, it would be hard to find someone unaware of Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage.

I want to cite a few of Israel's physical deliverances in past history, before going to the titled subject. However, let me state the major point of Israel's Tabernacle service; which is **[a memorial presentation of what already occurred in the Egyptian deliverance; with a prophetic view to what will take place at Calvary.]**

In the Exodus account, the salvation of the world is its predominant message. Israel should be considered as a miniature world. Her deliverance reveals how the Lord, God will save the world from the devil and his captive hold upon men.

Before deliverance, a perfect sacrifice, represented by the Passover Lamb is the demand of the Lord. Its blood offering and covering, speaks in a loud prophetic voice of man's redemption in the blood of God's Son, Jesus.

But, freedom from Egypt is only one deliverance that God will work out on behalf of the nation of Israel. Due to the sins of the nation, God allowed Israel to be controlled by other nations; even, removing Israel from Her homeland. At various times, the Assyrians, Babylonians, Greeks and Romans all controlled God's people; as well as, the rest of the world.

Apart from the Exodus from Egypt, the best known deliverance of Israel occurred, relatively, a short time ago - in the late 1800's. The Jews accomplished what no other people has ever done. They survived 19 centuries of exile.

Dispersed into all the world in A. D. 70, Israel suffered harsh persecution for nearly 2000 years. God then stepped in again and returned Israel to Her homeland - re-establishing Her sovereignty. In 1948, Israel was accepted and recognized as a legitimate, independent nation, receiving a charter from the United Nations.

## ISRAEL BEFORE AND AFTER THE TABERNACLE

In this *GoodNews Letter*, we must begin, as is always necessary, at Israel's first deliverance that brought them out of Egyptian bondage. It is a basic story about God's salvation. In studying the many types used in this picture of deliverance, we see that the same types show up again, depicted within the Tabernacle. This is after Israel is long gone from Egypt.

God's purpose in delivering His people is to have them celebrate that deliverance, over and over, again. It's like going to church, nowadays. A few years ago, my first son expressed it this way: "All we do is go to church, go to church, go to church."

Besides celebration, we see another, huge point within Israel's deliverance. That is, Israel could merely picture her deliverance; as well as, picture the deliverance for the world. She received physical; not spiritual salvation.

However, serving under God's forbearance (Rom. 3:25), Israel's duty was to perform the types that portrayed the coming, true redemption in Christ; "**Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood**" (Rom. 3:25).

Therefore, as long as her service was centered in types and shadows of the real, and not the true, Israel was to be a testimony of God's deliverance He had planned for the entire world.

The Tabernacle had a 'backward and forward look' look to it; first, in its construction and, secondly, in its service. Its types showed past freedom from Egypt and, at the same time, the same types pointed to future truth about the work and redemption that will be accomplished when Jesus comes to earth.

When we look back in Egypt, at the time of bondage, we find blood sacrificed and bread eaten, before deliverance is given. Israel had to act upon a prepared plan that was detailed, even to the proper day and precise time. Each act had to be orchestrated within the nation; each segment had to be executed collectively.

In the Tabernacle, beginning with the Day of Atonement, Israel reenacted the Egyptian deliverance in her daily, weekly and special offerings. At every service, God might be saying to His people, "I delivered you by these things; therefore, let them always be before you to remind you of how you were delivered."

As New Covenant believers, we are aware that true deliverance wasn't possible by animal sacrifices. In those sacrifices "**there is a reminder of sins year by year,**" He 10:3.

Hebrews 10 is clear about the short comings of animal sacrifices. They "**can never by the same sacrifices year by year...make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered...?**"

But, looking at the Tabernacle service as a reenactment of deliverance from Egypt adds up, once we come to the New Testament order of service.

The church, as God's people, remember how they were redeemed by partaking of the Lord's Supper. We were redeemed but, we use elements that depict how we were delivered. Isn't this the same manner of reflection as Israel? In Her service of the Tabernacle, She remembered her deliverance from Egypt by keeping the Sabbath and doing service. Israel was also allowed to maintain her deliverance from the world, on a daily basis, as she observed Moses' Law. Now, that's good preaching; when placed within the spiritual operation of service.

In observing of the ordinances, we won't have to remind ourselves that redeemed people never need to be redeemed, again; once, we understand Israel's order of worship within the Tabernacle. Remembering is not redoing. It's remembering what was done.

As a whole, the Tabernacle was a picture of complete salvation. Each station and position within revealed Israel's previous deliverance from the Egyptian world; which, always begins with a sacrifice of blood. Hence, the first stop of worship was the blood sacrifice; just like it was in Egypt and, just as it is in salvation. And, staying true to the service of the Tabernacle, Israel experienced an ongoing deliverance that took her to the Promised Land.

Operation, within the Tabernacle was by faith. Although it was by the Law, Israel represented what happened in Egypt. Her faithful obedience required Her to show how deliverance came about from bondage and faithfully represented what Jesus will accomplish through His death. Thus, Israel continue as God's witness by entering the Holy of Holies and finding mercy, year by year.

### **A CALL FROM A SINFUL WORLD TO A LIFE OF SERVICE**

God has always called His people back home. He is always asking, "Adam, where art thou?" It is sad, in one thought, that Israel failed as God's people. Yet, on the other hand - thinking on eternity, we must rejoice that the Mighty Potter has made Gentiles his "**vessels of mercy**" (Rom. 8:23); even, allowing us to give God the glory "**in the church, throughout all ages**" (Eph 3:21).

But, Israel is on her way back. The Lord is presently making Israel ready for one last deliverance. In this final move, God shall make Israel the head nation within the coming kingdom.

In our studies of Israel's final deliverance, we have to understand that the coming deliverance of Israel occurs during the most important time period the world will ever go through. Afterward, there will be no '**Second Chance:**' for **Gentile or Jew**. And isn't that the reason Jesus warns us to be ready? "**Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come,**" Matthew 24:42.

This means, that in the next few years, the entire world shall undergo a great and mighty change. For God's people, alongside Israel, there is a glorious deliverance coming.

In our view, deliverance is so intrinsically tied to Israel, that her freedom means freedom for the world. It was so in the beginning and it is so in the finality of all things - no freedom comes except it is presented in and through the chosen nation of Israel.

Whether historical or prophetic, all deliverance comes from, and out of, Israel. The fact is, each spiritual tenet of every spiritual truth received by a Gentile world, came from Israel.

Historically, it was Israel that presented Jehovah, God to the Gentiles; both, in Old times and New times. What we have learned about salvation, was laid down within that nation, beforehand; even, the gospel message. "...ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:8b.

Certainly, Jesus was a Jew, fulfilling the Abrahamic promise in His birth. At the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the entire Gentile world joined in the blessing; right along with every single Jew of Israel, according to Romans, chapters 9-11.

It is in Israel's end-time deliverance and re-establishment that we have learned to look, in order to see from whence our deliverance cometh. Whether, in Types or, in the actual work of Christ, Israel is God's people of presentation; in which Gentiles are blessed.

And, so we look with a joyful eye to the final deliverance by the Hand of God. This time, God's spiritual people shall join with God in rescuing His physical nation. Oh! What a day recorded in Titus 2:13: "Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus."

Thus, when we consider the first deliverance of Israel, we see the Lamb of God as Savior of the world. We must look at Israel to see her world-wide prominence in God's plan; for Israel is and remains - in words we love to say: "God's Clock."

Observing Israel - in terms of place and time, let's us know exactly where we are, prophetically speaking. And, nothing can be clearer than, "And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, 'ALL NATIONS SHALL BE BLESSED IN YOU.' So then those who of faith are blessed with Abraham the believer," Galatians 3:8 and 9.