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## Introduction

As we study the Scriptures we must see things the way God sees things (from God's point of view). Too often Christians look at things from man's point of view, and never see the truth which is revealed by the Holy Spirit from God's point of view.

In 1 Corinthians 2:11-14, it says, **“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God...Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God...Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual...But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”** God's point of view is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit, not by man's wisdom. Only God knows the truth of all things. If we want to know the truth, it must be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

In John 5:39 Jesus said, **“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”** Many Christians have tried many ways to search the Scriptures to find the truth. Christians know that Jesus is the Truth (John 14:6). Christians know that Jesus is also called the Word of God (John 1:1). Therefore, if we focus our attention on Jesus and the Word of God, we can know the truth. Once we know the truth and continue in the truth, the truth will set us free (John 8:31,32).

It is wisdom in searching the Scriptures to see the complete plan of God from the foundation of the world until the time when there is a new heavens and a new earth wherein righteousness dwells (Gen. 1:1; 2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1). In searching the Scriptures, we need to focus our attention upon what God is showing us, from His point of view.

God is always in the now. God always sees the end from the beginning. In Isaiah 46:9,10 it says, **“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me...Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.”**

God had a purpose for the creation of this earth. God had a purpose for the creation of man. Everything concerning mankind is revealed throughout the Scriptures from Genesis through Revelation.

To know, and understand, the plans and purposes of God, we must consider everything from Genesis through Revelation, and especially the “types and shadows” used throughout the Scriptures. Not everything is revealed in the literal Word.

Not everything is revealed in Genesis. One example of this is in Revelation 13:8 where it says, **“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”** What this tells us is that **“the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world.”** That means, the price for the sins of Adam and Eve were already paid before Adam was created.

God sees things from a different point of view than man sees things. If we want to know the truth we must see things from God's point of view. We must consider **“the end from the beginning,”** when we search the Scriptures.

The Scriptures have a beginning. And the Scriptures have an ending. Yet, the beginning is

not completely revealed in Genesis. It starts in Genesis 1:1, where it says **“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”** But, a lot happened before Genesis 1:2, such as the creation of angels.

Genesis does not tell us when God created the angels. It does not tell us the exact time when Lucifer rebelled against God and was cast down to the earth (Isa. 14:12). It does not tell us when the Devil was first in **“the garden of God”** (Ezek. 28:12-15). It does not tell us if the Garden of God and the Garden of Eden are the same place? Genesis does not tell us that the Devil was perfect in the day that he was created (Ezek. 28:15). Genesis does not tell us when Satan was first in the Garden of Eden, but it is clear that the tree of knowledge of good and evil was in the Garden of Eden when man was placed in the Garden (Gen. 2:8,9).

If we do not understand “types and shadows,” we will never understand the Word of God. Much of the truth of the Word of God is revealed to us in “types and shadows.” Jesus used parables to teach the truth many times. If we do not understand “symbolic and figurative language” we will never know the truth of the written Word of God. All of this is important to understand the Scriptures, and get to know the truth from the Scriptures.

## From Egypt to the Promised Land

We see what happened “in the natural” in the Old Testament. Many times these were “types and shadows” (which are similar to prophetic words) of things that “are now happening in the spiritual realm” in the New Covenant. In the New Covenant, we must understand spiritual things. Unless we see and understand things in the spiritual realm, we could miss the important revelation of the Word of God that can help us to obtain what God has planned for us.

Let us look at some “types and shadows, symbolic and figurative language,” concerning the deliverance of the Children of Israel from Egypt into the promised land. The LORD spoke to Abraham in Genesis 15:7 where it says, **“And he said unto him, I am the LORD that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it.”** Then in Genesis 15:13,14 it says, **“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...And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.”**

Notice that before Isaac and Jacob were born, the LORD promised Abraham that his seed would be in bondage in Egypt for four hundred years. The LORD was speaking to Abraham of things to come, which Abraham had no idea of until the LORD spoke to him.

This is a “type and shadow” of Christians today. Until a person is born again, they do not know that God had already chosen them from the foundation of the world (which is before man was created).

In Genesis, Chapter Fifteen, the LORD gave Abraham some information concerning their deliverance from Egypt into the promised land. But, the LORD did not give Abraham all the details, from Egypt into the promised land. The LORD did not tell Abraham about the Passover, the crossing of the Red Sea, the years in the wilderness, and the final occupying of the land of promise. There is a lot that was not told to Abraham, but the promise was made and kept by the LORD.

In Exodus, 3:2-4:23, the LORD spoke to Moses from the burning bush, telling Moses He was sending him to bring the Children of Israel out of Egypt. In Exodus 4:10, **“Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.”** When Moses said he was not able to speak to Pharaoh the LORD told him that his brother Aaron would go along to speak for him (Ex. 4:14-16).

In type and shadow, Moses is a type of Jesus. Aaron is a type of the Holy Spirit. Pharaoh is a type of Satan. Moses and Aaron went together to speak to Pharaoh. Notice, the LORD spoke to Moses, but Aaron did the speaking to Pharaoh. This was the same with Jesus when He came to do the works the Father sent Him to do. Jesus spoke only the words that were given to Him by God. In John 8:28, Jesus said, **“...I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.”** In John 5:30 Jesus said, **“I can of mine own self do nothing...”** In John 12:49, Jesus said, **“For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.”** This is also a type and shadow of Christians today. Christians are not sent to do the works of the ministry by themselves. The Holy Spirit is sent with Christians to put the words in their mouth as they speak.

What Moses spoke, he received from the LORD. Moses did not speak according to his wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. He only spoke what the LORD said he should speak. Jesus

did the same, He only spoke what the Father told Him to speak. Christians are to do the same. In 1 Peter 4:11 it says, **“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”**

Aaron did the speaking to Pharaoh for Moses. Aaron was Moses’ spokesman, speaking the words given to Moses. The Holy Spirit went with Jesus wherever Jesus went. It was the Holy Spirit that gave Jesus the words to speak. In John 12:50, Jesus said, **“...whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.”** In Acts 2:14-36 it was the Holy Spirit that gave Peter the words that he spoke to those at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost.

Through Moses and Aaron, the LORD did many great signs and wonders before Pharaoh. Jesus, with the Holy Spirit working through Him did many signs and wonders before the Devil. These are all “types and shadows” of what should to be happening among Christians today (Zech. 4:6).

Nine times, Pharaoh came against Moses and Aaron in Egypt, resisting the release of the Children of Israel. Jesus faced the Devil forty days in the wilderness, following His baptisms in the Holy Spirit (Matt. 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13). Pharaoh pursued after Moses and Aaron (and the Children of Israel when they left Egypt until they crossed the Red Sea). The Devil came against Jesus for three and one-half years, until Jesus defeated him on the Cross of Calvary.

At the time of the tenth plague (the Passover in Egypt), Pharaoh let the Children of Israel depart from Egypt. The Passover in Egypt is “a type and shadow” of Jesus death and resurrection. The preparation for the Passover is given in detail in Exodus, Chapter Twelve. This is seen in the Gospels, starting the week before Jesus died and arose again from the dead.

We will not go into all the details of the Passover in Exodus, or the details in the Gospels at this time. But, some of the important things concerning the Passover in Egypt and the death and resurrection of the LORD in the Gospels should be understood.

The children of Israel did not need to make themselves perfect before they could be delivered from Egypt. The only requirement was that they believe the words spoken to them by Moses and Aaron. That they follow the instructions given to them, and be ready to leave at the appointed time.

Exodus 12:38 says, **“And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.”** Others, who believed and followed the instructions of Moses and Aaron went with them in the exodus from Egypt. It did not make any difference if they were Children of Israel or not.

In type and shadow, when the LORD died and arose again from the dead, He was not providing salvation for the Children of Israel only but, for the Gentiles also. In Romans 1:16, the Apostle Paul said, **“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”** John 1:12 says, **“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.”** Revelation 22:17 says **“And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.”**

On the night of the Passover, the Lamb was slain, and the blood of the Lamb was placed over the door and upon the door posts of the homes where they were staying. This is a type and shadow of the death of Jesus upon the cross of Calvary.

In Exodus 12:1,2 it says, **“And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of**

**Egypt, saying...This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.**" This was to be the beginning of a new life for the children of Israel. Until this time, the children of Israel always celebrated the first day of their year in the fall, coinciding with the creation of man. Now, the LORD was telling them to start their new year on "***the day of the Passover,***" the day that the Lamb was slain and the blood placed over the door and on the door posts (the day the firstborn of all, other than the children of Israel died). This was the day that Pharaoh surrendered to Moses and Aaron and let the children of Israel go. Following Pharaoh's surrender, he was defeated and lost his rule and authority over the children of Israel in the Red Sea.

All that happened the night of the Passover is very important, for it is "a type and shadow" of what Jesus did for us on the Cross of Calvary. The day that Jesus died on the Cross was the day that Satan surrendered. While Jesus was in the grave, He took the keys of hell and death from the Devil and arose again from the dead (Rev. 1:18). The Devil was completely defeated by Jesus death and resurrection from the dead. That is the day that is spoken of in Colossians 2:13-15, saying, "**And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses...Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross...And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.**"

Through the death of Jesus upon the Cross of Calvary, Satan's claim upon those who receive Jesus as their LORD is broken. The price for our Salvation is paid in full by "the blood of the Lamb of God," who was slain, and died for us.

The day we are born again begins a new life in those who are born again "**of the Word of God**" (1 Peter 1:23), and "**of the Holy Spirit**" (John 3:6). For Christians only, it is a new beginning, a new life, an opportunity to spend eternity with God. For those who are not born again, they are still under the power of Satan, the god of this world (2 Cor. 4:4). Just as all those who remained in Egypt following the Passover were still controlled by the Egyptians.

In Exodus 12:38, it says, "**And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle.**" Notice also, that at the time of the Passover there were some "who were not children of Israel" that obeyed the words of Moses and Aaron, and were in the homes of those who put the blood of the Lamb over the door and upon the door posts. These also, were delivered "by the Word and the blood." The price of deliverance was paid for all who would obey the words of Moses and Aaron. Just as Salvation (which means "deliverance and/or protection") was paid for by "the Blood of Jesus." Salvation was obtained for the whole world, but only those who obey the Word of God and receive Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior will benefit from what Jesus did for them.

Yet, for Christians today, many have been blinded by the teachings of men, thinking that once they are born again, all they need to do is wait until Jesus returns or until they die, and they will enter into heaven and glory forever and ever. Salvation is not a one time event that gives Christians eternal security.

In Acts 2:47 it says, "**And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**" Notice, it says, "**...such as should be saved.**" These were added to the body of Christ, which means they were born again. But, now they must be saved, which means "delivered and/or protected." We must continue to walk with the LORD, walking in the light of the Word of God daily (thereby we are delivered and/or protected by the working of the Holy Spirit within us) (1 John 1:5-7). It would

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Following the night of the Passover in Egypt, the next day the Children of Israel left for the wilderness. They traveled until they reached the place where they were to cross the Red Sea. When they reached the place where they were to cross, Pharaoh and his army were coming after them. The Angel of the LORD stood between the Children and Israel and Pharaoh’s army while the LORD parted the water and caused a wind to dry up the ground crossing the Red Sea (Ex. 14:20,21).

The next morning the Children of Israel crossed on dry land (Ex 14:22). When Pharaoh and his army tried to cross after them, the LORD caused the waters to return and Pharaoh and his army drowned in the Red Sea (Ex. 14:23-28). This was the final defeat of Pharaoh. That Pharaoh would no longer come against the Children of Israel.

In 1 Corinthians 10:1,2 it says, **“Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea...And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea.”** In “type and shadow,” the crossing the Red Sea and Pharaoh and his army being destroyed in the Red Sea, is “a type and shadow” of the completion of the new birth for Christians. This baptism unto Moses is “a type and shadow of Christians today, being baptized unto Jesus Christ, into the body of Christ.” In 1 Corinthians 12:13 says, **“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”**

There was a mixed multitude that came out of Egypt. All that came out of Egypt were baptized unto Moses. Moses is a type and shadow of Jesus Christ. All who are born again are baptized into one body, the Body of Christ.

When the Children of Israel were free of Pharaoh and his army, they needed to trust in the LORD, being in the desert where it was hot in the daytime and cold in the nighttime. Therefore, the LORD continued to caused a cloud to cover them in the daytime and a pillar of fire to keep them warm during the night (Ex. 13:21,22). God’s provisions continued throughout the time in the wilderness. Just as God’s provisions continue today, for those in the Body of Christ, “who are faithful, and walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh” (Gal. 5:16,16,25). Just as in the wilderness, all of the Children of Israel drank of the same water which came from the rock that Moses struck (Ex. 17:5,6). Christians today must continue to be refreshed by the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

The cloud by day and pillar of fire by night led the Children of Israel to Mount Horeb, where the LORD instructed them in the ways of God. The cloud by day and pillar of fire by night is “a type and shadow” of the Holy Spirit today. The Holy Spirit is to be our helper, guide, leader, comforter, and teacher in this life here on earth. In 1 John 2:27 it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”** This is for all Christians, not just for a few. In the wilderness, the LORD gave them manna and quail to eat (this continued for forty years). In Deuteronomy 8:3 it says, **“And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.”** The LORD took care of the Children of Israel, in whatsoever they needed in the wilderness.

The LORD was faithful but the Children of Israel continued to mumber and complain. They

wanted to go back to Egypt, where they came from. The land they were promised was not worth more to them than the life they had in Egypt. They were free of Pharaoh and his slave masters, but they wanted to go back.

In Numbers, Chapter Thirteen we are told, the LORD had Moses send out twelve spies into the land of promise to search out the land. They were gone forty-days searching out the land. When they returned, ten of them gave an evil report, “...saying, **The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature...And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.**” Joshua and Caleb tried to encourage them. But they listened to the report of the other ten, and wanted to return to Egypt.

The end results of their refusal to go in and take the land, caused all those over twenty years old to die in the wilderness. This was a tragic loss for them. They did not get to enter into the land of promise. The LORD had promised Abraham He would give them the land to inherit. Yet, they did not want to obey the LORD and go in and take the land.

This should be an eye-opener for Christians today. By the new birth, we enter into a deliverance from the powers of the Devil. The Devil is defeated in our lives by the Word of God and the Blood of the Lamb. We have a new life in the Spirit of Christ. We are new creatures in Christ. We have eternal life, with the ability to enter into heaven for all eternity. God has done all of this for us.

In type and shadow, what the LORD did for the Children of Israel who were in bondage to the slavery of the Egyptians, the LORD also did for Christians. Everything the LORD did for us by His death and resurrection set us free of the powers of Satan over us. In the New Birth, we are set free of all our past sins and iniquities. We also receive healing for our bodies by the stripes Jesus took for us.

What a blessing from God for everyone who is born again into the family of God. It was not something we did, but what God did for us in Christ Jesus. What we could not do, God did for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. The past is behind us, and the future is in front of us.

What will Christians do now? Will they continue on and obey the LORD? Will they do what the Scriptures tell them to do?

The deliverance of the Children of Israel only set them free of their past slavery in Egypt. They were in the wilderness, being instructed by the LORD. God was protecting them from their enemies. God was taking care of their every need.

The LORD wanted them to “go in and take the land of promise.” But, they refused to obey the LORD. Hebrews 4:2 says, **“For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.”** The LORD had promised them He would go in before them and help drive out the inhabitants.

In Exodus 23:22,23 it says, **“But if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries...For mine Angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I will cut them off.”** Then in Exodus 23:27,28 it says, **“I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee...And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and**

**the Hittite, from before thee.”** This was the promise the LORD made to the Children of Israel while they were in the wilderness. The LORD did not tell them they needed to go alone and fight against the inhabitants of the land. The LORD was going to send His angel with them and ahead of them to drive out the inhabitants.

In “type and shadow” the LORD has given us the Holy Spirit, His Word, and His Blood to help us do what He has asked us to do, that we can overcome all the works of the Devil. In 1 John 5:8, it says, **“...there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.”** We are still in this world, but we have everything we need to overcome the Devil in our lives, and help others overcome the Devil in their lives.

The Children of Israel knew the LORD had promised them He would go before them and send His angel before them. Joshua and Caleb spoke to the Children of Israel in Numbers 14:8,9, saying, **“If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey...Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.”** Knowing what the LORD had promised, and what Joshua and Caleb said unto them, they still refused to go in and take the land.

This is “a type and shadow” of what is happening in many of the Churches today. Christians have the “written Word of God,” concerning all that the LORD has promised us. Christians have the complete Scriptures from Genesis through Revelation. What the LORD is saying to the Churches today is the same as He said to the Children of Israel following their deliverance from the slavery of Pharaoh and the Egyptian slave masters. To the Children of Israel, the LORD said, “go in and take the land.” To Christians, the LORD is saying, **“...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God”** (Rev. 2:7).

Christians need to be **“taught by God”** (Isa. 28:9-13; 54:13; John 6:45; 1 John 2:27). We must be **“led by the Holy Spirit”** (Rom. 8:14) We must not follow those who love this world and the things of this world (1 John 2:15-17). We must **“walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh”** (Rom. 8:1; Col. 3:1,2) We must deny ourselves and follow Jesus, and His example (Matt. 16:24). Do not follow those who are not willing to deny themselves. The teachings of men can cause us to die in the wilderness.

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