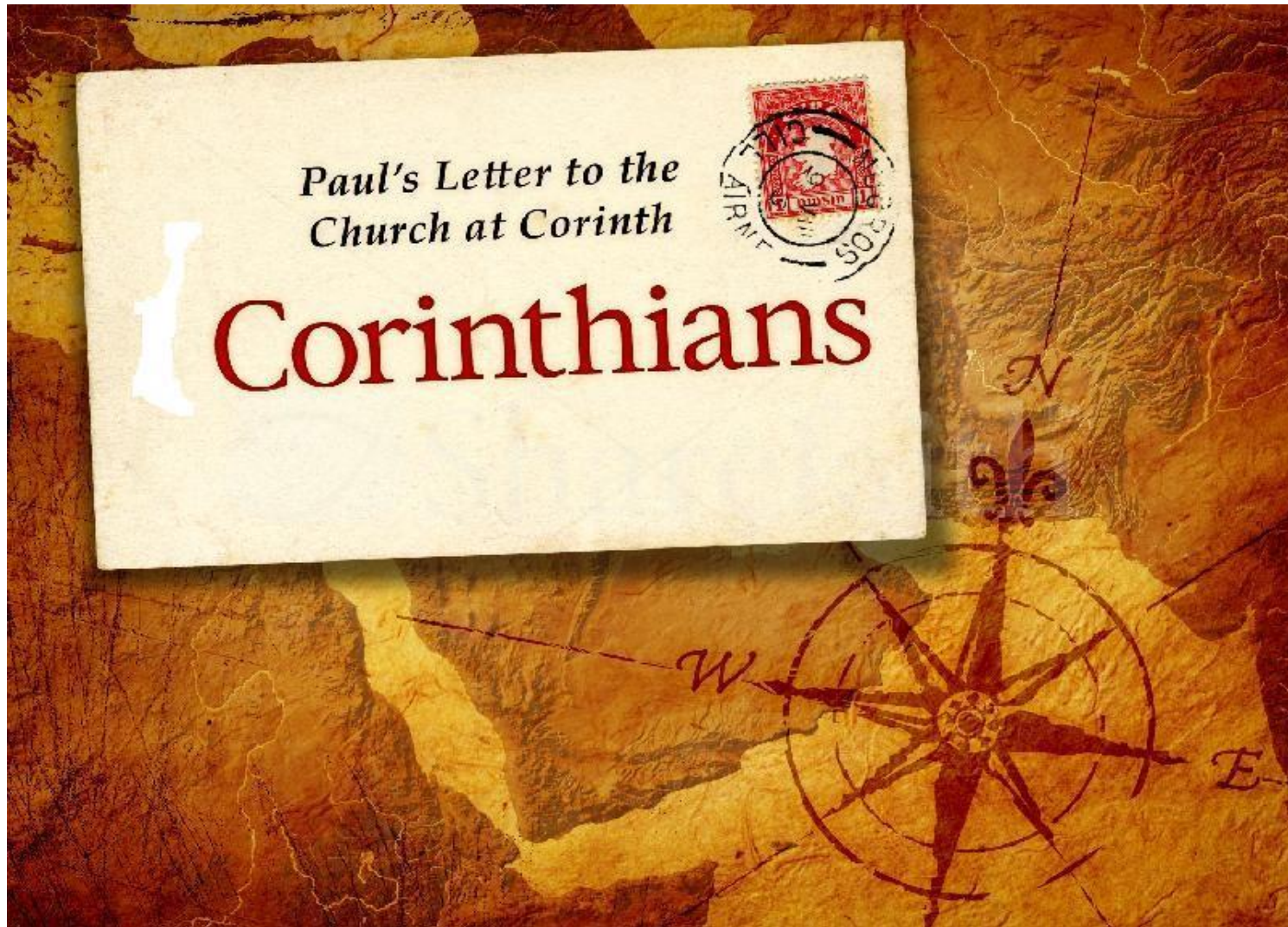


1 Cor. 10:1-4 Israel's Identification with Moses



Today's Outline*



The Illustration of Moses 10:1-13

1. Israel's Blessings 10:1-4

a. Israel Experienced Dramatic Deliverance 10:1-2

b. Israel Experienced Daily Provision 10:3-4

2. Israel's Fall 10:5

3. Israel's Example in the Wilderness 10:6-13

a. The Value of Israel's Example 10:6a

b. The Nature of Israel's Example 10:6b-10

c. The Application of Israel's Example 10:11-13

(1) The Responsibility of the Church 10:11

(2) The Danger for the Church 10:12

(3) The Promise for the Church 10:13

Today's Verses



- ¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea;
- ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- ³ and all ate the same spiritual food;
- ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.
- ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea;



For I do not want you (Corinthians)

to be unaware - *agnoeō* - to be ignorant, not to know – Paul used this to highlight something we should know.

- Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
- 1 Cor 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware.
- 1 Thess 4:13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.
- The opening words of verse 1 are used by Paul to introduce matters of grave importance. McCalley

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that our fathers were all under the cloud and
all passed through the sea;

that our fathers, all of them, were under the cloud
and all went through the sea

Wuest



our fathers – nation of Israel

all – pas – not one excluded

were under the cloud

were - *eimi* – the state in which someone continuously exists

- All the Israelites continuously existed under the cloud in the wilderness.
- Neh 9:19 You, in Your great compassion, did not forsake them in the wilderness; the pillar of cloud did not leave them by day, to guide them on their way ---

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and all went through the sea

went - *dierchomai* - to go or pass through (past point fact)



- Neh 9:11 You divided the sea before them, so they passed through the midst of the sea on dry ground.
- Ex 14:31 When Israel saw the great power which the LORD had used against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in His servant Moses.
- Heb 4:14 --- we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God ---

² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;



all were baptized into Moses

were baptized – *baptizo* – is *to put or place into* with the element being supplied by the context (past point fact, passive voice) McCalley

- the idea of *baptizo* is to be identified with what you have been placed into
- in this context God identified the Israelites with Moses
- this was a dry baptism for the Israelites
- identification means a living union or life sustaining union

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² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;



in the cloud and in the sea

- the cloud displayed the glory of God
- the cloud also demonstrated His protection
- the sea was God's means of deliverance for Israel
- Heb 11:29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as though they were passing through dry land; and the Egyptians, when they attempted it, were drowned.

Review of Spiritual Baptism and Water Baptism*



- When we believed, the Holy Spirit baptized us into the Lord Jesus.
- By this spiritual act of baptism the Spirit placed us in union with the Lord Jesus.
- We were taken out of our old environment and position in the first Adam, and positioned in the new environment of the Last Adam [Jesus Christ].
- This spiritual baptism occurs once, at the new birth, and is forever.
- The act of water baptism is meant to be our practical public testimony to, and illustration of, our spiritual baptism into the risen Lord Jesus Christ.

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³ and all ate the same spiritual food;

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(supernaturally given) food.

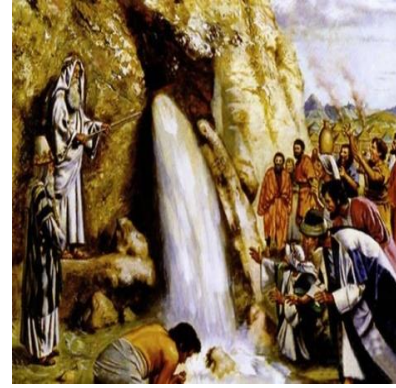
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- the food that God provided was as follows:
- Ex 16:4a Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day.”
- Ex16:35a The sons of Israel ate the manna forty years, until they came to an inhabited land.
- Christ is called the “bread of life” in the New Testament.
- John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.”

⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.

And they all drank the same spiritual (supernaturally given) drink.



- Ex 17:6 "Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.
- Ps 78:15 He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them abundant drink like the ocean depths.
- Again we have both a physical drink and a spiritual drink which God provided.

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for they (Israel) were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them

- note: Paul is talking about a “spiritual rock”

were drinking – pinō - of "deriving" spiritual life from Christ, John 4:14, as Israel did typically (drinking - continuous action in past time)

- John 4:13-14 Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I [Jesus] will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I [Jesus] will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life."

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from a spiritual rock which followed them
and the rock was Christ

- A spiritual rock followed them in the wilderness
- The rock = Christ
- The Bible pictures Christ as follows:
- Matthew 7:24-25 Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

Summary of God's provision for nation of Israel:



- Our fathers were all under the cloud
- Our fathers all passed through the sea
- All were baptized into Moses in the cloud
- All were baptized into Moses in the sea
- All ate the same spiritual food
- All drank the same spiritual drink

Baptism/Identification Comparison*



The Jews with Moses

The Believers in Christ

1. All baptized/identified into Moses

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a) in the cloud = glory of God
(a representation)

a) into the person of Christ =
glory of God (the true)

b) in the sea= His deliverance
(physical)

b) into His death, burial &
resurrection = His deliverance
from the sin nature (spiritual)

2. Total provision

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a) spiritual food - manna

a) spiritual food - bread of life

b) spiritual drink - water

b) spiritual drink - water of life

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Baptism/Identification Comparison*



3. Total protection

no external force could overthrow them

3. Total protection

no external force could overthrow us

a) the largest & strongest army in the world could not
Ex. 14:1-31

a) trouble, perplexity, persecution etc. can't overthrow us 2 Cor. 4:8-11

b) no nation in the world could overthrow Israel - God would fight their battles
Ex. 33:1-3; Num. 14:5-12

b) principalities, powers, angels, etc. can't overthrow us Rom. 8:35-39

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5 Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.



nevertheless - *alla* – but, in strong contrast

subject: God

complete verb: was not well-pleased

with most of them or majority of them

- the final result of God's displeasure is that only two of all the Israelites went into the promised land
- also we will see in verses 6 -10 the immediate results of God's displeasure
- we know from this passage (1Cor 10:1-13) that God wants us know what happened to the Israelites and to learn from their failure

⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.



they were laid low in the wilderness

laid low - to spread down, or overthrow. Used of persons in 1 Cor. 10:5, meaning they were scattered as corpses in the desert, were destroyed. Zodhiates

Num 14:16 Because the LORD could not bring this people into the land which He promised them by oath, therefore He slaughtered them in the wilderness.

Baptism/Identification Comparison*



4. Vulnerability

Israelites were overthrown from within - internal

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Believers can only be overthrown from within - internal

a) with the majority - God was not well pleased

a) every believer is vulnerable to grieve the Holy Spirit

b) where: in the wilderness - even though under God's total protection & provision

b) where: in our walk even though under God's total protection & provision

c) how overthrown: by their sin nature - focus on self

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Final Thoughts



Paul's point in these first four verses was that the Israelites were the chosen people of God just as Christians are now the chosen people of God. God accompanied and provided for them faithfully in the past just as He does for all Christians now.

Constable

But there is a warning in verse 1 Cor 10:12: Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.