

Bible Study:

ON THE PARALLELS BETWEEN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

Robert Baral
10/21/2004 AD

TABLE OF CONTENTS

I. PURPOSE

II. CONCEPTS

III. PARALLELS BETWEEN OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

IV. WARNINGS

V. EXAMPLES

VI. CONCLUSION

VII. REFERENCE

I. PURPOSE

This is a summary outline for a Bible lesson on the parallels between the themes of The Old and New Testaments.¹

II. CONCEPTS

1. The exodus of Abram from Ur
2. The exodus of Moses and the Israelites from Egypt
3. The exodus of Christians via JESUS CHRIST from sin, death and bondage.
4. We are sojourners and strangers on earth.
5. GOD always leads and makes a way for His faithful people.

III. PARALLELS BETWEEN OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

1. The Jews called out of Egypt vs. the child JESUS called out of Egypt.
2. Israel was in the desert 40 years tried & tempted vs. JESUS was in the desert 40 days tried and tempted.
3. Israel was the first born son and beloved of GOD vs. CHRIST is The first born beloved Son of GOD
4. Israel redeemed by the blood of the Passover lamb ransomed from death in Egypt vs. mankind redeemed by The Blood ransomed from death of CHRIST, The Lamb of GOD
5. Israel baptized by passing through the waters lead by Moses vs. Christians baptized by The HOLY SPIRIT by passing through faith in CHRIST
6. GOD gave water and manna for Israel to sustain their earthly bodies in the desert vs. CHRIST gave His Body and Blood to eternally sustain Christians in life
7. JEHOVAH is the Rock of the people Israel vs. CHRIST is the Rock of His people The Church

IV. WARNINGS

1. “typikos” means “by way of example”
2. The Old Testament accounts are “written for our instruction” for stronger faith and guidance for The New Testament
3. All men are warned even in The Church Age not to mock GOD and reject JESUS The Messiah

¹ 1, Bruce, “The New Testament Development of Old Testament Themes,” Chapter 3. The Salvation of GOD, p32-39.

V. EXAMPLES

1. The 1st generation Israelites perished in physical death in the wilderness for unbelief vs. Christians are warned that they too can perish in spiritual death in the wilderness for unbelief
2. The 1st generation Israelites missed their promised physical rest in the Promised Land vs. Christians are warned that they too can miss their promised spiritual rest in GOD's Kingdom on earth and in Heaven
3. PSALM 78 recounts The Exodus, a national Israelite confession of faith in GOD, recounting how The very Shekinah Glory of JEHOVAH lead His Old Testament people out of physical Egypt to be His Bride.² Compare to ACTS 2, the birth and calling out of The Church by The HOLY SPIRIT, leading His New Testament people out of spiritual Egypt to be The Bride of CHRIST.³

VI. CONCLUSION

The theme of GOD's progressive salvation plan for mankind

1. flows from The Law of Moses in The Old Testament, to The Law of CHRIST in The New Testament;
2. from ancient Israel to The Church;
3. from the exodus of the Israelites out of bondage in physical Egypt to the exodus of Christians out of bondage in spiritual Egypt;
4. which brings men into GOD's Kingdom,
5. which was ancient Israel and which is now The Church militant and thence The Church triumphant in Heaven!

² 2, KJV, PSALM 78. A recounting of the birth of Biblical Israel.

³ 2, KJV, ACTS 2. A recounting of the birth of The Church.

VII. REFERENCE

1. "The New Testament Development of Old Testament Themes." F. F. Bruce. The Paternoster Press. Exeter, England. 1968.
2. "The Holy Bible – Containing The Old and New Testaments – Authorized King James Version." Edited by Rev. C. I. Scofield, DD. Oxford University Press, Inc. New York. 1945.