

Is there a relationship between the Exodus of the Israelite Nation and what we have in Christ?

Let me ask it this way,

is the physical exodus of the Israelite people a type for a spiritual exodus for believers in Christ?

The answer is “Absolutely yes.”

The biblical word for Church embodies this truth

It is **ek - klesia**, and it means the “called out ones”

Before Christ, scripture says that God called the Israelites out of Egypt. After Christ, scripture says that God called us out of the World.

In **Acts 7**, in his oration before the Jews, Stephen said this:

Acts 7:37–41 (NKJV)

³⁷ “This is that **Moses who said to the children of Israel**, ‘*The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear.*’

³⁸ “This is **he** (concept, not of a person, but that they were one) who was in the **congregation** (**Church, ekklesia**) **in the wilderness** with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and *with* our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us,

³⁹ whom our fathers would not obey, but rejected. And **in their hearts they turned back to Egypt**,

[Because they asked Aaron that he should make idols for them] ¹

^{1 40} saying to Aaron, ‘*Make us gods to go before us; as for this Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.*’ ⁴¹ And they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands. [Those who turn back in their heart toward Egypt, toward the world, show that they are not the believers,]

Jude 5 (NKJV) the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

It’s always about faith, and everyone who trusts in God for His salvation provided through His son, just like promised in Genesis 3:15, from Adam to us and on until the end of this world.

The point is simply that the sons of Jacob were called out of Egypt,

And as one body together, they were the Church (the called out ones) in the wilderness, heading toward the Promise Land.

Now if that doesn't relate to you and me,

I don't know what does!

And here is where we find incredible connective language used throughout the Bible when it talks about believers before Christ and after Christ.

Exodus 19, I want you to listen to the special description God uses here to talk about the people.

Similarity of Language

Exodus 19:5 (NKJV) (cf Deuteronomy 14:2)

⁵ Now therefore, **if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then** you shall be a **special treasure** to Me **above all people**; for all the earth is Mine.

Now, Look at Titus 2

Titus 2:13–14 (NKJV)

¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,

¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might **redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people**, zealous for good works.

Paul uses the exact same words as is used in the Greek translation of Exodus 19:5.

In other words, Titus 2:14, “treasured people.”

This is where the concept of type and fulfillment comes front and center.

The old type for the people of God is fulfilled in Christ, because we know everything points forward to Him.

Here’s the bottom line

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul is pointing back to the language of Exodus, but there is a very important difference.

What is it?

Our being a treasured people of God is not dependent on keeping the covenant, because it is based on Jesus’ finished work.

But are works still important?

Absolutely, we are to be zealous for good works.

Now, look back to Exodus 19

The first four verses are about how God rescued the sons of Jacob from Egypt, He’s basically reminding them of all He has done both to free them and then to protect them.

Exodus 19:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a **special treasure to Me above all people**; for all the earth is Mine.

⁶ And you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation**.’ These *are* the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Now turn to 1 Peter 2

In verses 4-8 Peter talks about the fact that we, individuals, have come to faith in Jesus as the cornerstone, and we are built into a Spiritual Family and Holy Priesthood, because we trusted in Jesus as the Lord.

1 Peter 2:4–10 (NKJV)

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood** (Kingdom of Priests), a **holy nation**, His own **special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who **called you out of darkness into His marvelous light**;

¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

This is absolutely the same language used in Exodus 19!

What is the significance?

Look at that language, **we were once not a not a people**, but **now we are**, that’s **kingdom language** that we have been **made into a nation**.

This is exactly what happened physically for old Israel at Sinai, God made them into a nation, that’s what the Old Covenant did. It gave them a language to speak, a culture to live, and a land they would possess.

It is no different for you and for me, The New Covenant has given us a language to speak (a Gospel to share), a Kingdom, a purpose to live out, and a land we will possess.

Hebrews 12

There is so much powerful similarity, that should we expect to find it more than just here and there?

Amen! We would expect to find Type and Fulfillment all over the New Testament,

Especially for our conversation right now, between the sons of Jacob coming before Sinai, and we coming to Mount Zion! To Christ, That's Hebrews 12.

Hebrews 12:18–24 (NKJV)

¹⁸ **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, so that those who heard *it* begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore.

²⁰ (For they could not endure what was commanded: “*And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.*”)

²¹ And so terrifying was the sight *that* Moses said, “*I am exceedingly afraid* and trembling.”)

²² **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,

²⁴ to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than *that of* Abel.

Amen to that! Better things than Abel! Because the murder of Jesus Christ did not mean the end of life, but the beginning of life for all who believe in Him! There is no better.

Revelation 1:5–6 (NKJV)

⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

⁶ and **has made us kings and priests** to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Can you be a king without a kingdom?

No, because we are in the Kingdom of God.

Now, we're really asking the question,

have we been called, as on Exodus?

Well, did Jesus ever talked about

His work in terms of an Exodus?

Turn to **Luke 9:28**,

this is the passage about the Mount of Transfiguration.

Luke 9:28–31 (NKJV)

²⁸ Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

²⁹ As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe *became* white *and* glistening.

³⁰ And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah,

³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of His **decease** (His Exodus) which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.


Isn't this amazing! Here Jesus is, talking with Moses about Exodus! What a connection. This is what the Holy Spirit means for us to understand here, but you wouldn't know that unless you had a good translation that stays as literally close to the original words as possible.

Here's an important point, translations are not just a matter of personal preference, there is a standard. Some translations are good and some just aren't, because what we should be aiming for in the Bibles that we read is being as close to God's original Word's as possible.

Whether we're talking Old or New Testament.

Exodus starts with the idea of Baptism

1 Corinthians 10:1–5 (NKJV)

- ¹ 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,
³ all ate the same spiritual food,
⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.²
⁵ But with most **of them God was not well pleased**, for *their bodies* were **scattered in the wilderness**.
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Why did that happen?

Jude 5 (NKJV) The Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

That's right, they didn't believe.³

Now, that type, baptized into Moses, are we baptized into anyone today by faith?

Oh yes! **Galatians 3:27**, **Romans 6:3**, both passages say we are baptized into Christ.⁴

The language of the Exodus ties us so clearly to God's true people throughout history.

² Is Paul speaking in terms of types of Christ? Absolutely!

³ Did their baptism save them? No, Eternal Life is by faith.

⁴ **Galatians 3:26–27 (NKJV)** ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Romans 6:3–4 (NKJV) ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Exodus 15:1–19 (Turn There and Read It)

Now, do you think this has anything to do

with the book of Revelation?

This truth comes out so powerfully, where everything is revealed and uncovered is the book of Revelation.

Revelation 15:2–4 (NKJV)

² And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.

³ **They sing the song of Moses**, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: “Great and marvelous *are* Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the saints!

⁴ Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You* alone *are* holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.”

This is the victory of God. As it was in the Triumph over the anti-God forces of pharaoh, so will it be against the Antichrist forces of the world.

We will share in that victory, if we are faithful! How? By not letting ourselves be led astray by the world and stay close simply to the word of God, it's why in both

2 Corinthians 6:17–18 (NKJV)

Revelation 18:4–5 (NKJV)

God calls to us, His people, come out from among them and be separate in how we live, in what we believe, in how we do Church.⁵

And what we're going to find when we get into the history of Churches, we'll see that there were folks that always held to the truth, no matter what perversion was going on in the world and in other Churches.

And its those people that are our ancestors in the faith, and we can hold that line just as firmly today if we really want to.

5 **2 Corinthians 6:17–18 (NKJV)**

¹⁷ Therefore “*Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.*”

¹⁸ “*I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.*”

In the destruction of the world system of Babylon the Great, that Revelation 11 shows us is the city where our Lord was crucified, in other words Jerusalem, God issues out a call

Revelation 18:4–5 (NKJV)

⁴ And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.

⁵ For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.