

Understanding the way of Salvation

-Israel, As a Biblical Example

Key Verses

“For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our fore-fathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate same spiritual food and drank same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.”

-1Corinthians 10:1-6

Discovery Questions:

1. Who is speaking to whom about whom?
2. Whose baptism is discussed in these verses?
3. What were the common things they were having? Why?
4. Why was God not pleased with most of them? What was the end result?
5. What are the warnings from Israel's history?

Set-1 Coming out of Egypt: He brought them out -to bring them into Canaan

Genesis 17:3-8, 11-14, 18:18-19 Exodus: 14:29-31 Deut 6:20-23 Psalms 105:43-45

1. What were the key components of God's covenant with Abraham?(Genesis 17:3-8, 11-14; 18:18-19)
2. How did God save the Israelites from the hands of Egyptians? (Exodus: 14:29-31)
3. What should an Israelite answer when his son asks him, “What is the meaning of stipulations, decrees and laws the LORD our God commanded you? (Deut 6:20-23)
4. What was the purpose for the Promised Land? Why God did bring them out of Egypt to bring them into Canaan? (Psalms 105:43-45)

Set-2 Most of that Generation Failed to Enter into Canaan

Ezekiel 20:13, 21, 23-24; Jude 1:5a 1Cor 10:11-12 Heb3:17, 4:1, 11

1. Who were they who heard and rebelled? With whom was God angry for forty years and whose bodies fell in the desert?
2. Why did God wanted to destroy Israelites in the desert? (Ezekiel 20:13)

3. Most of the generation failed to enter into the Promised Land Canaan. Why? (1Corinthians 10:1-6)
4. But why God did not completely destroy them? What were the ideas behind it? (Ezekiel 20:14-23)

Set- 3 What the Book of Revelation has to say?

Matthew 12:36-37; 15:8-9; 16:27

Acts 10:35;

Romans 2:13;

2Corinthians 5:9-10;

Galatians 6:7

Philippians 2:12

Titus 1:16;

James 1:22; 2:14-26; 4:17;

Revelation 2:5; 2:10, 11;2:21-25,26; 3:1-5;3:10-12;3:14-21; 20:12;22:14

- a) What kind of people will be accepted by God?
- b) “Do not be deceived God cannot be mocked a man reaps what he sows” what does it mean really?
- c) On what basis God will judge us? Words or deeds or both?
- d) What is the role of words we utter in the context of God’s judgment?
- e) Why God is calling people hypocrites?(Matthew 16:27)
- f) When will Jesus remove our lamp stand from its place? What does it mean?
- g) What is the candlestick/lamp stand Jesus is talking about?
- h) What will happen if a disciple of Christ is not faithful to Christ in midst of persecution? Will he suffer second death (spiritual death)? (Revelation 2:10,11)
- i) What will be the reward if Christ’s disciple is faithful till the point of death?
- j) What will happen if he is not faithful to Jesus till the point of death?
- k) How will God respond when he gives us time to repent for our sins, but we misuse the opportunity to do His works?
- l) What will God reward the people when they consistently do the works of God?
- m) If a disciple of Christ is not faithful to Christ and fail to overcome the evil what will happen to his name in the book of life? Will Jesus wipe it out of the book of life? If yes why? If no why?(Rev 3:1-5)
- n) What will Christ do to the disciples in the lukewarm condition? Does it mean they will be thrown from his presence? Will they miss the kingdom of God?(Rev 3:14-21)
- o) Disciples of Christ will be judged in accordance with their deeds?
- p) Why they failed to enter the narrow door that leads to the Kingdom of God? (Luke13:23-24)