

Waters

1st Case - Waters of the Universe

Dad, will you make me something out of wood? Yes my son, but first we need to create space!!! (leigh)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the water from the waters." Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day. (Gen 1:1-8)

The firmament, the continuous arch (ark?) of heaven, is the atmosphere of planet earth. This is where the separation of the waters took place, the lower waters became, of the Earth, the land and seas etc. and the upper waters became, the heavenly hosts of planets, stars, sun and moon etc. Note the 'earthly waters' are separated from the 'heavenly waters'.

Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. (Gen 1:9-10)

Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. (Gen 1:14-18)

God creates the Sun, the Moon and Stars and establishes their orbits.

2nd Case - Waters of the planet

Then the Lord said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation." (Gen 7:1)

And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights. (Gen 7:11-12)

The Ark of God which Noah built from wood by God's plan in five years, separated the righteous people from the unrighteous people. (people ~ waters, separated by the waters of the flood.)

3rd Case - Waters of the Red Sea

And the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward. But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea." (Exo 14:15-16)

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. (Exo 14:21)

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen." And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained. (Exo 14:26-28)

The Israelites crossed through the waters of the sea, by an ark of dry land, in the sea. The righteous people were separated from the unrighteous by crossing the waters of the Red Sea.

The rod of God, held in the hand by Moses, is described in the book of Jasher.

And afterward Moses went into the garden of Reuel which was behind the house, and he there prayed to the Lord his God, who had done mighty wonders for him. It was while he prayed he looked opposite to him, and there a sapphire stick was placed in the ground, which was planted in the midst of the garden. He approached the stick and looked, and saw the name of the Lord God of hosts was engraved on it, written and developed on the stick. And he read it and stretched forth his hand and he plucked it like a forest tree from the thicket, and the stick was in his hand. This is the stick with which all the works of our God were performed, after he had created heaven and earth and all the host of them, seas, rivers and all their fish. (Jas 77:38-42)

This rod was the testimony of God before Moses received the two tablets of stone.

Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand. (Exo 4:20)

When Aaron collected the manna in a pot, which was to be stored in the Ark, the only Testimony Moses had at that time was the rod of God, by which he performed the many miracles.

And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations." As the Lord commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. (Exo 16:33-34)

And when He had made an end of speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He gave Moses two tablets of the Testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God. (Exo 31:18)

Three references to the cross, the disciples and Jesus Christ to come. Bitter waters were made sweet in Exo 15:23-27. In Exo 17:1-7, first the rock / Jesus is beaten (1st strike), then crucified (2nd strike), and then in Num 20:1-13 Moses is told to speak to the rock / Jesus to release the living water. This shows the change in the method to release the power of God; from using the rod of God, the Testimony of God's authority, the law ("It is written"); to the righteous people using the authority of the spoken name of Jesus. Now the Bible is also the Word of God, which is our Testimony.

4th Case - Waters of the river Jordan

And the Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, "Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is crossing over before you into the Jordan. Now therefore, take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one man from every tribe. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap." So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Zaretan. So the waters that went down into the Sea of Arabah, the salt sea, failed, and were cut off; and the people crossed over opposite Jericho. Then the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel crossed over on dry ground, until all the people had crossed completely over the Jordan. (Jos 3:7-17)

'for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest' - this day of harvest, speaks to me of Judgement Day when all peoples of the world will be resurrected for judgement by the Lord.

These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. (2Th 1:9-10)

'the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam' - this reminded me of the following scripture.

For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offence. For if by the one man's offence many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. (Rom 5:13-14)

The circumcised Israelites refused to enter the land of Canaan, disobeying God. It was the uncircumcised that accepted the offer of God and went over the Jordan. Joshua circumcised them on the other side. The righteous people were separated from the unrighteous by crossing the waters of the Jordan river.

At that time the Lord said to Joshua, "Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time." So Joshua made flint knives for himself, and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Egypt who were males, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Egypt. For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness, on the way as they came out of Egypt, had not been circumcised. For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people who were men of war, who came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of the Lord - to whom the Lord swore that He would not show them the land which the Lord had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, "a land flowing with milk and honey." (Jos 5:2-6)

Moses said;

"Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer." (Deu 10:16)

And also;

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people." (Deu 32:43)

Paul said;

"Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters." (1Co 7:19)

And also;

"For we through the Spirit eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love." (Gal 5:5-6)

5th Case - Waters of Baptism

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Mat 3:1-2)

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Mat 3:13-17)

This practice of introducing the new covenant with the old covenant procedures is maintained. Jesus is the perfect sacrifice offered once for the redemption of all people to God. His righteous blood cleanses all our sins. He entered the Most Holy Place and now He serves as our High Priest.

But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with human hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. (Heb 9:11-12)

And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. (Heb 9:15)

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshipped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Mat 28:16-20)

This last separation of the righteous people from the unrighteous people by the waters of baptism, takes place on an individual, personal basis. We hereby publicly declare our belief in God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit; and our commitment to follow Him in spirit and in truth.

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