**Notes**

****March 11th 2018**



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Welcome

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*The Back story*

Why do we have all the OT stories?

**1 Corinthians 10:11**

*Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.*

* They show us how to live in the light of Christ’s victory

**The Back Story to the “Promised Land” focus:**

Israelites had a ‘land’ promised to them under Abraham.

During a famine time, went to Egypt for help, & stayed for 430 years

 Became ‘slaves’ after Joseph’s time.

Moses (Charlton Heston) was called to lead them out back to the land.

 At first, balked at entering in & thus…

 …landed up wandering in the wilderness for 40 years.

Moses died, and Joshua was to lead them in across the Jordan @ Jericho.

**We’re coming up to “Easter”**(Jewish Passover ‘Matzos’ and all that)

**Exodus 12:24 – the first born was to be “passed over” & spared**

**The rules associated with the law were not God’s best! –** (Relationship was)

**Exodus 19:3-6**

A kingdom of priests and a holy nation who draws near!

**God still wants us to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation in Christ**

**Revelation 1: 5b -6**

*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.*

**The two “crossings”** (Red Sea / Jordan River)

**Red Sea under Moses:**

Miraculously taken out from Egyptian slavery (type of sin) across the Red Sea.

 (The delay of 40 years was because of unbelief).

Speaks of the “Cross” – what Jesus did in breaking the back of sin.

**Jordan River under Joshua:**

Now they were to enter into the ‘promised land’ by crossing the Jordan.

 A land that ‘already belonged’ to them by faith.

Speaks of the resurrection life “in” Christ revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

**Today:**

We ‘possess the our promised ‘land’, not by performing a set of works …

 …but by faith that comes as a consequence of revelation or light.

Coming to know what belongs to you (already) in Christ

and acting on it.

**Final Take Away & Communion**

What Jesus did at the cross delivered us from the slavery of:

Sin

Sickness

Lack

Now with the help of the Holy Spirit we are encouraged

to possess (receive) the ‘promised land’.