

1 CORINTHIANS 10 vs 1

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Recently, having read about a young mother who had to flee for her life, from her home because of her faith; she was refused baptism by a local, **obviously terribly ignorant** pastor. Knowing things like this would take place, the apostle Paul wrote...

¹ **Moreover, brothers and sisters I would not have you ignorant** / Paul is addressing the adopted children in the family of God, the word is: **agnoeo**; **a** = **negative particle + gnoeo = know**; **to not know**. In recent time, it has been fashionable to be **agnostic**; Paul wants us to know; he wants us to rethink what we know, until we know correctly.

Someone who is ignorant, is often disinterested in truth and ignores it. Dr. Dallas Willard of USC, said the world knows there is one geometry and one biology; yet how tragic it is that the church has lost its ability to teach there is one faith, and one hope. As a result, the world does not know the one Lord who is over all.

Dr. Willard gave the best illustration of the agnostic:

#1 What time is dinner? #2 I don't know, I'm an agnostic. #1. Well go find out!

I would not have you ignorant / Paul says: Go find out!

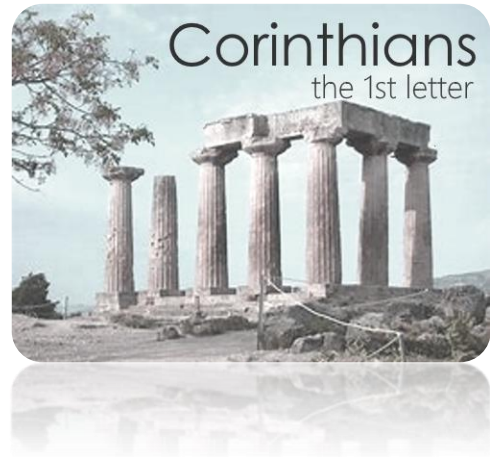
how all our fathers were under the cloud and all passed through the sea, natural fathers; real fathers, parents... along with near and distant relatives, too... with their wives and kids passed through the Yam Suph (Red Sea) where the descendants of **Esau** relocated. John Wesley says this verse speaks to the eminent token of God's gracious presence and care: shielded from the heat of the desert sun by day, and providing light by night; they all traveled onward; they walked across for their benefit, -- **Exodus 14**; using 2 different Hebrew words, we learn the children of Israel – thought by many to number upwards of 1 or 2 million and more, they all walked on **dry land**... mentioned 4 times!

² **and were all baptized to Moses in the cloud and in the sea** / the word is: **baptizo**. It's the same word used in all the Gospel records of John the Baptist... who baptized in the Jordan River; where he said: One coming was mightier than him, who would baptize by **the Holy Spirit and fire**! Notice Acts 9, when Phillip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch; all we read is: they came to some water. Note, it does not mention: a river, a lake, a cattle watering hole, or a simple well; nor is there any liturgy chanted; no urging to "repeat after me"; just water and a new believer! The word of God is not confusing at all, is it?

And just in case you think Moses and the children of Israel crossing the Red Sea is some unbelievable myth, check out these videos: [Where is the real Red Sea crossing?](#)

Similar to the coral structures found in the Red Sea; 4- and 6-point wheels are only from the 18th dynasty, no later than 1450 bc.

[Exodus Decoded; Mount Sinai in Arabia](#) -- a compelling documentary; but back to Paul:



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So to recap... including the chronological order of events Paul highlighted from the Exodus, we have:

1. Moses, who baptized millions in the Red Sea; and, it appears, they did not even get wet;
2. We have John the Baptist who baptized everyone from common folk, to Jesus Christ... to the Pharisees who had walked 100 miles through hill and dale... in their white robes;
3. We have the statement that when Jesus would come... He would baptize in the Holy Spirit and fire, with no mention of the H₂O; which is good, because water would extinguish the fire; and we'd have a problem.
4. We have a **second baptism** Jesus indicates... He would experience, in the context of questioning those hardheaded boys of Zebedee about things they thought they knew, but didn't;
5. We have an incident with religious leaders who were peevish that the disciples of Jesus did not baptize their hands before lunch;
6. We have a lesson Jesus taught some Pharisees on how hypocrites baptize the outside of cups while leaving the inside unclean;
7. We have the declaration of Jesus on his Ascension Day, that John truly baptized with water, but that the Holy Spirit would come and baptize them no mention of water; Have you been baptized by the Holy Spirit?
8. We have Philip baptizing the Ethiopian eunuch near some water.
- And 9.** In 1 Corinthians 1, Paul says, I thank God that I baptized none of you; adding, the Lord sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel!

³ **And did all eat the same spiritual food** / **broma**. We learn more about this spiritual food in Exodus **16**. And pay attention, Paul was inspired, you know, moved by the Holy Spirit... to jump over Exodus 15 which spoke of the bitter waters of Marah; that event is not in the mind of Christ at this point.

Journeying onward to Exodus 16, we read about the Lord raining bread from heaven – manna; that spiritual food. In John 4:34, Jesus said my food is to do the will of the One who sent Me; and to finish His work. When we get to the upper room the night He was betrayed, He said, Father I finished the work!

⁴ **And all did drink the same spiritual drink** / we read about this event in Exodus **17**:

for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed / this very common word used 92 times in the New Testament is: **akolouthēs**. It means: **to follow**. It is the same word we read... the disciples left their boats **and followed**... he arose and **followed**... a great multitude from Jericho **followed**... the 2 blind men **followed**... the women from Galilee **followed**... many people **followed** Jesus. Same word!

for they drank of that spiritual Rock, that followed them:

and that Rock was Christ / what? it was a real Rock, that in some way typified the work of Christ? Sounds interesting, doesn't it? Most commentators dance around this obviously challenging verse. Here, 3 are mentioned whose typical comments raise questions for me, but not questions about what Paul wrote:



John Wesley wrote: For they drank out of the spiritual or mysterious rock, **the wonderful streams of which followed them** in their several journeyings, for many years, through the wilderness. And that rock was a manifest type of Christ. (okay)

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From Barnes notes: This evidently **cannot mean** that the rock itself literally followed them, any more than that they literally drank of the rock, for one is as expressly affirmed, if it is taken literally, as the other. But as when it is said they "drank of the rock," **it must mean** that they drank of the water that flowed from the rock; so when it is said that the "rock followed" or accompanied them, it must mean that the water that flowed from the rock accompanied them. (it cannot mean what ___? it must mean ___?)



Adam Clark wrote: Others contend that by the rock following them we are to understand **their having carried of its waters with them** on their journeyings. **The Jewish leaders suppose that the rock itself went with the Israelites, and was present with them.** (well okay)



I lean the direction of what **Dr. Gene Scott**, who graduated with his PhD from Stanford University, who said: If the bible says, **Jonah swallowed a whale**, then that is our starting point! Start with what the word of God declares before wandering off in endless directions. God knows what He is talking about!

In 1 Corinthians 10, Paul just told us about: 1. A real cloud; 2. A real Red Sea; 3. A real baptism; 4. A real meal; 5. A real drink... from real water that came from... a real Rock... that Moses really struck.

And remember: Paul being taught by a real risen Savior Jesus Christ... who sent a real Holy Spirit... started this chapter by saying: **I would not have you ignorant.**

From Old Testament, we discover what followed the children of Israel through their wilderness experience. We know items related to the tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant, were carried. In Amos 5:26, we read: 2 images and the star of your gods which they made were carried from Egypt. In Acts 7:43; at Stephen's martyrdom, he speaks of the tabernacle of Moloch and the star of their god Rompha.

We learn King Hoshea reigned 29 years, he did according to all David had done. **2 Kings 18:4-5.** He removed the high places and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah. He broke in pieces the bronze serpent Moses had made -- 700 years old; what had been a blessing, became a curse.

for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: / **Genesis 28:11-22** records a strange stone in the place where Jacob — grandson of the birthright promise given to Abraham, to his father Isaac, and passed to Jacob. We know the story: Jacob lay down and dreamed: and a stairway to heaven opened. And the Lord God spoke the same promise He spoke to Abraham; your seed will be as the dust of the earth; and will spread every direction; and all the families of the earth will be blessed. Jacob awoke from his sleep, and he said, Surely, the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. This is none other but the house of God.

And Jacob arose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had for his pillow, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. **And he called the name of that place: Bethel** --which means: God's house.

and go to verse 22: And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, will be God's house = **Bethel** -- same word. Isn't it interesting? When the 12 sons were last gathered together that father Jacob may tell them what will befall them in the last days -- **Genesis 49.**

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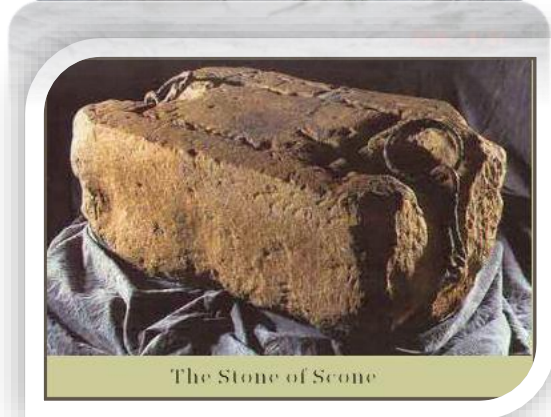
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To Joseph's 2 sons Ephraim and Manasseh... who already were blessed to receive the birthright promise of a great commonwealth of nations; and a great nation – Genesis 48, father Jacob said to them, the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob; from there is the Shepherd, the stone of Israel; And this stone was also carried by Moses in the great exodus from Egypt.

NOT to be confused with when Moses said, tell all the children of Israel to stand by the Rock! In the middle of a desert?! What rock? Any old rock? No, the Rock! The Rock that Moses struck! And we know THAT ROCK, 40 feet tall, at the foot of the Mount of Moses, only recently discovered: Mount Sinai in Arabia. Check it out: but as we can all see this stone struck by Moses was not the stone carried through the wilderness. Jeremiah knew this stone.



For the last 2,500 years, all the high kings of Ireland, Scotland and England have been crowned on that Stone. The stone of Scone; sometimes called Jacob's Pillar... considered by the British Empire the most valuable relic holding the empire together – currently in Edinburgh Castle, Scotland; for the last 700 years, it had been in the St. Edward Coronation Chair, Westminster Abbey. History says, it was brought by the great prophet, certain to be Jeremiah... first to Ireland. Ezekiel 21 speaks of the royal dynasty: overturn, overturn, overturn... and then no more... until He comes whose right it is to reign.



and that Rock was Christ.

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