

JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST: CHAPTER TWO

What were the Jewish people waiting for???

1. What type of Messiah?

Military Leader or Leader of the NEW Exodus?

Some for military; some for Restoration of Israel through a new exodus.

2. The Jewish Hope for a New Exodus

Elements of the first exodus – from Egypt

a, slavery in Egypt

b. Moses as God's representative deliverer

c. plagues

d. Passover experience & deliverance through water

e. victory over the Egyptians (the enslavers)

f. Mt. Sinai – covenant – commitment of God to Israelites and vice-versa

- sealing of the covenant – sacrifice and blood

- Prescriptions of the law – worship rituals

g. wandering in the desert – fidelity/infidelity – 40 years

h. Entry into the promised land through the Jordan under Joshua

Many of these elements foreshadow elements in the New Exodus

3. The New Moses – promised in the book of Deuteronomy (18:15-18)

The Messiah (anointed one) would fulfill the prophecies of the O.T.

4. The New Covenant -

Covenant on Sinai – new relationship between God and Israelites

Formed the basis for a new identity for the Israelites in

initial fulfillment of the covenant with Abraham

Sealing of the covenant – (Exodus 24:5-11

sealed in blood – culminated with a heavenly banquet

Promise of a New & Greater Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-33)

“I will be your God and you will be My People!”

The new law (way of God) will be written upon your hearts.

Rabbinic teaching even after Christ says that it has not yet come, but

will come about in the World to Come when the feasting will be on the presence of God.

5. The New Temple

Worship of God took place in the portable Tabernacle (dwelling place)

Temple of Solomon - 900s BC

relatively small – three sections

a) Outer court -altar for sacrifice of animals

b) Holy place - with menorah, altar of incense & Bread of Presence

c) Holy of Holies – Ark of the Covenant containing staff of Aaron, manna and the tablets of the Law

Destroyed by Babylonians in 587 B.C.

Second Temple – 500s B.C. much more modest

Absence of the Ark of the Covenant – Holy of Holies empty

Destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.

The New Temple – Prophets predicted the building of new and greater temple built by the Messiah that would be a house of prayer for all people

6. The New Promised Land

Importance of the 'land' for Israelites – covenant with Abraham

Israelites entry into the promised land under Joshua and

subsequent despoilment by Assyrians and Babylonians

Promise of a new Promised Land in the New Age to come -

not identified with the original promised land, but greater.

(Isaiah 60:21) A land for the regathering of the 12 tribes and

all the nations of the world. – current State of Israel

7. JESUS AND THE NEW EXODUS

Expectations of a new exodus at the time of Jesus

Much of Jesus' teaching and actions show him as the new Moses and as

the fulfillment of the prophecies particularly of Isaiah

He is also the new Israel – the unique Son of God

Luke in the transfiguration account refers directly to his coming Exodus) through His passion and death which culminates in His resurrection & Ascension.