

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13:**

The Apostle Paul opens up (C10) by telling the Church at Corinth, I don't want you to be ignorant of the things that happened in the past in the lives of the children of Israel.

"I want you to KNOW THIS." WHY?

So that their history won't repeat itself in your lives Church at Corinth!

(V6): "These things were our examples, to the intent" that we should NOT do as they did.

(V11): "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come"

Paul was warning them to take heed to the things that happened to the children of Israel after the Exodus from Egypt; if you're NOT cautious and wise, the same things that happened to them, WILL happen to you.

Proverbs 22:3: "A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on and are punished"

This is where we can understand the connection of the end of (C9) with the beginning of (C10).

1 Corinthians 9:27: "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway"

**Paul: I realize that I dwell in this body of sin; that's why I fight against it, to bring it into subjection, to govern and keep it under control! So fight I!**

If you're NOT good fighters, (Corinthian Christians, against yourselves), if you don't live "disciplined" Christian lives, if you don't mortify the sinful deeds of the body, you'll fall into sin like the children of Israel of old!

We already know that there were those in the Corinthian Church who were "puffed up" when it came to matters of sin. Listen, there is something fundamentally wrong with "A Christian" who doesn't grieve and mourn over their own sins!

There was the "church member" who was committing fornication, and they were allowing this sin to continue in the body of Christ!

"And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from you"

Paul warned the Corinthians about being "puffed up" (5) times in the 1 Corinthian letter. (Puffed up: Inflated with pride).

That's why I am writing to you (Corinthians), I don't want what happened to them TO HAPPEN TO YOU!

**(V1B-2): They were ALL partakers of God's deliverance from Egypt!**

They WERE ALL delivered from the house of bondage and the slavery of Egypt; they were ALL delivered from Pharaoh. They were ALL wonderfully guided and led by God toward that promised land.

ALL our fathers were under the cloud; under God's guiding presence and protection, and they ALL passed through the sea!

Exodus 13:20-22, 14:19-23, 29.

**(V3-4): They ALL ate that same spiritual meat; and did ALL drink that same spiritual drink: Exodus 16:1-4, 12-15, 35, 17:1-4, 6**

Back to 1 Corinthians 10:3, note that Paul (HERE) says that they ate and drank SPIRITUAL MEAT/FOOD and SPIRITUAL DRINK. How so?

Think about it; God provided for and sustained His people in the OT under Moses by giving them bread from heaven and water out of the rock. These are BOTH pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ who would come down from heaven to give eternal life to all who would believe/trust in Him.

Manna was not natural food, it was from heaven, it was called "angels food": Psalm 78:23-25

God supernaturally/miraculously provided for and sustained the children of Israel with food from heaven! And THEN, it is NOT NATURAL for water to come out of a rock! But once again, God miraculously provided water for the children of Israel!

And so, understand that the children of Israel were sustained and fed in the wilderness by Christ Himself! This miraculous manna from heaven, and the water coming out of the rock were pictures of the Lord Jesus the Christ, who was that True Bread that came down from heaven; He ONLY could give the Water of Life, which if one drinks, they shall never thirst again!

John 6:30-35, 48-51, 58, 7:37-38

**ALL of the children of Israel were partakers of the blessings and presence of God in the wilderness, in their journey between Egypt and the Promised Land.**

God sustained ALL OF THEM with spiritual food and spiritual drink, even in the midst of their sins and murmurings. THAT Rock that followed them was Christ!

How many TODAY sit before the preaching of God's Word, who partake of the heavenly manna and water of life who simultaneously PROVOKE God by their sins and unbelief!

**(V5): ALL ate and drank: "But with MANY of them, (or as it means, the greater part of them) God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness"**

Paul warned the Church at Corinth of "dangerous and similar patterns of sin" in the church; just like there were in the children of Israel when they were coming out of Egypt. Number 14:26-35

Jude 5: "I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, AFTERWARD destroyed them that believed not"

They were not all Israel, which were of Israel.

Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23, Luke 13:23-24

**(V6): "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted"**

"Examples" is the Greek word "Tupos", which means formed by a blow or impression. When Jesus said to Thomas, look at the "print" of the nails in my hands. He was saying, look at the mark or scar left by the imprint of the nail.

The sins of the people coming out of Egypt serve as "examples" for you Corinthians, (and us today); to dissuade us from provoking God like they did. These are admonitions and warnings to us that our Christian lives should NOT resemble theirs!

They provoked God by their sin and unbelief, let us NOT follow their example by provoking God by our sin and unbelief!  
Hebrews 3:8-19

#### **What were their sins?**

They lusted after evil things; the Book of Numbers tells us that the "mixt multitude fell a lusting, and the children of Israel ALSO wept again, and said, who shall give us flesh to eat". Numbers 11:4, 31-34

They were idolators: When Moses was up in the mount receiving the law, Aaron fashioned a golden calf and the people bowed and worshiped it.

They committed fornication with the women of Canaan. Exodus 32:1-6

They tempted God, (tried and tested His patience and provoked Him to anger) in the midst of His goodness to them.  
Numbers 21:5-6

They constantly murmured/complained about everything! When you complain about your life, you are complaining against God!

#### **(V11-12): Do you learn from bad examples?**

All of these things happened TO THEM as examples FOR US; all of this HISTORY of the people of Israel, specifically of their sins & God's judgments against them for their sins is recorded for our admonition, so that we WILL NOT REPEAT HISTORY!

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed  
lest he fall"

If there were ever a people in Paul's day who demonstrated carnal confidence in their own abilities and strength, it was the Corinthians. Remember how many times Paul warned them about being "puffed up" or inflated with pride.

Proverbs 16:18: "Pride goeth before destruction, and an  
haughty spirit before a fall"

Proverbs 18:12: "Before destruction, the heart of man  
is haughty, and before honour is humility"

There is nothing good that can come from being proud, arrogant, and over-confident, ESPECIALLY our Christian lives. Oh that we (WHO STAND) might know and believe and trust that WE STAND by God's grace, and not by ourselves.

Romans 5:1-2, 1 Corinthians 15:1, Ephesians 6:13,  
Philippians 4:1

Let us learn from the examples written for our learning and admonition, take heed, lest we fall after the same example of unbelief.