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The incidence of the “*flood of waters*” which covered the Earth occupies a most notable place in the unfolding of history for two reasons. One, is that we see the glory of GOD revealed in HIS judgement of the wickedness of men as HE destroyed all living things. Secondly is that we see an even greater display of HIS glory in the salvation of mankind as HE showed grace unto Noah and his family. The LORD shut him in the ARK where he safely rode above the destruction and mayhem visited upon that race of which he was a part. The LORD alone made Noah to differ from all of those hapless souls who perished in that flood. Some of which, no doubt, were cursing GOD while others simply perished in their ignorance as transgressors of the commandments of GOD, happy with their religion of one type or another until the rain began to fall and the fountains of the deep were opened.

Another notable occurrence which involved the same “waters” was when the LORD parted the Red Sea, delivering the Israelites and destroying the Egyptians. Once again, we see that they were only made to differ from the Hamites because of the grace of GOD. *“For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”*

When the Israelites were crossing the Jordan River into the Promised Land, the LORD caused the “waters” of the Jordan to stand up as a heap and they crossed over on dry land. In this the LORD would demonstrate that it is not by might, nor by power, that the promise of GOD is visited upon HIS people but by HIS SPIRIT’s operation. *“Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.”* Elijah, that prince of prophets, along with his understudy and successor, Elisha, both parted the “waters” of Jordan in demonstration of the LORD’s power upon HIS WORD. And who can forget the answer of the LORD by fire upon Mt. Carmel, as it licked up the “waters” which were in the trench surrounding the sodden offering as HE demonstrated that HE alone is the GOD of all gods, having the prophets of Baal in derision. Was this not a foreshadow of HIS utter triumph over all principalities and powers which HE manifested upon Mt. Calvary and the garden tomb. *“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”*

When the LORD JESUS embarked upon HIS ministry among men, HE sought out a man, clothed in camel hair and eating locusts and wild honey, who was immersing men in “water”. This “water” had no power at all, yet the LORD used it to demonstrate HIS humility in being baptized unto “repentance”, in the behalf of all of those whom the FATHER had given unto HIM. It was upon this “baptism” that the FATHER spoke from heaven in approval of this ONE who came to manifest HIS Kingdom. *“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”* “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.”

HE turned the water into wine in Cana to make glad the heart of man. HE gave living water to an unworthy and sinful woman in Samaria. HE calmed the raging water and calmed the fears of HIS troubled disciples. Yet it was by the cruel stroke of men that HE was pleased to bring forth healing and forgiveness of sin. *“But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.”* “Rock of Ages, cleft for me; let me hide myself in thee; Let the water and the blood, From thy riven side which flowed, Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.” Have you drunk of this LIVING WATER which is CHRIST? Those who do shall never thirst again.

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