

# THE ROCK AND THE DREAM WATER

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Perhaps everyone of Jewish heritage and most Christians have heard sermons focused on the wilderness experiences the Jews went through after being delivered from the bondage of Egypt. Moses led them out of that bondage captivity with the promise that life was and would be far better when they were free. There was a land of promise waiting for them. Actually, that promise was much older than Moses. The promise came about 430 years before the great Exodus dating back to God's promise to Abraham. But regardless of how old the promise was, it became the motivating source of hope to the Jews now in harsh oppressive bondage. To the Jews, they had heard about the Promised land but their current circumstances seemed hopeless and an impossibility. Then Moses showed up and the hope was re-kindled. Then after they left Egypt and saw their enemy oppressors destroyed in the Red Sea behind them, the potential fulfillment of the dream seemed obtainable and within reach. But then just days into the wilderness, their thirst and hunger began to war against the new hope that had been imparted in the Red Sea crossing.

We find in Exodus chapter 17 the incredible Biblical account of God telling Moses that He (God) would provide water for the children of Israel ..... from a rock! But in verse 6 of that chapter 17, it specifically identifies that rock as "the rock in Horeb" (NKJV). The Hebrew word Horeb means "Desert" and is from a root word that means "to be desolate and to be in ruins". But the rock that was going to give water to save the Jews from dying in the wilderness is identified in Deuteronomy 8:15 as a "flinty rock". The Hebrew word for flint comes from a root word that means "to Dream, to be healthy, to be strong".

In this account of the Jews' wilderness experience, God is telling us that He is there in the midst of our wilderness experience when our hopes have been dashed by our situation and life circumstances. He is there to re-ignite our hope. He wants to kindle the dying embers of those dreams we had before we entered that wilderness experience. That rock contains the very water (call it Dream Water) that will get us through that wilderness and get us to the fulfillment of our dreams if we tenaciously seize (drink fully of) that Dream Water.

Over and over in scripture, you can see God speaking words of destiny and promise to His servants and then those same servants go through hardships and disappointments. In some cases, agents of death seemed to be stalking them. Hopeless circumstances loomed like dark clouds over them..... BUT GOD! When they entered their darkest hours, God was there. God showed up. Hebrews chapter 11 mentions a few of the saints who didn't lose faith in God's promise to them.

About that flinty rock that poured out that amazing "Dream Water" , 1 Corinthians 10:4 tells us "they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ" (NKJV).

So if you are going through your wilderness experience or if you know someone who is, Jesus is there pouring out for you His Dream Water. Drink deep. Stir up that passion to fulfill the dream God gave you before those situations and circumstances entered your life. God is there. His Holy Spirit will strengthen you again. He is there in your midst and will walk with you through the entire duration of that wilderness. Press on and fulfill that dream in your heart. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5 (NKJV)

Blessings,  
Papa Paul

## Exodus 17:1-7 (NKJV)

Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink."

So Moses said to them, “Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the Lord?”

3 And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, “Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?”

4 So Moses cried out to the Lord, saying, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!”

5 And the Lord said to Moses, “Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod (or staff or branch of a vine) with which you struck the river, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink.”

When God told Moses to strike the river, what was the problem with the River?

It was a barrier that would keep them from escaping bondage and going to freedom.

So then, since God told Moses to take that same rod and strike the rock, what was the problem with the rock? I just want to press in to answer that question.

Verse 1 Camped at Rephidim: Hebrew: means Rest Root Word means Support, resting places

Verse 6 “I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb”

Rock: Heb: Rocky WALL, cliff, block of stone, boulder

Wall's keep people out and away from seeing what's behind the wall.

Root word of this word ROCK is Strong's #6696 to bind, besiege, confine, cramp, secure, shut in, enclose, to show hostility to, be an adversary.

Horeb: Hebrew means: Desert,

Numbers 20:7-8 (NKJV) SPEAK TO THE ROCK

7. Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 8 “Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals.”

Deuteronomy 8:14-15 (NKJV) FLINTY ROCK

14 when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 15 who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, in which were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; “

See also Psalms 114:8 “Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of water.

Why do you suppose God added the adjective flinty to the word rock? Isn't it enough to tell us it was a rock? Adjectives are modifiers. They qualify the noun they modify.

For example: what do you think of when you hear the word snake? Do you think “danger”? If I say “Rattle Snake”? But what if I say “garter snake”?

Garter snakes are not poisonous to humans but they eat snails, slugs, worms, crickets, grasshoppers, birds, and small mammals. Larger garter snakes can eat frogs and rodents.

Spiders: Black Widow Spider

Granddaddy longlegs spider

**Flinty:** Hebrew: Flint (Strong’s #2496), rock

From (the root word) Hebrew: (Strong’s 2492) To Dream, To be healthy, be strong

Different Hebrew word for flint is found in:

Ezekiel 3:9 Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead....

Flint: A different Hebrew word: (Strong’s #6864) Flint, hard pebble, used as a knife.

Root word Strong’s 6696 - to bind, besiege, confine, cramp

**SO THERE ARE ROCKS AND THEN THERE ARE ROCKS. SOME ROCKS ARE ADVERSARIES, SOME ROCKS GIVE HOPE TO OUR DREAMS, THEY IMPART AND RENEW OUR HEALTH AND STRENGTH**

**JESUS WAS THAT ROCK IN THE DESERT GIVING THEM WATER, HOPE, STRENGTH, HEALTH**

**1 Corinthians 10:1-4 (NKJV) JESUS WAS THAT ROCK**

10 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all *passed through the sea*, 2 *all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea*, 3 *all ate the same spiritual food*, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.

A Rock in front of THE ROCK (The rock that contains our dreams)

The dreams you had from long ago seem impossible now. But you haven’t forgotten them. You’ve even asked God why you got the dream, the hopes, the desires if they aren’t going to come true for you. Your dream is like the rocks, even when you think they cannot and won’t come to fruition, you still have them deep in your heart. You keep hearing a voice saying you can’t do that. You could have before, but you didn’t, so now you can’t. Because you failed in those last attempts, you need to accept the fact you are a failure. And you have become so used to that voice in the wilderness, the desert of dryness, being wasted, the desert of Horeb, that you’ve made peace with that thing that stole your peace. And though God has provided a place of rest and support - Rephidim, you can’t see Him

**Jesus is the Rock who gives us Living Water to pursue the dreams He gave us:**

1. God gives us dreams before the wilderness

2. In the wilderness when it seems we will perish, It’s a dry and thirsty place filled with rocks to slow us down and obstruct our path. But in this same wilderness, God has made sure we can camp at a resting place and a place of support.

**THERE IS A ROCK IN THE MIDST OF THAT DESERT YOU ARE IN. A ROCK THAT WILL POUR FORTH – HOPE TO RENEW YOUR DREAMS, STRENGTH AND HEALTH**

1. When did the Israelites get the dream of being free? Before the wilderness or after they got in the wilderness?

2. When did Joseph get his dreams of ruling over his brothers? Before he was sold into slavery or after?

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**WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR?**

There are some who when they look in the mirror, all they can see is who they used to be. They see themselves as someone who can't seem to overcome those strongholds in their life. But what's going on is the enemy has erected that old image in the mirror so that's all the person can see. But as a new creation in Christ, that old image is only a picture that was taken before you met Jesus. Old pictures are good reminders of who and where you once were. It reminds you only of how great a salvation the Lord bought for you with His own Blood.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NKJV) says:**

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals,[a] nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionists will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

**2 Corinthians 3:17-18 (NKJV)**

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**SWORD-WIELDING INFANTRY**

**Judges 20:2 (NKJV)**

<sup>2</sup>And the leaders of all the people, all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand foot soldiers who drew the sword (Message Bible- Four hundred divisions of sword-wielding infantry)

**John 4:14 (NKJV)**

3. He told the woman at the well
4. 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

**Another meaning of the Hebrew word translated as rod is "branch"**

Jesus said in John 15:5 that "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

5. Once we (a branch) have struck the rock using and driven off the enemy that tried to bind up our dream and confine us to discouragement, Then we can receive the living water from He who is the Rock and He will pour out living water (hope) reminding us of those dreams. Not to discourage us but to say the dream God gave you is still living and active.... Even in the wilderness And there is a refreshing and strengthening and life in that living water from the Rock who gave us our dreams.

But for some of you, when you look in the mirror, you don't see the rock that has living water inside waiting to flow out and bring people to Jesus or to heal people or to speak hope into another person's despair, you only see who you used to be and you've concluded that you are unworthy to speak about how Jesus set you free and how Awesome God is. Your past is shielding you and binding you up and keeping you from going forth in the anointing God placed on you when you accepted His Son, Jesus, as your Lord and Savior.

So it's time..... Today..... Right NOW! To strike that old photo of you – that old image you see in the mirror- and destroy it in the Name of Jesus and declare you are a new creation in Christ Jesus and you destroy those chains that links you to the old person in the photos of the past. Strike it down now so you can see the NOW you in the mirror every morning. Anyone with a mirror with them take it out NOW. If you don't have one, borrow one from someone.

#### **LOOKING IN THE MIRROR AND MAKE THIS DECLARATION**

NOW look in that mirror and declare: "I destroy that old image of who I used to be NOW in JESUS' NAME. I declare that from NOW on, I will only see the real me ... the real image of who I am in Christ.... A New Creation, A child of God Almighty, seated at His right hand with my Savior Jesus Christ. Because my sins have been forgiven and washed away by the Blood of Jesus, I declare I am redeemed by the Blood of Jesus and that that same Holy Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead has quickened my mortal body. I am NOT who I used to be, I am saved, forgiven, delivered from past addictions, bondages, and faithless thought patterns with all their doubts and fears. I declare that I am free to walk with Jesus and live a Christ like life. In Jesus' Name! AMEN!

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#### **THE ROCK IN THE WILDERNESS IS A PROPHETIC PICTURE**

The Rock in the Wilderness (Who was Jesus) that gave the Israelites living water is a prophetic picture of you and me. Jesus told Peter in Matt. 16:18 "I say to you that you are Peter (in Greek - a rock), And like Peter, we are all rocks in Christ Jesus out of which should flow this living water to a dying generation.

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