

## Christophanies In Exodus

### Review: All OT appearances of God or the Lord are Christophanies

Definition: In a Christophany the Lord appeared in one location in an actual visible definite way. They are not permanent or lasting, but temporary to that moment of history. Christophanies are not an incarnation but a presentation. He appeared as a human or angel but did not become human or angel. He temporarily took the form but not the nature of a man or an angel.

### Exodus 3:1-8 - The Burning Bush

The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire

Out of the midst of a bush

Behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed

God called to him out of the bush, "Moses Moses"

Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet

For the place on which you are standing is holy ground

I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob

Presentation: The Lord as an Unconsuming Fire

Purpose: The Lord calls Moses to deliver His people

### Exodus 4:19-26 - Circumcision of the son of Moses

On the way the LORD met him and sought to put him to death

Context: Moses had failed to circumcise one son for his wife's sake

Presentation: The Lord as the Upholder of the Covenant

Purpose: The Lord held Moses accountable to Covenant requirements

### Exodus 11:4, 12:12-23 - The Lord of the Tenth Plague

Thus says the LORD: About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night

I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast;

On all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD

When I see the blood, I will pass over you

When I strike the land of Egypt

The LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians

When he sees the blood on the lintel... the LORD will pass over the door

Presentation: The Lord as Judge and Deliverer

Purpose: The Lord judged Pharaoh and Egypt and delivered His people

### Exodus 13:21-22 - The Pillar of Fire and Cloud

The Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them

By night in a pillar of fire to give them light

Presentation: The Lord as Guide, Shade and Light

Purpose: The Lord made known His enduring presence with His people

### **Exodus 14:19-25 - The Lord between Israel and Egypt**

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved

The pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them

Coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel

The Lord in the pillar of fire & of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces

Presentation: The Lord as Guardian of Israel and Warrior (14:14, 15:3)

Purpose: The Lord protected Israel and defeated Pharaoh and Egypt

### **Exodus 17:1-7 - The Rock**

Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb

You shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it

This event is a mixture of both Christophany and Type

Christ stood upon the Rock

But the Rock functions as a type of Christ

Striking the Rock = striking Him: a type or symbol of the Cross

The water = a type of the salvation flowing from the Cross

1 Corinthians 10:4 - the Rock was Christ

They drank from the spiritual Rock

The Rock followed them (sustained them throughout the wilderness)

Presentation: The Lord as the ever present Source of Salvation

Purpose: The Lord provided both practical and spiritual salvation

### **Exodus 19:9-11, 17-20 - The Lord on Mount Sinai**

Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud

The LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people

Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God

Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire

The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain

Presentation: The Lord as the Holy One

Purpose: The Lord prepares His people for the Law

### **Exodus 23:20-23 - The Lord's Angel leading His people**

The Lord describes a future and ongoing Christophany

Behold, I send an angel before you (to guard you & to bring you)

Obey his voice; do not rebel against him

For my name is in him

Presentation: The Lord as the Angel of the Lord

Purpose: The Lord assures His people of His presence for His purpose

### **Exodus 24:9-11 - The Lord of the Covenant**

They saw the God of Israel

There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone

And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel

They beheld God, and ate and drank

Presentation: The Lord as Covenant participant

Purpose: The Lord shares a celebratory Covenant meal with Israel

**Exodus 24:12-18 - The Lord meets with Moses on Sinai**

The glory of the Lord dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it

The glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain

Presentation: The Lord as a devouring fire

Purpose: The Lord met with Moses to reveal the Law and the Tabernacle

**Exodus 33:7-11 - The Tent of Meeting**

The pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent

Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face

Presentation: The Lord as the friend of Moses

Purpose: The Lord showing Covenant friendship to His people

**Exodus 33:18-23 - The Lord shows Moses His back**

I will make all my goodness pass before you

But, you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live

While my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock

I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by

Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back

Presentation: The Lord as the Glorious One

Purpose: The Lord answers Moses' prayer to see His glory

**Exodus 34:1-8 - The Lord writes the 10 Commandments again**

Present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain

The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord

Presentation: The Lord as the Law Giver

Purpose: The Lord restores His broken Law to His people

**Exodus 40:33-38 - The Lord moves into His House**

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting

The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle

The cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle

For the cloud of the Lord was on the tabernacle by day

Fire was in it by night in the sight of all Israel throughout all their journeys

Exodus 25:8 - let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst

Presentation: The Lord as the One Who dwells in the midst of His people

Purpose: The Lord makes His home with His people