



# JESUS AND WATER



| OLD TESTAMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | NEW TESTAMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, and the Spirit of God hovered over the waters, which were separated and gathered together by the word of God (Genesis 1:1-2,6-10; Job 28:24-26; 38:8-11; Psalm 33:7).                                                                  | The Word—whom we know as Jesus, the Son of God—was with God in the beginning, and all things were made through Him and for Him, and He sustains all things (John 1:1-18; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:2-3).                                                                                                                       |
| God brought the flood on the whole earth (Genesis 6-9), parted the Red Sea (Exodus 14:21-31), and parted the Jordan River (Joshua 3-4; 2 Kings 2:8,12-14).                                                                                                                                      | Jesus, the Son of God, calmed the wind and sea with a command (Mark 4:35-41) and walked on water (Matthew 14:22-33).                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| God provided water from a rock for His people in the wilderness (Exodus 17:1-7; Numbers 20:1-13; Psalm 78:20) and provided water for Elijah (1 Kings 19:3-9) and Elisha (2 Kings 2:19-22; 3:16-20).                                                                                             | The “spiritual rock” that provided spiritual drink in the wilderness was Christ (1 Corinthians 10:4), and now He provides all those who believe in Him with living water—the Holy Spirit (John 4:10-14; 7:37-39; cf. Revelation 22:1).                                                                                             |
| The priests and unclean people were cleansed with water for purification (Exodus 29:4; Numbers 8:7; 19:17; 31:23; cf. Psalm 51:2,7), and all the Israelites were considered to be “baptized into Moses,” under God’s law, through the exodus and parting of the Red Sea (1 Corinthians 10:1-2). | The sinless Son of God was baptized to fulfill all righteousness in an act of identification with sinners and as a revelation of His divine identity and purpose (Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:29-35). Jesus has commanded baptism now be made of believers in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20). |
| The prophet Elisha instructed Naaman to wash himself seven times in the Jordan River to be healed of a skin disease (2 Kings 5:10-14).                                                                                                                                                          | Jesus, the Son of Man, instructed the man born blind to wash in the pool of Siloam to receive his sight (John 9:6-11).                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| At Mount Sinai, after the people agreed to the covenant, they were sprinkled with blood and water (Exodus 24:4-6; Leviticus 14:4-6; cf. Hebrews 9:19-22).                                                                                                                                       | At Jesus’s crucifixion, after He had died, a soldier pierced His side and both water and blood flowed out, proving the validity of Jesus’s atoning death for our sins (John 19:34; cf. 1:29; 1 John 5:6-13).                                                                                                                       |

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