

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 **Examples of History – Fallen Generation**

Special advantages of the Fathers of Israel

1 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.

Do not follow the errors of the fathers

5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

Fathers examples to us

11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Commonality of temptations

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

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Facts Revealed

Special advantages of the Fathers of Israel [1 Corinthians 10:1-4]

- ✚ Two baptisms of the fathers of Israel, under the cloud and through the Red Sea.
 - ✧ The cloud was God's provision for guidance through the wilderness, representing baptism in the Holy Spirit, our guide to truth.
 - ✧ The dry ground path through the Red Sea was God's provision of deliverance to demonstrate they had died to the life of bondage and had been raised to a new life in God, to be God's own special people. [Exodus 19:3-6, Deuteronomy 7:6, 14:2, 26:16-19, Romans 6:4]
- ✚ They ate the same Spiritual food, Manna, provided at the Word of God, representing us feeding on the Word of God.
- ✚ They drank from that Spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.
 - ✧ The Rock at Rephidim represented Christ, God commanded Moses to strike the rock and it would produce abundance of water. [Exodus 17:5-6]
 - ✧ Striking the rock represented the suffering and death of Christ at the hands of men.
 - ✧ The second time God told Moses to speak to the rock. [Numbers 20:7-8]
 - ✧ After Christ suffered for our deliverance, we need only to speak to Him in prayer.

Do not follow the errors of the fathers [1 Corinthians 10:5-10]

- ✚ God was displeased with the generation that witnessed all His wonders in the land of Egypt and the Red Sea, who ate the manna, drank from the rock, and received His Laws.
 - ✧ Their bodies were scattered in the wilderness as they were caused to wander for 40 years.

- ✧ Of the original generation, only Joshua and Caleb entered the Promised Land.
- ✧ Their experience became an example for us as we learn that:
 - ✧ We should not lust after evil things, as they lusted. [\[beginning in Exodus 15:22 and on\]](#)
 - ✧ We must not become idolaters, as some of them did with the golden calf. [\[Exodus 30:1-6\]](#)
 - ✧ We must not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did and 23,000 died in one day. [\[Numbers 25:1-9\]](#)
 - ✧ We must not tempt Christ, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents. [\[Numbers 21:4-9\]](#)
 - ✧ We must not complain, as some of them complained and were destroyed.

Fathers examples to us [\[1 Corinthians 10:11-12\]](#)

- ✧ All these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages have come.
- ✧ The warning is, If you think you stand strong, beware lest you fall. It might be only a trial away.

Commonality of temptations [\[1 Corinthians 10:13\]](#)

- ✧ Satan's hands are tied, he is not allowed to bring a supernatural trial on us, so there is no temptation allowed to come your way except temptations that are common to mankind.
- ✧ God is faithful, and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able to handle.
 - ✧ When a temptation comes that seems exceptionally severe, it might be that God is bragging about your ability to stay faithful to Him to Satan like He did with Job. [\[Job 1:6-8, 2:3\]](#)
- ✧ With the temptation, God will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.
 - ✧ God has revealed in His written Word, His plan of rewards for all mankind who overcome the temptations of Satan, and that is our place in the Kingdom of Heaven, and the New Heaven and New Earth, and New Jerusalem.
 - ✧ The best is yet to be:

Revelation 21:1-4

1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

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- ✧ Knowing what is ahead for the overcoming Saints of God, strengthens us to remain faithful through it all, as we eagerly await the time of His coming. It is gained through faith in God's work of Salvation through Jesus Christ.
- ✧ The Holy Spirit has also been given to strengthen and guide us.