

METAPHYSICAL BIBLE INTERPRETATION

The Soul's Journey, part 5

GETTING YOUR FEET WET

The life of Moses is easily divided into three periods of 40 years each. 40 years in the house of Pharaoh before his flight after killing an Egyptian. 40 years of preparation in the wilderness prior to the exodus. And 40 years in the wilderness in preparation for entry into the promised land. The number 40 is a common symbol in bible stories: it rained on Noah in the Ark for 40 days and nights, Elijah spent 40 days in the cave before experiencing the "still small voice", Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days and night's before being tested of the devil, etc. It is symbolic for "the time it takes". It is the completeness of time in preparation of the necessary level of consciousness for the next step in the journey.

Moses' preparation in consciousness for his role can be seen as being on the three levels of being: spiritual, mental and physical. We can prepare ourselves for the changes in our lives by working on these levels in balance with each other. Spiritually we engage in daily periods of Prayer and Meditation to become open and receptive to the activity of spirit within. Mentally we utilize the practice of the release of negative beliefs in lack and limitation and affirm positive ideas for expression. Physically we take the steps we are guided to take; one step at a time we do that which is ours to do. When we prepare ourselves in a consciousness of the presence of God within, we are ready to accept the good that is ours by right of

consciousness and the "giants" cannot challenge us.

Moses is not allowed to enter the Holy Land, he dies on the mountain top after being allowed to see it. This "drawing out" consciousness is necessary to lift us out of the darkness of sense consciousness and lead us to where we can see the Promised Land, but it must be released before we can enter. A more refined level of awareness is necessary to lead us toward establishing our spiritual domain. Moses represents a "letter of the law" consciousness. Joshua (Jehovah is salvation), whose name is essentially the same as Jesus, represents our sense of I AM that is conscious of the presence of God/Christ within. "...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Josh 24:15)

Joshua's first challenge is to lead the people across the River Jordan. He instructs the priests to bear the Ark of the Lord into the river. When the soles of their feet get wet the river stops flowing at that point "...the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap..." (Josh 3:16). When we are committed to following Divine Guidance all manner of things occur to assist us in reaching our Promised Land of health and wholeness, peace and prosperity. This event can be explained scientifically by earthquakes and landslides; most "miracles" are not unexplainable events, but are miracles of timing and location. They can be easily discounted as coincidence, but they are still miracles.