

The Four Cups: From Promise to Proposal

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Bible Study: The entire Bible was written from a Jewish perspective. In order to get a better understanding of what is being said, many times it is best to study in the context and through a filter of Jewish culture and history.

The 4 cups represent the “I Will” promises of God

Exodus 6:6-7 *“I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdensome yoke of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgements. I will take you as My own people, and I will be your God.”*

The Cup of Sanctification: a.k.a. The Cup of Calling

- “I will bring you out from under the burdensome yoke of the Egyptians”
- **bring you out:** - (yatsa) to call forth, to set apart
- Answering the call is a choice
- **Yokes limit your vision and mobility.** Your head is down and it is difficult to look up.
- In the Bible, **Egypt is synonymous with sin and bondage.**
- **God is calling** to everyone saying, come out from under sin, put down the yoke and come walk with Me. I want to take you to a new and better place with freedom and vision.

The Cup of Deliverance: a.k.a. The Cup of Plagues

- “I will deliver you from their bondage”.
- **Deliver:** - (natsal) To snatch away, to rescue, to pass from one to another
- Deliverance requires movement and it is very often a choice.
- You will always be delivered **from** something **to** something.
- **“Winnie the Pooh”** *“I always get to where I’m going from walking away from where I’ve been”.*
- **The plagues were not just to exert pressure on Pharaoh and the Egyptians.** The Hebrews were in bondage, but the bondage was not just physical..... it was also spiritual.

The Cup of Redemption: a.k.a. The Ransom Cup

- “I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and mighty acts of judgements”.
- **Redeem:** - (gaal) to buy back, deliver, avenge
- This cup points to the Passover lamb and the blood on the doorposts.
- The blood was a public profession as to which God the Hebrews trusted.
- Who we serve is a choice
- Joshua 24:15 **“Choose for yourself this day who you will serve”**

