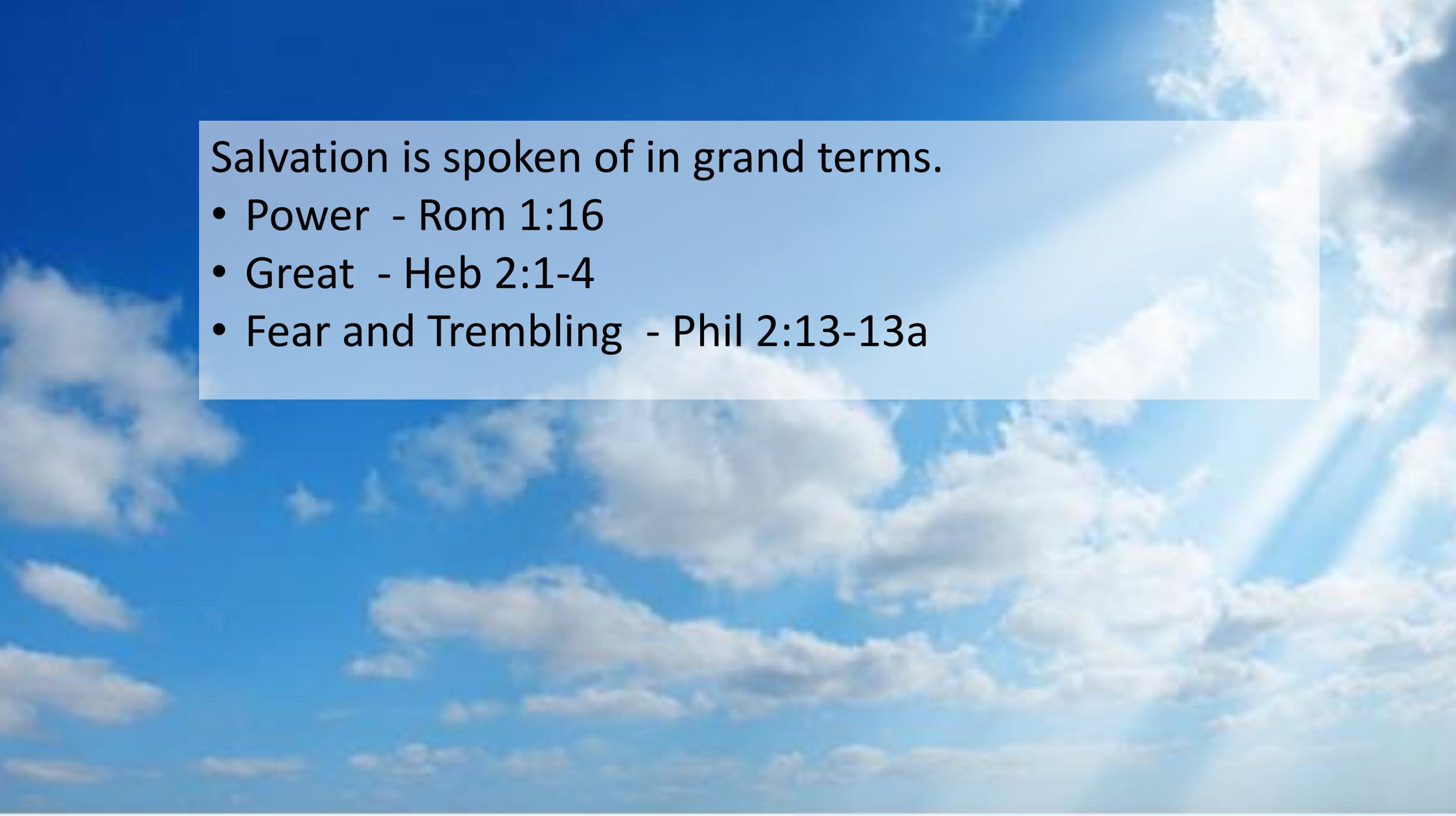


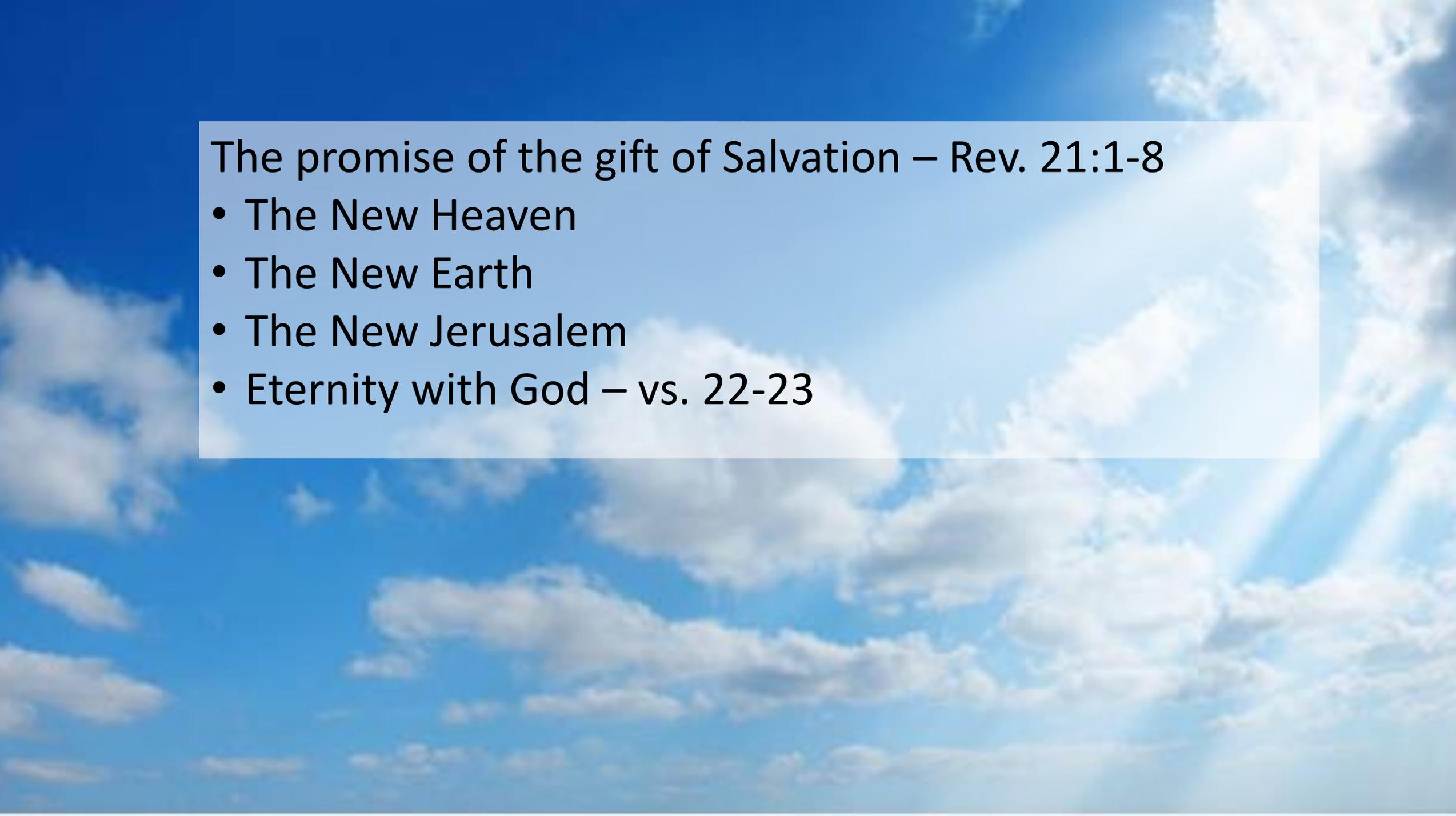
The Promise of Salvation

The background of the image is a vibrant blue sky filled with soft, white, fluffy clouds. In the upper right quadrant, there is a bright sunburst effect with rays of light extending across the sky, creating a sense of hope and illumination.



Salvation is spoken of in grand terms.

- Power - Rom 1:16
- Great - Heb 2:1-4
- Fear and Trembling - Phil 2:13-13a



The promise of the gift of Salvation – Rev. 21:1-8

- The New Heaven
- The New Earth
- The New Jerusalem
- Eternity with God – vs. 22-23

Other Promises of God

Promise to Abraham – Gen. 12:1-3

- A Great Nation
- A Blessing
- A Great Name
- He would be a Blessing
- To Bless those who Blessed him
- To Curse those who Cursed him
- All the Families of the Earth will be Blessed

Other Promises of God

Promise to Isaac – Gen. 26:4

- Multiply his Descendants as the stars of heaven
- Give the land of Canaan to his Descendants
- By his Descendants all the Nations of the Earth would be Blessed

Other Promises of God

Promise to Jacob (Israel) – Gen. 28:13-14

- His Descendants would possess the land of Canaan
- His Descendants to be as the dust of the Earth
- His Descendants would spread out North, South, East and West
- By his Descendants all the Families of the Earth would be Blessed

Promises of God Fulfilled

The books of Exodus and Joshua detail how almost all of these promises were fulfilled.

- A great nation of Israel were rescued from Egyptian slavery
- These Descendants were of great number
- They eventually were lead back to Canaan and possessed the land of promise
- They did NOT become a blessing to all Families(Nations) of the Earth. WHY?

God's Timeframe

His timeframe to complete his word is not like ours or even Abraham, Isaac or Jacob.

- Abraham lived 175 years
- Isaac lived 180 years
- Jacob lived 147 years
- Only 70 people of the house hold of Jacob entered Egypt.
- After they left Canaan it took over 400 years to fulfill the great nation promise and over 450 years to possess the land.
- God did not forget his promise during this time.

God's Covenants

God not only made promises he also made Covenants with his people.

These Covenants were binding for both sides

Gen 22:18 - The Nations would be blessed because of Abraham's obedience

Heb 8:6-12 – Israel forsook the Lord and broke their Covenant with God

God's promise of a blessing to all Families was not to be fulfilled by the Nation of Israel

A Shadow of Salvation

In God's first Salvation of the Israelites from the Egyptians we are given a foreshadowing of the final Salvation.

Heb. 10:1

For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.

A Shadow of Salvation

1. The Israelites were Slaves to the Egyptians. We are slaves to sin. John 8:34
2. The Israelites savior was Moses. Deut. 18:15-19
He prophesied of only greater who would come later -
Jesus the son of God

Likeness between Moses and Jesus

- a. Rescued from an evil king who wished them dead
- b. Left a place of glory to dwell with the lowly
- c. Produced many signs and wonders
- d. Delivered God's people from bondage
- e. Provided bread and water to the people
- f. Saw the form of God and heard the voice of God on behalf of his people
- g. Revealed the will of God
- h. Were the mediator of a new covenant and gave a new law to the people
- i. Instituted a new priesthood and sacrificial system to provide forgiveness of sins

A Shadow of Salvation

3. Israelites' redeemed sins by way of animal sacrifice. We have true redemption by means of a perfect sacrifice. Rom 6:6-23.
4. Israelites received a new covenant and new law given by their mediator Moses. We have a new covenant and new law given by our mediator the son of God, Jesus Heb 8:6-3
5. Israelites built a new tabernacle where the presence of God dwelled with them. We have a New Tabernacle where God dwells within us. 1 Cor. 3:16-17, 6:19-20, 2 Cor 6:16-18

A Shadow of Salvation

6. Israelites' were given a high priest who offered sacrifices on their behalf. Today we have a True High Priest in Christ Jesus. Heb 2:17-3:6
7. The Israelites embarked on a journey much like we after we have obeyed God embark of a new journey through the wilderness of this life
8. Finally the land of promise for Israel was the land of Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey. Our New Promised Land is a place of True Rest in heaven as we read in Rev. 21 earlier

Common Theme

The Biblical theme that unites: We are the New Israel

We are called to live out the original purpose for Israel

Gen 12:2-3

A blessing, A blessing to all families and nations

Jesus as the truest and most complete fulfillment of the
Promise to Abraham.

The world needs to know God, The Great I AM, the God of
Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the God of our Salvation

We must come to know him to become the blessing of
promise