

Torah Cycle 2018-19
Baptism: A Biblical Perspective

1 Corinthians 10:1-2

For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all were **baptized** into Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

βαπτίζω
(*baptizo*)
“to immerse”

טבל

(*taval*)

“to dip, immerse”

#1 - Genesis 37:31

So they took Joseph's tunic, and slaughtered a male goat and **dipped** the tunic in the blood.

#2 - Exodus 12:22

You shall take a bunch of hyssop and **dip** it in the blood which is in the basin, and apply some of the blood that is in the basin to the lintel and the two doorposts; and none of you shall go outside the door of his house until morning.

#3 - Leviticus 4:6

...and the priest shall **dip** his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before Adonai, in front of the veil of the sanctuary.

#1 - CHANGE of IDENTITY

רחץ

(*rachatz*)

“to wash thoroughly by
immersion (in water)”

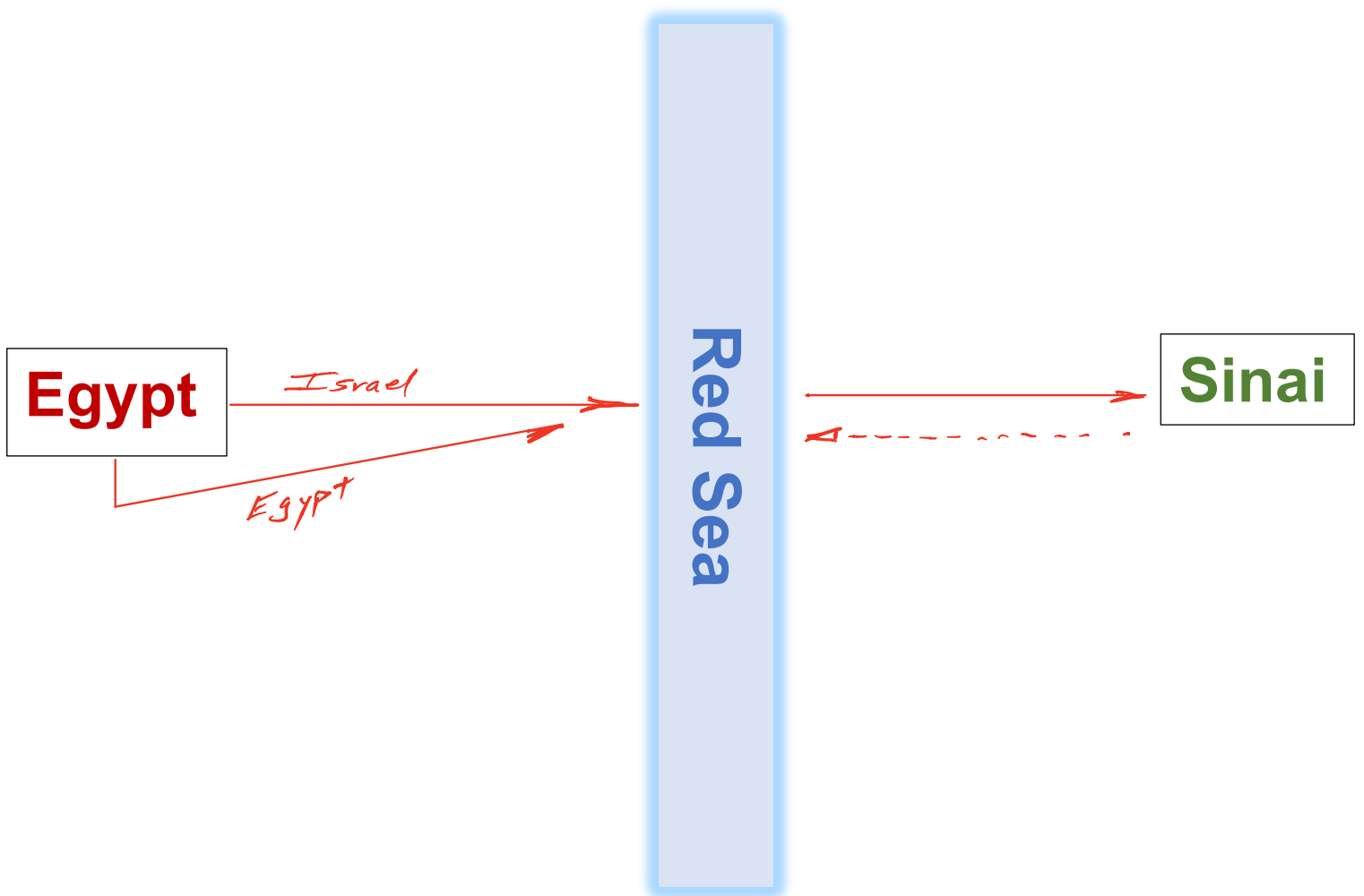
#2 - COMPLETION of a PHASE

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תקוה

(tikveh)

“hope”

מקוה

(mikveh)

“a gathering of water”

&

“hope”

Jeremiah 17:13

*Adonai, the **hope** of Israel ...*

... מקוה ישראל יהוה ...

Genesis 1:2

The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Genesis 1:10

God called the dry land earth, and the **gathering** of the waters He called seas. And God saw that it was good.



God