

1. Exodus as a Spiritual Journey:

- Historical/Physical – Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt
- Spiritual or Mystical aspects – the nature and message of the book transcend the physical/temporal.

2. Water Motif: Red Sea crossing is part of a larger Water Motif found throughout the Bible -

- The water motif occurs at moments of **transformation**.
- Represents **potential** and a **new creation** (born again).
- Water represents both chaos and potential at the same time:
 - The future is undifferentiated and unknown (chaos) – yet full of potential.
 - In partnership with God, we have the power to transform the potential (chaos) into order

3. Repeating Patterns:

- According to the mystical sides of Judaism and Christianity,¹ these spiritual patterns are continually repeating in the spiritual realm as we grow with God.

4. Genesis 1:

1. Water (both chaos and potential)	Genesis 1:2
2. Spirit (Heb. <i>Ruach</i> – wind)	Genesis 1:2
3. God Speaks	Genesis 1:3
4. Water (chaos) divided	Genesis 1:6
5. New Creation	Genesis 1 & 2
6. Temptation	Genesis 3
7. Sin (descent back into chaos)	Genesis 3

5. Noah –

- Noah is a de-creation event as the waters that had been divided in Genesis 1 are brought back together (Genesis 7:11-12)

1. Water (both chaos and potential)	Genesis 8:1
2. Spirit (Heb. <i>Ruach</i> – wind)	Genesis 8:1
3. God Speaks	Genesis 8:15
4. Water (chaos) divided	Genesis 8:2-5
5. New Creation	Genesis 9:1-3
6. Temptation	Genesis 9:20
7. Sin (descent back into chaos)	Genesis 9:21-24

¹ See Christian Mysticism - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_mysticism#Threefold_path

6. Exodus – crossing the Red Sea

- The birth of Moses (Exodus 2) is the beginning of a new era.
- His mother “saw and was good” (Ex. 2:2)
- Moses is placed in an “ark” (Ex. 2:3)
- Delivered over the chaotic waters in the ark – just like Noah.

1. Water (both chaos and potential)	Exodus 14 (Red Sea)
2. Spirit (Heb. <i>Ruach</i> – wind)	Exodus 14:21
3. God Speaks	Exodus 14:15
4. Water (chaos) divided	Exodus 14:21
5. New Creation	Exodus 14:31
6. Temptation	Exodus 32:1-2
7. Sin (descent back into chaos)	Exodus 32:1-2

7. Joshua 3

1. Water (both chaos and potential)	Joshua 3:15 (Jordan River at flood-stage)
2. Spirit (Heb. <i>Ruach</i> – wind)	Joshua 3:15-16
3. God Speaks	Joshua 3:8
4. Water (chaos) divided	Joshua 3:16-17
5. New Creation	Joshua 4 (Passover celebration – 4:19, 5:10)
6. Temptation	Joshua 7:1-2
7. Sin (descent back into chaos)	Joshua 7:1-2

8. Jesus

1. Water (both chaos and potential)	Mark 1:9
2. Spirit (Heb. <i>Ruach</i> – wind)	Mark 1:10
3. God Speaks	Mark 1:11
4. Water (chaos) divided	Mark 1:10
5. New Creation	Mark 1:11
6. Temptation	Mark 1:12
7. Sin (descent back into chaos)	NO SIN

9. Spiritual Growth Process:²

- Each level of spiritual growth – as we move toward a new creation – entails
 - Facing the chaos that is actually potential.
 - Move through the chaos
 - Ascend to a new level of spiritual awareness
- This process is most noticeably recognized in the Baptism of a new believer.

² For more on Christian Mysticism see Jason M. Baxter, *An Introduction to Christian Mysticism*