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From the Editor...



As the Passover approached 1982 years ago, Jesus Christ, the true Lamb of God, greatly desired to keep that last Passover with His disciples. Luke 22:15 states:

“And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.”

Jesus not only knew the Passover was coming, He knew it was the appointed time for Him to be mocked, scourged, and crucified as the prophets of the Old Testament foretold. He knew the time of His great suffering as the Passover Lamb was at hand.

Our Lord knew the scriptures describing His suffering, as recorded in Isaiah 52 and 53. He knew Psalm 22 and all the other verses in the Old Testament that pictured His coming affliction. He was fully aware of Isaiah's gruesome prediction in 52:14:

“As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

The Contemporary English Version renders verse 14:

“Many were horrified at what happened to him. But everyone who saw him was even more horrified because he suffered until he no longer looked human.”

Jesus knew the written Word of God, for He was the living Word of God! EVERY scripture and the true meaning of ALL of them involving His sacrifice had to be fulfilled, as Matthew 26:56 declares, “But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Christ had stated in John 17:17 that “thy word is truth.” Therefore, He was very careful to fulfill every detail of the prophets' writings.

But what about us today? Are we extremely careful to fulfill every detail in the observance of the Passover, this most special annual ceremony that symbolizes the suffering and death of our Savior?

Pause for a moment and ask yourself these questions:

- 1) What does the unleavened bread that we eat at Passover represent?
- 2) What does the wine that we drink at Passover symbolize?

The Bible provides the answers, so we will start in John 6:48-51 where Jesus makes this startling declaration:

“ I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the BREAD that I will give is MY FLESH, which I will give for the LIFE OF THE WORLD (John 6:48-51). (My emphasis throughout.)

Neither the disciples nor the Jews listening to Christ could understand the meaning of His words. And He continued:

“ Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, HATH ETERNAL LIFE; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed (John 6:53-55).

You can imagine the shocked expression on the faces of those listening to Christ’s message! They probably thought, “What does He mean, eat His flesh and drink His blood?” Those statements by the Son of God were completely misunderstood by the crowd and were utterly repulsive to those who heard them!

“ Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? ... From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him (John 6:60-61,66).

Today, through God’s mercy and His Holy Spirit, we recognize that Jesus was speaking spiritually, as verse 63 explains:

“ It is the spirit that quickeneth [gives life]; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

At that final Passover that Jesus so desired to keep with his dear friends, He spoke these words as recorded by Matthew:

“ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it [Jesus knew the scriptures commanded that not a bone of the Passover Lamb be broken. Ex. 12:46; Num. 9:12], and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body [Our Lord took the unleavened bread that was probably prepared as a thin cake that could absorb the juices from the Passover meal as “a sop” (John 13:26) and tore it into small pieces, distributing it to the disciples. The hard, crisp matzos traditionally used in the Passover service today do not convey the true meaning of His FLESH that would be ripped and torn to shreds.] And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it [the WINE] to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins (Matt. 26:26-28).

Jesus Christ was speaking spiritually, informing the disciples that He, from this point on, would be the Passover Lamb—that the Bread represented His body, and the wine represented His blood, as He had told them previously in John 6. In I Corinthians 11:23-26 the apostle Paul was inspired to repeat Christ’s

instructions with a more detailed explanation of the deep significance that is symbolized by the bread and the wine:

“ For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night [the true Passover] in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. [Paul knew that the Old Testament scriptures and John 19:36 had been fulfilled—“not a bone was broken”—but His FLESH was ripped to pieces.] After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye [observe the PASSOVER], as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me [in memory of His sacrifice and death]. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come.

These verses plainly state that the bread would represent Jesus’ ripped and torn body, and the wine in the cup would represent His spilled blood.

Paul also records a dire warning along with the instructions Christ had given him for us today.

“ Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord (1 Cor. 11:27).

Allow me to digress here to make a point. If all instruction for the Passover service is NOT followed in every detail, it is done in an “unworthy manner” and Paul’s warning of GUILT would apply!

I was “baptized” when I was 12 years old. I really had no true understanding of what baptism meant, but at a revival meeting, some of my friends and I answered the “invitation” at the close of the service and came forward and “gave our hearts to the Lord.” Then, the following Sunday we were baptized. My family belonged to the Disciples of Christ Church, and now I was an official baptized member. And being a member of that Church, I was eligible to partake of the Lord’s Supper every Sunday morning. That church used I Corinthians 11:26 and the statement “as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you do show the Lord’s death till he come” as a directive to observe that solemn ceremony every Sunday. We felt we were much more righteous than the other churches who observed “communion” only once a month or some who kept it only once every quarter or once a year. We kept it more OFTEN—thus we were more righteous!

I had no idea that our “communion” or “Lord’s Supper” was a distortion of the Passover service that was to be observed on the evening of the 14th of Nisan on God’s calendar, the anniversary of Jesus’ death. And that, of course, was once a year! It is a memorial of the death of the Son of God, and as often as we observe this anniversary, we remember “His death till He comes.”

We were ignorantly observing this solemn ceremony on the wrong day and at the wrong hour! Surely, that must be considered an unworthy manner!

Another act that must be considered “unworthy” is the preparation of the emblems that represent the body and blood of our Savior. The Bible plainly specifies that only unleavened bread be used as the symbol of Christ’s body. A good quality red wine, such as burgundy or mer-

lot, should be used to symbolize Jesus’ spilled blood.

In the Disciples of Christ Church, from the time I was 12 years old until I was nearly 30 years old, there were all kinds of different bread and wine used in the ceremony. The last time I remember partaking of the emblems in the local church here in Harleyville, we used crushed saltine crackers for the bread and grape soda was used for the symbol of His blood.

Again, 1 Corinthians 11:27 states:

“Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.”

We were ignorant and deceived in the church of my younger life! Nevertheless, we were guilty of observing this sacred ceremony in an unworthy manner and were guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

No one wants to be guilty of the BODY and the BLOOD of our Savior, but do we who have been called and baptized into the Church of God observe the Passover ceremony as God means for us to do? If every detail of the Passover service is NOT observed according to scripture, wouldn’t that be considered as partaking of the ceremony in an “unworthy” manner? Wouldn’t a person be “guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord” if they partook of the Passover with a false concept of the symbols in their mind?

How about us today? In whichever of the scattered churches you may be, at Passover, when you eat the unleavened bread symbolizing Jesus’ broken BODY, haven’t you been taught that your “physical sins” are forgiven? And when you drink the wine symbolizing His spilled BLOOD, haven’t you been

taught that your “spiritual sins” are forgiven? If you believe those statements you believe a false concept—a LIE—and are partaking of this most solemn ceremony in an “unworthy” manner!

Christ asked all those many years ago in John 6:61, “Does this offend you?” And I hope you will not be offended by the words in this article that are taken from the Holy Scriptures—the words of life!

Notice the following scriptures:

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation [conduct] received by tradition from your fathers; But with THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (I Pet. 1:18-19).

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN (I John 1:7).

“And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD (Rev. 1:5).

These scriptures tell us plainly that through Jesus Christ’s BLOOD ALL SINS, PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL, ARE FORGIVEN!

Now let’s look at I Peter 2:24 and the obvious fact that AFTER the terrible scourging and physical abuses He endured BEFORE He was led away to be crucified, NO SINS had been forgiven! Notice careful-

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by John Wood

Imagine billions dead, a charred polluted planet, and battered, traumatized survivors who have resorted to cannibalism. It sounds like the plot to a post apocalyptic novel or film, doesn't it? However, very soon, this will be a stark reality. The living will envy the dead.

Jesus said in Matthew 24:21-22,

“For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Why? Why would God allow this time of unparalleled suffering to occur? Proverbs 19:16 states,

“He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul; but he that despiseth His ways shall die.

God is very serious about people keeping His commandments, Holy

Days, and weekly Sabbaths. He will accept no other form of worship. He expects each of us on this earth to conduct ourselves with decency, dignity, honor, compassion, empathy, and love toward our fellow man.

Is this the way people are conducting themselves on this earth? Look around you; crisis, calamity, and disaster are the status quo. Does that sound like a world that is being blessed? Many are wondering why mass shootings, disastrous weather, fiscal cliffs, perversion, war, and violence are the norm now. Many experts tell the public that these problems will eventually be resolved or that they are an anomaly, and they lull everyone back to sleep. In other words people will wonder for a time why the latest calamity has occurred, but they soon forget about it and return to living the way they always have. Therein lies the problem. People around the world, especially in the West, are obsessed with accumulating the latest products, which they probably don't need. Avarice, or “the way of get,” is the philosophy of this world.

What does God say about the ways of this world and the consequences of following the “get” way of life? God reveals in Deuteronomy 28:15-20:

“But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. Cursed shall thou be in the city, and cursed shall thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Cursed shall thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that thou settest thy hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forgotten me.

God's words to ancient Israel still ring true today. Modern Israel, especially the white, English speaking nations, seem to be leading the charge in every type of sin or pathology there is. Just like their ancient ancestors, they are stubborn, contrary and rebellious in regard to keeping God's laws, statutes, and judgments. Switch on your television set, read a magazine or scan the news sites on the internet. What do you see? You see news reports of parents murdering their children, children murdering their parents, mass shootings at places of business, schools, malls, cinemas, or youth camps, millions of abortions conducted over the

years, CEOs' stealing millions or billions of dollars, gang rape, and horrific drug violence. It's not a pretty picture.

Is God going to sit aside and allow Israel to lead the world into deeper waters of sin? The answer is an emphatic "No." At some point in the very near future, God will severely correct Israel, and in the Millennium what is left of Israel will finally lead the world into following God's way of life. This is something they should have been doing since ancient times.

However, in order for this to occur, severe correction will come upon Israel and the lost sheep of God's flock who have been led astray by their leaders. Deuteronomy 28:23 states,

“And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron.” God tells Israel in Deuteronomy 28:30,32,

“Thou shalt betroth a wife and another shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein; thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shall not gather the grapes thereof... Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long. And there shalt be no might in thy hand.

Terrible heart rending punishments will be administered to a sin-laden Israel. Consider Deuteronomy 28:53-57:

“And thou shall eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the Lord thy God hath given thee,

in the siege and in the straightness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee: so that the man that is tender among you and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straightness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates. The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter. And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straightness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

This brutal and sickening scenario will be stark reality for the nations of Israel in the very near future unless they repent. However, given the attitude of these nations, that is very unlikely to occur. In fact Israel is heading in the opposite direction; hence the crucible of the Great Tribulation is a virtual reality.

Even after the horrors that Israel experiences in the siege, Israel retains her stubborn attitude toward God and will not repent. The Lord continues in Deuteronomy 28:58-61,

“If thou wilt not observe to do all the works of this law that are written in this book, that thou

mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, The Lord Thy God; Then the Lord will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Moreover, he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of: and they shall cleave unto thee. And every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

Warnings to repent will be given to Israel though His two witnesses during the Great Tribulation; however, the vast majority of Israel still refuses to repent. The book of Revelation indicates that there may be only 144,000 Israelites left. Hence God will increase and intensify plagues in order to compel repentance. God's great plan includes repentance in the future for these people. The vast majority of these people will not repent and they will die in the Great Tribulation. However, after they are resurrected in the Second Resurrection, they will remember the warnings, their rebellion, and the horrors they were subjected to as a result of their sins against God. The horrors of the Great Tribulation will bear fruit, either while it is happening or a thousand years after it is over. God does nothing in vain.

Nevertheless before that fruit is realized, great suffering ensues. Deuteronomy 28:62 states:

“And you shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude: because thou wouldest not obey

the voice of the Lord thy God.

God informed Abraham in Genesis 22:17,

“That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore, and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies.

Israel's numbers will be greatly reduced during the Great Tribulation through civil strife due to severe economic distress and nuclear war perpetrated by the descendants of Israel's old enemy, Assyria.

The survivors will be taken into captivity. The Lord tells Ezekiel in Ezekiel 5:2:

“Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part and smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind: and I will draw out a sword after them.

The Lord is drawing an analogy between what Ezekiel would do to his beard and what will happen to the current nations of Israel. One third will perish after economic collapse and after Israel's enemies lay siege to her cities and towns. Civil war, starvation, and even cannibalism will take their toll. Another third will be destroyed by Assyria after nuclear war. The last third will be taken into degrading captivity.

The Lord states in Ezekiel 5:7,

“Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you, and have not

walked in my statutes; neither have kept my judgments, neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you.

Notice God states that Israel has sinned more than other nations of the world. No wonder God is angry. They are to be the model of how nations and people are to conduct themselves. Yet they despise His law, judgments, statutes and Sabbaths. More and more, common decency and common sense is cast aside. Israel has become the antithesis of what a model nation of God's should be.

Consequently, God states in Ezekiel 5:8-10,

“Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold I even I am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations. Therefore the fathers shalt eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers, and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.

These are terrifying words of prophecy that are about to come true. We are talking about the catastrophic evisceration of nations.

Moreover, the Lord states in Joel 3:1-3,

“For, behold in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Je-

hoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. And they have cast lots for my people: and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might have drink.

The phrase “in those days” indicates the end times we are living in, or more specifically, the Day of the Lord. These are prophecies for our time in the very near future. The Lord is giving insight into what will transpire after the last third of the nations of Israel go into captivity. Our enemies will trade a boy for a harlot and a girl for bottle of wine. That vision comes with all of the most evil implications you can imagine. This is mind rending national captivity and slavery.

Assuredly God's words will be fulfilled to the letter. Ezekiel 5:13-15 states:

“Thus shall my anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the Lord have spoken it in my zeal, when I have accomplished my fury in them. Moreover I will make thee a waste, and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee, when I execute judgments in thee in anger, and in fury and in furious rebukes. I the Lord have spoken it.

Notice that other nations will be astonished at what has happened

to Israel. From lofty heights, the nations of Israel have been ravaged by civil and nuclear war and thrown into degrading and brutal captivity. Many of these gentile nations will have seen terrible things happen, but nothing as punishing as what happens to Israel in the near future.

Mr. Robert Ardis, the Pastor General of the Church of God's Faithful, in his book *Set Apart By Truth*, states on page 80:

“The most horrifying time ever to occur in man's history looms directly ahead! The Four Horsemen of Revelation 6 have been galloping over the earth for nearly ten years. Verse 8 gives the gruesome report that when the horrendous ride of the horsemen comes to an end, one quarter of the earth will have died!

“And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.’

However horrific this may sound, this is only the beginning. Consider this: there are over seven billion people on this planet; one quarter of seven billion is 1.75 billion people. That means that by the time the ride of the Four Horsemen is over, more than 1.75 billion people will have died. Shockingly, this is even before the Great Tribulation begins. A devastating war between the King of the North and the King of the South, and its consequences, will occur before the fifth seal of Revelation is opened by Christ. Mr. Ardis relates on page 81 of *Set*

Apart By Truth:

“Understand! The final thrust of the Four Horsemen will cause such monumental death and destruction that God will have His faithful quickly finish their rescue of the lost sheep who've been trapped in the synagogue of Satan, and will have a place of safety prepared for them before the fifth seal is opened. As the period of the 1290 days of Daniel 12:11 begins, it appears that the United States of America, most of the United Kingdom and the nations of Israel will have already been destroyed by complete financial collapse, terrorist activities, war, and famine [see Hosea 5:5 and Ezek. 5:12]. God's people must hurriedly wrap up the rescue work within 30 days, and prepare for departure to the place of safety.

The Church of God's Faithful must quickly finish the rescue work of the lost sheep because the Great Tribulation is about to begin. The great crucible is about to begin, with all of the most excruciating trials and horrors imaginable. It is our duty to warn the lost and blind begotten children of God before they enter the coming inferno. Mr. Ardis states in his booklet, *The Book of Revelation Understood at Last!* on page 51:

“The Midnight Cry must thunder forth to awake our sleeping brethren before the Great Tribulation begins. ‘The Bridegroom has come – go you out to meet Him’--the Kingdom of God is at Hand – The Day of the Lord has come – WAKE UP!

“Thousands of our brethren are asleep in the synagogues of Satan – and the Laodiceans are spiritually blind. They are begotten children of God and are in mortal and immortal danger. They must be rescued while there is time! We have ‘sighed and cried’ (Ezek. 9:4) for them; thus, at the time appointed, Christ will give us the POWER to wake them up!

To those who heed His warning and come to where He is working, the Lord promises through the apostle John in Revelation 12:14:

“And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Come while there is time. Awake before the crucible of the Great Tribulation arrives with all the horrendous trials it brings. May God help you understand truth when you see it. ❖



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Could Passover Be on the Fifteenth?

by Reuben Lister

Everyone knows that Christmas day is the 25th of December, and not the 26th. Also, Good Friday is always on a Friday, Palm Sunday is on a Sunday, Independence Day in the U.S. is the 4th day of July and, in the western world, New Year's Day is the 1st day of January. There doesn't seem to be any debate over the exact timing of these dates or days, but, mention that the Passover is on the 14th of Nisan, and the churches of god are at each other's throats, so to speak.

These churches of god all claim that they are either **the one and only** true church of God or, if not, then they believe that they are part of the one and only true Church of God, made up of the hundreds of churches that go by the name Church of God, the Church that Jesus said He would never leave or forsake, the Church that Jesus also said that should not be divided. Hebrews 13:5 says, "I will never leave or forsake you."

These bickering churches don't even agree on when the Passover was and should be observed, and yet this is one of the most important events recorded in the Holy Bible. They can't even agree on this, and yet they claim to be God's

Church and to represent His work.

How would we like to do business with an organization like that in our day-to-day life? Imagine the confusion if we were to speak to a salesman who was from the Ford Motor Company who described a particular vehicle as rear-wheel drive, but then a day or two later another salesman who said he was also from Ford, told you that the particular vehicle was indeed front-wheel drive. Confused?

What if another salesman, also claiming to represent Ford, then told you that both of the other two salesmen that you spoke to earlier were wrong, and the vehicle was in fact all-wheel drive! Who would you trust?

How confusing is all of this? It would twist your brain! You certainly would be very confused, as they all supposedly work for the same company. All three have the Ford logo on their coats and they also have the Ford brochure, the Ford bible if you like (with all the vehicle's specifications), which clearly explains the drive train of the vehicle in question.

Isn't that just like what we see in the churches of god? There is nothing but confusion! They can't even agree on when the Passover is to be observed--is it on the 14th or the 15th? (Is it a rear-wheel drive, a front-wheel drive, or an all-wheel drive?)

God is not the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33)!

1 Corinthians 1:10 says,

“Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye

be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

Could these churches actually be taking God's name in vain when they claim to represent Him--if, indeed, they are not His one and only true Church?

Revelation 2:9 tells us,

“I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich) and I know the blasphemy of those that say they are Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan.

They claim to represent God when they really don't.

They have the Church of God's logo on their coats and have God's manual, the Bible, (the hand-book, with instructions) in their hands, and in that handbook we are told when to observe the Passover.

When God says that He has only one true Church, not hundreds that argue and poach each other for members, He means just what He says--He has only one true Church! God places the blame for this confusion squarely on those responsible--the ministry, sad to say.

Jeremiah 50:6 spells it out in very clear language. Notice this indictment: "They have forgotten their resting place." That's right, they don't know where to go! With that in mind, is it any wonder, then, that there is so much confusion about when the Passover should be observed?!

So, when does the Holy Bible say that the Passover was, and indeed should be observed? Is it on the 14th, or should it really be observed on the 15th, as some churches teach? We will start by looking at when the Passover was observed,

many years after it was instituted, in ancient Israel, to see if we can find the date it was kept.

First, we read in Ezra 6:18-19 that

“ They assigned the priests to their divisions and the Levites to their divisions over the service of God in Jerusalem as it is written in the Book of Moses. And the descendants of the captivity kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month.

Then turn to Numbers 33:3.

“ They departed Rameses in the first month on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the passover the children of Israel went out with boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians.

If the children of Israel went out of Egypt on the 15th day of the first month, on the day after the Passover, then what day would the Passover be? The day before the 15th has to be the 14th!

To observe the Passover on the wrong day or at the wrong time in ancient Israel would have cost you your life. We read about this in Exodus 12:13.

“ Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Another Bible verse that tells us when the Passover is to be observed is found in Numbers 28:16-17.

“ And on the 14th day of the first month is the passover of the Lord. And on the 15th day of this month is the feast; unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days.

Once again we are told the Passover is on the 14th.

There is more:

“ Let the children of Israel keep the passover at its appointed time. On the fourteenth day of this month at twilight, you shall keep it at its appointed time, according to all its rights and ceremonies you shall keep it (Num. 9:2-3).

What day did the children of Israel keep the Passover? Verse 5:

“ And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month, at twilight in the wilderness of Sinai...

Leviticus 23:4 tells us what the feasts of the Lord are and when they are to be kept. We read, then, in verse 5:

“ On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord's passover.

And in verse 6:

“ And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread to the Lord; seven days you must eat unleavened bread.

Also in Joshua 5:10 we see:

“ Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of

the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho.

All holy days are observed starting at sunset the day before. There are no exceptions. For example, the weekly Sabbath begins on Friday, the sixth day of the week, at sunset as do all the Holy Days.

Just to further prove when a Holy Day begins (for that matter, when any day begins, Holy Day or not; Gen. 1:5) and that there are no exceptions, we will look at when the Day of Atonement begins. Leviticus 23:27 tells us this:

“ Also the tenth day of this seventh month shall be the day of atonement. It shall be a holy convocation for you; you shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

We can see here that the Day of Atonement is to be kept on the tenth day of the month. But is that at the end of the tenth day at sunset or the end of the ninth day at sunset? Does the Bible tell us? Verse 32 says,

“ It shall be a Sabbath of solemn rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on the ninth day of the month at evening, from evening to evening, you shall celebrate your Sabbath.

So, we have established when a day begins. A day begins at sunset the day before, as we have just seen. Now with that firmly in mind, we will look at the First Day of Unleavened Bread and see when it was kept, and continue to prove when the Passover is to be kept.

Numbers 28:17-18 says,

“ And on the fifteenth day of this month is the feast; unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And on the first day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work.

If the First Day of Unleavened Bread is on the fifteenth day and all days begin and end at sunset, then the First Day of Unleavened Bread had to begin at sunset the day before. The day before the fifteenth has to be the fourteenth, and according to Numbers 33:3,

“ They departed Rameses in the first month on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the day after the passover the children of Israel went out with boldness in the sight of all the Egyptians.

Keeping the First Day of Unleav-

ened Bread at the correct time is further proof that the Passover is to be observed on the 14th day of Nisan. There is not one single scripture in the entire Bible where Passover is to be observed on any day except the 14th day of the month. In this article I purposely have not delved into the meanings of words, to keep the explanation as simple as possible.

“ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ (2 Cor. 11:3).

The Passover is to be kept on the fourteenth day of Nisan forever:

“ And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever (Ex. 12:24). ❖



Fantastic, miraculous, spectacular healings occurred in the first century through the ministry of Jesus Christ—and by His apostles and disciples. Were those astonishing healings only for that time in history?

“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (Mark 16:17-18).

Are we not believers today? Yet, so many are sick and need healing—and some have died—just as I Corinthians 11:29 states. What does “not discerning the Lord’s body” mean? Why is God not healing those who really do believe today?

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From the Editor.

ly—He bore our sins to the cross.

“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed (1Pet. 2:24).

Our sins and the sins of the entire world were heaped upon the Lamb of God as he was brutalized. His ripped and torn FLESH was for the LIFE of the WORLD. After His death, our physical sins could be HEALED through His stripes. After His death, our spiritual sins could be forgiven through His ripped and torn BODY, symbolized by the VEIL in the temple.

But NO SINS were forgiven UNTIL Jesus poured out His life's BLOOD and died! Leviticus 17:11 states that “the life is in the BLOOD.” Therefore, as the Roman soldier thrust his spear into Christ's side, the remainder of His blood poured forth and He died. The Creator of life gave His life!

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him (Rom. 5:8-9).

To partake of the wine at Passover believing that only our “spiritual” sins are forgiven is WRONG! All of our sins, are forgiven by His BLOOD!

And let me repeat what we have seen concerning the BREAD. We have looked at John 6:48 where Jesus declared that He was the Bread of LIFE! In verse 51 our Lord gives more information about His BODY—His FLESH:

“I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Jesus was beaten nearly to death. He was scourged to the point that He did not appear to be human. Isaiah 52:14, referred to earlier, deserves to be repeated:

“Many were horrified at what happened to him. But everyone who saw him was even more horrified because he suffered until he no longer looked human (CEV).

Psalm 22 describes the vicious beating Jesus underwent before He was crucified, and His suffering on the stake. Verse 17 declares that his flesh was so ripped and torn that His bare bones could be seen. He was mutilated to the extent that His flesh was represented by the veil within the temple that was ripped and torn from top to bottom the instant He died.

Hebrews 10:19-20 is rarely mentioned at Passover, but should be emphasized at every Passover service. It tells us:

“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, [Because our sins are forgiven by His BLOOD, we are able to come before the Father.] By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.

We have access to the Father through the ripped and torn VEIL as a symbol of Jesus' BODY—His FLESH.

As our Passover died, our sins were forgiven by His spilled BLOOD. Then His FLESH—His ripped and torn

BODY—made it possible for us to have access to the Father, through the torn VEIL, that our prayers might be heard. It is through His stripes that we are healed physically. Being dead to sins (because they have been forgiven), we baptized Christians should live unto righteousness by the Father and Christ living within us (John 14:23; Isa. 53:5).

“Who his own self BARE OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BODY ON THE TREE, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed (1 Peter 2:24).

We are preparing for Passover! We must examine ourselves as I Corinthians 11:28 instructs before we partake of the Passover. II Corinthians 13:5 tells us to:

“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobrates?”

This article is written in love to all who probably have never heard or read of the details related here. But, hopefully, we can all have the same deep desire that our Lord Jesus had as he approached His last Passover in the flesh, and that we can ALL be together in UNITY—in ONE ACCORD—and end the DIVISION that is separating the Body of Christ today. With Jesus Christ and our Holy Father living their lives in us and with us observing this coming Passover truly “IN THE FAITH,” this could be the beginning of the Church being healed.

Your brother in Christ,



BIBLE STUDY

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The Plain Truth About Revelation 21 and 22

Part II



By Robert Ardis

This presentation is in a Bible study format to help you more easily grasp the fantastic understanding of these two amazing chapters of Revelation!

Study Notes on Revelation 21 and 22—Part 2

In Part 1 of this study, in the last issue of *The Midnight Cry*, we saw that the events of Revelation 21 and 22 are out of time sequence. We looked at time periods #6, #5, and #4, in Revelation 21:1-8.

#2

Drastic change in time setting begins in Revelation 21, verse 9! This verse is directly **AFTER** the First Resurrection—**BEFORE** the “vials of wrath” are poured onto the earth. The events of verses 9 through 21 are happening during the 111 days when the firstfruits are receiving orientation in HEAVEN—**BEFORE** Christ takes command of Planet Earth! Label Revelation 21:9-21 as time period #2.

Before we examine the verses of time period #2, let’s review some verses regarding the First Resurrection and the firstfruits:

“In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the

dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed (1 Cor. 15:52).

“For the LORD himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the LORD in the air: and so shall we ever be with the LORD (1 Thes. 4:16-17).

“But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming (1 Cor. 15:23).

“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy (Jude 24).

“These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb (Rev. 14:4).

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: *for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints* (Rev. 19:7-8).

Now back to Revelation 21 and the details of time period #2.

“And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, [notice that the angel has not yet poured out the seven last plagues] *and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife.* [The bride at this point has been married and is the WIFE of Jesus Christ. This is important to realize—the marriage happens shortly after the First Resurrection, and before the millennial reign begins.] *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God* (Rev. 21:9-10).

This is truly amazing! Apparently, the new Jerusalem can be seen

from the vantage point of the great and high mountain here on the earth during the 111 days prior to the millennial reign of the Kingdom of God.

“Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal (Rev. 21:11).

These verses show the Holy City, New Jerusalem, descending from Heaven and continuing to be visible from earth even at the beginning of the Millennium! We will skip over some of the description of the Holy City, its dimensions, the wall and the gates, and study this later. But, at this point it should be explained that the spiritual temple (the Holy City) and the physical temple of Ezekiel 40-48 that Christ will build at the beginning of the Kingdom of God, are type and antitype. In these chapters of Ezekiel, it is indicated that the new heavens and new earth Christ will re-create at the beginning of the Millennium will NOT be done in ONE WEEK as in the Genesis 1 re-creation, but over a period of time that entails the completion of the PHYSICAL TEMPLE, or at least the FOUNDATION and the THRONE being set up!

Living, healing water will flow out of the throne of Christ. See Ezekiel 47 and Zechariah 14:8! Note the trees and the leaves—type and antitype of Revelation 22:1-2.

Scriptures concerning the BRANCH (Christ) and the construction of the PHYSICAL TEMPLE:

“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse [David], and a Branch [Jesus] shall grow out of his roots (Isa. 11:1).

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King

[Jesus] shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth (Jer. 23:5).

“Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH [Jesus Christ] (Zech. 3:8).

“And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he [Christ] shall build the temple of the LORD (Zech. 6:12).

“The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts (Hag. 2:9).

“And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the LORD God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end” (Luke 1:30-33).

Now back to Revelation. Note that the vials of the seven last plagues are poured out during the 111 days of time period #2. Let's look at the verses that show that these vials are symbolic of the Wrath of God.

THE WRATH of GOD!

“And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God [more clearly stated in Rev. 6:16-17 as “the WRATH of the LAMB”] (Rev. 15:1).

“And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth (Rev. 16:1).

“And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, *It is done* (Rev. 16:17).

“And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters (Rev. 17:1).

#3

Now continue in Revelation 21:22-24:

“And I saw no temple therein: for the LORD God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

This is describing the wonderful World Tomorrow! Label Revelation 21:22-27 as time period #3—the

Millennium!

Who are the nations that have been saved, that walk in its light? Who are the kings of the earth during the Millennium?

To answer these questions, let's focus on the events happening immediately AFTER the seventh trumpet that announces the First Resurrection. We need to try and internalize the transition from our PHYSICAL body to the glorious SPIRITUAL body at the Resurrection!

The First Resurrection and time periods #2 and #3 blend together in the following scriptures:

“And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, *The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our LORD, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever* (Rev. 11:15).

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever (Dan. 2:44).

“And hast made us [the 144,000 firstfruits] unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth” (Rev. 5:10).

“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and

reigned with Christ a thousand years (Rev. 20:4).

“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads (Rev. 14:1).

“In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. [Jesus will prepare the NEW JERUSALEM as the dwelling place of His WIFE—see Rev. 21:9-10 again!]. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also (John 14:2-3).

The questions again:

1. Who are the nations that have been saved?
2. Who are the kings of the earth during the Millennium?

Answer to #1: The 144,000 physical Israelites of Revelation 7:1-8 (NOT the FIRSTFRUITS) that will be saved from the Day of the Lord's Wrath will become the MODEL nation for the World Tomorrow and also the few Gentile nations who survive the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord's Wrath. The Gentiles will be given the knowledge of God's plan during the Millennium, but do not receive the Spirit of God. See Isaiah chapter 60 and 11:10-16 and Zechariah 14:12-19—read and meditate on these verses.

Answer to #2: The 144,000 firstfruits will be the SPIRITUAL kings and priests under Jesus Christ—see Matthew 19:28-30, Revelation 5:10 and 20:1-4. The PHYSICAL heads of the 12 tribes that make up the nation of Israel and the leaders of

the Gentile nations will, apparently, have the title of king, but the scripture is clear that Christ will be King of kings and the firstfruits will be kings and priests.

Continue in Revelation 21 at verses 25-27 which is still in time period #3:

“And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they [the 144,000 firstfruit kings and priests] shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it [into the HOLY CITY as it apparently hovers above the earth during the Millennium. The New Jerusalem is 1500 miles square; Earth's moon is 2160 miles in diameter]. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.”

Isaiah 60 presents the same picture and depicts the firstfruits FLYING back and forth to the New Jerusalem, “Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?” (v.8). They are the 144,000 firstfruits!

#6 Again

Chapter 22:1-5 returns again in time to period #6 and the presence of the Father, but let's add the description of the gates and the wall of the Holy City from Revelation 21:10-22:

“And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like

a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: [Will the PILLARS of the temple have the names of the Philadelphia era members, the CGF, who qualify for this lofty position, inscribed upon them?] On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald; The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the LORD God Almighty and the Lamb are the

temple of it [and the PILLARS are stationed there with the Father and Christ!]

Now, as we enter the gates and go into the city, chapter 22 presents the following picture:

“ And he shewed me a pure river of *water of life*, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb [in the holy, heavenly Jerusalem—again in type, see Ezek. 47]. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there *the tree of life* [which is symbolic of the Holy Spirit], which bare *twelve manner of fruits* [Refer back to Points to Remember, #2, at beginning of this paper. Nine of the fruits of the SPIRIT are listed in Gal. 5:22-24: *love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance*. Eph. 5:9 reveals two others: *righteousness and truth*. And #12 is wisdom, stated as “the principal thing” in Prov. 4:7 and I Cor. 12:8]...*and yielded her fruit every month* [From this statement it appears there will continue to be days, weeks, months, and years as we know today!] (Rev. 22:1-2).

Possibly this also indicates there will be convocations at the beginning of the month for the consumption of God’s Word. Everyone will be SPIRIT-BEINGS—members of the God-family at the point described here. I cannot find a biblical explanation for the “leaves” of the “tree”; therefore in speculation the “leaves” might be symbolic of the pages of the Bible that are for whatever spiritual “healing” that would be needed. **But why should God-Beings need healing?** Remember, these are people from all ages who will be resurrected at the Second Resurrection and qualify for the Kingdom during that 1000

years. The “healing” most likely will be a great joy to experience. It could be one of the deep things of joy that we cannot imagine today. Perhaps the “leaves” produce **positive** growth in spiritual character or abilities and not in a **negative** need to be forgiven of sin (Mark 2:9). All will be God-beings and will not sin! ...*and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations* (#1484, Gentile, heathen, nation, people).

“ And there shall be no more curse [Again, at this point in time ALL will be SPIRIT—there will be NO SIN—thus, NO CURSE]: *but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:* [We will be children of God, but as Jesus suffered as a servant (Phil. 2:7-8), ALL God-beings will be happy to serve our God!] *And they shall see his face* [This phrase gives the definite time period. No man can look at God’s face (Ex. 33:20), so this must be period #6 after everyone has qualified and made it into the family of God] ... *and his name shall be in their foreheads* [just as the firstfruits are described in Rev. 14:1-5]. *And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the LORD God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.* [Eye has not seen nor ear heard or even imagined the JOYS God has prepared for the firstfruits—and for ALL others who qualify for the Kingdom.] (Rev. 22:3-5).

In time order, the scene in Revelation 7:9-17 should also be placed here. As stated in our early booklet, The Deep Things of God, this magnificent scene shows the successful conclusion of the PLAN of God and we understand now that this scene is in the New Jerusalem!

“ After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb [The scene here is in the New Jerusalem], clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which *sitteth upon the throne* [See again Rev. 21:3 to affirm that New Jerusalem at this point in time is *the dwelling place of God*], and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round

about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed

their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: *and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.* They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall *lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes* [See the same wording in Rev. 21:4] (Rev. 7:9-17). ❖

There are Approximately 111 Days Between the Resurrection of the 144,000 Firstfruits and The Return of Christ and His Wife at the Feast of Trumpets.

Where Will You Be?



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6.1 magnitude earthquake strikes near planet's southern pole

March 19, 2013 – ANTARTICA – A 6.1 magnitude struck the South Sandwich regions of the southern pole near Antarctica. The epicenter of the earthquake was 121 km (75 miles) E of Bristol Island, Antarctica. The depth of the earthquake was 31.3 km (19.4 miles).

This is the fourth major earthquake to strike the planet in the month of March. Bristol Island is composed of several active volcanoes with eruptions reported in 1823, 1935, 1936, 1950 and 1956. The planet remains under elevated risk for a major earthquake through March 23. Heightened volcanic activity has been recorded at many of the world's volcanoes over the last five days.

Costa Rica shaken by double tremors: Two earthquakes once again rocked Costa Rica in the early morning hours on Saturday. The first, with a magnitude of 3.8 on the Richter scale struck at 2:50am, while the second of 4.2 magnitude struck at 3:52am, according to the National Seismological Network. The quakes struck at depths of 60 kilometers and 91.6 kilometers, respectively. The quakes were once again caused by the subduction of the Cocos plate. –Inside Costa Rica

<http://theextinctionprotocol.wordpress.com/...>

Comment: Increased earthquake activity remind us that the first four Seals of Revelation 6 have been opened.

"For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

And ye shall hear of wars and rumour of wars: See that ye are not troubled: For all these things must first come to pass, but the end is not yet.

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matt 24:5-7

It then goes on to say that all these are just the beginning of sorrows, because the 5th Seal of the Great Tribu-

lation is not far away.

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

And except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." Matt 24:21-22

Conditions in this world will get worse and worse as time goes on but God will not allow us to destroy the earth and ourselves because of the madness of human nature. The horrendous time ahead will be cut short and God will usher in the Wonderful World Tomorrow! Deception, wars, famines, pestilences and yes earthquakes will be things of the past. All these will be the beginning of real joy!

CONFISCATION: Panicked Europeans Rush ATMs as Leaders Move To Seize Funds Directly From Bank Account Holders

Over the last few years political and financial leaders in Europe and the United States have implemented policies, regulations and bailouts costing global taxpayers trillions of dollars with the promise that these measures would lead to economic growth and recovery.

What happened in Europe today is yet further proof that nothing they've done has fixed the underlying fundamental issues surrounding the events that led to the crash of 2008.

For those who don't believe the government is prepared to take extreme measures that may include the seizing of retirement accounts, cash savings or even gold, look no further than Cyprus, the latest recipient of bank bailouts.

As of right now, citizens of Cyprus are scrambling to withdraw funds from their bank accounts after the EU, with agreement from the Cypriot government,

announced they will decimate funds held in personal bank accounts to the tune of up to 10% of existing deposits.

You read that right.

The European Union has made the determination that the people of Cyprus are now responsible for the hundreds of billions of dollars in bad bets made by their government and bank financiers, and they are moving to confiscate money directly from the bank accounts of every citizen in the country.

[http://www.shtfplan.com/...](http://www.shtfplan.com/)

Comment: There are those in our society who would rather take what someone else has earned than produce something themselves. Over the years to combat the increasing amount of theft from people's bank accounts extra security measures have been put into place in Automatic Transfer Machines (ATM's).

However, we didn't expect, or think it possible that the government would be able to raid our bank accounts themselves. Presumably the E.U will somehow make it "legal" so there will be little the citizens of Cyprus will be able to do about it, except to raid their own accounts and keep their money under the floorboards!

The financial position for most people is gradually getting worse and worse, but what can be done about it?

"Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways." Hag 1:5-7

This latest governmental attack on people's living standards is not the fault of the people. However all have come short of the glory of God. (Rom 3:23). As the scripture in Haggai says, twice, we should be considering our ways!

Made Poor by the Crisis: Millions of Europeans Require Red Cross Food Aid

Two-thirds of national Red Cross societies within the European Union have begun distributing food aid, according to the head of the aid groups' international organization -- a sign that the economic crisis in Europe is having an alarming effect on poverty.

Yves Daccord, Director-General of the International Committee of the Red Cross, said on a visit to New Delhi on Monday that the scope of food distribution

had not been at its current level since the end of World War II.

Germany's relative economic strength has made it mostly immune to the rise in food need. In contrast, the Spanish Red Cross is supporting 3 million Spaniards with food aid. Daccord said the need in Spain was so great that the organization has begun soliciting donations for not just foreign, but domestic operations as well.

A document published by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies provides more detail on the food need. Last year alone, the Spanish Red Cross provided 33 million kilograms (73 million pounds) of groceries to the needy. It also supported 21,500 people with water and electricity, or with financial aid in paying rent.

The organization's counterpart in Romania has been operating a donation-based food distribution program since 2009. Three million people live in absolute poverty, according to the aid group, a figure that constitutes 14 percent of the country's total population. The relative poverty rate in Romania is also shockingly high, at 40 percent. Last year, the Romanian Red Cross distributed more than 500,000 kilograms (1.1 million pounds) of food to more than 81,000 needy families.

[http://www.spiegel.de/...](http://www.spiegel.de/)

Comment: We have been used to hearing of famines in the poorest parts of Africa, but now Europe, and especially Spain has major problems of poverty, which relates to much of the population in absolute poverty (14% IN Romania).

Our food supplies rely on good consistent weather patterns, rain in due season. And we know that our weather of late has been far from good for healthy crops.

Famine is not a new thing for the earth's population. Famines of more or less intensity frequently occurred in Palestine in Biblical times because of its dependence upon the rain, and Egypt because of its dependence on a proper overflow of the Nile. Not until modern times has it been possible to store rain, or to regulate the flow of rivers to any extent. And yet we still have famine in our world.

The worst famine recorded in the Bible is the one in Egypt and the surrounding countries in the time of Joseph. God forewarned Joseph of seven years of famine to come but with a preceding seven years of plenty.

"And the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of Egypt, were ended

And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread." Gen 41:53-54

Because of Joseph's obedience to God he was able to store food in the good years to last out through the bad

years.

Perhaps one should realise that if we hadn't turned away for Gods Laws we wouldn't be in the mess we are in today!

SKorea, US begin drills as NKorea threatens war

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean state media said Monday that Pyongyang had carried through with a threat to cancel the 60-year-old armistice that ended the Korean War, as it and South Korea staged dueling war games amid threatening rhetoric that has risen to the highest level since North Korea rained artillery shells on a South Korean island in 2010.

Enraged over the South's joint military drills with the United States and recent U.N. sanctions, Pyongyang has piled threat on top of threat, including vows to launch a nuclear strike on the U.S. Seoul has responded with tough talk of its own and has placed its troops on high alert.

The North Korean government made no formal announcement Monday on its repeated threats to scrap the armistice, but the country's main newspaper, Rodong Sinmun, reported that the armistice was nullified Monday as Pyongyang had earlier announced it would.

The North followed through on another promise

Monday, shutting down a Red Cross hotline that the North and South used for general communication and to discuss aid shipments and separated families' reunions.

[http://news.yahoo.com/...](http://news.yahoo.com/)

Comment: It is a pity when neighbours don't get on. Whether it is the people next door or an adjoining nation, neighbours should not be at each other's throats! A neighbour can be many things. One who lives near another, a fellow labourer, one who does us good and helps us in distress, or in fact everyone to whom we have an opportunity of doing good.

South and North Korea are adjoining nations and so can be classed as neighbours and yet threats of war can be heard from them and not actions of love. This may be an over simplification of their situation and yet Christ Himself said that what was better than burnt offering and sacrifices was to love your neighbour as yourself. After Christ talked about the parable of the Good Samaritan he asked the question:

"Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?"

And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou like wise." Luke 10:36-37

If our lives could be lived to this simple formula, what a world we would have. And yet that is what we are going to have. It won't be left to us though, Jesus Christ is going to step in and force us to love one another. Then we really will love our neighbour as our-self!

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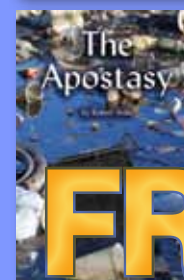
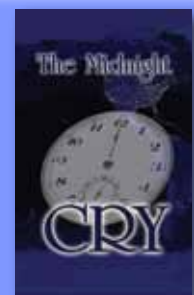
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