

UNLEAVENED BREAD – Sabbath – 2006
“Wave Sheaf Offering Day”
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And greetings brethren. Welcome to the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and we're going to talk about the resurrection of Christ very briefly, but we're going to focus in on the Wave Sheaf Offering Day and the meaning of the Wave Sheaf Offering Day. Not only is this going to be for the Feast of Unleavened Bread, but this is also going to be in the coming new holy day book, which is going to be a compilation of transcripts of the best sermons given through the years of all the holy days of God. So as we do with all the holy days, since this is during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, let's come to Leviticus 23 and let's begin in verse 9 where it starts talking about the Wave Sheaf Offering Day and the significance of this day as it is fulfilled through Jesus Christ. And we are going to see that this is a tremendous and absolutely wonderful day – the Wave Sheaf Offering Day – that it is a celebration for God the Father and Jesus Christ. And that's why it's not a holy day for us. But it's an important part of the fulfillment of the plan of God.

Now let's begin in verse 9: “And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest...” Now this sheaf of the firstfruits was called “the premiere sheaf.” It was a special barley sheaf that was cut, and it was cut at the end of the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread to be waved on the first day of the week during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Now let me just say something here very important that we need to understand and grasp. The Jews do not count (and this is the first day – the Wave Sheaf Offering Day) Pentecost correctly. They calculate it, not from the Sabbath and then the first day of the week during Unleavened Bread. They calculate it from the holy day. And what this significantly does, it rejects the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ as the Savior of mankind. So all of those who follow what the Jews are doing are following a pattern that rejects Jesus Christ, as they have not only in the Passover but also the Wave Sheaf Offering and Pentecost. Subsequently because they reject Jesus Christ and do not accept the New Testament, they are cut off and do not have any understanding. Now you just need to realize that that is a very important thing. That's why we have to do it the way that God says, calculate it the way that God says, count it the way that God says, and then put the scriptures together to get the full meaning of what these days mean.

Now let's see what the Priest was to do with the sheaf: “...and he shall wave [elevate] the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you...” Now this shows, as we will see, the acceptance of the resurrected Jesus Christ as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all the world, more importantly beginning with those who are the firstfruits of God, because then it goes on and connects directly to the day of Pentecost, which then is the first resurrection.

Now notice when it should be done: "...on the morrow after the sabbath..." Now notice he does not say "on the morrow after the holy convocation," being the holy day the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This is the weekly Sabbath. Then on the morrow, which means in the morning afterward: "...the priest shall wave it." (Lev. 23:9-11, KJV). Then he gives the instruction of what to do.

Now what we are to do is look at the fulfillment of this in the New Testament. And this is what becomes so important and profound in understanding the things of God, the way of God, the Word of God, and so forth.

Now let's come to I Corinthians 15 because the apostle Paul tells us the meaning of this day, and it also labels Christ as the firstfruits. And this tells us a part of the fulfillment of this day on the morrow after the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And it's appropriate that it happens at that particular time because it falls right in line with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. You see this is why Jesus was crucified on the Passover day. And God uses all the holy days to fulfill major, epical, historical fulfillments of prophecy that He has given. And this is why unless you understand the holy days you cannot understand the plan of God. Now I want you to think for a minute: Do the Protestants accept the holy days? No. Do they understand the plan of God? No. Do the Catholics accept the holy days? No. Do they understand the plan of God? No. Do the Jews accept the holy days? Yes, with a caveat that they changed the Passover and they changed the Wave Sheaf Offering Day and hence they have changed Pentecost. And rejecting Jesus, do they understand prophecy? No. So you have to have both. You must have the Old Testament writings and the prophecies contained therein; you must have the New Testament writings and the interpretation and the prophecies there.

Now we are going to see a little later that Jesus opened the minds of the apostles to understand the prophecies concerning Him that are found in the Law and the Prophets and the Psalms. And that becomes profoundly important, because what Jesus is telling us is this: The New Testament interprets the Old Testament, not the other way around. So we need to remember that and grasp that.

Now let's come here, I Corinthians 15:20: "But now Christ has been raised from *the* dead; He has become the firstfruit..." Now this interprets Leviticus 23, "the premiere sheaf." "...Has become the firstfruit of those who have fallen asleep [resurrection from the dead]." That's why that wave sheaf was a special one that was bound with a special ceremonial ribbon and then was cut. It was cut right as the Sabbath ends during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and then it was lifted up and carried to the altar of burnt offerings and laid alongside the altar of burnt offerings. Now having the firstfruit sheaf cut at that particular time signifies Christ being resurrected while He was in the tomb. But He did not ascend to the Father until the morning of the first day of the week at the time that they had the Wave Sheaf Offering, so He is the first of the firstfruits. Now verse 21: "For since by man *came* death, by man also *came the* resurrection of *the* dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ *the* firstfruit; then, those who are Christ's at His coming" (I Cor. 15:20-23, FV). Very important. And that has to fill in with all the holy days. So He's the firstfruit.

Let's look at a couple of other scriptures concerning this. Let's come to Colossians 1, and again we have a very misunderstood verse for those who do not accept Jesus, that He was God before He became human. And you know the biggest problem with that is? You can answer the question very simply: Read the Gospel of John. That's all you have to do. Christ tells you where He came from. Christ tells you that He was in heaven before. Christ tells us that He prayed to the Father to give Him the glory that He had with the Father before the world existed. Now the only way that those who believe that Jesus was only a man can believe that is if they ignore all of this. Well we'll see. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35, paraphrased). That's why when Jesus said... And He told the Jews that He wasn't going to give them a sign. They wanted a sign. Oh yes, they like miracles and magical things, and they can all gather around and revel in it just like people do when there is an apparition of Mary. Oh they come weeping and kneeling and rosarying and crying, and thousands coming. See, Christ would not, to those Jews, give them a sign. So He said, "The only sign I'm going to give you is the sign of Jonah the prophet. As Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so shall the Son of man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights" (Matt. 12:40, paraphrased), and He turned and walked away.

Now since Jesus said that His words are truth, that He preached the words of the Father, He spoke nothing that the Father had not commanded Him to speak. And if the Word of God is true, it will not, cannot, never fails, and that heaven and earth can pass away before the Words of Christ can pass away, how long was He in the tomb? Three days and three nights. And you can look in the New Testament – we have a chart there. And you can look in the Harmony of the Gospels – we have a full explanation of it there and a chart there showing the three days and three nights. And this year with the Passover in the middle of the week we have the same sequence of days that we had in the week when Jesus was crucified and resurrected. So that's why this is very important for us to understand.

Now come here to Colossians 1:14: "...in Whom [that is in Christ] we have redemption through His own blood..." But remember this: If Christ is not raised then you are still in your sins. If Christ did not ascend to heaven to be accepted of God the Father on the Wave Sheaf Offering Day, you have no justification. So it's very important to realize. "...In Whom we have redemption through His own blood, *even* the remission of sins; Who is *the* image of the invisible God, *the* firstborn of all creation..." Now this is where they get hung up. Now "the firstborn of all creation" does not have to do with the physical creation of things that God has made in the universe. This has to do with all of those who are created (which salvation is creation) in the image of Jesus Christ and are resurrected as Jesus was resurrected from the dead. Now we'll see this in just a minute because it interprets itself.

"...Because by Him were all things created..." So if He was the firstborn of creation, how could He create all things? So you see, you only can have the explanation that I gave. "...The things in heaven and the things on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or lordships, or principalities, or powers: all things were created

by Him and for Him. And He is before all, and by Him all things subsist.” And that’s what it says in the second verse of Hebrews 1 – that He upholds the world by the Word of His power; and that He is the express image and the brightness of the glory of the Father.

Now verse 18: “And He is before all [things], and by Him all things subsist. And He is the Head of the body, the church; Who is *the* beginning, *the* firstborn from among the dead...” So that’s what it means. That interprets verse 14. He is the firstborn of all of those created through the resurrection of the dead. “...So that in all things He Himself might hold the preeminence. For it pleased *the Father* that in Him all the fullness should dwell...” (Colossians 1:14-19, FV). So that’s quite a wonderful thing talking about Jesus.

Now let’s come to Revelation 1 and let’s see what Jesus looks like and let’s see what Jesus said of Himself. Let’s see what the message was to John. And in the series of Revelation this becomes very important so we’ll just review a few verses here. Now let’s come to verse 4: “John to the seven churches that *are* in Asia...” And of course this is prophetic. It was at that time. It’s prophetic and it has a fulfillment at the end-time. All three interpretations of Revelation 2 and 3 as we cover in the series on Revelation are true. “...Grace and peace *be* to you from Him Who is, and Who was, and Who *is* to come; and from the seven spirits that are before His throne; and from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to God and His Father; to Him *be* the glory and the sovereignty into the ages of eternity. Amen” (Rev. 1:4-6, FV). Now, that is quite an introduction and is a summary of what all you’re going to find in the book of Revelation.

Now let’s come over here and see what John saw. Let’s come first to verse 17: “And when I saw Him [now we’ll read what Jesus is like in His glorified form here in just a minute], I fell at His feet as if dead; but He laid His right hand upon me, saying to me, ‘Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last, even the one Who is living; for I was dead, and behold, I am alive into the ages of eternity. Amen. And I have the keys of *the* grave and of death’ ” (Verses 17-18, FV). Without Christ there is no resurrection. Without the resurrection of Christ there is no resurrection of anyone else. That’s what Paul said.

Now let’s see what He looks like in His glorified form. And let’s understand what a profound thing this is. And I want to cover this and then we are going to look at the several men in the Bible who were able to see the glory of God. Now John was able see the glory of Jesus Christ, and as we’ll see a little later when we get to Revelation 4 and 5, he also saw the glory of the Father.

Now let’s pick it up here in verse 12: “And I turned to see the voice that spoke with me; and when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands; and in *the* midst of the seven Lampstands...” Now let’s understand these lampstands are in a circle, and Christ being the head of the church is in the middle. Very important to understand. This is not like the lampstand that was in the temple, otherwise Christ could not be in the middle of them.

“...Clothed in *a garment* reaching to the feet, and girded about the chest with a golden breastplate. And His head and hair *were* like white wool, white as snow; and His eyes *were* like a flame of fire; and His feet *were* like fine brass, as if *they* glowed in a furnace; and His voice *was* like *the* sound of many waters. And in His right hand He had seven stars, and a sharp two-edged sword went out of His mouth, and His countenance *was* as the sun shining in its *full* power.” Now that’s why it said that John wrote: “...when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead...”(Verses 12-17, FV). This is what Christ looks like in His full power and glory.

Now let’s look at those who were able to see the glory of God. Now we find three distinct instances recorded in the Bible. Now let’s come back to Exodus 33 and here we find that Moses... And this is why Moses was called the preeminent or the premiere prophet and law-giver of God, because he saw God in His glorified form. Not face to face, but he saw Him.

Let’s come here to Exodus 33, and this is after the destroying of the golden calf and so forth, and Moses is pleading with God. He was able to intervene and persuade God not to destroy all the children of Israel for their sins. And so Moses asked God that “If I could see Your glory...” So because of the intercession of Moses the children of Israel were spared. Verse 17: “And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in My sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, I beseech Thee, shew me Thy glory. And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. And He said [to Moses], thou canst not see My face: for there shall no man see Me, and live.” And the reason being is that flesh cannot exist in the presence of the glory of God. So therefore he was only able to see a similitude of Him. “And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by Me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: and it shall come to pass, while My glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with My hand while I pass by: and I will take away Mine hand, and thou shalt see My back parts: but My face shall not be seen” (Ex. 33:17-23, KJV). So that happened.

So Moses hewed two more tables of stone for God to write the Ten Commandments on. Remember, the first ones that were written on were stones that God had hewed. Then He wrote the Ten Commandments on [them]. And then when Moses came down from the mount and saw all the worshipping of the golden calf and all the rebellion and everything that was going on with the children of Israel, he threw them down and broke them. So God made Moses make new ones. But also this signifies that there is a step removed from God that was caused by the people’s sin because now the two tables of stone were hewn by Moses, and he took them up and gave them to God.

Now verse 5 of Exodus 34: “And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there [so there was a cloud so he couldn’t see Him directly], and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that

will by no means clear the guilty [that is, without repentance]; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation." (Ex. 34:5-7, KJV). And that is referring to the second commandment of those who worship idols. And if you worship idols you hate God and so therefore you bring upon your progeny to the third and fourth generation the curse of your idol worship and breaking the commandments of God. Now just an aside, stop and think here: What one physical thing can a man make or use (be it an idol, be it beads, be it a temple) that is greater than a broken heart and a contrite spirit, and seeking to worship God in spirit and in truth, and direct access to God the Father and Jesus Christ? There's nothing – nothing greater than that. And brethren, we need to understand that is a tremendous and wonderful blessing that God has opened up because of the death and resurrection and acceptance of Jesus Christ.

So, let's look at another instance. Let's come here to Isaiah 6. Now Isaiah in vision was able to see this. And we're going to see a little later the similarity between what takes place here and what is shown in the vision in Isaiah 6 that we find in Revelation 4 and 5. So we come all the way from Moses all the way up to Isaiah. Now David did see a simile of God in the holy place when he had the Ark of the Covenant in a special tent that was in his house before the temple was built. But he didn't see God as Moses did, and he did not see God as Isaiah did.

So let's pick it up here in Isaiah 6:1: "In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims [now we're going to see how that connects with Revelation 4 a little later]: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him [now we will see "the post of the door" a little later on in relationship to Christ coming to be accepted of God the Father on the Wave Sheaf Offering Day] that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts." Quite a fantastic thing that Isaiah experienced. And when God does so, He does so to give inspiration to those who are going to speak, to those who are going to write that they will do exactly as God wants done. Do you think that Moses would have done anything differently than God commanded Him after talking to God on the mount after seeing His glory? Do you think that Isaiah would have written lies and prophesied lies after he had seen God in vision on His throne? I dare say absolutely not. Would you? Of course not.

"Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: and he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Very interesting, isn't it? Where God the Father, Jesus Christ and also the angels. And then Isaiah said, "...Here am I; send me. And He said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not." And this is what

happens to the average person concerning the Word of God because they don't want to obey it. They want to retain their sinful nature and their myths and their lies that they get from the religious teachers, which make them feel good and it appeals to their carnality, and it appeals to their deceitful nature. "Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed" (Isa. 6:1-10, KJV). And Jesus quoted that in Matthew 13 and in the parallel accounts in Mark and Luke, that God blinds people who do not believe.

And isn't that exactly what happens in the religious world? First thing they want to do is say, "Well, God didn't mean this," and "God didn't mean that," and "We can't trust the Word of God. It was compiled by men hundreds of years later." Absolute lie. But they have that because their minds are closed, their eyes are shut and they can't understand, and they have no door to salvation unless they repent. That's why this day is so important.

Now let's come one step further. Let's come here to Matthew 17 and let's see where the disciples were given a vision of what Jesus would look like in His glorified form. And this becomes very important because what does this do? This gives equal or greater status to the apostles. And in this case it was James, Peter, and John. Not all the apostles saw this – just James, Peter, and John. So God does not show Himself to people just because they desire it. And He doesn't show Himself to anyone at anytime, and so this thing about like Pat Robertson said, "God spoke to me." No, God didn't speak to him.

Now let's come here to Matthew 17:1. Now Christ did this to give them equal and greater authority than Moses, because if God showed His glory to Moses, and if God showed His glory to Isaiah this also shows that the authority that they had came directly from God – not by any man, not by boards of men, not by rabbis, not by priests, not by Levites, but by Jesus Christ Who was God manifest in the flesh. So He wanted to encourage them. He wanted them to know exactly what it was going to be like at the resurrection.

Let's begin right here in Matthew 17:1: "And after six days, Jesus took with *Him* Peter and James and his brother John, and brought them up into a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His face shined as the sun [now remember what we read in Revelation 1], and His garments became white as the light [just like we saw in Revelation 1]. Then behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah talking with Him." It doesn't say they were actually there because we will see this is a vision. And in vision you can see many different things, right? So here, this shows the authority that He gave to Moses, the authority that He gave to Elijah, that He is going to confer to the apostles. In this case the leading apostles – Peter, James, and John.

"And Peter answered *and* said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here. If You desire, let us make three tabernacles here: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was speaking, a bright cloud suddenly overshadowed them; and behold,

a voice out of the cloud said, 'This is My Son, the Beloved, in Whom I delight. Listen to Him!' ” Now a very important thing for us: If you want to understand about God the Father and Jesus Christ you have to listen to the words that they have spoken, which have been recorded here in the Bible. Not some man, not some priest, not some pope, not some evangelist, but Christ. Listen to Him.

“And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces in extreme terror. But Jesus came *and* touched them, and said, 'Arise, and do not be terrified.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus alone.” Now verse 9 is the key. What happened here was not literal but a vision: “Now as they were descending from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, 'Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man has risen from *the* dead' ” (Matt. 17:1-9, FV). Now these are the only occasions in the Bible where we find that men were able to see the glory of God. In the case of Moses, he saw it directly. In the case of Isaiah, he saw it in vision. In the case of the apostles, Peter, James, and John, they saw it in vision. And this is what motivated them to make sure that in the writing and canonization of the New Testament that it would be the Words of God as Christ had defined it and as Christ had taught.

Now just to emphasize that point let's come here to II Peter 1 and let's understand exactly the motivation behind writing the New Testament and why we can trust in the Words of God, and why this becomes so important, and why as we will see, this Wave Sheaf Offering Day becomes so profound in the meaning of the plan of God with the acceptance of Jesus Christ by God the Father on the Wave Sheaf Offering Day. Let's come here to verse 14: “...knowing that shortly the putting off of my tabernacle [that means he's saying he's going to die] *will come*, even as our Lord Jesus Christ has signified to me. But I will make every effort *that*, after my departure, you may always have a *written* remembrance of these things *in order* to practice *them* for yourselves...” This thing of oral tradition is just a myth and a lie by men so they can put in their own way. God has it written down. He told Moses – write; He told the prophets – write; He told Samuel – write; Hezekiah – to write; and He told His apostles to write. That way, with the inspired Word of God there isn't going to be any dispute. And it's important to understand that because what's in the Bible is how God is going to judge each one of us. Think on that for a minute. Think of the lies that come from the pulpit of men who presume to say Jesus lied; the Word of God lies. They are the liars. They are the ones who are blinded.

Now notice what Peter says here: “...for we did not follow cleverly concocted myths *as our authority*...” And what does Christendom follow today? Nothing but myths, lies, fables through the occult holidays while they reject the holy days and feasts of God. “...When we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His magnificent glory; because He received glory and honor from God *the* Father when *the* voice came to Him from the Majestic Glory, 'This is My Son, the Beloved, in Whom I am well pleased.' And this *is the* voice from heaven that we heard when we were with Him on the holy mountain [which we just read of there in Matthew 17, right? Yes indeed]. We also possess the confirmed prophetic Word...” Now this “prophetic word” means the inspired word confirmed by Christ. Now

you can't have anything greater than that, can you? "...To which you do well to pay attention [not argue with], as to a light shining in a dark place..." This is the Light of God to bring you out of spiritual darkness. "...Until the day dawns [that's the return of Christ] and *the* morning star arises in your hearts [that is when you are resurrected]..."

Now notice verse 20, and this is going to be very important when we go through the account of the resurrection and ascension of Christ: "...knowing this first [this is a primary thing to understand], that no prophecy of Scripture..." Now that does not restrict it to just prophetic things, because the "prophecy of Scripture" means anything that was spoken under the inspiration of God or written under the inspiration of God is a prophecy. "...Knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture originated as anyone's own *private* interpretation; because prophecy was not brought at any time by human will, but the holy men of God spoke as they were moved by *the* Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:14-21, FV). And the Holy Spirit is directed by Jesus Christ. And the Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of Truth. So we can have full confidence in the Word of God and the Truth of God and the things that we need to understand. And as it relates to this most important day, the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread when the resurrection occurred and the next day, the Wave Sheaf Offering Day when Jesus was accepted as the first of the firstfruits. So this is why it's so absolutely marvelous that we trust the Word of God.

Now, one other caveat here before we go on, which is this: Carnal men like to take apparent contradictions to fight Scripture against Scripture so they can cast them aside. The way God wants us to do it is to take line upon line, precept upon precept, a little here, a little there, and add it together. And lo, guess what's going to happen? The contradictions will disappear. They will be gone, because we're dealing with the Word of Truth, which is the Word of God, and the God of truth, and the Holy Spirit of Truth, and the truth written by the apostles who were holy men, as well as the other writings contained in the Bible from the beginning to the end – all of God.

Now we're going to go ahead and we're going to look at the events that took place on the resurrection day, and then the ascension on the Wave Sheaf Offering Day.

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Now let's continue on. Let's come to John 20. Now we're going to look at John and then Luke and then Mark when the women came to the tomb early the first day of the week, and we're going to understand some things concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ. And as Jesus promised He would be in the tomb exactly three days and three nights. So He was put in the tomb just as the Passover day was ending at sunset, and that was on a Wednesday. Then you come forward three days and three nights and it puts you on the regular weekly Sabbath. Does that sound familiar where we started out? Yes, indeed. And He had to be resurrected at exactly that same time. But in order to understand what happened we need to come to the first day of the week and then put the events together that happened on the first day of the week so we can go back and see what happened when Jesus was resurrected and then we will come forward to when He ascended into heaven to the Father.

Now let's come here, John 20: "Now on the first *day* of the weeks..." Now that is the first day counting to Pentecost. That is on a Sunday, the first day of the week, and it was the Wave Sheaf Offering Day. "...While it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb..." Now she came alone. The other women came and joined her. They probably had already decided that in the morning they were going to go and take the spices and to do more wrapping [of] Jesus body in spices in the morning. So she started while it was still dark. But understand as she was walking the sun was rising so it was getting lighter and lighter and lighter. "...Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb; and she saw *that* the stone had been taken away from the tomb." So immediately she didn't know what to do. She didn't understand what was happening. "Then she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken away the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.' " (John 20: 1-2, FV).

Now let's come over here in Luke 24:1: "Now on the first *day* of the weeks, they came to the tomb at early dawn, bringing *the* spices that they had prepared; and certain *others came* with them. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb; and when they entered *it*, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." So here the other women came. Mary came first and ran to tell Peter and John. The other women came and found exactly the same thing. How much later it was we don't know, but they didn't know that Mary had already been there.

Now verse 4: "And it came to pass that while they were puzzling over this, suddenly two men [who were angels] in shining garments stood by them. And *as* they bowed their faces to the ground, being filled with fear, they said to them, 'Why are you seeking the living among the dead?' " So the key thing is this – let's understand a very important and profound point which is this: No one witnessed the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The women who came to the tomb didn't see it. The soldiers who were guarding the tomb didn't see it. When they came early in the morning on the first day of the week, the Wave Sheaf Offering Day, He wasn't there. There's no such thing as an Easter Sunday resurrection. That is a lie, a fiction. Jesus was gone.

They said: " 'He is not here, but has risen: remember when He spoke to you *while He* was yet in Galilee, saying, ' 'It is necessary for the Son of man to be delivered into *the* hands of sinful men, and to be crucified, and to arise the third day'?' Then they remembered His words; and after returning from the tomb, they related these things to the eleven and to all the rest." So they got there while Mary Magdalene was apparently telling them, because it says in verse 10: "...Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary, *the mother* of James, and the others with them, who told these things to the apostles" (Luke 24:1-10, FV), but of course they didn't believe it.

Now let's come here to Mark 16:2 and let's see the account here: "And very early on the first *day* of the weeks, at the rising of the sun..." So Mary started out when it was still dark. Now we have the sun is rising. They were coming to the tomb. This is the parallel account of Luke 24. Verse 3: "...and they were asking themselves, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' For it was a massive *stone*. But

when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. And after entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right, clothed in a white robe; and they were very frightened.” Now that was an angel. See there were two angels. In this case they’re emphasizing seeing one. “But he said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. You are seeking Jesus the Nazarene, Who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. Look, *there is* the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see Him, as He said to you’ ” (Mark 16:2-7, FV). Quite an interesting thing, isn’t it?

Now let’s see what happened next, and then this will help us understand about the resurrection of Jesus, because He had to be raised from the dead exactly three days and three nights from the time He was put in the tomb. So He had to be raised at the end of the Sabbath. Remember, just like as we started out when they cut that premier sheaf for the Wave Sheaf Offering, it was cut right as the weekly Sabbath had ended, or was ending. That signified Christ being raised from the dead, no longer connected to the earth, as it were. No longer earthy, if we could put it that way.

Now let’s come back here to John 20 again and let’s see what else occurred. Let’s pick it up here in verse 3. After Mary Magdalene came, then the other women came: “As a result, Peter and the other disciple [that is John] went out and came to the tomb. Now the two ran together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; and he stooped down *and* saw the linen cloths lying *there*, but he did not enter. Then Simon Peter came following him, and he went into the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin that had been on His head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.” Quite an amazing thing, isn’t it? Now let’s read verse 8: “Then the other disciple, who had come to the tomb first, also went in and saw *these things*; and he believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture *which decreed* that He must rise from *the* dead.” (John 20:3-9, FV). Christ had to give them that understanding later.

Now let’s look at this and let’s analyze this for just a minute and let’s see what this is telling us. We know that when Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus took Jesus’ body off the cross that they had a hundred pounds of spices and aloe, and they wrapped His body. Now it was not like a shroud. The Shroud of Turin is a lying fiction. It has nothing to do with Christ. They didn’t lay a shroud over Him. He was wrapped with the linen. They probably had strips of linen about like this – about six to nine inches wide. Probably more like about six inches. And they would wrap His body, beginning with His feet, and add in the spices as they were wrapping, go right on up on up His torso, all the way up and then do His body and then do His arms. And then cover His head with a special covering that was called a napkin.

Now they saw the linen cloths lying. What did they see? What would be a profound witness of the resurrection of Christ but to see the wrappings of these linen cloths still in their wrapped form but no body in it and perhaps with a little sag in the middle of the wrapped cloth showing that He wasn’t there? Now what would this demonstrate? This would demonstrate that 1) no one took the body; 2) if they would have taken the body they would have taken the burial wrappings with them. Wouldn’t you

think? Now if they didn't want to, if they stole the body and didn't want to take the wrappings with them then they would have to unwrap it or cut it off. So they saw the linen cloths laying there to demonstrate that as a Spirit Being, Christ, as we will see a little later, did not need to have the cloth removed to be resurrected. He just simply rose through it. Now to demonstrate that He was alive we have this: the linen napkin, which was on His head, was folded and put in another place. Now do you think if anyone was going to steal His body, would they not have taken the napkin too? Do you think that they would have... whoever the group claiming that the disciples stole the body away – and of course the Jews still believe that lying fable to this day because they won't take the New Testament and read what it says and look at the evidence. Now if you were a forensic expert today what would you have to conclude? That the napkin was folded up and put in another place and no one had gone into the tomb, except Jesus was put in there when He was dead. You'd have to conclude that He was resurrected from the dead. And you would have to conclude that He deliberately folded the napkin and put it in another place to demonstrate that He was alive. That's quite an important thing to understand.

Now let's look at some psalms which bear on the resurrection of Christ. Now in Psalm 16 we find something very interesting. Let's ask the question: What do you suppose that may have been the first thoughts of Jesus when He was resurrected and He's in the tomb, and He realizes that He is alive. Because His last thought was what? On the cross saying, "Father into Your hands I commend My Spirit," and He died. So what would He think right after He's resurrected? Now if you've ever been unconscious or if you've ever had an operation where you've gone under a sedation and you wake up, your thoughts are entirely different, right? Well we have it right here, maybe these are the words of Christ. A prophecy of the words of Christ, the very first ones that He spoke when He was raised from the dead. Psalm 16:8: "I have set the LORD always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell [You will not leave me in the grave]; neither wilt Thou suffer [allow] thine Holy One to see corruption." And that happened to Jesus. And probably His first thought was to praise God, to praise God for the tremendous and wonderful blessing of the resurrection, that He did not see corruption, that He didn't leave Him in the grave, that the Word of God was true and the covenant that Jesus Christ and God the Father made before Jesus came to the earth in the flesh that He would raise Him back to life when He died, was fulfilled.

Let's finish verse 11: "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy presence is fulness of joy..." Now we're going to see that on the Wave Sheaf Offering Day Jesus came again into the presence of God the Father. "...At Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psa. 16:8-11, KJV).

Now let's come to Psalm 23. Here is another one which I think are the very words of Christ after He was resurrected in thanking and praising God. Now let's begin right here. We've covered this before. We've gone through some things concerning Psalm 23. There are many, many, many lessons we can learn out of this. But let's think of it in the praising of God the Father by Jesus Christ after He was resurrected from the dead.

Now, Jesus did not stay in the tomb very long. Where did Jesus go? Now let's understand something: He was raised from the dead; the burial clothes were there; the napkin was folded up; His first conscious thoughts were probably thanking God of the fulfillment of Psalm 16; and then since He was a Spirit Being He merely walked through the stone which covered the tomb, and the soldiers didn't see Him when He came out the other side because He would be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. So He could not have stayed there very long at all – get right out. Where would He have gone, because He didn't ascend until the next morning as we are going to see? Well, right near there is the garden of Gethsemane, right? And in the garden of Gethsemane was the place where Jesus always prayed. And as a matter of fact, the night of the Passover, after He had the Passover with the apostles, they went there and He prayed for three hours and then was arrested. So Jesus probably went out to His, as it were, familiar or favorite praying place in the garden of Gethsemane, and perhaps this was His prayer.

Let's read it, Psalm 23: "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want [anything]. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul [His soul and His body would not see corruption – yes, restored it through the power of the resurrection, right?]; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake [to do the will of God]. And isn't that what Jesus said? "Lo, I come to do the will of the Father Who sent Me"? Yes. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death [He just experienced it, right?], I will fear no evil..." Did He have any fear when He went through the scourging and crucifixion? No. "...For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies..." Quite a fantastic thing, isn't it? You talk about preparing right in the presence of the enemies. The soldiers were guarding the tomb – He walked right out. The civil government of the Romans was against Him; the religious government of the Jews was against Him; His own apostles didn't believe Him until later [when] He opened their minds. You talk about "preparing a table in the presence of my enemies." "...Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over." Remember He was anointed with oil twice before the crucifixion. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever" (Psa. 23:1-6, KJV).

Now let's come to Psalm 108 and let's see another prophecy about Jesus. And let's look at this as having to do with also His prayer of the resurrection: "O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early [a type of the resurrection]. I will praise Thee, O LORD, among the people: and I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations [yet to happen, isn't it?]. For Thy mercy is great above the heavens: and Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds. Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: and Thy glory above all the earth; that Thy beloved may be delivered [which He was]: save with Thy right hand, and answer me. God hath spoken in His holiness; I will rejoice..." (Psa. 108:1-7, KJV). Quite a wonderful thing that Christ experienced.

Now one other psalm here. Let's come to Psalm 63. Although David wrote this and he did see a similitude of God in the small little tabernacle where he had the Ark of

the Covenant that was in his house after it was retrieved from Kirjath-Jearim. Now here, let's look at it from the point of view of the resurrected Christ and what He was thinking: "O God, Thou art my God..." Think of Him now praying in the garden of Gethsemane, praying all that night thanking God for resurrecting Him from the dead and waiting for the time when it was time for the fulfillment of the Wave Sheaf Offering. "...My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee [which it did when He was in the flesh] in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; to see Thy power..." Because now He knew that He was going back to God the Father; now He knew that He was going to ascend into heaven; now He knew that He was going to see the sanctuary of God again. "...To see Thy power and Thy glory, so as I have seen Thee in the sanctuary. Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise Thee" (Psa. 63:1-3, KJV). Quite a wonderful thing.

Now, let's talk about, a little more, the Wave Sheaf Offering Day and the ascension of Jesus Christ. Let's come to John 20:10 and let's get the story flow from here: "Then the disciples went away again to their *home*. But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down *and looked* into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white who were sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been laid." Because she could see also the burial cloths. "And they said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.' And after saying these things, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but did not know that it was Jesus." Because He was able to manifest Himself in a form that she couldn't see Him as He was. And there was a specific purpose for that.

Verse 16: "Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?' Thinking that He was the gardener, she said to Him, 'Sir, if you have carried Him off, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' Turning around..." She apparently turned and was crying and wasn't looking at the man and just saying "Oh, if you'd just tell me where He is." "...Turning around, she said to Him, 'Rabboni'; that is to say, 'Teacher.' Jesus said to her, 'Do not touch Me, because I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to My brethren and tell them that I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" (John 20:10-17, FV). Now, this was still in the morning. When was the Wave Sheaf Offering to be elevated for the first of the firstfruits? In the morning, somewhere right around nine o'clock in the morning. So this fits the time frame. So, Mary Magdalene went and told them; Jesus ascended into heaven; He was accepted of God the Father.

Now let's see another vision, another psalm in Psalm 24 which talks about the acceptance of Christ. Then we will go to Revelation 4 and Revelation 5 and we will see the fulfillment of that. Let's come to Psalm 24. Now there's quite an interesting sequence of things here with the psalms. First of all Psalm 22 is about the crucifixion of Christ. Psalm 23 is about the resurrection. Psalm 24, which follows, is about Jesus ascension into heaven and being accepted.

Now let's pick it up here in Psalm 24, and let's think of it this way: These are some of the thoughts of Jesus as He is ascending to the Father, and He's looking down on the earth, verse 1: "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." As He's ascending He sees the earth, He sees the land, He sees the oceans. "For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart..." Now this may be the angels singing as Christ is ascending, "Who shall ascend into the hill of God? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart?" That was Christ. "...[He] who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation." Quite a wonderful thing. Just imagine how Christ is ascending.

Now verse 7: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates..." The gates where He would walk through to go to the throne of God the Father and be accepted by God the Father as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all the world – all mankind. "...And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in." That is Christ, the King of glory. The one Who conquered death; the one Who overcame sin; the one Who overcome the pulls of the flesh; the one Who was crucified and yet in His days of His flesh He cried out in fear and trembling to the one Who was able to save Him from death (that is God the Father), and now He's ascending; now He's at the gate; now He's walking into in just a little bit, right into the presence of God the Father. And we'll go to Revelation 4 in a minute and see what He saw.

"...Be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle." And hadn't He overcome everything? Yes. He had just overcome Satan the devil; He had just overcome all the demons; He had just overcome death; He was now resurrected, strong and mighty in battle, and that was in the battle for us. And by the grace of God He tasted death for every one of us that He could be resurrected and ascend to God the Father to be that perfect sacrifice and our High Priest at the right hand of God the Father.

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah" (Psa. 24:1-5, 7-10, KJV).

Now let's come to Revelation 4 and let's see what Jesus saw when He was resurrected to come in the presence of God the Father. Now we know this by vision that was given to John, so let's look at it this way: This is also what Jesus saw. And I want you to picture the angels singing in glory and power that Christ had overcome; that He now is going to walk down to the presence of God the Father, see God the Father, and they are going to embrace each other for the very first time since Jesus left to become a human being.

Now here's the setting that He saw. And we're blessed to have this given to the apostle John. Now let's begin in Revelation 4:1: "After these things I looked, and behold,

a door opened in heaven..." Didn't we just talk about the door? Didn't we just talk about the everlasting gates? Yes. "...And the first voice that I heard *was* as if a trumpet were speaking with me, saying, 'Come up here, and I will show you *the* things that must take place after these things.' And immediately I was in *the* Spirit; and behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one was* sitting on the throne." And this is what God the Father looks like in appearance – great, glorious and marvelous. "And He Who *was* sitting was in appearance like a jasper stone and a sardius stone; and a rainbow *was* around the throne, like an emerald in its appearance." So here is the throne of God with the Father sitting in it and a great rainbow all around the throne and the sea of glass that it sits on.

"And around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments; and they had on their heads golden crowns. And proceeding from the throne were lightnings and thunders and voices; and seven lamps of fire, which are the seven Spirits of God, *were* burning before the throne." So here is Jesus coming closer and closer. "And before the throne *was* a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne and over the throne *were* four living creatures, full of eyes before and behind..." And this is what Isaiah saw with the Seraphim. "...And the first living creature *was* like a lion, and the second living creature *was* like a calf, and the third living creature had the face of a man, and the fourth living creature *was* like a flying eagle. And each of *the* four living creatures had six wings respectively [and that's what Isaiah saw – six wings]; *and* around and within *they were* full of eyes; and day and night they cease not saying, 'Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty...' " Now it doesn't mean that they did this repeatedly without stopping. There were certain times when this occurred, because as we will see when it occurred the twenty-four elders bowed down and worshipped. So this was at certain set times that this was done.

" '...Lord God Almighty, Who was [now referring to Christ], and Who is, and Who *is* to come.' And when the living creatures give glory and honor [so it wasn't continuously] and thanksgiving to Him Who sits on the throne, Who lives into the ages of eternity, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him Who sits on the throne; and they worship Him Who lives into the ages of eternity, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 'Worthy are You, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power because You did create all things, and for Your will they were created and exist' " (Rev. 4:1-11, FV). Everything that there is, is by the will of God for His great plan for all of humanity. And Christ is going to be the one Who is going to execute this plan all into the future. And so this Wave Sheaf Offering Day, when Christ ascended into heaven, this is what He saw. This is Whom He met, and He came to God the Father and presented Himself.

Now there must have been some portion of blood yet left in Christ that He took with Him when He ascended into heaven so that the holy place could be sanctified with His blood in heaven above so that He would be the propitiation for our sins. And that the blood of Jesus Christ can cover the sins of all mankind, that is for those who repent.

Now let's see Chapter 5 because this also tells us something else. Not only is He there with God the Father, but Christ is there to carry out the will of the Father from heaven, to complete the plan of God. Now let's read here Revelation 5:1: "And in the

right hand of Him Who sits on the throne I saw a book [this is the rest of the book of Revelation], written within and on *the* back, which had been sealed with seven seals.” Now a key important thing: Nothing is going to be understood without Christ revealing it. Remember that. Whatever we understand in the Bible it’s because of what God has written in the Spirit of God. Whatever understanding that we have of the prophecies it’s because God reveals it, therefore we must be very careful in interpreting prophecies, that we interpret them correctly according to the will of God.

“And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the book and to loose its seals?’ But no one in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth was able to open the book, or to look inside it.” And so John said: “And I was weeping greatly because no one was found worthy to open and to read the book, or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. Behold, the Lion Who is of the tribe of Judah [that’s Christ], the Root of David, has overcome to open the book, and to loose its seven seals.’ Then I saw, and behold, before the throne and the four living creatures, and before the elders, *was* standing a Lamb...” So we have the two aspects of Christ – the Lamb as Savior, and the warrior of Judah. And David was a man of war – the two aspects of Christ. That’s why He’s coming as conquering King. Here it is the Lamb: “...as having been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God that are sent into all the earth...” Now if you don’t have the tape on the “Spirit of God – The Seven Spirits of God,” write in for it.

“...And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him Who sits on the throne [that’s of the Father]. And when He took the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having harps and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.” So our prayers come right up before God the Father. “And they sang a new song, saying...” And this is a new song for the saints that they are going to sing this song when they are resurrected. And this is what we will sing when we come before God the Father: “ ‘...Worthy are You to take the book, and to open its seals because You were slain, and did redeem us to God by Your own blood [not the elders – the saints], out of every tribe and language and people and nation, and did make us unto our God kings and priests; and we shall reign on the earth.’ ” So the first thing we are going to know when we are resurrected is what God has in store for us to be ruling and reigning with Christ as kings and priests.

And now then he saw a great and spectacular thing. Remember, the angels were rejoicing in the gates opening and Christ walking in to come down to God the Father. “And I saw and I heard *the* voices of many angels around the throne...” So just picture this: here’s the throne of God; twenty-four elders; Christ standing right there at the right hand of God; the rainbow around the throne and a vast sea of glass. And all on the sides of that a tremendous chorus of angels going all around behind the throne, and on this side of the throne. All around the throne were the voices of many angels around the throne. “...And *the* voices of the living creatures and the elders, and thousands of thousands...” Great and marvelous was this Wave Sheaf Offering Day and the ascension of Jesus Christ. “...Saying with a loud voice, ‘Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing.’ ” And

if you don't have the "Messiah", you get the "Messiah" and you listen to this song. Great and fantastic is this song. This finishes off the whole "Messiah" – the reception of Jesus Christ at the throne of God.

“ ‘...Worthy is the Lamb Who is slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory and blessing.’ ” And the whole creation is going to rejoice. And we are going to join Christ there at the first resurrection and we are going to be given the things that God wants to give us to rule and reign with Christ. And just as Christ came and received this great blessing, we will be resurrected and the angels will rejoice. The angels will carry us up to the throne of God to the sea of glass and we will sing praises to God. We will see Jesus Christ. We will see the twenty-four elders. We will see the four living creatures. We will see the thousands and thousands and thousands of angels, and we will look back on the earth just like it was here.

“And every creature that is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and those that are on the sea, and all the things in them, I heard saying, ‘To Him Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, *be* blessing, and honor, and glory, and sovereignty into the ages of eternity.’ ” Fantastic thing. This is what happened on the Wave Sheaf Offering Day – the reception of Jesus Christ by God the Father as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all mankind. The Creator had died, but was resurrected back to save His creation. Later in that day He came back to the earth and appeared to the apostles and so forth. You can read of that in the Harmony or in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Now let's finish it off here, verse 14: “And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen.’ ” That part of the plan of God with the ascension of Jesus Christ to the throne of God to carry on the work of the church from then on was finished – Amen. “And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped *Him Who* lives into the ages of eternity” (Rev. 5:1-14, FV). This is the fulfillment of the Wave Sheaf Offering Day. And this is the meaning of Revelation 4 and 5.

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