

Bank Crisis—Anointed Cloths—Passover

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services. I would like to cover about three different things, maybe four, so we'll do this in segments as we go.

First of all I would like to read you some thoughts that I had Ron Carey our webmaster take down for me. The way I answer my emails is this: he is so good at dictation that I get on the phone and I answer the emails and he takes them down and sends them out.

BANK CRISIS:

Last summer when they quit paying gold on ETF's (exchange-traded fund), basically a casino bet—on commodities, products—a bet whether it's going to go up, whether it's going to go down.

The COMEX: One of the major things you need to watch for—I don't know how long it's going to take, but the COMEX (Commodity Exchange), the place where they have gold and silver and precious metal ETF's, that is going to fail.

Let's just liken a cowbell to a million ounces of gold. It's supposed to be in storage in the COMEX vaults. They have brokers who then solicit business. Many people are online doing their own investments and so forth. There are people who don't want to invest in physical gold to hold it; they invest in an ETF or paper gold, which says 'this paper is redeemable on such-and-such a date for so many ounces of gold.' If everything is going well, they roll that over.

Bankers have known for centuries that if you put things into a bank and the maximum reserve they need to have for all of the pledges of the money in the bank is 12%. However, most of the banks are down, some clear to 1%, for reserve.

Back to the ETF. How can we make more money on this million ounces of gold? Someone else calls in and says, 'I want to buy a position for gold.' That's a paper position. How many ounces do you want to buy? *They tell you how many ounces.* The COMEX has been doing this for years. The strain came on the COMEX when the Germans demanded repatriation of their gold and they were told, 'No, you can't have it' (because we don't have it). That was some time last spring.

Here are my thoughts in August:

The dollar is still too powerful to pull the rug and dump it entirely because there is no currency to replace it. Even a combination of the Chinese Yuan—which

they are pushing for—the Russian ruble, the Euro or the Indian rupee, or Brazilian real...

How many have heard of the BRIC's? The BRIC's are Brazil, Russia, India, and China. Not building bricks, not 9/11, the bricks have fallen down.

...all combined cannot handle international trade on the basis that the U.S. dollar does. This is why China is making unilateral agreements with countries to trade using the Yuan, rather than using the U.S. dollar.

To use the U.S. dollar they buy U.S. treasuries and they have dollar reserves. These are all in digital accounts so money flows back and forth.

Let me just tell you this. If we are on the edge of the cliff ready to fall, we have half a foot already over the edge. One slip could cause terrible problems. What they do, they make an agreement on whatever they agree to the exchange rate and they trade back and forth.

Sidebar concerning the Chinese: 'We don't want to buy U.S. treasury bonds.' That's for public announcement because the Fed has given them access directly to the Fed to buy at the 'Fed window' and cut out the New York brokers. So, immediately they gain at least a half-percent more on buying U.S. treasuries, plus, I am sure, they leverage a discount.

You know what a discount is? Par is 100%. I am sure they get a discount of at least 3 or 4%, maybe more initially, plus they buy at the 'Fed window' and they get at least another half-percent broker commission. Then most people don't realize what they are doing with these, but they are taking them to London and they are getting loans so they can build their high-speed rail transit coming clear to the Mediterranean. They can build pipelines for oil and gas coming to China. They can build gas pipelines coming down from Kazakhstan down to Pakistan.

Sidebar: How many have seen the effects of methane^[transcriber's correction] coming into the atmosphere that are not caused by automobiles and industry? They have coal mines that are burning, releasing these things. Look up burning coal mines. They even have several towns in Pennsylvania that they have had to completely move people out of. They have burning coal mines in China. They have volcanoes letting off methane all the time. That's why you need to get your car in order and get your good electric car, so you can cut down on your methane emissions, which are like a spit in the ocean.

In Kazakhstan they were drilling for natural gas. They have some of the world's greatest reserves of natural gas. As they were drilling down, all the equipment fell down into this big hole, and they have a big 230-yard wide hole in the ground in Kazakhstan. That is natural gas burning every day, 24-hours a day, year after year.

If you think the 'greenie-weenies' are deceived and that if you hug a redwood tree you're helping the earth, you are utterly deceived beyond any help. If someone wanted to write President Obama, they should say, 'President Obama, we appreciate your anti-CO₂ and methane-emission thoughts. However, before you enact anything, how about if you use your mighty power and go stop the one in Kazakhstan, stop all earthquakes, put out every fire in every coal mine in the world and then we would believe that you could help the CO₂ and the methane.'

Doesn't come from cars! Yes, look at Southern California. They have cleaned it up a lot. I remember my first week at Ambassador College. There was so much smog here it was incredible. Ten days later I discovered there were mountains and that was in 1961. So yes, there are things that men can do, but there are other things men cannot do.

So China is using these T-bills to finance everything necessary to fulfill the prophecies of the 200-million man-armies coming west. Furthermore, they are now making high-speed rail from China down to Vietnam, down to Cambodia, down to Laos. We are going to see China rise to be the greatest power the earth has ever seen. It's going to be something, so we need to stay alert.

This is all building. It's kind of like this. Have you ever stacked cards to build a card house? You stack it up and you keep going. The higher you get the little more tenuous it is. Then finally when you get to the top of it to put the last card on top to finish it, you put it down too hard and everything crumbles. That's what's going to happen. All of that is going to take place before the Mark of the Beast.

That being said, there is still too much trade with the U.S. that they have a lot to overcome to get to the point of having a substitute world currency... [still true] ...We have been hurt with these economic things, but not down.

But there comes a day—

On the other hand, there's a mad dash for gold and silver. It is so spread out throughout the world in various nations that it is not, at this point, possible to use that gold for a gold-backed world currency.

However, as I mentioned, I think a week ago or two weeks ago, gold is leaving America and their COMEX. The problem with the COMEX is this. For every ounce of gold, they have paper contracts times 50 on the same ounce of gold. So, they are telling those who want redemption, 'You will take cash,' because they don't have the gold. Most of the gold in two years is going to end up in Chinese vaults because the western corrupt monetary system in silver and gold and other precious metals is so corrupt, so over-ETFd.

Think of it! Germany could not repatriate its gold. That's serious stuff! You hear none of that on the news. Oh, no, you've got all of the complicit liars on the major news channels. If you think you're getting all the news on Fox, you better go to your computer and get some online.

In building these vaults: they are building major vaults in Hong Kong and Singapore. What is happening now, gold is coming from London, the London Bullion Association Market (LBAM). They are taking the bullion bars to Switzerland. They are re-melting them down into the sizes that the Asian nations prefer and shipping them for storage to China.

Remember the gold went down all of a sudden. That's what they call a 'naked short.' A 'dressed short' is this: we put up money and then we bet it goes down. A 'naked short' is: we don't put up any money, but we take it down. They went after 50-million ounces of gold with that takedown and gold went down from \$1900 to about \$1280-something. Silver went down as well, but there's a premium for it.

What was the reason for that? To clear out as many ETF bets that the COMEX had so that the fall would not be so disastrous when it comes. But gold is going out!

One other little sidebar: If you think there is gold in Ft. Knox, you're greatly deceived. During the Clinton presidency there were gold bullion bars that the U.S. sold that were not pure gold. It was tungsten covered with gold, because tungsten has nearly the same weight as gold. These ended up in Ethiopia. When it got to China they drill a little hole, 'Oh, look at this, there's tungsten in here.' How's that for making friends? This means one central bank cannot get total control of the gold.

Let me also say this. Next time you go into the bank, read the FDIC notice that is right there when you make a deposit. It says, 'FDIC insured for *each depositor*.' It used to be *each account*, up to \$250,000.

How many remember what happened in Cyprus? The banks took everything above 100,000

euros_[transcriber correction], or whatever. Shut the bank down for ten days. Always remember this, they always shut it down after Friday business. It was shut down for ten days. They took the money. Technically, when you put your funds in your account—because you don't have money, you have digital funds in your account—it belongs to the bank. When times get tough: 'We need this to pay for the debts and pay for taxes.'

I don't think there are very many people here who have \$250,000 or more in the bank, but let me suggest something very significant. Stash a little cash aside, go ahead and if you can get a little precious metal. Buy a coin a week or two or three a week, whatever. Get some silver, get some gold. Don't put it in a bank storage box—safety deposit box—**and don't tell anyone anything of what you have!** No one! That's the only way you're going to get through the difficult times that are going to come because *they are coming!* We need to understand that. That will be necessary to bring out the Mark of the Beast. *I've said for how many years, get out of debt! Do the best you can!*

You've heard of the housing boom up in Northern California? *Million dollar houses!* 'Oh, boy, this is great, sales are really up, they're up 11%. Hooray!' What they haven't told you is that these are being bought *by the Chinese and Asians*. There is no housing boom. Once they buy them, it doesn't benefit the economy, because there's no loan, there's no continuing cash that's flowing through the system in loan payments, and so forth. You have to consider that.

Deuteronomy 28—we've read this before, but we need to read it again. How many saw the news last night where this American black was beat up in London because he was drinking a beer near a section of London that enforces Sharia Law? They have Sharia Law in Dearborn, Michigan. Did you know that? *Yes, indeed!* There are going to be so many crises that are going to come up, it is going to be unbelievable. It will be very difficult to handle them.

- Look at all the unemployed
- Look at all the race hatred
- Look at all the religion hatred

All of it! It's going to get down to Church at Home. It will end up there for your own safety.

Concerning economics, Deuteronomy 28:43: "The stranger *dwelling* among you shall get up above you **very high**... [not just a little bit; not just a partner] ...and you shall come down **very low**." This is a process. We see that happening in American today—don't we? More unemployed; more on the government dole. When the dollar fails, they are going to angry as can be.

At that point I would suggest that if Obama is still President, or if he is retired, that he might find a safer haven somewhere in another country. Everybody's going to be fighting everybody. How many have seen the program *Doomsday Preppers* on the History Channel?

- Do you think they are going to be peaceful?
- Do you think that Louis Farrakhan's million-man army is going to be peaceful?
- Do you think that the Muslims are going to be peaceful?
- Who do they hate? *They hate all of what is known as Western civilization, which is basically the children of Israel!*

Verse 44: "He shall loan to you..." The scale tipped in 1983. We were a creditor nation until that time. Then we started becoming a debtor nation. Now we owe more money to more people than the world has money to handle.

"...and you shall not loan to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.... [next time you pet your dog, remember that] ...And all these curses shall come on you, and shall pursue you and overtake you, until you are destroyed because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you" (vs 44-45). That's for the nation. We need to also think about the Church. I wonder what God thinks when He looks down here at the Church.

I just got this from the *Financial Times* yesterday. The title is: [A Superpower at Risk of Slippage](#). Sound a little bit like what we just read? It's a process, just like building the house of cards. It's a process. You build it up. Could you think of building a house of cards starting small and building an inverted pyramid of a house of cards? That's about where we are.

Financial Times: [A Superpower at Risk of Slippage](#), Oct. 25, 2013. [investmentwatchdogblog.com](#))

The dollar still reigns, but underlying confidence is shaken.

It has been 10 days since the US government shutdown came to an end. And if the bond market were your guide, there would appear to be no lasting costs...

Sidebar on the Federal Reserve Bank: They are buying \$85-billion of U.S. debt a month to support all of this nonsense paying to addict the Americans to government handouts. There are some people trying to stop it, but they are called

‘terrorists,’ they are against the President, they are nothing. We have a government that is at complete loggerheads with itself and the American people and a President who is totally out of touch with reality because he is so in-touch with his personal agenda and who he is, rather than what he ought to be. This is all a result of the sins collectively of the American people and the British people and those in Europe. When it hits, especially in Europe, there is going to be a Muslim backlash that is going to absolutely be devastating. It’s going to be something!

The Federal Reserve supports the stock market by giving nearly free money to those big investors. So, they keep the stock market up. That feeds back to the Federal Reserve because they own the Repository Trust Company, which is the holding company for all original stocks and bonds. They hold the paper for them and they then own it.

If any of you have stocks or bonds, you have no ownership of those bonds, even though you have a certificate that says you have so many stocks, whatever you have. Your ownership is beneficial. You can use it for your personal use, but they will not give you the original notes or stocks or shares. The Repository Trust Company holds them all. This becomes a reserve to loan as they are an independent international central bank. That’s what’s keeping things going.

Guess how much money they loaned Europe in their crisis? Anybody read it? *\$16-trillion dollars they loaned to the Europeans!* I want you to comprehend how big this bubble is and how delusional the government of the U.S. is because *they are blinded because they have rejected God!*

Now they are going to take God out of the pledge for the cadets coming out of the Air Force. Take out at the end of it when they have their pledge to graduate, ‘So help me, God.’ Get rid of it, because someone said, ‘I’m offended’; so, they are taking it out. You know what you need to tell people like that? *Go be offended, you little sissy!*

There’s also a series called *The Womanization of America*. That’s not to put women down. However, good things do not happen when women reign in majority. All matriarchal systems come to an end very quickly. You want to know what the basic thinking is on that? It’s not that God is against women. God gave women some of the most important qualities He didn’t give men. To be able to have feelings, emotions, care, security, nurturing. God didn’t give it to men. You can’t put everything in men and everything in women.

- Who built the Empire State building?
- Who built all the things, the great achievements of building? *Men did!*
- Who designed them? *Men did!*

- Did women help? *Sure they helped!*

But that’s just the way that it is.

Look at the nations of the world where they are run by tribal matriarchs. They are held at a certain level; everything is done by emotion. That’s not being against women. It’s just showing, you have deficiencies; men have deficiencies. That’s why God made male and female so *together* you could do what needs to be done. Now we’re going to have Janet Yellen as the new Federal Reserve woman.

With this report: (A Superpower at Risk of Slippage)

...the 10-year US Treasury yield dipped below 2.5 per cent this week for the first time since August.

Yet, beneath the surface, Washington’s flirtation with a voluntary default has shaken confidence in American political institutions. There may be no immediate rival to the dollar as the world’s reserve currency. Markets are more preoccupied by prospects of a delay to the Federal Reserve’s tapering plans.

The Federal Reserve says, ‘We’re going to taper off buying \$85-billion a month, but the truth is the way inflation is going to hit, they may end up buying \$1-trillion a month just to keep it afloat.

What if you had deep down in the dungeon of your house a printing press where you could print money and you didn’t have to work? You printed it so good that it was accepted as real. If you got into a financial crisis, what would you do? You’d run down to your little dungeon and you would print all the money you needed to take care of the financial crisis. But one day someone is going to find out that you’re doing the printing, and it’s all going to come to an end. That’s what it’s going to be with the Federal Reserve.

The moral of this part of the sermon is: ‘be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove’ and make sure that you ‘work like an ant’ and store it all up.

Anointed Cloths

Let’s cover something else. Remember what Jesus told the disciples. We’re seeing every one of these things. The key to understanding Matt. 24 is the only time there is a complete fulfillment of it is when you see *all* these things; not 50%, not 60%, not 80%, not 90%, not 95, *but 100%! There will come a time when they will peak at 100%. The key to that will be the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem, which might be postponed a little bit because we may have a war within 30 days of Israel*

against Iran. How many saw that Iran could have a bomb in 30 days? Did you see that on the news? I don't think Netanyahu is going to sit back and say, 'Oh, John Kerry, would you pretty please negotiate with these wonderful people for us?' *Not going to happen!*

They wanted to know when the end of the age would be. First thing He said, Matthew 24:4: "Then Jesus answered *and* said to them, '**Be on guard, so that no one deceives you.**'" That is by any means, by any system, whether it is religious, educational, governmental, in business, or whatever. "...no one deceives you." We are to prove all things.

First thing He said, v 5: "For **many shall come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they shall deceive many.**" That's continuous down to this day.

I got a paper written by a man who has a blog and he attends many Churches of God. He has attended our fellowship groups, as well as X-Y-Z, the Churches of God. He wrote a paper that *we don't need to use anointed cloths*. Again, it was accused that there was a church leader who was very charismatic and that is what he did. So therefore, because it says, 'When you are sick, call for the elders of the church,' and therefore, you should call for the elders. What he did was this: he said that all of these things were just local for Ephesus and that we should not do any of these things.

Acts 19:8: "Then he entered into the synagogue *and* spoke boldly for three months... [that is daily for three months, not 90 days in a row] ...reasoning and persuading the things concerning the Kingdom of God." How did he reason and persuade? If you go into the synagogue, what are you going to use? *You're going to use the Old Testament!*

You can preach the Gospel from the Old Testament *through Christ*. Paul said you can; that's what he did. Today we've got the whole Old Testament and the whole New Testament. We are in an entirely different situation than back then.

Verse 9: "But when some were hardened and refused to believe, speaking evil of **the way**... [a way of life; not a religion] ...before the multitude, he departed from them *and* separated the disciples; *and* he disputed *these things* daily in the school of Tyrannus. And this took place for two years, so that all those who inhabited Asia heard the message of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks" (vs 9-10). Is the message of the Lord limited to a local area? *No!* What did Jesus say? '*Go into all the world!*' This is part of it.

Verse 11: "And God worked special works of power by the hands of Paul... [Does that mean that

it was limited to just that? Did Paul do other miracles other places? *Yes, he did!*] ...So that even when handkerchiefs or cloths were brought from his body..." (vs 11-12). He probably laid his hands on it. They may have taken a whole piece of cloth and put on him. Then he would pray and then cut it up and send it out.

"...brought from his body *to* those who were sick, the diseases departed from them and the wicked spirits went out from them" (v 12).

- How many here have received an anointed cloth?
- How many have been healed as a result of using it?
- Did God then honor that? *Yes, He did!*

Then it talks about what the vagabond Jews did, and so forth. Verse 17: "Now, this became known to everyone inhabiting Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks; and fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. Then many of those who believed came *forward* to confess and declare their deeds. And many of those who practiced the occult arts brought their books *and* burned *them* before all..." (vs 17-19).

This should only happen in Ephesus, is that correct? *No!* What did Paul say when he wrote the Corinthians? '*I'm writing you exactly the teachings that I teach in every church.*' Verse 20: "And so the Word of the Lord spread and prevailed mightily."

What happened when Paul was gone? There were elders left there, too—weren't there? He gave the warning to them in Acts 20 what was going to happen. You can read that.

James 5 says when you are sick, 'Call for the elders of the church and anoint him with oil and the prayer of faith shall save the one who is sick.' What if the elder cannot get there, just like when Paul was in Ephesus. He sent these cloths out to different ones who were sick and the diseases left and the evil spirits left.

Are we to take the whole Bible and make proper judgments from it and to find that if there's a practice that obviously God blessed in the New Testament, that we should likewise do? *Of course!* That's how the anointed cloth came about. Many people have been healed down through time, not only by those in the Church that we know, but also others who use the same practice because in faith. It's not the cloth, but *that is a way of conveying to the person the personal attention of the elder* who has prayed for you to God.

When I anoint cloths and send them out, I pray particularly for that person, lay hands on the anointed cloth, anoint it with oil, and pray as if I

were there. But because of distance, cannot be there and God honors that.

What we have with someone writing something like this, is *a little leaven coming in* to undermine the faith. This is something that we really need to be aware of.

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During the break it was brought up to me by Randy concerning healing and cloth, Matthew 9:20: “And behold, a woman who had been *afflicted* with a flow of blood *for* twelve years, after coming behind *Him*, touched the hem of His garment. For she said within herself, ‘If only **I shall touch His garment**, I shall be healed.’ But Jesus turned, and seeing the woman, He said to her, ‘Be of good courage, daughter; your faith has made you whole.’ And from that hour the woman was healed” (vs 20-22).

Can we not apply that also to anointed cloths? Since you can’t come to the elder and the elder can’t come to you and today we have a telephone so you can literally call for the elder over the phone. Or if you are in Australia, you ring. And you ask for an anointed cloth.

There is special prayer given with that anointed cloth for that particular person, just as if the elder were there doing it and it is the prayer of faith, which shall save the sick. That’s the prayer of the elder and that’s the prayer of the individual combined. All of this is within the greater scope of the will of God.

That’s how we do it. God has honored it and that is a very practical way of doing things and fulfilling the Word of God, using it correctly.

Passover

Let’s tackle another one where there is a misunderstanding. That’s why before starting this out, I’m only going to review it, but I’m going to suggest you read *The Christian Passover* book. That will help you a great deal in understanding because it’s more than just about the Passover; it is what is the whole purpose of life.

Let’s cover a topic that we need to understand because these things made their cycles. Heresies come in cycles, one after the other. At the same time generations come and generations go. For some people these things come up as new. For other people they know what is true and what is not true because they have proven it by the Scriptures. That’s why I ask you to read *The Christian Passover* book.

There we have a quote from *Josephus*. Who was Josephus? Josephus was a Pharisee and priest of the *first order* or the *first course*. All the priests were

divided down into 24 courses with part of the instructions that God gave to David when He gave him the plans and all the details for the things to go on at the temple.

Josephus says there are *eight days of unleavened bread*—very clearly. He did not say there are eight days of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. He said there are *eight days of unleavened bread*. The question comes up: is the Passover Day itself an unleavened bread day?

People in the past have practiced it and it was taught in the auditorium: you keep the Passover and then in the morning if you want to have toast, then you have toast, or if you want to go to McDonald’s and get an Egg McMuffin, whatever, because the Feast of Unleavened Bread does not start until the Passover day is over.

Let’s examine some Scriptures and ask: What did God instruct the children of Israel to eat for the Passover? Let’s also understand something entirely different than we are used to today. You need to think in these terms when we come to Ex. 13: How do you unleaven and burn all the leaven in a city or a village before Unleavened Bread? What was the practice that they did for the Passover?

It talks about putting the blood on the sideposts and the door, Exodus 12:8: “And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and unleavened *bread*.... [they have to eat unleavened bread] ...Do not eat of it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted *with* fire, its head and its legs, and with its inward parts” (vs 8-9). That’s the heart, the liver and the kidneys.

It doesn’t tell us that they put all leaven out of their homes before the Passover, but it doesn’t tell us that they didn’t either. How were they to travel? They had to take food with them. The only thing they took was unleavened bread. They didn’t take meals or what the *King James* says vittles. Where did they put the unleavened bread? *In their backpack packed up!*

So, they ate unleavened bread for the Passover and they could not go out of their house until sunrise. During the day portion of the Passover, if they ate any bread, what bread did they eat? *Unleavened bread, because that’s what they took with them!* How many McDonald’s and Wendy’s were in Rameses? *None!* Then it talks about unleavened bread for seven days.

The Passover Day is also the preparation for the Passover. We’ll keep that in mind as we go forward. Exodus 13:6: “You shall eat unleavened bread seven days... [Is that in addition to the unleavened bread of Passover? *Yes, it is!*] ...and in the seventh day there *shall be* a Feast to the LORD.

Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And there shall be no leavened bread seen with you, nor shall there be leaven seen with you in all your borders” (vs 6-7). That is **all leavening agents**: yeast, baking powder, baking soda, sourdough, whatever.

How do you get rid of leavening agents? You have to get them out of your house and you have to clean out your house. You find leaven in pieces of bread wherever you didn’t expect to find it. The practice was this: when they got into the Holy Land, when it came time for the Passover, they would have crews go around and collect all the leaven to be burned *before* the Passover. Could anyone have eaten leavened bread if all leaven were removed? *No!*

We keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread because Jesus was crucified for us. Leaven pictures a type of sin—does it not? *Yes, it does!* Jesus was sinless—was He not? *Yes, He was!*

We’re going to see something interesting as we look at the preparation for the Passover. If you have a *King James Version*, it’s obvious that the *King James* translators *knew nothing* about the Passover or the Holy Days because they make a mistake of inserting ‘the Feast of Unleavened Bread,’ the day *before* the Passover. I cover all of this in great detail in *The Christian Passover* book. That’s why I say read *The Christian Passover* book.

We all know the Passover Day comes before the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Passover is the 14th; the Feast is the 15th; each day starting at sunset and ending at sunset.

Let’s read this and then we’ll come back over it because I want to explain some things to you that this is a key that establishes the Passover Day as an *unleavened bread day*.

Mark 14:12: “And on the first day of the unleavened...” That is *a literal translation!* We also know that the Passover that God gave to Israel was a *domestic* Passover with the killing of the lamb *at the home*. The Jews later combined that into things at the temple. This is why there is so much confusion concerning this and why it’s essential that you read *The Christian Passover* book and really understand it. It’s coming around again, ‘Oh, it’s perfectly all right to eat leavened bread after you have taken the Passover.’ We will see that was not the practice.

“...when they were killing the Passover lambs, His disciples said to Him, ‘Where do You desire that we go and prepare, so that You may eat the Passover?’ And He sent two of His disciples, and said to them, ‘Go into the city...’” (vs 12-13). Jesus had it all worked out. The angels were there carrying

out what they should carry out and putting the thoughts into the minds of those who needed to have it all ready. But Jesus did not tell His disciples one thing about it.

“...and you shall meet a man carrying a pitcher of water; follow him.... [What do you suppose the water was used for? *Foot-washing!*] ...And whatever house he shall enter, say to the master of the house *that* the Teacher says, “Where is the guest chamber, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?” And he shall show you a large upper room, furnished *and* ready. There prepare for us” (vs 13-15).

If it’s furnished and ready, what is there? They didn’t have tables, but they reclined. They had couches that they reclined on to eat. The unleavened bread had to be there to eat unleavened bread with the Passover. Jesus and His disciples did not kill a lamb, so who had to kill the lamb? *The head of the house*; he killed the lamb. There is *no evidence*—***no evidence whatsoever***—that Jesus or the disciples ever kept a temple-centered Passover; *none!*

Verse 16: “And His disciples went away; and when they came into the city, they found it exactly as He had said to them; and they prepared the Passover.” What did they do? *There may have been a place right there, right in the room where they could roast the lamb!*

The lamb can be very small. This is why lambs are born about a month before the Passover. You can have a week old, two weeks old, three weeks old, and so forth, a little lamb. It was not to be over a year old so it couldn’t come from last year’s lambing season.

What we did to test everything for *The Christian Passover* book we had a man who had a ranch and he had little goats and he had two little kids. We went up to his place with a stopwatch, because we wanted to know how long it took to kill the lambs, skin the lambs, and have them ready to go. It was an eye-opener for all of us who had never seen it. He slit their throat, hung them upside down, took a knife and cut them right down the middle of the belly. All of the internal parts of the lamb are in one big sack and they just fell out into his hand.

Then he cut those loose and then to skin it he took his knife and went right at the edge of the cut which was on the belly, and he put his hands in there, and I think he made a cut on the legs. The skin with the fur all came off. To do a lamb took all of 20 minutes.

Since it was a small little kid, how long did it take to roast it over a fire? *Rotisserie*, you have a hot fire going, you turn it, about an hour and 15 minutes. When you get it down to being practical and you

actually do it, you can see that it didn't take very long.

Also we did this. We wanted to know, since it says in Ex. 12 what to do about what is left over in the morning. What is left over in the morning? *Everything you didn't eat, plus the skin and the bones you were to burn!* Young lamb bones burn quite quickly whereas if you get an adult animal, to burn the bones takes quite a bit longer. We took part of the bone home, put it in the fireplace, had the gas flame burning it and in order to turn the bone into ashes was about another hour and 35-40 minutes. So, you get the timeframe involved.

Verse 17: "Now after evening had come..." That means after sunset. When was the lamb to be slain according to Ex. 12? What is the term? *Between the two evenings*, which starts as soon as the sun goes down—'ba erev'—it's gone. That's the beginning of 'ben ha arbayim.' That lasts about an hour and 15 minutes and it's getting dark. That's why you do not take the Passover as soon as the sun goes down. No, you do not do that. You wait until it's close to getting dark and you start with the opening prayer and you start with the instructions, so that by time you're taking the Passover, you're taking the Passover at night.

Let's go back and analyze v 12 a little bit here, because this becomes important: "And on the first day of the unleavened..."

The *KJV* shows and reveals the complete ignorance of the translators of the *King James Version*. They made many ignorant mistakes because they didn't know a thing about Judaism. They didn't know a thing about the Passover and the Holy Days. They just *assumed!* That's where a lot of problems come. This is why you might say, 'Why did I ask the foolish question: Which comes first the Passover or the Feast of Unleavened Bread?' Here's why.

Matthew 26:17, *KJV*: "Now the first day... [notice 'day' is inserted in italics] ...of the feast of unleavened bread..." That gets you off a day immediately—doesn't it? *Yes, indeed!*

It could not have been the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread because notice the disciples question. "...the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, 'Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the Passover?'" (v 17).

Try this: If this were the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, then they ate the Passover beginning the second day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. *That can't be so!* The key is knowing there was a *domestic sacrifice at home* and that the tradition of the Jews of Judaism to have a temple-

sacrificed Passover lamb is of *their own traditional practices* and not of God's instructions.

Num. 28 gives all the required sacrifices at the temple. It starts out with the daily morning and evening sacrifice, everything to go with that. Numbers 28:9: "And on the Sabbath Day two lambs of the first year without spot, and two tenth parts of flour *for* a grain offering, mixed with oil, and its drink offering; *this is* the burnt offering of every Sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering" (vs 9-10). They offered the daily sacrifice plus the Sabbath sacrifice.

Verse 11: "And in the beginning of your months you shall offer a burnt offering to the LORD; two young bulls, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot, and three tenth parts of flour *for* a grain offering, mixed with oil, for one bull, and two parts of flour *for* a grain offering, mixed with oil, for one ram; and a separate tenth part of flour mixed with oil *for* a grain offering to one lamb, for a burnt offering of a sweet savor, an offering made by fire to the LORD" (vs 11-13). Then it shows what they should do, v 14, with the bull, with the kids, and everything.

Remember, these are the commands for every required temple sacrifice. Notice the Passover very carefully, v 16: "And **in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the LORD.**" What's missing? *There are no instructions for a temple offering* for the Passover Day other than the morning and evening sacrifice, which was to be for every day.

What does this tell us? *God never gave a command for the sacrificing of Passover lambs, or the killing of them, at the temple—period!* There is *not one* instruction in the Old Testament to do so. Where were they to be killed? *The same as it was in Egypt, at the house!* All of those people, and the men especially, were skilled in killing animals, skinning them, preparing them to eat for other regular meals. Just like we did, we timed it—20 minutes to kill it, skin it, and have it ready to put on the fire.

Mark 14:12 (*KJV*): "And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the Passover, his disciples said unto him, 'Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the Passover?'" This is why it is important to understand the Greek, because this was written in Greek. Greek is a very precise language. I translated this according to the precision of the Greek.

Where were they before they started coming to Jerusalem? *He was in Bethany* (Mark 14:3)! Where is Bethany? Picture the temple, picture a valley, and then the Mt. of Olives which is higher

than the temple area. Picture coming over the top of the mountain is Bethany and Bethphage where the priests and the Levites lived. Not all of them, but those that were in the area of Jerusalem.

They were going into the city, which means they had to come to the top of the Mt. of Olives. Were they at the temple? *No!* Jesus did not say to go to the temple and offer a lamb. He did not say that. What did He say? *'You follow this man into a house!'* At that time they had probably the greatest majority of people keeping the domestic-type Passover, although the Jews don't like to admit it because a Jew will never admit he is wrong.

Sidebar: My experience has been this: I don't know whose tradition, vanity, and arrogance is worse, the Jews or the British. They both talk down to people as if you are beneath them. It's awfully hard for them to be humble.

You don't assume humility, by saying, 'I'm going to have a humble attitude.' You become humble because you yield to God and you maintain humility when you understand there is nothing that you didn't receive from God!

If that is not good enough, then you do the pen test. Put a dot on a piece of paper with the tip of that pen. Look at it thoroughly, because everything that you are is simulated by the size of that dot, because that's how big you were when you were conceived in your mother's womb. What big, uppity thing does anybody have to lift themselves above anybody else in arrogance and pride, and exclusiveness and elitism because 'we are Jews.'

Never fails! Every time I meet a Jew they say, 'I'm a Jew.' Why? Next time that happens I'm going to say, 'Why do you say that? Are you proud that you have rejected God all these years?' Likewise if you meet a Brit, 'I'm British.'

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This was one of these 'reading in bed studying, understanding what it really was and leaping out of bed very excited' verses. Really! There it is right there. Which it is in the Greek:

Mark 14:12 (FV): "And on the first day of the unleavened..." a literal translation. 'Feast of' is not there. It's speaking of the day that *they were killing the Passover lambs!* Where were Jesus and the disciples? *Coming down the Mt. of Olives!* What were the disciples seeing? Think of it this way: The disciples had not been told anything where they were going to keep the Passover. What is happening? *The sun is going down and Jesus didn't tell them one word!* So, they got excited.

What were they seeing when they were killing the Passover lambs? They weren't anywhere

near the temple. What were they seeing? *Where the lambs were being killed at the homes!*

Another thing in the Greek 'they were killing,' they were is 'ethuon' which is present-tense passive—*they were killing*. Not that they had killed or they were preparing to kill; *they were killing*. This tells you what time of day that had to be: sunset ending the 13th, beginning the 14th. That's when would be the first time they would have the opportunity to kill the Passover lamb.

The phrase "...the first day of the unleavened..." is the key. That's referring to the Passover Day. It is called *the first of the unleavened!* Why? *They had unleavened their homes before the Passover!* So, there it is right in the New Testament. Very important to know!

Someone says, 'You can go eat leavened bread after you've had the Passover the night before.' *You destroy all the symbolism of the unleavened bread of the body of Christ!* That's why it's a separate day of unleavened bread, not part of the seven. So we have perfect bookends with this with the Holy Days. We have the Passover that begins God's plan with the unleavened body of Jesus Christ. That is a separate day of unleavened bread that is not a Holy Day. Why? *Because of all the work that had to be done on that day!* That's why! *And because of what was going to occur to Jesus and the disciples!* Do you think that the scribes and Pharisees would have called a judicial court on a Holy Day? *Probably not!* There's more for us to learn from this.

"...they were killing the Passover lambs... [present tense, they were seeing it happen right then] ...His disciples said to Him... [because they knew nothing] ...'Where do You desire that we go and prepare, so that You may eat the Passover?' And He sent two of His disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the city, and you shall meet a man carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. And whatever house he shall enter, say to the master of the house that the Teacher says, "Where is the guest chamber, where I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"' And he shall show you a large upper room, furnished *and* ready. There prepare for us.' And His disciples went away; and *when* they came into the city..." (vs 12-16). They were outside the city.

- Where is the temple? *Inside the city!*
- Did He tell them to go and get a lamb from the temple? *No!*

He said to *go into this house, follow this man!*

"...and they prepared the Passover. Now, after evening had come... [that's at the last part of 'ben ha arbayim' when it's beginning to get dark] ...He [Jesus] came with the twelve. And as they sat

and were eating, Jesus said, ‘Truly I say to you, one of you shall betray Me, *even* he who is eating with Me.’ And they began to be extremely sad, and said to Him one by one, ‘*Is it I?*’ And another, ‘*Is it I?*’ But He answered *and* said to them, ‘The one who is dipping *a morsel* into the dish with Me, *he is* the one of you twelve’” (vs 16-20).

People have said because it’s called a ‘sop’ in the *King James Version* that it had to be leavened bread. To this day the Greek Orthodox use leavened bread. The way they keep their communion they have a loaf of bread and the priest breaks it off and gives it to the person. *Anything but God’s way!* The Catholics have a wafer and they can’t use broken wafers. How then are they following with Christ where He broke the bread? They do it in the morning and they call it the Lord’s Supper. *Anything but God’s way!*

Verse 21: “The Son of man indeed goes, just as it has been written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would be better for that man if he had not been born.’ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread; *and* after blessing *it*, He broke *it* and gave *it* to them, and said, ‘Take eat; this is My body.’ And He took the cup; *and* after giving thanks, He gave *it* to them; and they all drank of it. And He said to them, ‘This is My blood, the blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for many’” (vs 21-24).

I forget the exact reference, I’ll have to look it up, but look up ‘the blood of the grapes’ in the Old Testament. *It is not grape juice!*

What I want you to grasp is this: Since the Passover is the most important thing for us to keep and renew the New Covenant every year, that’s the one thing that Satan the devil likes to

- change
- pervert
- substitute
- misinterpret

and *every evil thing against* the Passover! Why? *If he can get people to begin to move away from the Passover, then he has a key to bring in other things incrementally!* We’ve seen that happen.

When did this Passover controversy start in Pasadena, in WCG? *1974 at the elders’ conference, introduced by Robert Kuhn a temple-attending Jew!* He introduced the thought that the Passover should be on the 15th. Jews despicably hate anyone who keeps any of the days *that they think is theirs*. That’s just a fact.

They don’t want Christians keeping the Passover. What did one of the leading evangelists

do? *He began to call it the Lord’s Supper!* Where did that come from? *That came from Protestantism!*

I know it’s not the Passover season, but I can guarantee you it’s going to come up. When we come to 1-Cor. 11, having some knowledge of the Greek becomes very important because there are certain things of the Greek, especially here that are not able to be strictly translated. I’ll show you about that when we get to it.

1-Corinthians 11:17: “Now, *in this that* I am commanding *you*, I do not praise you, because when you assemble together, it is not for the better but for the worse.” Have you ever gone to church and experienced that? *Yes!* We’ve all gone to church with a good attitude. ‘Oh, boy, this is going to be a good Sabbath.’ What happens? You come home like you ran into the back of a garbage truck.

Verse 18: “For first of all, I hear that there are divisions among you when you are assembled together in the Church, and I partly believe *it*.” And there are. There are things that we don’t understand. We need to grow in understanding as we grow in grace and knowledge. But we need to believe exactly what is given here in the Bible based upon the Greek because that is the language that it was written in for the New Testament.

Verse 19: “For it is necessary that heresies be among you...” Why do these come along? *To test us whether we really know what we believe is a fact!* Belief *without proof* and *without facts*—concerning things we need proof and facts—*is worthless!* A person can say, ‘I believe in Jesus. I’d like you to meet my live-in girlfriend.’ That’s 40% of those attending Christian churches today. You don’t believe!

Verse 19: “For it is necessary that heresies be among you, so that the ones who are approved may become manifest among you”—so you can see who is teaching and following the Truth and who is not.

Verse 20: “Therefore, when you assemble together in one place **it is not to eat the Lord’s supper.**” What does that mean in the Greek? The Greek has two words for negation:

1. ‘me’—which means *not*
2. ‘ouk’—which means *not*

What is the difference between the two?

- ‘ouk’ means *this shall never be in actuality, a complete elimination of it*
- ‘me’ is *don’t let that thought come into your mind*

Sidebar: There are places where it is ‘ou’ which is a shortened version of ‘ouk’ and ‘me’—‘ou

me': *it is not going to realistically happen and don't even have the idea in your head that it will!*

Guess what is used in Matt. 5:17? Jesus said, 'Ouk me.' It's not going to happen and don't get the idea into your head when He said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets.' A double negation so powerful in the Greek that those who say Jesus did away with the Law are blaspheming Him every time they stand in the pulpit and mention His name and say the Law is done away.

In this particular case here, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. It's not to happen in reality, but this is not 'ouk me,' this is 'ouk,' *the impossibility of it being so*. Why? Why can't you eat the Lord's Supper? When Jesus had the supper, what was it? *The Passover!* What did He say about that last Passover? *He would not eat or drink of the wine until it is renewed in the Kingdom!*

1. you can't possibly eat the Lord's Supper because you weren't there when it occurred
2. it's called the Passover and not the Lord's Supper

So here's what happened; typical. Human beings, everyone wants to do what is right in their own eyes and tell God what to do. 'I've got a good idea.' There's even a man who visits us here once in a while, he insists that you have to have a meal with the Passover. We'll see that's not so *except if you have the Passover in your home and you have a meal before the Passover*. But that is not part of the Passover; that's separate.

Verse 21: "For in eating, everyone takes his own supper first; now on the one hand, someone goes hungry; but on the other hand, another becomes drunken." What a whoopee party they had for the Passover. That is blasphemous because it is a solemn night. Should we have a meal with the Passover service? *NO!*

Paul said, v 34: "But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that *there will be no cause* for judgment *when you assemble together*." Eat at home *before* you come.

Jesus' last Passover was a little different. He had to finish the Old Testament Passover first before He instituted the New Covenant. That eating of the meal was not part of the New Covenant Passover. We find there are three parts to it:

1. foot-washing
2. breaking and eating of bread
3. drinking the wine

Verse 25: "In like manner, *He* also *took* the cup after He had supped, saying, 'This is *the* cup of

the New Covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in the remembrance of Me.'" You could read that in the English and you could say, 'As often as you do this, this gives me permission to do it as often as I want.' There is what is called 'a particle' in the Greek. That is pronounced 'an.' It is not translated, but in the Greek this means *there are limiting factors* to the 'often as.' What are the limiting factors that you can't do it any time that you want?

1. 14th day
2. the time that Jesus took it
3. it is an annual event

What does He mean 'as often as you drink it'? Did they know when Jesus was going to return at this time of the ministry of Paul? *No, they did not!* He was referring to as often as you would do this year by year until the Lord comes.

Verse 26: "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you *solemnly* proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes." When did Jesus die? *On the 14th day!* What is a remembrance? *A memorial!* How often is a memorial?

What if you went back to Washington, D.C., and said, 'I've got a new interpretation. We're going to have Memorial Day whenever we want, any day, any time, over and over again.' Wouldn't work! It says, 'this do in the "...remembrance of Me" (v 25) That is once a year.

"...you *solemnly* proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes" (v 26). And Paul did not have a clue that it was going to be over 1,900 more years until Jesus returned. We need to understand that.

We're preparing ahead of time for this coming spring. I'm sure we'll have some difficulties come up.

Questions & Comments

Question: Could this be read in the English, 'is it not to eat the Lord's Supper.' No, it's not a question. It's a statement. The 'ouk' in the Greek makes it final—*it is not!* It has the force of this: don't touch that!

Comment concerning 'it's necessary for heresies to be among you,' that that ties in with Matt. 13 with the parable of the tares. God has a way of getting rid of them by scattering the flock.

- If you truly believe, it doesn't matter where you are, *you're going to believe!*
- If you truly believe, it doesn't matter who your friends are or not, *you truly believe!*

Rather than destroy everybody, God just causes there to be splits and divisions to clean it out, to test

it up. Look what happens. You go over to this group and there's a whole body of tares. You come over here to this group and there are some tares and some wheat. What we are trying to do is use a little bit of 'spiritual roundup' and not have them start.

In Mark 14 it doesn't say the feast of unleavened bread, but if you go to Matt. 26 it does. I may have jumped ahead at that particular time and gone too fast and you thought I was still in Mark 14.

Matthew 26:17: "Now the first *day* of the *feast of unleavened bread*..." That's how the *King James* reads. It doesn't say that in Mark 14. But in either case the Greek phrase '*the first of the unleaveneds*,' that's what's used in the Greek. That has to do with getting out the leaven more directly.

Those things come along and different ones, not knowing the Greek—that's why I did not even attempt to do any translating until I had studied the Greek for 17 years. Even then, you need to understand, which I'm sure you probably do coming from Armenia, there are 1,200 forms of the verb, each of them very particular and significant with direct meaning.

Just like here in Mark 14 'they *were killing* the lambs.' Present tense meaning it's being done. Passive, the action was being done to the lambs by 'they.' They were killing. It could not be 'they killed the lamb,' because the present tense shows that it was occurring, which then prompted the question: 'did the Lord forget the Passover? What are we going to do? We've got to keep it. Lord, where do we go?'

The word *bread* is not in the Greek in 'the first of the unleaveneds.' It is 'ton azumos' which is 'the unleavens.' Bread is 'artos,' not there.

Now you know why I said to read *The Christian Passover* book. All of those things are handled chapter by chapter.

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