

Passover in the Old Testament I

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to Sabbath services.

I want to talk a little bit about how confused and deceived this world is. It's so hard for new people to grasp what is in the Bible, especially if they've been in a Protestant church. Catholics, not quite so much so, but Protestants do not understand how much they have been deceived.

What was it that the serpent told Eve? 'If you eat of the fruit of the tree, in dying you shall not surely die.' A lie! But what happened? God's way was replaced with Satan's way. In effect he said, 'What God told you, you don't need to pay any attention to it. I know more than God, besides I've been there, I can tell you.'

We have the same thing with the Protestants, 'If you have Jesus, you have everything. You don't need to worry about the Old Testament, that's all been fulfilled, and the law has been done away.' That's why in my letter I made it very clear. As a matter of fact, Jesus tells us in no uncertain terms:

1. Don't even think that!
2. It'll never be a reality!

That's right in the New Testament they claim to follow. That's why we have the short series that we have; it's called The Evangelical Bible, two verses.

Is that not doing away with the Word of God, yet, thinking that you are right? *Yes, indeed!* If you take everything that we have in the world today in the way of modern Christianity, and set that aside, and you come to the time of Jesus and the apostles, they actually preach the Gospel from the Old Testament. Then God inspired them to write the New Testament. Here's a principle in the Bible:

- the physical first
- the spiritual second
 - the first man Adam was made of the dust of the earth
 - the second Adam was the Lord from heaven; *spiritual*

We need to understand that in relationship to what we're going to go through here. I just want to cover a couple of things, most of important things.

The world doesn't know it because they are blinded. They are deceived and they are deceived into thinking that the deception is right, and that those who have the Truth are wrong. Of course, with all the politics going on and jamming up the roads and keeping people from speaking and things like

this, they think they're right. But they have been nourished in communism from kindergarten, all the way through college. They think they're right and all of us who say, 'You have to have some laws. You have to have some standards. You have to have some morals.' *You're old fashioned!* Especially if you're religious. Now to show you how far men will go. Here's the homosexual Bible (*The Rainbow Bible*). Men have been led by Satan to destroy everything that can be destroyed concerning the Word of God.

They have not been able to destroy as much as Satan would like to destroy, and because now there are so many Bibles everywhere in the world, no one has an excuse to not know. Here you have the World Scriptures for the coming world religion, already made up, made in the 1990s. Have they been planning this? If you say, 'It's a conspiracy, you're a nut. If you believe in a conspiracy, you're a nut.'

What is Satan? *The master conspirator!* Today everything that is in *Christianity in this world is false:*

- based on lies
- based on false interpretations
- based on upon assumptions

Never proving the Truth from the Bible, which Paul said, 'Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.' They did not do like the Bereans to examine the Scriptures, whether the things were so.

This was Paul coming into the synagogue in Berea and preaching Christ from the Old Testament. So, there in the synagogue, what did they have? *They had all the scrolls of the Old Testament!* During the week they would come down and study it. On the Sabbath they would go over it. They had the Word of God. One thing about scattering the Jews around the world, especially after 70_{A.D.}, they held on to three things, but they overlaid with *their traditions:*

1. The Word of God

They overlaid that with Mishnah and they overlaid that with the Talmud, so it's buried.

2. The Sabbath

Because everywhere they went in the world they kept the seventh day, whether they kept it correctly or not, they kept the day.

3. The Word of God

They, like those against the New Testament, tried to change as much as they could in the Bible.

But very little was changed, just a few things to cloud Who the Messiah was. But God has always kept honest scholars that want the Truth. So, there's always something published that is the Truth, which brings it out. One of those is the *Schocken Bible: The Five Books of Moses, Vol. 1* by Everett Fox. That's a very important Bible, because he's the #1 Hebrew Biblical expert in America.

Another most important thing in the Calculated Hebrew Calendar: Where did the Jews go wrong? We're going to talk a little bit about this today. Why do they say Passover is on the 15th and the Bible says on the 14th? That resulted in this book: *The Christian Passover*, now 3rd edition. Everyone needs this book! I get letters every year about this time, people saying, 'I'm re-reading it again.' I got one just the other day, 'I'm re-reading it for the tenth time and I'm still learning.'

One evangelist said, 'The Passover is so simple why do you need a 500-page book to explain about it?' What's the answer to that? ***The Passover is so important for eternal life that Satan has done everything to:***

- destroy the knowledge of it
- mix it up
- cloud the knowledge of it
- cause misinterpretations

I've got one 38-year-old paper that I've kept by the infiltrators in WCG when they came in to change the Passover from the 14th to the 15th. If you change it from the 14th to the 15th, ***you are removing yourself away from Christ, and you do not have eternal life!***

Don't read *The Christian Passover* first, read this shorter version of it: *The Day Jesus the Christ Died*. This was done when Mel Gibson came out with *The Passion of the Christ* movie. He did a good job showing a lot of things. Dolores and I went to see it. It was quite good in many aspects of it. Other aspects it wasn't.

Then Bill O'Reilly wrote a book: *Killing Jesus*. I don't know what he's into this killing series for, but that's all he has. Anyway, his is incredibly deficient. He's got the right year. He has the right day, the 5th of April, but he's got the wrong sequence. It was on a Wednesday and not a Friday. I doubt if he believes in the resurrection, because he wouldn't show any part of that, just sort of an illusion to it.

Another book you need is *A Harmony of the Gospels*, in its third edition. Dolores will remember this: we lived at 1616 North Fletcher in Pasadena. The reason that I did this was because there was so much trouble going on in the Church, political things, hateful things, everything; it was really

terrible. I figured: *keep your mind on Christ!* This came about because in our very first year we were married, transferred over to Boise, Idaho, I thought I would give a sermon on the last ten days of Jesus' life, leading up to the Passover.

I graduated just about a year before that, married in January. This was the second year we were there. First year we were at 626 E. Jefferson St. This one we were 803 W. Third St. A beautiful little white house with yellow trim, wonderful, was really, really a nice house, and we really enjoyed it there.

In preparing for the sermon, I got out my sermon notes from Dr. Herman Hoeh, the 'great intellect' from Pasadena, and then the pastor over in Eugene that I served as ministerial assistant.

Lo and behold, they were a day off. How do you get a day off? I said I'd get *A Harmony of the Gospels* by A.T. Robertson because that's what we used in first year Bible. I got it out and it was worse. This really bugged me, *because you can't have a missing day!* I took a piece of paper and wrote down Matthew, another one Mark, another one Luke, another one John. I started studying through. I found the missing day! Dolores will probably remember that, because I was really excited when I found it. All of them had the victorious entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem on the Sabbath, 'Palm Sabbath.'

Remember what the Pharisees and scribes said when all the disciples were breaking down palm branches and laying their coats down on the road, Jesus was on the donkey. 'Hosanna to the Highest, Hosanna on the Highest.' They said, 'Tell them to shut up.' He said, 'If I did, the rocks would cry out.'

Think what they would have said if that would have been on the Sabbath Day. 'Your disciples are breaking the Sabbath by tearing down branches.' How do we know they would say that? Because when the disciples were plucking heads of grain on the Sabbath, they got all upset. They said they were harvesting.

The next thing you had to find out was when was the 'palm day'? That turned out to be Friday, not Saturday, not Sunday. Everything flowed through, because Mark 11, here is the missing day. This covers what I just talked about.

Mark 11:8: "Then many spread their garments in the road, and others cut down branches from the trees, and scattered *them* in the road. And those who went before and those who followed *behind* were crying out, saying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of *the* Lord. Blessed is the kingdom of our father David, coming in *the* name of *the* Lord. Hosanna in the highest!'" (vs 8-10).

I just imagine that everyone was in a fever pitch that if this was really the Messiah, He was coming to Jerusalem and raise up an army and ‘save us from the Romans.’

Verse 11: “And Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and *because* the hour was already late... [getting close to sundown] ... after looking around at everything *there*, He went out to Bethany with the twelve. And in the morning, after they left Bethany, He became hungry. Then, seeing a fig tree afar off that had leaves, He went *to it to see* if He might possibly find something on it. But after coming to it, He found nothing except leaves because it was not yet *the* season for figs” (vs 11-13).

Some critic is going to say Jesus was unfair to that fig tree, because He came looking for fruit and it wasn’t even the season. This was *symbolic* of the work that the Jews should have done. They had all the leaves, *but they had no spiritual fruit!* What He did was a foretaste of what was coming with its destruction. Keep in mind *one* day.

Verse 14: “And Jesus responded *by* saying to it, ‘Let no one eat fruit from you any more forever!’ And His disciples heard *it*. Then they came into Jerusalem; and after entering the temple, Jesus began to cast out those who were buying and selling in the temple; and He overthrew the tables of the money exchangers and the seats of those who were selling doves. Moreover, He did not allow anyone to carry a vessel through the temple” (vs 14-16). I bet He had the fiercest look on His face.

Verse 17: “And He taught, saying to them, ‘Is it not written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations”? But you have made it a den of robbers.’ Now, the chief priests and the scribes heard *this*, and they sought how they might destroy Him; for they feared Him, because all the multitudes marveled at His teaching. And when evening came, He went out of the city” (vs 17-19)—*ending the day, beginning a new day*. How many days do we have? *Two!*

Verse 20: “And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from *the* roots.” So, there was a two-day thing that took place with the cursing of the fig tree. Cursing it coming into the temple, teaching all day at the temple, left, went out to Bethany, came back, and it was dried up.

In *A Harmony of the Gospels*, you will see photos of that happening. I have a picture of a fig tree with all the leaves on it. Then a picture of it all stripped, same fig tree. Those photos came because one was the fig tree before the locusts got it, and the other one was the fig tree after the locusts got it. So, I thought that that pretty well displayed what it was. That’s what you will see in *A Harmony of the*

Gospels. Why is this important? *Because it helps lay out the sequence leading up to the Passover!* The Passover is important.

- What day did God set the sun and moon in place to begin for the appointed times? *Fourth day!*
- What division of the Bible is the Gospels, which tells all about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ? *Fourth division!*
- What day was He crucified on? *Fourth day of the week—Wednesday!*
- What day did He begin His ministry on with the temptation in the wilderness? *Fourth day of the week—Wednesday!*

There are a lot of things that God has all tied up and wrapped up in time and prophecy and His Word and types and things like this.

What day, after He died, did He ascend to heaven? *The fourth day after the crucifixion!* He began with 40 days—4 times 10—temptation. He ended with 40 days with the disciples—4 times 10. So, #4 and the Passover are so important that that pattern fits the whole thing. God doesn’t do anything by happenstance; God does it by deliberation. This being the most important thing, planned from the foundation of the world.

Stop and think! *Satan the devil has done everything possible to destroy the knowledge of the Passover!*

- How are you going to do it for the Jews who have the Old Testament?
- How are you going to get them one day off?
- How are you going to do it for the Catholics, early church fathers, etc?

By saying that the Jews were punished by God; that’s why He gave them the Sabbath and the Holy Days. Punished for their horrible sins. But think about it.

For 40 years were not the Jews the greatest number of Christians? What did the Bible say? *To the Jew first!* It says He’s going to save Judah first (Zech. 12). In Rev. 7, the first tribe of the tribes of Israel saved is Judah. The last one saved was the smallest tribe: Benjamin. Who was the last apostle? *Paul of the tribe of Benjamin!* All of these things fit together in a great overall pattern.

We have new people going to keep the Passover for the first time this year. Some of them just baptized shortly before Passover, never knowing anything about the Bible anywhere or anything there, and all of a sudden you have Passover one night, Night to Be Observed the next night, the first Holy Day. What on earth is this? Especially if you’ve been a Protestant, because it’s strange. What

is really strange? What I just said and then you carried on with:

- Pentecost
- Trumpets
- Atonement
- Tabernacles
- Last Great Day

What is all of that?

Let's look at it this way. Resurrect someone from the first century who was a converted Jew, and say, 'Look at this Christianity that we have today, what do you think about that?'

We have a very close experience to that. How could the world be turned so upside down? And then you also tell this resurrected person, 'Guess what, since the printing of the Bible there have been 7-1/2-billion printed. Now they have a magical device they can hold in their hands. Hundreds of millions of people have it and they can look at the whole Bible.' *What do you mean the whole Bible?* 'Since you were lying in the grave, waiting for the resurrection, we had the Gospels written, we have the General Epistles written. We've had the Epistles of Paul, the book of Revelation.' *Really, what is that?* 'You're in for a big lesson there, friend.'

John saw this vision; this explains it really very well, Revelation 17:1: "And one of the seven angels who had the seven vials came and spoke with me, saying to me, 'Come here; I will show you the judgment of the great whore who sits upon many waters; with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication....'" (vs 1-2).

- spiritual fornication
- lawlessness in religion

That is serving Satan the devil, because you read Rev. 13, who do they worship? *Satan* and they think they're worshipping God. Everything's totally backwards. That's why today true Christians are few and far between. That's why we have a greater responsibility to do the things we need to do than any other generation down through time. Waters means *people* (v 15).

Verse 2: "With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication..."—the leaders, these are the elite! Do they not set everything for everybody? *Yes!*

Sidebar: We've got a special booklet, an in-depth *Tribute to William Tyndale*. In it we have some of the quotes of the popes from *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*. If you've got the little *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*, you just have a little abbreviated edition. I have two of the great big huge printed *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*, complete. Sometimes you need to get

everything. In it there are quotes from the popes. One pope, I remember said, 'Look at the power that I have. I can consign someone to hell or to heaven. I can command nations to be destroyed, command kings and emperors. That's all the power that I have. What can be said of me? I must be God!'

If you have *The New Testament in its Original Order*, we did have it there. But in order to do the whole Bible, we had to reduce it down.

- Who is the one that wants to be God?
- Who is the one who wants to be the replacement of Christ?
- Today called the vicar?
- *Satan the devil!*

"...and those who dwell on the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication" (v 2). That means *the whole world*. That's why being called and having your mind opened is a special miracle from God.

Verse 3: "Then he carried me away in *the* spirit to a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet beast that had seven heads and ten horns, full of names of blasphemy. And the woman *was* clothed in purple and scarlet, and *was* adorned with gold and pearls and precious stones; *and* she had a golden cup in her hand, filled with abominations and *the* filthiness of her fornication; and across her forehead a name *was* written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (vs 3-5).

So evil is this system, and they have done it, 'Oh, but the pope today, he's such a nice man. He's such a humble man; he even asked everybody to pray for him. Isn't that a wonderful thing?'

Verse 6: "And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus...." There are two classifications of martyrs:

1. true Christians are the saints
2. martyrs are those who believe in the name of Jesus

They are for Jesus, but were never truly converted. But nevertheless, they die. In the Middle East today we have a lot of those.

"...And after seeing her, I wondered with great amazement" (v 6). How did the world become this way? Remember, John was writing toward the end of the first century and he was projected forward to our day today. He looked at that and he couldn't believe it. Because everybody who has anything to do with Christianity, they say we're Christian, they quote certain Scriptures, but they're not.

- Which is the greatest enigma?
- Babylon the Great

or

- the Truth of the Bible?

The other night I was watching the submarine battle with the Germans against everything. The British forced this one German sub up and in the sub they had everything concerning the ‘enigma code’ that the Germans had that the British could not crack. They had the machine to deliver it, the machine to receive it and they had the code book to go with it ‘in toto.’ That helped win WWII.

Today the Bible is closed to those who refuse. Atheists say, ‘The Bible is filled with lies and all sorts of terrible, horrible things. Look at they do to people. They stone them for adultery’ and all of this sort of thing.

Look at all of the great theological things that are in the world that are called Christian. Think about the total deception that they are under. Along comes an honest scholar, once in a while, and he writes a convicting statement against them, such as: ‘There’s no such thing in the Bible as a ‘holy trinity.’ The word is not even there. When the Catholics run to their priest and say, ‘Can you tell me about the trinity?’ *My child, it’s a mystery. No one can understand it. Yes you can, it’s a dirty, rotten lie!* That’s an example.

- Can you worship the God of Truth with lies?
- Do you like to be lied to? *No!*
- Do you lie?

The average person in the world lies to themselves once every eleven minutes about something.

Isaiah 29:9: “Be stunned and amazed! Blind your eyes and be blind! They are drunk... [What did we just read? Rev. 17, drunk!] ... but not with wine; they stagger, but not *with* strong drink, for the LORD has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes; He has covered the prophets and your rulers, *and* the seers” (vs 9-10).

So, when people go from God, what happens? *The blinders come on!* Today they have the reality glasses. You have this little thing you put over your eyes and you have a whole new reality right there. It’s not much different than watching the ads on television. Everybody’s happy, *happy, happy!* I have yet to see them try and sell one thing with some old grump.

Verse 11: “And the vision of all has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed... [that’s what they say of the Bible] ... which they give to one who is learned saying, ‘Please read this,’ and he says, ‘I cannot, for it is sealed.’” *I don’t*

understand this; this is strange; what is this all about? God gave a special way of preserving it.

Verse 12: “And the book is delivered to him who is not learned, saying, ‘Please read this,’ and he says, ‘I am not learned.’ And the LORD said...” (vs 12-13).

Stop and think:. Everybody in the world figures Halloween, Christmas, Lent, Easter—all of those things—are ‘Christian.’ You come up to them and you say, ‘No, *no, no!* It’s the

- Passover
- Unleavened Bread
- Pentecost
- Trumpets
- Atonement
- Tabernacles
- Last Great Day

What on earth are you talking about? We have so much fun over here and it’s all for the children! Teaching them to lie from an early age.

I remember when I caught my mom the lie about Christmas. I remember it, because I got a lot of switches on my legs. My mom confessed to Dolores that I was the hardest thing to rear, to keep track of. Good thing for about five years we lived out in the country because that kept me out of trouble.

I discovered a box in the closet; just what I had ordered from Santa Claus down at the department store. Kids are dumb; take advantage of their credulity and sincerity. ‘Oh, let’s go shopping. What do you want for Christmas? Let’s go to the department store and see.’ There’s this big fat guy with bad breath and a fake beard. Always is!

Never stop and think, how could that guy squeeze down the chimney? So, I found this box in the closet and I just had a big deal with some of the kids I played with that there is no Santa Claus. I said yes there’s a Santa Claus. I ran into the house and said, ‘My friends say there’s no Santa Claus. There is a Santa Claus, isn’t there?’ My mom said, ‘Of course, there’s a Santa Claus.’

So, here about two weeks later I find this box. I confront my mom, ‘what’s this? You mean there’s no Santa Claus?’ *Well, really there isn’t.* ‘Why do I get switched when I lie?’ She said, ‘That’s a white lie, we do good.’ Isn’t that how Satan presents it? *A white lie is good!*

- What did Jesus say? *Let your ‘yes’ be yes and your ‘no’ be no!*
- What is more ridiculous, holidays of this world

or

- the Truth of God?

I know, if you're coming to it for the first time, it's a little strange. But look at what's in the world. Don't you think it's strange with:

- all of these lies?
- all of these things?
- all of the deceptions?
- all of the commercials?
- all of 'Let's put Jesus back in Christmas'?

He was never, never there! And you 'ain't a gonna' get Him and put Him there anyhow. That's just the way it's going to be!

(go to the next track)

Here is why they're spiritually blind. Isaiah 29:13: "And the LORD said, 'Because this people draws near *Me* with their mouth, and with their lips honor Me, but their worship of Me is made up of the traditions of men learned by rote, and their fear toward Me is *taught* by the commandments of men.'"

Think of this: If you walked into a store and said, 'We're going to have a convention over here and we're going to have 1,000 people. We want you to bring us x-number of boxes of unleavened bread, no ham, no pork, no shrimp, no lobster. And we need so-many basins for foot-washing and so many towels to dry the feet.' The guy would say, 'This sounds kind of crazy, what are you going to do with that?' 'We're going to keep the Passover.' *What's that?*

Change the scene: Here comes someone saying, 'We're heading up the President's egg-rolling party.' *Oh, really, wonderful.* 'We want 3,000 chocolate bunnies.' *Right on, perfect.* 'We need 15,000 boiled and tattooed eggs. We need 500 rabbits to go around there and we need someone in costumes to pass out the goodies.' *Oh, that's a wonderful thing that you're doing for the children and just think, it's right on the President's lawn. Isn't that wonderful, that's nice.*

See the difference? *Contrast in reality!* The Truth and blinded! So, here's what God does:

Verse 14: "Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do again a marvelous work among this people, *even* a marvelous work and a wonder, for the wisdom of their wise ones shall perish, **and the wisdom of their intelligent ones shall vanish.**"

- Sound like congress?
- Sound like those running for election this President?
- Sound like those running the EU?

'We believe the world just came from a big explosion.'

Verse 15: "Woe *to* those who go deep to hide *their* purpose from the LORD! And their works are in the dark, and they say, 'Who sees us? And who knows us?'.... [the super-elite deceiving the world] ...Surely, you have turned things upside down!.... [they call good evil and evil good] ... Shall the potter be regarded as the potter's clay; for shall the work say of him who made it, 'He did not make me?'...." (vs 15-16). 'We've evolved from slime. Isn't that wonderful? All our ancestors crawled out with slime out of the ocean.'

"...Or shall the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'He had no understanding?'" (v 16). You don't even exist. So, God proceeds to do what He's going to do. Need to add a little something to this. You can either write for it or you can go online for these sermons:

- *Call to Repentance and Resignation*
- *The Rest of the Story #s 1-2*
- *Invisible Idol/Visible Man #s 1-2*

That will give you a lot of history and background to how we can to where we are today.

In doing the Bible, here's what we did first. *New Testament in Its Original Order, a Faithful Version*. I had no intention of ever doing it, but I did study the Greek, and studied it very diligently from 1975 until I started doing some study translations for Bible study for our study group about 1992.

That happened after I did a series going through the Gospel of John, which is online. What I did, I would go through with the *King James Version* and I would explain what the 'th' and the 'eth' and so forth would mean.

- What does this mean?
- What does that mean?
- Why was it that way?
- What is the 'you' vs the 'ye'?

So, I explained it. We got all the way through and we had 56 special studies on it, 26 on the Gospel of John, and 26 on different sub-topics, like grace and love, and so forth.

When I got done with that, we had a great big church of eight people. That was it! We had about three or four on the mailing list. That's when I decided, when we had our first Bible study meeting, it would be stupid to stand. That's when I decided to sit down. It's worked out better since then. In doing that, I asked the brethren, 'What would you like to study next?' Because they liked going through verse-by-verse in the Gospel of John, got through the whole thing, they said, 'Let's do something like that again.' So, I thought, let's go ahead and study the General Epistles: James, 1st, 2nd Peter, 1st, 2nd, 3rd John and Jude.

I had been a communication regularly with Dr. Dorothy and he was my original teacher in Greek and mentor through the years. I'd call him all the time and he kept telling me, 'Translate, *translate*, *translate*.' So I said, 'How about if I do a study translation.' The column was wide with lots of room for notes on the side. We did the book of James. That came out real fine. Then we did 1st, 2nd-Peter, then 1st, 2nd, 3rd John. Of course, all of this took time to go through it. That's how we have the book, *The Seven General Epistles*. Had no intention of doing a New Testament.

Then we were running out of *A Harmony of the Gospels*. If we're going to do a new one, let's do an accurate, realistic translation. The thing that you need to do in translating and doing these things, is not only know the Greek, not only know the language, but you have to be completely, absolutely honest with the Truth. ***You can't force any human error or interpretation into the Bible!*** You cannot have a wrong interpretation in the Bible, because that's exactly the problem that they have with the *King James Version*.

Then I did Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Someone sent me an *Inclusive New Testament*. I always remember this. I was down in my little office downstairs in the house and here's this *Inclusive New Testament* and it was the first homosexual/transgender translation. They changed the 'Son of man' to *the human one*. They tried to eliminate as many masculine gender nouns and pronouns as possible.

The thing that struck me, just like you hit me over the head with a sledgehammer, what they did was change and distort the Word of God so badly: they said 'the name 'Father' is a metaphor. In the different names we changed them to suit the translation, so for Father we translated it Father/Mother.'

Couldn't have anything worse than that. I made up my mind right there, reading that, and knowing what the Word of God is, and knowing that it is the Truth and someone doing something like that to the Word of God, I was crying. I determined ***I will*** do the New Testament. Had no idea of doing the Old Testament. I said, 'I'm going to do it, because knowing this, if we don't do it God is going to hold us accountable.'

What did you do when you got this? '*I just threw it off, God, as some sort of heretical thing.*' Really? That's when I got in earnest in doing the New Testament. It took a long time to do it. Finally finished the first rough translation in 1998, and then the first publication was in 2004, somewhere around there.

One thing I wanted to do in that: How many times have you been to Church, and a minister is giving a sermon, and he says—you with your *King James Version* right in your lap—this word really means such-and-such. I determined to eliminate all of those places by putting in what it really says. What's wrong with that? ***It has to be absolute Truth of God! It can't be anything else!*** That's why I did the New Testament.

Then the Vogeles who helped do all the editing and compiling, all of that, they kept saying, 'Fred, you ought to do the Old Testament.' No, no, I don't know enough Hebrew. 'No, you've got to do the Old Testament.' I said, No, no I won't do it. Finally I remembered Michael Heiss. He and I went to Ambassador College and he's a Jew and he knows the Hebrew language. He knows the Hebrew Old Testament. He went to Hebrew Union College and Judaica University. So, I got together with Mike and I said, 'Let's do the Old Testament together and I will pay you for making sure that we have it accurate with the Old Testament, as well.'

Need to explain something else. I mentioned the *Schocken Bible*. When I was writing the first edition of *The Christian Passover* book, I met Bob and Elaine Hunnicutt in Tennessee. Bob had some business he had to do, so Elaine said, 'Let's go down to the bookstore. I know you like to go down to the bookstore and here they've got Books A Million and they have a big Bible section.'

This must have been about 1993-94. So get down there and immediately I go to where all the Bibles are. Here's this *Schocken Bible*, the First Five Books of Moses. Hello! That's what I'm working on. So, opened it up and looked at the places: Exo. 12:

- What evening is what evening?
- How did he define it?
- What is morning?
- What is night?

He had it all there. He had the Hebrew. He had the English under it and he defined the words for it. That helped us get the correct translation for understanding the thing concerning the 14th and 15th Passover.

I remember the very first Passover/Unleavened Bread that I attended. It was in Sacramento. I lived down in Burlingame. I remember the minister standing up there—Ron Kelly—and we came to one verse and he said, 'This verse means in the evening at the beginning.' It was translated 'in the evening.' A few verses over it said 'at even.' He said this is the beginning of the next day. So, here I am, my very first one, and this is strange. The Passover and Unleavened Bread. I never had unleavened bread. How do I know which

evening is which evening? *I'll just accept what he told me!* He was right, but you couldn't prove it by reading it.

Sidebar: I went out to get to get my unleavened bread and I saw that here was some flatbread, Ak-Mak. I read the label on this side. I didn't realize the label went around the other side. On this side, it gave all the ingredients. I thought this is good. Two days later I read the other side and it says leavening. So, here I am at my first Feast of Unleavened Bread, eating leavened bread. But it's flatbread! Terrible!

This is why if you want a detailed study of it you need *The Christian Passover* book. But I'll summarize it the best I can. What I want you to do with your notes, I want you to write:

- I am
- you are
- they are
- he is
- was
- were
- have
- been
- he is

What is the root of that verb? You get a language book and you look up root. What will you come up with? *To be!* How can you get all those different words out of *to be*? That's the answer to the problem with which evening.

I need to add something else in there. If you think you're going to understand which evening is which by going to *Strong's Concordance*, you are absolutely wrong! *Strong's Concordance* can be very helpful in many instances, but when it comes to verbs, when it comes to participles, it is absolutely worthless.

- it doesn't tell you the tense
- it doesn't tell you the person
- it doesn't tell you the mood
- it doesn't tell you whether it's past, present or future, future past or past future

All of those things are contained in the different verbs of *to be*. In the Hebrew for *evening*, there are three words:

1. the general word for the root is 'erev' or 'ereb'
2. *sunset* is 'ba erev'

That's different from *evening*. 'Erev' is *evening*; that's general. 'Ba erev' is specific, *sunset*. When I saw that, I knew that when I looked at that Bible from Everett Fox and how he translated it, I said, 'That's it,! Look at that, that's right!'

So what do you think I looked up next? The other *evening!* Remember, from the same root 'erev,' which you will never find in *Strong's Concordance*. So, every paper I get that someone writes to tell me that *Strong's Concordance* says this...; they haven't even gotten to first base. The third meaning of evening is this:

3. 'ben ha arbayim,' which means *between the two evenings*

I knew all the places in the Old Testament to look, right there in the bookstore going through Fox's *Schocken Bible*. Every place where 'ben ha arbayim' was, because I knew where they were, because I was writing *The Christian Passover* book, and this was fantastic to get this book and put all the information in the book, so I bought it right away.

Every place where it was 'ben ha arbayim,' and you can't find that under the dictionary listing in *Strong's Concordance*, or any other concordance. That's why when people say, 'I'll look it up in *Strong's Concordance*.' No, *no*, *no*, you've got to know the language.

Where I come to Lev. 23, Passover, 'between the setting times,' footnote: 'between the setting times' means *from sunset till dark*. From the greatest Hebrew Bible expert in the world. Boy! Was I happy that day.

Also, morning is 'boqer,' *sunrise*. Now we solve the problems of Exo. 12. What does it say concerning the Passover? *You have first Lev. 23 after explaining about the Sabbath, then these are the appointed times which you shall proclaim in their seasons!*. On the 14th day of the first month is the Passover, 'ben ha arbayim,' *between the two evenings*.

You can imagine how excited I was with that. I know that God worked it out that I would be there, that she would take me to the bookstore. Where would I go, to the funny book section? No, I go to the Bible section, and here's this brand new book, just out, just printed, just in time for the book. This helps to really understand the difference. Let's see right here concerning the Passover:

Exodus 12:1: "And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 'This month *shall be* to you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel...'" (vs 1-3).

Where was all the congregation of Israel? Remember, they didn't have Twitter, they didn't have Facebook, they didn't have telephones; they had none of that. Where were they? *They were in the land of Goshen!*

How many people did it amount to? *Minimum about a 1.6-million!* So, Moses got up on top of this real tall pole and said, ‘All the children of Israel listen...’ *No, he didn’t!* He passed the message on from God to all the elders and they took it to all the people. That’s how it got to them.

“...In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them each man a lamb for a father’s house, a lamb for a house. And if the household is too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his **house...**” (vs 3-4). In this 38-year-old paper that I have, they said they kept the Passover in Rameses in their tents. And it’s supposed to be by scholars. You imagine when I read that how unglued I became.

“...take according to the number of the souls... [living bodies] ...each one, according to the eating of his mouth, you shall count concerning the lamb” (v 4).

Pay very attention to this; this becomes very clear, v 5: “Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year... [a type of Christ, Who is the Lamb of God] ...You shall take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. And you shall keep it up **until the beginning of the fourteenth day** of the same month...” (vs 5-6). That’s easy to understand. That’s what it means. You read a *King James Version* and it’s a little cloudy.

“...And the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it **between the two evenings**” (v 6)—*between sunset and dark*.

- What is sunset? *Ba erev!*
- How do you count a day? *Sunset to sunset!*
- How do you count a Sabbath? *Sunset to sunset!*

What day is the most important day to have it precisely the correct time for observing the Sabbath? *The Day of Atonement!* Why? *Because if you didn’t start fasting correctly, or stop working correctly, you were in deep trouble with God!*

Leviticus 23:27: “Also, on the tenth *day* of this seventh month, is the Day of Atonement. *It shall be* a Holy convocation to you. And you shall afflict your souls and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. And you shall do no work in that same day, for it *is* the Day of Atonement, in order to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God, for whoever is not afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.... [that’s pretty hefty] ...And whoever does any work in that same day, the same one will I destroy from among his people.... [that’s very severe] ...You shall do no manner of work.... [He repeats it] ...*It shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings” (27-31).

Verse 32 is absolutely critical! This gives us the definition of what *sunset* is, which is ‘*ba erev.*’ How long is ‘*ba erev*’? *From the time the sun touches the horizon until it goes below*; three to five minutes; very precise. How much education do you need to figure that out? Maybe second grade, maybe even kindergarten would do. It’s not difficult. When you get scholars involved, who have lying theories, it gets all complicated.

Verse 32: “**It shall be to you a Sabbath of rest, and you shall afflict yourselves....**” That means fasting with no water and food. Notice this next sentence, because this is prime important. It tells us precisely what ‘*ba erev*’ is, which is different from ‘*ben ha arbayim.*’ As Everett Fox said, ‘Between the two evenings—‘*ben ha arbayim*’—is *from sunset until dark*. Does that happen every day when the sun goes down? So, he translated it *between the setting times*.

“...In the **ninth day of the month at sunset...** [that ends the ninth day] ...**from sunset to sunset, you shall keep your Sabbath**” (v 32).

The ninth day at sunset ends the ninth day and begins the tenth day, from sunset to sunset, very clear.

Exodus 12:6: “...And the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it between the two evenings.”—*between sunset and dark*.

Some people have said, how is this for a wild interpretation: it means all 24-hour day from one sunset to another sunset. What if you didn’t want to kill it when God said to kill it, and you thought you would wait till the afternoon? You may be dead! So, these instructions become very important.

Kill it *between the two evenings*. So this is *between sunset of the 13th, because that’s when the 14th begins, and right after the sun set!* Picture this. This must have been a fantastic thing, because you read the latter part of the chapter, but God called all the elders and gave them the instructions what they were to do.

All the children of Israel had the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th to get ready. Had to select it on the 10th, keep it until the beginning of the 14th. The 14th began right after ‘*ba erev,*’ or *sunset*, of the 13th. The 14th couldn’t begin any sooner, couldn’t begin any later. ‘*Ba erev*’ ends the 13th and begins the 14th.

Here’s what they were to do. Let’s follow along, v 7: “And they shall take of the blood and strike *it* on the two side posts and upon the upper doorpost of the houses *in* which they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that **night**... [which is ‘*lailah*’] ...roasted with fire... [all of these are very

important instructions] ...and unleavened *bread*....” (vs 7-8).

The Passover Day is an unleavened bread day! That’s why when people don’t understand that, they get confused and try and combine the 14th and 15th on the 14th or the 14th and 15th on the 15th. Every year I get papers. I got a long hand written paper. Please listen up.

“...They shall eat it with *bitter* herbs.... [this is very important]: ...Do not eat of it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted *with* fire, its head with its legs, and with its inward parts” (vs 8-9).

That means they killed the lamb and skinned it. Killing a little lamb, because there is a great controversy how long it takes. Some people say, ‘It takes a long time to do it.’ So what did we do? We had a man in the Church who at that time was raising quail. He also had goats and sheep, so he two little kids. We talked about. He said, ‘I’ve got a couple of little kid goats out here I want to kill. Let’s get together and time it.’ His name was Skip Emerson; his wife’s name is Marsha.

We get out. He brings in the little goats, nice little goats, cute as can be. Probably weighing no more than about 25 pounds at the best, maybe 30 pounds. All he did was just tie their back legs and raise them up. They were just perfectly still. There they were both of them. He’s done this many, many times. He cut the throat and let the blood drain. Not a word, not a sound from the goats.

Then he took his knife, cut straight down the belly, took care of the back parts of the intestines, etc. Took care of the esophagus and so forth up front. All the insides came out in a sac. I was amazed! I said, ‘That’s really something.’

Then he took his knife, took the edge right along where he had cut on the belly and he separated the skin; nothing to skinning it. He took his two hands and he went all around both sides of those kids and the skin was off. Did a little further cutting and everything was ready to go. You know how long it took? *Twenty minutes!*

Picture this: 1.6-million people. How many lambs would they have to have? *Figure ten percent!* That’s a lot of lambs, about 160,000 lambs. This was a big operation. This was no little thing done in a corner. When they went through the Red Sea, it wasn’t walking through mud puddles. It was a big operation.

So, here it’s nice and flat in Goshen, best land in Egypt. They had their houses, flat-roofed houses. You can imagine that there was a man on top of the house-watching sunset. The sun is real big in Egypt, flat horizon, no mistake. They’re watching and watching. As soon as the sun set, I imagine the

word went out, ‘The sun is down,’ slit the throat of the lambs. What a fantastic thing, all that took place.

What did they do with the skin and the bones? We’ll cover that in a little bit. We also ran an experiment on that. They would put the heart, the kidneys, and the liver back in the cavity of the animal and it would be roasted. No water! The Jews even had it that if it was on a grate—I read this in the Mishnah—if the lamb is being roasted on a grate and any of the juice comes out of the meat onto the grate, you were to cut off that piece of meat because it wasn’t to be boiled. *The Passover lamb could not be boiled at all!*

Verse 10: “And you shall not let any of it remain until the morning....”—‘boqer’—*sunrise*. Where were they all night? Because some people say, ‘As soon as the death angel passed, they just got up and starting walking out at night.’ *No! They were to stay in their houses until morning!*

“...And that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire” (v 10). They had a fire there. What do you suppose they were doing when they had a bone? Threw it in the fire! What do you suppose they did with the skin? *They also burned that!* The hooves? *They burned that!* The hardest part to burn is the big knuckle joint of the hind leg.

What we did, we took the big knuckle hind leg joint, brought it home, put it in our fireplace. We have it easy, we just turn on the gas and light it. We put it there. Guess how long it took to burn that joint to ashes? *Two and a half hours!* Would the head take a long time to burn? *Not with lambs!* Remember the bones are soft with these young lambs or kids and so they would burn up. The hardest part is that hipbone. Two and a half hours!

King James Version says, ‘You shall eat it in haste.’ Those who believe in the 14/15 mix-up say, ‘See, they ate in a hurry. They left right away.’ Wrong translation!

Verse 11: “And this is the way you shall eat it: *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand.... [be ready to go] ...And you shall eat it in trepidation. It is the LORD’S Passover.”

Even the scholars said, ‘We really don’t know where they got the name Passover.’ You talk about blinders! It is the Lord’s *Passover!*

Verse 12: “For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt. *I am* the LORD. And the blood shall be a sign to you upon the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you. And the plague shall not

be upon you to destroy *you* when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be a memorial to you. And you shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it a feast as a law forever” (vs 12-14).

Verse 21: “Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, ‘Draw out and take a lamb for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover *lamb*. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip in the blood *that is* in the bowl, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood in the bowl. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until sunrise” (vs 21-22)—‘boqer’—translated *morning* in the *King James*.

What do we call morning now? If it’s after midnight, we say it’s morning. One o’clock is morning. This one scholar—Robert Kuhn—who knew better, it was an absolute lying deception, said, ‘They kept time much like we do and so anytime after midnight would have been perfectly all right.’

What did God say? *Stay in your house until morning!* When is morning? At midnight? Did they watches? Did they have clocks? *No!* How do you get 1.6-million people coordinated to understand what time they need to do something? *By sundown and by sunrise!* Even the simplest of all can understand it.

What would happen if you left the house? Verse 23: “For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians. And when He sees the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.” There you have it.

Verse 24: “And you shall observe this thing as a law to you and to your children forever.”

Here is the principle that I started out with. What comes first? *Physical!* Physical Israel, physical lamb, and so forth. Christ, *spiritual*. Remember this, living lesson: Whenever God changes a law He makes it more binding *by putting spiritual consequences* behind it. More binding!

Verse 25: “And it shall be when you have come to the land, which the LORD will give you, according as He has promised that you shall keep this service. And it will be, when your children shall say to you, ‘What *does* this service *mean* to you?’” (vs 25-26).

Remember, what did they do with the lamb? Where did they kill the lamb? *No temple in Egypt!* Temple sacrifice of the lambs, you need to read *The Christian Passover* book to find out. That became a Jewish tradition in the afternoon of the 14th, because they wanted to be more righteous.

Where did they keep the Passover? *At home, or in small groups in a house!* Where did Jesus keep it? *In a house!* He told His disciples, when they wanted to know ‘where are You going to keep the Passover?’ He kept it secret, but He had it all planned. ‘Lord, where are You going to keep the Passover that You may eat it?’ He said, ‘You go in and you follow a man carrying a pitcher of water and you go into the master of the house and tell him that the Master says, I want to keep the Passover here.’ It was all ready, in the house.

Verse 27: “Then you shall say, ‘It *is* the sacrifice of the LORD’S Passover, Who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our houses.’ And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. And the children of Israel went away and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron; so they did. And it came to pass at midnight the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne, to the firstborn of the captive that *was* in the prison, also all the firstborn of livestock” (vs 27-29).

There was quite a cry that went up from that. You can imagine all the noise and bewailing there.

Verse 30: “And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for *there was* not a house where there was not one dead.”

Do you think in your own mind that you would have dared go out of the door of the house after midnight with all this death and screaming and crying and bewailing going on? You would think, ‘If I go out there, that’s it.’ When were they to go out of their houses? *Sunrise, in the morning!*

Verse 31: “And during the night he sent word to Moses and Aaron saying, ‘Rise up! Get away from my people...’” When were they to get up and go? *Sunrise!* Not at midnight, not a little after midnight, not as soon as Pharaoh said to go. He sent a message.

“...both you and the children of Israel! And go serve the LORD, as you have said. Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone. And bless me also.’ And the Egyptians were urging the people, that they might send them out of the land quickly, for they said, ‘We *are* all dead men.’” (vs 31-33).

What happened when they got out of their houses at sunrise? Still the Passover Day, because it’s from sunset to sunset. Where did the exodus begin? *In Rameses!* So, they had to leave their houses and assemble in Rameses so they could get everything lined up.

It just so happened that Moses was trained as an army general. He had all of this organized. The tribes were to each be in their location and this thing was all organized and ready to go.

You just don't have 1.6-million people get up and start walking out into the desert. ***They did leave at night, but not on the 14th!***

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