

## Biblical Truth on Between the Two Evenings

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Greetings, everyone! Welcome to a special Sabbath study. We're going to cover some things concerning

- the Passover
- the timing of the day
- the Hebrew words
  - how that reflects on when the Passover should be observed
  - when the lamb shall be killed
  - What are these definitions according to the Hebrew?

Let's understand something very important: *Satan the devil does everything he can to move people away from the Truth of the Passover.* He's been very successful, because what the Christians have in the worldly Christianity is a complete fabrication of *their own ideas* based on their own traditions so that they can keep it whenever they want to. *But that is not what Jesus said!*

The truth is that we must be *Scripturalists*. That means that we must understand the Scriptures; we take all authority from the Scriptures. That becomes first and foremost.

Just like we have to set aside all the teachings of the Christian world that we see today, we must also set aside all the traditions of the Jews. The Jews have their own traditions. You need the book: *Judaism: Revelation of Moses or a Religion of Men?*

- Did the Levites and those who are descendants of the Aaronic priesthood within the Jewish community preserve the Old Testament?
- Preserve the calendar?

*Yes, they did!*

- What was something that happened that Jesus warned us about?

Before we get into our discussion concerning the timing of the Passover and especially the two words—'ben ha arbayim' and 'ba erev'—what we're going to do is realize that the Jews did not have it right. During Jesus' day, most of the Jews at that time did have it correct concerning the Passover.

But the Pharisees and those who followed them did not have it correct and they kept the 15<sup>th</sup> Passover. They have done everything they can to justify *their version* and *interpretation* of the Scriptures. There are Jewish scholars and translators who understand and know the Truth; they are

Scripturalists, and those are the ones we are to follow.

I'm going to do a lot of reading from *The Schocken Bible—The Five Books of Moses* by Everett Fox, the leading Scripturalist scholar in the world. When we set aside the traditions, we are not setting aside the Scriptures. If you don't have *The Schocken Bible—The Five Books of Moses*, I recommend you get it. He did something very, very clever. He kept the Scriptural translation pure. He was in 100% fidelity and agreement with the Word of God with his English translation. We have verified this through Michael Heiss who was our Hebrew consultant for doing the Old Testament.

What Everett Fox did was put *tradition* in the commentary and left the Scriptures pure. He is not a Pharisee, and of course, the Pharisees today are the ones who follow Judaism.

Let's look at some Scriptures concerning the Jews' practice of traditions. This is important because we will see we are told to do according as they say—which means from Scriptures—but we are not to do according to their works.

The Pharisees and the Jews got all upset because Jesus' disciples ate with unwashed—dirty or defiled—hands. The Jews did not eat unless they washed their hands; unless they washed the tables, cups, pots and brazen vessels and all of this sort of thing. So, they were complaining to Jesus about His disciples.

Mark 7:5: "For this reason, the Pharisees and the scribes questioned Him, *saying*, 'Why don't Your disciples walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?'" Let's see what happens when you follow tradition. Doesn't matter if it's Jewish tradition, so-called Christian tradition—Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox—be it whatever tradition that any man devises.

When you understand it, when you have a tradition that changes the Word of God, and the Word of God, the Law of God, is perfect—is it not? What men are doing when they change that, they're saying that God is not perfect but 'we are, and we're going to tell You what to do, God. We are going interpret the Scriptures the way it pleases us.'

Let's see what Jesus said concerning traditions, v 6: "And He answered *and* said to them, 'Well did Isaiah prophesy concerning you **hypocrites**... [that's not a very friendly word] ...as it is written, "This people honors Me with their lips,

but their hearts are far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching *for* doctrine the commandments of men.”” (vs 6-7). Doctrine is teaching. The commandments of men are the *traditions* of the church.

Verse 8: “‘For leaving the commandment of God... [that’s precisely what they have done] ...you hold fast the tradition of men, *such as* the washing of pots and cups; and you practice many other things like *this*.’ Then He said to them, ‘Full well **do you reject the commandment of God, so that you may observe your own tradition.**’” (vs 8-9). Whatever it may be, that’s why you need the book: *Judaism, Revelation of Moses or Religion of Men?* You will be astonished that you can hardly trust anything that the Jews write, even in their own encyclopedias.

That’s why it’s such a wonderful and great thing to find Everett Fox, a man who would stand for *the Truth* and translate *the Truth*. Let’s see where Jesus went to eat with one of the Pharisees and what happened when He was there eating with them. This is very revealing, and we need to understand it. Brethren, there are times that you cannot trust scholars at all because they are dedicated to *their own minds, their own universities, their own understanding*, rather than Truth. That happens all the time.

Luke 11:37: “Now while He was speaking, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him; and He went in *and* sat down. But the Pharisee, seeing *this*, wondered why He had not first washed before dinner. Then the Lord said to him, ‘Now, you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are full of greediness and wickedness. Fools, *did* not He Who made the outside also make the inside?’” (vs 37-40). You’ve got to be changed *within*; that’s the whole purpose of true Christianity. That’s called *conversion!*

Verse 41: “Rather, give alms *from* the things that are within; and behold, all things are clean to you. But woe to you, Pharisees! For you pay tithes of mint and rue and every herb, but you pass over the judgment and the love of God...” (vs 41-42). You want a loveless religion? Choose Judaism!

“...It is obligatory *for you* to do these things, and not to set aside those *lesser things*. Woe to you, Pharisees! For you love the chief seat in the synagogues and the salutations in the marketplaces. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are as unseen tombs, and men who walk over *them* do not know *it*.’ And one of the doctors of the law answered *and* said to Him, ‘Teacher, *by* saying these things You are also **insulting** us.’” (vs 42-45). The scholars of the law! That’s what we’re dealing with, with the Passover. That’s what we’re dealing with the works of Judaism.

Notice Jesus answer: ‘Oh, I’m so sorry. I really didn’t mean to hurt your tender little feelings.’ *NO!* He didn’t!

Verse 46: “And He said, ‘**Woe to you** also, doctors of the law! For you weigh men down *with* burdens heavy to bear, but you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. **Woe to you!** For you build the tombs of the prophets, whom your fathers killed. Therefore, you are bearing witness and consenting to the works of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. Because of this, the wisdom of God also said, “I will send prophets and apostles to them; and *some* of them they shall kill, and *others they shall drive out*”” (vs 46-49). For what reason?

- Did the scribes and Pharisees and doctors of the law have it right when they rejected Jesus Christ and crucified Him?
- Did they have it right when they insisted on having the Passover on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month rather than the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month?

That’s why you need the book: *The Christian Passover*. I know that some of you have it, and I know some of you haven’t read it. I know others who read it every year. This is the major work concerning the Passover and it’s in its third edition. No one has been able to point out anything that is historically incorrect, scholastically incorrect or Scripturally incorrect as written in this book.

Today everyone is interested in e-mail, Twitter, Facebook, but you would be amazed how many people do not read and do not know how to write. They sit and make all kinds of judgments in ignorance. They haven’t taken the time—and it takes time! Believe me, this book took years and years and years of study, of proving, of comparing with the Truth.

There is one man who sent a paper in who says that I was not honest with the Scriptures; that I was not honest in research. He makes the pretense that he read the book. But I can tell that he only opened to certain pages and challenged certain things *based upon Jewish tradition!*

There’s another paper you need to have—by Kuhn and Grabbe—that’s almost 40-years-old. That’s when—in the Church of God that I belonged to at that time—Robert Kuhn and the scholar Lester Grabbe decided to attack and dismiss from the Church of God the 14<sup>th</sup> Passover by claiming that the Passover is on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the Jews had it right.

What did Jesus say to the doctors of the law? I just read it to you. Notice why all of this came upon them.

- Did the Jews lose their country? *Yes!*

- Did they lose their temple? *Yes!*
- Were they scattered into the world as God pronounced judgment upon them? *Yes!*
- What was it for? *For their sins and their rejection of Jesus Christ!*

At the end God will also deal with them again. Jesus told them here's the reason why all of this has come upon them:

Verse 50: ““So that the blood of all the prophets, poured out from *the* foundation of *the* world, may be required of this generation from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zacharias, who perished between the altar and the house of *God*.” Yes, I tell you, it shall be required of this generation. **Woe to you**, doctors of the law! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you yourselves did not enter, and you prevented those who were entering.’ And as He was saying these things to them, the scribes and the Pharisees began vehemently to press and provoke Him to speak about many things, while they kept a close watch on Him, seeking to catch something out of His mouth so that they might accuse Him” (vs 50-54). How's that for an honest search of Scripture. Think about it!

Let's see what else Jesus said and people turn and twist this around because they want to bring in Judaism; they want to bring in sacred names; they want to have a different calendar other than the one that God has given with the Calculated Hebrew Calendar. They cite a lot of Jewish sources. Here's what needs to be done:

Matthew 23:1: “Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying, ‘The scribes and the Pharisees have sat down on Moses’ seat *as judges*’” (vs 1-2). They were not priests. ‘Sitting in the seat of Moses’ means *making judgments according to the Law of God!* So, they sat down there.

Notice what Jesus told them to do; and here you need to understand the distinct difference between *a judgment based upon Scripture*, which they were to do; and *the traditions of men*, which they were not to do.

Verse 3: “Therefore, every judgment that they tell you to observe, observe and do. But do not do according to their works; for they say and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and hard to bear, and lay *them* on the shoulders of men; but they will not move them with *one* of their own fingers. And they do all their works to be seen by men. They make broad their phylacteries and enlarge the borders of their garments” (vs 3-5)—and so forth. You read all the rest of Matt. 23: **Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!**

- Don't you think that we're to learn something from that?
- Don't you think that when we study and come to the Word of God that we need to be led by the Spirit of Truth?
- Will the Spirit of Truth lead us if we reject Truth and Scripture and do not take the time to really study things out to know them, to really understand?
- Do you think God is going to reveal Truth to people who reject Truth?

Think on that! All you need to do is look at Judaism, Catholicism, Protestantism, Eastern Orthodox. That will help answer the question. To do as they said would mean as they read it from the Law of Moses, *not according to their traditions*.

Let's look at another one that is quoted quite often concerning the Jews and so forth, and that we ought to follow the Jews. *NO!* I'll give you one good example here: *I defy you to find in the Bible any command to use sacred names in the New Testament!* In two places Paul uses the Aramaic word 'Abba' in addition to Father. Christ came to reveal *the Father*, and that is His Holy and sacred name to us, and Himself *Jesus the Christ*. God had the New Testament in Greek, not in Hebrew, because the Jews would have destroyed it. You need to understand that. We're talking about serious things.

Don't you think that exiling the Jews for 2,000 years, because of rejecting Jesus Christ, is a pretty serious matter of business? *Yes, indeed!* For us to go to the scholars who are Scriptural, and we can prove it, that's fine. God is the One Who preserved His Word. To go to their interpretations and their traditions with the Jews, Catholics, Orthodox, or Protestants all are devised and traditions of men!

Notice what Paul wrote in Romans 3:1: “What then *is* the advantage of the Jew, or what *is* the profit of circumcision? Much in every way. Primarily, in that they were entrusted with the oracles of God” (vs 1-2). Not the Jews from the tribe of Judah, but the Levitical priesthood and the Levites within the Jewish community.

What are the oracles of God? *Not the traditions of men!* The oracles of God means ***that it comes from the Word—Logos—the spoken words of God!***

- Where do we have that recorded? *The Old Testament!*
- How about in the New Testament, do we have the words of Jesus Christ Who was the Lord God of the Old Testament before He was born of the virgin Mary? *Yes, indeed!*

- Do we not have the writings of the apostles, inspired of God, chosen of God?
- Do you think they would write anything contradictory to the Word of God? *No, indeed!*

Verse 3: “For what if some did not believe?...” Didn’t that happen? *The scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees didn’t believe!* They rejected and crucified Jesus!

“...Shall their unbelief nullify the faithfulness of God?” (v 3). God is faithful! Look what happened when Balaam wanted to curse; he couldn’t do it! Here was a man dedicated to evil being paid to curse! But God’s will was carried out in blessing.

- When it comes to preserving His Word, does God have the power to make even someone who is dedicated against His Word to do what is right? *Yes!*
- How about when you have converted men like Moses and all the Prophets?
- What do you think Jeremiah did when God said, ‘Write’?
- What do you think that Isaiah did when God said, ‘Write’?
- What do you think that Ezekiel did when the Word of the Lord came to him and said, ‘Write’?
- Or any of the so-called *minor prophets*?
- Did they write their own opinions?
- Did they give their own speculations?

or

- Did they write the oracles or sayings of God?
- What have the Jews done with it though they had the Truth?

Just like a lot of people, they have a Bible in their homes.

- What do they do with it?
- Does their unfaithfulness nullify the faithfulness of God?

Verse 4: “MAY IT NEVER BE! Rather, let God be true but every man a liar, exactly as it is written: ‘That You [God] might be justified in Your words, and might overcome when You are being judged *by men*.’” That’s a very interesting saying— isn’t it? Do all human beings have a judgment concerning God? *Yes, they do!* Most of them are wrong! But God is justified because He is true!

- What did James say to those who were judging the Law?
- Is that not what men do when they have a tradition that they follow, which is contrary to the Word of God? *Yes, indeed!*

Ask anyone who is Sunday-keeping. ‘We don’t keep the old law.’ Really? It’s *only eternal!* It’s so good it’s *only perfect!* How has your society been since you’ve gotten rid of the Law of God?

James 4:10: “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. Brethren, do not talk against one another. The one who talks against a brother, and judges his brother, is speaking against *the Law...*” (vs 10-11). You’re doing something that is unlawful, and when you’re doing that you are speaking against the law. What happens when you speak against the Law? Think about this in relationship to what the Protestants say, that ‘the Law has been done away,’ abolished. Think about this in relationship to what the Jews say concerning the timing of the day, contrary to the revealed will in the Bible.

“...and is judging the law....” (v 11). Isn’t that what men do? ‘We don’t keep that old Sabbath, we keep Sunday, the day the Lord has made.’ God made every day, but He only designated the seventh day of the week as Sabbath—did He not? *Yes, indeed!*

“...But if you judge *the Law*, you are not a doer of *the Law...*” (v 11). Think of it! Anyone who judges the Law and rejects it, and brings in his or her *own tradition*, is that not judging the Law?

“...rather, *you are* a judge...[you’re setting yourself in God’s place] ...*But* there is *only one* Lawgiver, Who has power to save and to destroy. Who are you that you presume to judge another?” (vs 11-12).

Paul talks about those who handle the Word of God deceitfully. We’re going to talk about some things here in a little bit; we’re going to narrow it down to one key chapter in the book of Exodus. This is a paper edited by John D. Keyser. I don’t know who wrote it, but it looks like the work of someone else that he edited:

Ben Ha Arbayim—“Between the Two Evenings”—Just What Does This Really Mean? (edited by John E. Keyser) {Hope of Israel Ministries} [hope-of-Israel.org/2evens]

Keyser castigates me for being against Kuhn and Grabbe and the paper that they wrote some 40 years ago. If you want that we’ll send it to you. That was the first assault against the 14<sup>th</sup> Passover! After that they began to call it the Lord’s Supper and more and more apostasy and then it became ‘communion.’ Think about that!

- Does not a little leaven, leaven the whole lump?
- Isn’t that how Satan does?
- Doesn’t Satan come along and challenge

the Truth of God?

Like he said to Eve, 'Is it really true that God said you shall not eat of any tree of the garden?' She had to answer; couldn't resist!

After slamming and blasting Kuhn and Grabbe...

If you read their paper you will understand why they had to be blasted.

...referring to their "so-called scholarly methods"...

They were really rotten!

...and accusing them of "SUCH ARROGANT AND IMPIOUS HANDLING OF HIS WORD OF TRUTH" (emphasis Coulter's, p. 29), he goes on to claim that he will "prove from Scripture" that the statements of Kuhn and Grabbe, defending the traditional Jewish explanation and that of most scholars, are "UTTERLY FALSE!"....

In the book *The Christian Passover*, if you would be kind enough to read it, you will see that that is true.

...Of course, just because he boasts that he will do so, and virtually SHOUTS with uppercase letters, this does not prove that he will succeed in his attempt. It is only a claim.

So therefore, he never read the book; he never looked into the Schocken Bible by Everett Fox, the leading expert in Hebrew today.

Claims Coulter, the Hebrew term generally translated "evening," or "even"—*ba erev*—means "sunset." Therefore, according to him, all the common Bible translations are IN ERROR...

Not all; all the common ones are. Why? *Because they follow the traditions of men!*

Let's understand something; think about this for a minute: Do you know what an infinitive verb is? I will use one to demonstrate very clearly the point: *to be*. In a concordance, such as you would have with *Strong's Concordance*, it only lists the primary word. It does not give any derivation of the word, which gives us a defined precise meaning.

- to be:  
✓ *he is*;

'is,' is a separate word  
✓ *they are*  
✓ *they were*  
✓ *they shall be*

All of those are various derivations of the infinitive *to be*. It is true that in the *Strong's Concordance* you

cannot find the term 'ben ha arbayim.' Why? Because they list everything under 'erev'—not 'ba erev'—there's a difference—

- 'erev is the generic *evening*
- 'ba erev'—'ba' being the definite article is different than just 'erev'

He didn't even know this.

...He does not bother to "prove" that *ba erev* should be translated "sunset."

*Yes, I do!* I spent a great deal of time on it in the book, and we are going to prove it right out of the *Schocken Bible*.

- Guess who translates 'ba erev' as *sunset*? *Everett Fox!*
- Guess who translates *morning* as dawn or daybreak? *Everett Fox!*

Through out all the first five books of the Bible, Fox—the leading Scripturalist translator in the world for Hebrew. I did prove it!

He simply asserts it is so, saying dogmatically, without providing evidence...

A key that he did not ever read the book!

...“This is proved by its usage in the Scriptures...”

I will show it and prove it today!

This statement is pure hyperbole, and pure poppycock.

No proof! He did not show one place where I was wrong according to Scripture. He quoted some Jewish encyclopedias written by the Pharisaical rabbis, which will not agree with the Scriptures. Just as Jesus said, 'Full well you set aside the commandment of God that you can keep your own tradition.'

Listen, brethren, we need to understand that *we are living in a world where Satan is ruling*, and he wants to destroy all knowledge of the Truth; all knowledge of the 14<sup>th</sup> Passover, that should be kept in *the way* that we keep it, *at the time* that we keep it, and *in the manner* that we keep it. That way Satan can move you away from the Covenant of Eternal Life. That is his desire; don't doubt that for one second!

To accept this statement, you must put the authority and "scholarship" of this mysterious Fred Coulter...

Didn't even know who I was!

...before ALL Hebrew scholars, rabbis, and authorities.

I did not say that, because I'm going to read from the leading Hebrew Scripturalist authority in the world: Everett Fox.

Says Coulter, "the meaning of *ba erev*...

Remember there's a difference between 'erev' and 'ba erev.' And a difference between 'ba erev' and 'ben ha arbayim.'

...is without controversy"... [I will prove it] ...and means "sunset".... [I will prove it] ...Is this true?

- He never got the *Schocken Bible!*
- He didn't get all the facts!
- He didn't read the book: *The Christian Passover!*

A comment was sent to me by e-mail:

Please check out this dissertation and tell me where you find it to be flawed.

I'm going to do that. But that is also *your* job!

It's pretty much a frontal assault on your reasoning and conclusion about this topic.

Yes, it is! But it's worthless, because he doesn't get the facts. The facts come from the Word of God. Any scholars or traditional interpretation that does not agree with the Word of God should be rejected! Isn't that what Paul said? *What if some of them disbelieve? Shall their unbelief make void the faithfulness of God in keeping His Word true? May it never, never be!*

[Back to article]: The Jews and rabbis most emphatically do NOT agree with this.

Of course! They keep *their* traditions!

According to them, the term *ba erev*... [here's a misquote] ...simply means "evening," and the first "evening" begins when the sun begins to go down in the sky, and the second "evening" is sunset. Says *Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon*...

That is contrary to the Scriptures. We will see that. That is contrary to the knowledge and understanding concerning 'ben ha arbayim' by Everett Fox. I haven't misrepresented anything. I have stated with the Truth and the Word of God.

We'll look at some things that Everett Fox has translated in the *Schocken Bible*.

(go to the next track)

There are some more things we need to read from this paper to show you kind of the flavor of it.

He [Fred Coulter] has "loaded the dice." He has "marked the cards." He has pre-defined the words to suit his case...

If I've done that I'd better change; yes, indeed I should!

...and so naturally, the outcome would validate his claim—IF "*ba erev*" truly meant "SUNSET"!

I will prove to you that it does! He says it doesn't without any proof.

BUT IT DOESN'T! It merely means "evening," and the Jews clearly say that it begins at noon...

Really? Have you ever at noon said, 'Good evening, my friends.'

[It's three minutes after noon] ...when the sun begins to go down, and lasts till nightfall...

That is a traditional interpretation and not true.

...—the hours before sunset being the "first evening," and the hours after sunset being the "second evening." Therefore, this passage is Exodus 16, which is the whole KEY to Coulter's case—falls flat on its flimsy face! He has proved nothing. Says *The New Westminster Dictionary of the Bible*:

What about the Word of God?

The real picture we see in Exodus 16... [he doesn't go into it very much] ...is that the quail flew into the camp late on the Sabbath day, just before sunset—late afternoon—and settled in to roost for the night.

Have you ever seen chickens go to roost in the afternoon?

After the sun set, the people went forth to gather them for food!

We will take a look at it here and we will see. Leviticus 23:4 (SB): "These are the appointed times of YHVH... [I will refer to that as LORD] ...which you are to proclaim to them (as) proclamations of holiness—these are they, my appointed times... [set time] ...on the first New Moon, on the fourteenth after the New Moon, between the setting times (is) Passover to YHVH [the LORD]" (vs 4-5).

How does Fox define "...between the setting times..."? From noon to sunset and then from sunset until dark?

**Footnote: between the setting times:** Between the time that the sun is below the horizon, no longer visible, and total darkness. An idiomatic rendition would be "at twilight."

Verse 32 has to do with the Day of Atonement, and it's very important for us to understand it: It is Sabbath. How does Everett Fox translate 'ba erev'? not just the word 'erev,' but 'ba erev'?

'ba'—the set particular time

Let's read concerning the Day of Atonement, v 32 (SB): "It is Sabbath, a Sabbath-ceasing for you, you are to afflict yourselves; on the ninth (day) after the New Moon, **at sunset** ['ba erev']... [He calls the month *the New Moon*] ...from sunset to sunset, you are to make a ceasing of your ceasing!"

- Did I print this?
- Did I invent this?
- *No!*

I don't know the man; I have never met the man; I'm reading what he produced and published. He is the leading Scriptural Hebrew expert in translating into English. He defines—all the way through all the five books of Moses—"ba erev" as *sunset*; and 'boquer'—morning or dawn—as *the break of day*.

Exodus 16—let's understand something here very important. This gives us the Scriptural definition of when 'ba erev' is and when 'ben ha arbayim' is. It will show us and tell us very, very clearly that 'between the two evenings' or *between the setting times* comes after 'ba erev'—from the Scriptures themselves.

This is a very interesting chapter. They came to the wilderness of Sin on the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the New Moon, after going out of the land of Egypt. The 15<sup>th</sup> day—if you count back from that—was a Sabbath. How do we know it was a Sabbath? *By the context of what He was teaching, and by the events that happened!* This is when God brought the teaching of the Sabbath, when it would begin, when it would end, also the manna and the quail.

This becomes very important and we need to ask: How did God use these terms. This is written by Moses, and Moses was right there, and they were complaining to Moses. Really they were complaining to God. So, they came to the Wilderness of Sin, set up the camp and on the Sabbath Day here's what happened:

Exodus 16:2 (SB): "And they grumbled, the entire community of the Children of Israel, against Moshe [Moses] and against Aharon [Aaron] in the wilderness. The Children of Israel said to them: 'Would that we had died by the hand of YHWH [the LORD] in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, when we ate bread till (we were) satisfied! For you have brought us into this wilderness to bring death to this whole assembly by starvation!'" (vs 2-3). That's not true!

- What was the promise that God gave them? *To take them to a land flowing with milk and honey!*
- Was it difficult to get there? *Of course it was difficult to get there!*
- Who was leading them? *God was!*

The English is a little awkward at times because it's a literal translation from the Hebrew that Everett Fox is doing.

Verse 4 (SB): "YHWH [the LORD] said to Moshe [Moses]: 'Here, I will make rain down upon you bread from the heavens, the people shall go out and glean... [gleaning of a field of a harvest] ...each day's amount in its day, in order that I may test them, whether they will walk according to My instruction or not.'" It was a test of obedience.

What was that obedience? *Keeping of the Sabbath!* This is why this proves in context that 'ba erev' is *sunset*, and 'ben ha arbayim' is *after sunset*. It never starts at noon! That's a traditional invention *by men* who want to disobey the Word of God.

Verse 5 (SB): "'But it shall be on the sixth day... [manna started on the first day] ...when they prepare what they have brought in, it shall be a double portion compared to what they glean day after day.' Moshe and Aharon said to all the Children of Israel: 'At sunset... ['ba erev'—there it is right there] ...you will know that it YHWH who brought you out of the land Egypt'" (vs 5-6). In other words, don't come and complain to me and Aaron about what's happening with you; we didn't bring you out, God brought you out]

Verse 7: "at daybreak... [morning; sunrise] ...you will see the Glory of YHWH: when He hearkens to your grumbings against YHWH—what are we, that you grumble against us?" Moshe said: "Since YHWH gives you flesh to eat at sunset..." (vs 7-8). Think about that:

- What ends the Sabbath Day? *Sunset!*
- What was God teaching them and instructing them to do? *To stay in their tents, or near their tents, on the Sabbath and rest!*
- What did He tell them? *Don't go out on the seventh day, on the Sabbath, to look for the manna because it won't be there!*

But some went out anyway to look for it.

- What did God say? *Why do you refuse to keep My commandments and My law?!*

This is a Sabbath test! The use of 'ba erev' and the use of 'ben ha arbayim' in this chapter is absolutely the crux identification on their use by God Himself; having nothing to do with the *traditions of men!*

To whoever wrote this paper edited by John Keyser:

- Do you want to follow God
  - or
  - Do you want to follow men?
  - Do you want to believe the traditions of men
  - or
  - Do you want to believe the Word of God?
  - Do you want to believe honest scholars?
  - or
  - Do you want to believe your ranting and ravings there?
- Which are worthless

Verse 8: “Moshe said: ‘Since YHWH gives you flesh to eat at sunset... [‘ba erev’] ...and at daybreak... [‘boquer’] ...bread to satisfy (yourselves); since YHWH hearkens to your grumblings which you grumble against Him—what are we: not against us are your grumblings, but against YHWH!’ Mosehe said to Aharon: ‘Say to the entire community of the Children of Israel: for He has hearkened to your grumblings!’” (vs 8-9).

Verse 10: “Now it was, when Aharon spoke to the entire community of the Children of Israel, they faced the wilderness, and here... [What happened?] ...the Glory of YHWH could be seen in the cloud.” It was daytime; they were speaking on the Sabbath Day.

Verse 11: “YHWH spoke to Moshe, saying: ‘I have hearkened to the grumblings of the Children of Israel—speak to them, and say: “**Between the setting times...** [‘ben ha arbayim’—between the two evenings] ...**you shall eat flesh...**”’” (vs 11-12).

Verse 8: “Moshe said: ‘Since **YHWH gives you flesh to eat at sunset...**’”

Can you eat the flesh before it comes? *Well, that’s a stupid question!* That’s what would have to happen if *between the two evenings* began right at noon. It says right here: “...**Between the setting times you shall eat flesh...**” (v 12). How can you eat the flesh of quail before the quail arrive? Can’t do it, can you? *No!*

“...and at daybreak you shall be satisfied with bread...” Daybreak is at sunrise! So, what you have is: at sunset—between the two evenings—sunrise; that’s day one.

“...and you shall know that I am YHWH your God.’ Now it was at sunset... [the sun came down] ...a horde of quail came up and covered the camp...” (v 12-13). It didn’t come at noon and sort of roost out here on top of the tents. *NO!* They came up and “...covered the camp...” Why? *To make it easy for the Israelites to catch them!* Why? *Because He didn’t want them wandering out of camp at*

*night!* Do you understand why God did it? God is logical. He sends the quail at sunset.

- What does sunset do to a day? *It ends the day (Lev. 23)!*
- What day did this preaching take place?
- This warning from God?
- The promise to send flesh and bread?
- What did that happen on?
- *A weekly Sabbath!*

God was teaching them to rest and not work! What an example that would be if God sent the quail before the Sabbath had ended, meaning that God did the work on the Sabbath Day when He was trying to teach the children of Israel not to work and don’t go out and try and collect anything—right? Think of that!

“...speak to them, and say: ‘Between the setting times you shall eat flesh...’” (v 12)—because He was speaking in the afternoon saying that ‘you shall eat it’ and it hadn’t yet arrived, because He didn’t send until sunset.

“...and at daybreak you shall be satisfied with bread, and you shall know that I am YHWH your God. Now it was at sunset a horde of quail came up and covered the camp...” (vs 12-13). God did not work on the Sabbath—did He? *No! He sent the quail when the Sabbath had ended!*

They could immediately go out and get the quail, and in about less a minute you can lop off its head and clean out the innards and skin it out and you can have it on the fire that you had going during the Sabbath because you’re not to kindle a fire on the Sabbath, so they had to have it continuously burning. They started roasting them—right?

Verse 13: “Now it was at sunset a horde of quail came up and covered the camp. And at daybreak there was a layer of dew around the camp...” Notice the difference; the quail came onto the camp, the manna came outside the camp. They were to go out—that was their work—and gather manna. This is what they did for 40 long years! They did not eat any grain bread during the time that they were in the wilderness for 40 years. You can read in Joshua 5 that after they had the Wave Sheaf Offering, the manna stopped.

“...and when the later of dew went up, here, upon surface of the wilderness, something fine... [kind of like frost] ...scaly, fine as hoar frost upon the land. When the Children of Israel saw it they said each man to his brother: ‘Mahn hu/what is it?’ For they did not know what it was. Moshe said to them: ‘It is the bread that YHWH has given you for eating. This is the word that YHWH has commanded...’” (13-16).



Notice the command. We're going to go through the whole thing here so that we understand what actually happened. What happened is that right around the events that took place immediately after the Sabbath.

Verse 16: "This is the word that YHWH has commanded: 'Glean from it, each man according to that he can eat... [the manna] ...an *omer* per capita, according to the number of your persons, each man, for those in his tent, you are to take.' The Children of Israel did thus, they gleaned, the one more and the one less" (vs 16-17). Some took more/some less because there were less people.

Verse 18: "but when they measured by the *omer*, no surplus had the one more, and the one less had no shortage; each man had gleaned according to what he could eat. Moshe said to them: '**No man shall leave any of it until morning** ['boquer']. But they did not hearken to Moshe, and (several) men left some of it until morning; it became wormy with maggots and reeked. And Moshe became furious with them. They gleaned it in the morning, (every) morning, each man in accordance with what he could eat, but when the sun heated up, it melted. Now it was on the sixth day..." (vs 18-22).

Now we're here at the preparation for the next Sabbath Day; we've got a whole week involved here. We've seen very clearly

- 'ba erev' *ends the day*
- 'ben ha arbayim'—between the two evenings—*begins the next day*

Verse 22: "Now it was on the sixth day that they gleaned a double portion of bread, two *omers* for (each) one. All the exalted leaders of the community came and told it to Moshe. He said to them: 'It is what YHWH spoke about: tomorrow is a Sabbath/Ceasing, a Sabbath of Holiness for YHWH. Whatever you wish to bake—bake, and whatever you wish to boil—boil; and all the surplus, put aside for yourselves in safekeeping until morning. They put it aside until morning, as Moshe had commanded, and it did not reek, neither were there any maggots in it. Moshe said: 'Eat it today, for today is a Sabbath for YHWH, today you will not find it in the field. For six days you are to glean, but on the seventh day is Sabbath, there will not be (any) on it. But it was on the seventh day that some of the people went out to glean, and they did not find'" (vs 22-27).

What do you know about that!? God said you won't find it! So, they went out to look for it and it wasn't there.

Verse 28: "YHWH said to Moshe: 'Until when will you refuse to keep My commandments and My instruction? (You) see that YHWH has

given you the Sabbath, therefore on the sixth day, he gives you bread for two days. Stay, each man, in his spot; no man shall go out from his place on the seventh day.' Now the House of Israel called its name: *Mahn*. It is like coriander seed, whitish, and its taste is like (that of) a wafer with honey. Moshe said..." (vs 28-32). Look at that! Here are the miracles:

1. If they gathered the manna and kept it over and didn't eat it, by morning it stank and was full of maggots.
2. There would be no manna on the Sabbath.

Do you get the point? *No manna on the Sabbath!* God did not work on the Sabbath! God did not send the manna on the Sabbath—did He? *No!* He wanted them to keep the Sabbath.

3. When they kept it over it didn't breed worms and stink when they gathered it on the sixth day and kept it over the Sabbath.

Verse 32: "Moshe said: 'This is the word YHWH has commanded: 'An *omer* of it for safekeeping throughout your generations, in order that they may see the bread that I had you eat in the wilderness when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.'"

Here comes the fourth miracle:

Verse 33: "Moshe said to Aharon: 'Take a vat and put an *omer* of *mahn* in it, and put it aside in the presence of YHWH... [right there next to the things of God, because they hadn't yet built the tabernacle; they hadn't yet built the Holy of Holies] ...in safekeeping throughout your generations.'"

What happened when they finished the tabernacle, when they finished the Ark of the Covenant they put *inside* of it the *omer* of manna, Aaron's rod that budded and the Ten Commandments that God had written with His own finger. Alongside the Ark of the Covenant, in special sleeves, the scrolls of the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy were placed there.

Verse 34: "As YHWH had commanded Moshe, Aharon put it aside before the Testimony, in safekeeping. And the Children of Israel ate the *mahan* for the forty years, until they came to settled land, the *mahan* they ate, until they came to the edge of the land of Canaan. Now an *omer*—it is a tenth of an *efa*" (vs 34-36).

There is the whole chapter of Exo. 16. Is it a figment of my imagination or your imagination that 'ba erev' comes before 'ben ha arbayim' and that 'ben ha arbayim' immediately follows 'ba erev'? Right here in Exo. 16 it defines both of them for us. By whom? *By the leading Scriptural Hebrew expert Everett Fox!* Therefore:

- I did not make this up in my own mind!
- I did not arbitrarily, in writing the book *The Christian Passover*, give definitions to words!

You need to write for *The Christian Passover* book. You need to read the Passover book. You need to read the book on Judaism—those are very important for you to do, to know and understand.

Furthermore, you need to take another step further with it. You need to know it so that you will never, *never*, **never** be deceived by anyone. I would like you to compare the size of this paper to thoroughness of the book and everything that is in it concerning the Christian Passover.

Now then, I also challenge anyone, anywhere, to find where there is error in this book. If there is we'll make it right. I do not want to fall into the same pattern as too many people do, that they want to follow the way of men. They want to accept the lies and traditions of men rather than the Word of God.

- What is it that any of us want to retain that we are not willing to give up for God?
- What lie do we want to cling to and not repent of when we find it?
- *None!*

I've been very meticulous in the study, proving and writing of *The Christian Passover* book. We have covered everything Old Testament and New Testament. We cover all of the difficult Scriptures and especially Deut. 16. Deuteronomy 16 is not changing it from a domestic Passover to a temple Passover—I've already given sermons on that.

Whenever you do any study, follow the 14 rules of Bible study. I always do! I didn't write them out of the figment of my imagination. Those are working rules based upon Scripture. How do you search out Truth in a world full of deceit?

Brethren, if anything like this comes along and someone sends you a paper like this and it says 'that's a frontal attack on what Fred Coulter has written,' and you don't take the time to refute it yourself, then you need to ask yourself: How deeply do I really, really believe? ***Ultimately, we're going to have to be faithful to the end or we're going to give our lives in martyrdom for the Truth!*** That's where we're headed in this world! You can see it coming more and more every day.

Don't let anyone send you a little flimsy paper and think that they are disproving the things that are true by comparing Truth with the traditions and writings of men.

I hope this helps you understand where I'm coming from as a minister and person, where you need to come from, where we all need to come to, and that is *to God!*

By all means read the books: *The Christian Passover* and *Judaism: A Revelation of Moses or Religion of Men?* Both with astonish you!

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