

The Seeds of Abraham and the Passover

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Glad everybody is here for Sabbath services. I get lots of email and I get lots of reports. I have to filter through them during the week and see which ones to keep and which ones not to keep, which ones to report on and which ones not to report on. Here's one I thought very interesting. How do you solve the problem with Egypt? Look at all that's going on in Egypt. *Put them in God's hands and leave them alone!* Article: [With Passover Approaching, a Plague of Locusts Descends Upon Egypt](#) (news.yahoo.com)

Hello! It happens every year that they get some of it. But remember, you go back and read all of the plagues, those are God's weapons; He has better weapons than all the armies in the world. In addition to the angels and comets from outer space, He's got flies, locusts, murrain, darkness, thunder, lightning; and some of the hail that came down—the hail and fire—are hot from outer space. Remember what happened with the meteorite exploding in Russia? Someone made the comment, 'They have so many meteorites there, God must not like Russia.' No, I think it's because they are closer to the magnetic north. Of course, the magnetic north will bring some of those in. Remember, you've probably all seen different specials on Tunguska, that happened, what was that 1908, somewhere around there.

Anyway, the best way to take care of Egypt is to say, 'No aid, no money, you're in God's hands, you're either become civilized and decent or God is going to take care of you'—either way. That's how God is going to persuade at the beginning of the Millennium—isn't He? *Yes!* Look at what the earth is going to go through: worldwide plagues that happen in Egypt. Egypt is kind of like sandbox.

Health thing to be careful of and it's right here in the L.A. area: [Illegals Bringing Drug-Resistant TB to U.S.](#) by Jack Minor, 3/2/13 (wnd.com/2013/03). You have to be very careful with those things. Here's one more.

Every once in a while someone puts out a good book, so I want you to follow along as I'm reading this. This is by Colin Maynard Price, a major engineer in Texas. He belongs to the Congregationalist Church. He has written this book: *The Nature of Nature*, and I'm sure it could have been more professionally done, but nevertheless, it has the information. I want you to think about this as we go through.

From the tiny living cell to the universe itself all living things are interdependent. The earth should be considered as a single

bio-form.... [the whole earth] ...The moon is barren. The dot on this eye... [look at a dot—period or dot—in the Bible] ...might cover 200 living cells each highly complex.

As a matter of fact we have trillions of cells.

Magnify a cell 2-billion times to the size of an oil refinery and there would be general panic, fear and amazement at the complexity of such an alien-looking industrial complex working at such a high level of efficiency and productivity.

The whole theory of evolution collapses before the life that God has given to everything. Then when there is not necessarily organic life in something, such rocks or minerals or things like that, what do you have? *You have atoms, electrons, protons, magnetic centers*, all of that showing that even what we consider just ordinary dirt has a lot to it.

Where does its energy come from? Why does it not run out and decay? The author asks, 'How did so much order come about when physical laws predict the opposite?'

Because the physical laws are this. If it just sits and does nothing, it decays and falls apart.

The order of any system including the entire universe declines in time. Order should have been greater at the Big Bang 14-billion years ago. Physics gives the probability of the Big Bang arising by chance.

This is why I always say for those who believe in the Big Bang, 'Get your own material.' God says if you want evolution you create your own dirt. 'Don't start with what I've made.' Because if you start with what God has made, then you cannot prove there is no God.

Write this number down: 10 to the 123rd power, which is 10 followed by 123 zeros. How are you going to figure a name for that? You might not be able to name it, but you can name who did it—**God!**

The chance of picking one atom in the universe is a mere 1 in 10 to the power of 80.

A single atom, plucking it out. That makes life physically impossible, yet, life exists and why?

I just started reading the book and it's very interesting. He has some very good things to it. So

what we have is this. God always leaves Himself a witness. There are many witnesses. Like when we put out recently concerning Jonathan Cahn and Isaiah 9:10. *Yes, that's a witness!* Are there other facts he needs to know? *Yes, there are!* He's going to have to go to God, let him know what they are. I just thought I would bring you up to date with that.

I've covered some things concerning the Passover, leading up to the Passover, but let's understand a very important thing concerning the Passover Day: ***Christ was designated to be slain from the foundation of the world!*** How far back that goes, we don't know. We know from the book of Job that when God laid the foundation of the earth, the sons of God, referring to angels, rejoiced with joy. Every indication is that the angels occupied the earth for who knows how long. Then there was the rebellion. A third of the angels went with Satan. They were cast back down to the earth. What do we find the first thing in Gen. 1? *'The earth became 'tohu' and 'bohu'—chaos and confusion. 'Water covered the face of the earth,' that's the first Flood, and there is every indication that that's when the dinosaurs died, because they all died at once. There was more than just the Flood. There was probably the bombardment of God's power from space coming down to the earth.*

A little secret I never understood before concerning all the dinosaur bones. You go into a museum and you see the dinosaur bones. You're not told they are painted with a radiation-resisting paint. Because all dinosaur bones, regardless of where they are found on the earth, are in the one stratum called the Morrison Strata, and they are radioactive. So that's why they have to paint them. I didn't know that until some time ago.

How does this fit in with the Passover? *This fits in with the Passover because God's plan goes way back to the time when Jesus was designated and volunteered—because Jesus said, 'I lay My life down; no one takes it from Me, and I have commandment to receive it back. This I received of the Father.'* God knew what was going to happen. Yes, Adam and Eve did not have to chose to sin, but nevertheless, they did. God made provision for that.

The first thing you find in Gen. 3. after everyone was confronted with the sin—the serpent, the woman and Adam—you find in Gen. 3:15 the first prophecy of the coming Messiah, Who is later called 'the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world.'

Romans 5—this is to relieve all women of primary responsibility for eating the fruit, because Paul wrote that Eve was deceived. However, in Rom. 5 we find that Adam was not deceived. Think on this as we go through it:

- Are there lots of sins in the world? *Yes, horrific!*
- Have there been since man was created? *Yes!*

So much so that God had to destroy the first civilization with the Flood of Noah—correct? *Yes!*

- Why then did John the Baptist call Jesus, 'Behold, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world?' *Not sins, SIN!*

God is not just interested in the collective of sins that we do. That's a result of something else. God is interested in the sin that was the judgment against Adam and Eve, which we find is called 'the law of sin and death' (Rom. 7).

Romans 5:12: "Therefore, as by one... [Woman? *No!*] ...**man**..." Adam could have said to Eve, 'Don't go near the tree.' He was supposed to be in charge of his wife—right? *Yes!* Not to be the oppressor, but God made the man in charge and God made him responsible, so he could have stopped Eve at any point.

What do we have in the Old Testament concerning emotional vows that a woman might give, either a daughter or a wife? *The husband upon hearing the vow can disannul it! The father hearing the vow of the daughter can disannul it!* God gave women something that men don't have: feelings and emotion. That doesn't mean men don't have feelings. That doesn't mean that men don't have emotions.

It means—and listen to your conversations—women say, 'I feel.' Men say, 'I think.' This is why women are more susceptible to pleasant-sounding things than men. But Adam was responsible for what Eve did. He ate of the fruit! He was not deceived! The sin of the world is one collective thing that God has put in all human beings from that time forward until now, 'the law of sin and death.' He gave us just enough of the pull of sin that we know we have things to work on and overcome. This is why we have the whole chapter of Rom 7.

How many here have not sinned since last Passover? *Nobody!* Let me tell you a truism: ***the longer you live, the more you realize the sinfulness of sin within! That's the sin that God wants rooted out!*** This is why it's so important.

Romans 5:12: "Therefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and by means of sin came death..." *Dust you are and unto dust you shall return.* No one except Jesus Christ has overcome death. There's also time and chance. There's also varying degrees of choices and sins because of 'the law of sin and death.' There are various things involved in it so that you may have some people over here who are more righteous than other people

over here. But that does not take away ‘the law of sin and death.’ Let me just use an example. You have all the politicians over here trying to do good—right? Everyone’s doing good. Has any politician ever stood up and said, ‘I am going to do absolutely the most miserable and horrible thing to you that I can think of. Vote for me.’ Not one vote. They’re all trying to do good! Yet, at the same time, they’re also trying to feather their own retirement nest, more or less. They’re also trying to help out their donors and friends with much or little. All of this is thought of as ‘good,’ a benefit. But remember this: *Satan always offers a benefit!* ‘Try it, you’ll like it.’

The first time I ever met an ex-heroin addict was way back in 1970-something down in L.A. He said he tried heroin and he knew the instant that he took it he was hooked. He said even though he quit 10 or 12 years ago and this was back in the a ’70s, so I’m sure he’s long gone from the scene, he said that he had to fight it every single day.

There are some people who have better lives than other, but that doesn’t mean that they’re more righteous because of ‘the law of sin and death’ that is what has to be removed. All the other circumstances: time and chance, stupid decisions, poor whatever it may be, poor choices, bad health, on and on. All of those come from that one sin, and it is passed on to every single one of us by inheritance.

We were told in the church years ago, the key to child rearing is this. If, when they are infants, you can beat it out of them, they will be more righteous when they grow up. Remember that? *Yes!* Did it work? *No!*

One of the greatest motivators that God has given to us to overcome sin is the understanding of what Jesus Christ did. Because God loves His creation so much so that those that He does not call He is reserving for the second resurrection. Because He Himself did not give them an opportunity for salvation and He did not call them. Yes, there will be the incorrigible wicked, that is true. Yes, there is the Lake of Fire. That is true. However, this is the sin within which needs to be overcome.

Hebrews 2—here’s something very, very interesting to understand. We’re going to focus on the sacrifice of Christ, its historical background and what God is doing. God has not called us to a religion just to have a system of right and wrong. You can go to any organization and you can have different systems of right and wrong that they believe in. But God wants to change the heart and mind and spirit. God wants us to understand the sinfulness, the exceeding sinfulness of sin within. We all know this, especially women. They can smile and be nice, but thinking something else inside—

right? Men can do that, too, but they’re not quite as good at it as women.

Regarding seeking revenge, I remember this about Attila the Hun. Maybe I should send that to Rush Limbaugh because he says he’s sitting in Attila the Hun’s seat; he is the Maharishi and so forth. I saw this on a documentary about the captives that they brought out of a certain battle. There was this young woman, probably 16 or 17 when she was first captured. Attila the Hun was the one who personally killed her mother and father.

Instead of being mean and nasty, running up like this silly woman trying to say she’s innocent of murder. It’s all on the news, what’s that woman’s name, Arias whatever. She didn’t get mad. She became very enticing. She became very alluring. She knew how to cast the right eyes toward him and he never missed it. He didn’t know that he had killed her mother and father.

As the leader, like David, ‘I want that woman.’ He met her, liked her, fell in love with her and, of course, being gorgeous and being very attractive he had to have her. She said, ‘Only in marriage.’ What happened? They got married and of course you close off the bridal hut. ‘No one disturb Attila the Hun and his new wife regardless of what sounds come out, do not interfere. They must have their first night alone without any interruptions.’

They had a toast of their wedding and their coming relationship. Meanwhile, very loving, very docile, very innocent-face, but inside was revenge. What she did was not necessarily wrong, because God gives authority for a vengeance killing in the Old Testament, but what I’m trying to bring out is the subtleties of the human mind to disguise the purposes, the real intent and purposes.

It came time for their first getting together as husband and wife and they sat on the edge of the bed and she said, ‘Let’s have one more glass of wine.’ *But of course!* They both drank the one more glass of wine and died. She poisoned him and herself and no one could come and open the door or disturb them. When they finally had to get in through forced entrance, they found them both dead. Though that was a legal vengeance killing, it shows the power of the human mind.

This is why you can have all kinds of organizations doing all kinds of good things, good this, good that, good the other thing. They can be friendly, they can be nice, they can take care of each other. They can treat each other like brothers and sisters, but they have nothing to overcome ‘the law of sin and death.’ Though they do the things that God has commanded in the letter of the law, they have no spiritual power to overcome ‘the law of sin

and death' *within* because that can only be overcome with the Spirit of God.

Let's read Hebrews 2 because the whole Bible is keyed to this one point. Everything before and everything after—from the creation to the return of Christ and on beyond to new heavens and earth—is keyed on this one thing: *the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Passover that we take.*

Hebrews 2:5: "For *it is* not to the angels that He has placed in subjection the world that is to come, of which we are speaking"—of which we will be in charge under Christ. This is why, brethren, it's important we think beyond the mundane things that go on everyday. God has called us for a specific purpose. That's why we're made in the image of God. That's why we 'are made a little lower than God' (Psa. 8).

Verse 6: "But in a certain place one fully testified, saying, '**What is man**, that You are mindful of him, or *the* son of man, that You visit him?'" Stop and think!

I saw a montage on a video (DVD) called *Agenda: Grinding America Down*, quite good. It showed that all of the communist systems that have been in the last century have killed 135-million people. Those who look at that and you see these trenches with the bodies in it and you think, 'Where is God? Does God care?' How horrible! *That's why the second resurrection!* God knew things like this would happen. God cares, but cut off, because people say, 'Yes, God, I want you, but I don't want to keep Your commandments.'

Verse 7: "You did crown him with glory and honor... [Look at all the power and things that we have. Look at the things we're making and devising.] ...and You did set him over the works of Your hands; You did put all things in subjection under his feet.' For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing *that* was not subjected to him...." (vs 7-8).

Remember Gen. 11. God came down to confuse the language because 'now anything they imagine to do they can do.' If you think we've understood about the mark of the beast in the past and if you think we've understood things in the past, I think we better all hold on because it's going to be bigger, more profound and greater than we have ever imagined.

"...But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him. But we see Jesus... [Because Jesus had to do what He did before any of this can happen.] ...Who *was* made a little lower than *the* angels, crowned with glory and honor on account of

suffering the death, in order that by *the* grace of God He Himself might taste death for everyone" (vs 8-9).

Why? *Because He gave them 'the law of sin and death'!* He Himself took it within Himself that in His flesh and His death sin was condemned (Rom. 8). That's why only through Jesus Christ, grace and love of God, mercy and forgiveness of God, that we have contact with God that we will be resurrected in the first resurrection, and all of those who have gone before.

God is doing a marvelous thing. They're all worried about the attacks from aliens from outer space. God has done a wonderful thing. All of His soldiers that have been faithful, they're all on 'R n R'—resting for the resurrection.

When He's ready for His army, the world is going to be astonished. He's going to resurrect them out of the grave. I think God is going to have them see that this is taking place. It takes 24 hours for daylight to transpire on the whole earth, from sunset to sunset—correct? The two witnesses will be the first two resurrected, because they are the last two of the prophets and witnesses of God so they will be first (Rev. 11).

Then the resurrection starts, wherever God starts it. Maybe it's going to be in New Zealand, who knows. It goes around the earth and every hour as it comes to a certain time in that time zone, BANG! Here comes a resurrection of the saints, wave after wave. Here are the beast and the false prophet and all the armies down there looking and saying, 'Look the aliens. They're robbing the tombs. They're taking people. They're going to invade us.' That's going to be true.

We don't see all things subjected, yet. "...But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him. But we see Jesus, Who *was* made a little lower than *the* angels, crowned with glory and honor on account of suffering the death, in order that by *the* grace of God He Himself might taste death for everyone" (vs 8-9). That's a lot of love on God's part.

Verse 10: "Because it was fitting for Him, for Whom all things *were created*, and by Whom all things *exist*, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings." ***God had to be perfected in the flesh to overcome 'the law of sin and death'!***

- Is God perfect? *Yes!*
- Was Jesus perfect? *Yes!*
- Can He become more perfect? *Yes, of course, because Jesus was perfected!*

Jesus did not have it easy, Hebrews 5:7: "Who, in the days of His flesh, offered up both prayers and supplications with strong crying and

tears to Him Who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because *He* feared *God*. Although He was a Son, *yet* He learned obedience from the things that He suffered” (vs 7-8). He understood that with human nature within Him, He had to totally rule over it every instant of every day and night His entire life.

Verse 9: “And having been perfected... [that’s what perfected Him] ...He became *the* Author of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him.” There’s that wonderful little four-letter word—right? There are a lot of four-letter words. There’s one of them.

Sidebar: After we’re resurrected and meet Christ on the Sea of Glass, we have been perfected from flesh to spirit—correct? We can all agree to that. Have we reached our full perfection for the rest of eternity? *No!* What is it going to be like? *Best way to find out is be there!* Sure!

- going to grow in knowledge
- we’re going to grow in grace
- we’re going to grow in understanding

It is going to be absolutely amazing!

Here’s why He did it, Hebrews 2:11: “For both He Who is sanctifying... [How are we sanctified? *Through the washing of the water by the Word!* That’s how we’re changed *within.*] ...and those who are sanctified *are* all of one; for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren.” How’s that for a hierarchy?

Brethren and friends, v 12: “saying, ‘I will declare Your name to My brethren; in *the* church I will sing praise to You.’ And again, ‘I will be trusting in Him.’ And again, ‘Behold, I and the children whom God has given Me’” (vs 12-13). Follow along very closely with what we are going to cover here so that you understand the scope of what we’re going to cover.

Verse 14: “Therefore, since the children are partakers of flesh and blood, in like manner He also took part in the same, in order that through death He might **annul** him... [The *King James* says *destroy*. That’s not correct—*annul.*] ...him who has the power of death—that is, the devil. And that He might deliver those...” (vs 14-15). That’s what the Passover is all about—*deliverance!*

- Have we arrived at a point where we don’t need deliverance?
- Have we arrived at a point that we don’t need forgiveness?
- Have we arrived at a point that we don’t need mercy?
- What did Jesus say?

He told the Pharisees when they said, ‘Look, He eats with tax collectors and sinners.’ He told them, ‘You condemn John because he didn’t drink. You condemn Me and call Me a winebibber. But wisdom is justified of her children. Now go learn this, I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ *That’s what God wants!*

- Do any of us deserve mercy of and by ourselves because we’re so great? *Of course not!*
- Have we made mistakes and sins this past year? *Yes, indeed!*

Maybe even today on the way driving up here. Who knows, I don’t know.

- Do we need mercy and forgiveness? *Yes!*
- Are we to ask everyday for forgiveness, not only for ourselves but also for others, meaning all the brethren, all those that you know?

‘Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.’

Verse 15: “And *that* He might deliver those who were subject to bondage [sin] all through their lives by *their* fear of death.... [everybody’s going to face it] ...For surely, He is not taking upon Himself to help *the* angels; but He is taking upon Himself to help **the seed of Abraham**” (vs 15-16). Stop right there for just a minute: “...*the* seed of Abraham.”

- Is this only the Jews?
 - Has Jesus been helping the Jews ever since all the way from the time of His death and resurrection?
 - Have the Jews been helped by Jesus?
- or*
- Are they still, in the main, mostly antagonists?
 - Who are the seed of Abraham?

We’ll find that out.

Verse 17: “For this reason, it was obligatory for Him to be made like His brethren in everything...” Means in the sameness—‘*homoiomati*’ in the Greek. Do you know what Docetism is? *Docetism is a pagan engraftment upon Christian theology*, which is that Jesus came as a spirit being who was the Christ. The Christ was the spirit being who possessed the man Jesus. So, when the man Jesus died and anything the man Jesus did could not affect the spirit person of the Christ. *No! No!*

Here’s why, v 17: “...in order to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered, having been tempted in *like manner*, He is able to help those who are being tempted” (vs 17-18).

Who are the children or the seed of Abraham?

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Who are the seed of Abraham? There are a lot of things we could go through in the book of Galatians. Let me just mention, one of the greatest errors of Protestants is they go to the book of Galatians *first* instead of the First Epistle of John; and #2, they know nothing about Judaism. *Nothing!*

There is absolutely no way you can understand the book of Galatians in all of its details—and it takes a lot of study—unless you understand about Judaism. If you don't have the book *Judaism: A Revelation of Moses or a Religion of Men?* You will be astonished because most everyone believes that Judaism is, in fact, the Old Testament. And what the Jews believe from the Old Testament, that is not true.

The Protestants don't believe the New Testament because you see all of their errors—correct? Likewise with the Catholics—correct? *Yes!* Same way with the Jews and the Old Testament; they have *their own* religion with their own traditions and Jesus condemned it plenty enough times.

We're going to cover just a couple of verses in Galatians and we are going to see who are the children of Abraham. He said he came to help the seed of Abraham. I'm also going to ask you to read either the section in *The Christian Passover* book or *The Day Jesus the Christ Died*.

I just might mention here that if you watch Bill O'Reilly and how much he really knows about the Bible, you understand *he knows nothing!* For him to come to that understanding takes someone greater than me to get his attention.

Galatians 3:27: "For as many *of you* as were baptized into Christ did **put on** Christ.... [clothed] ...There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither bond nor free; there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (vs 27-28). *This is for the opportunity for salvation!* Has nothing to do with our physical beings. We are men, we are women, we are Gentiles, we're Jews, all of those things. Most of us are not free. We think we are, but we're soon going to learn we are not.

Verse 29: "And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to *the* promise."

Galatians 4:4: "But when the time for the fulfillment came, God sent forth His own Son, born of a woman, born under law." He was subject to the law, He was subject to human nature and He could not sin once.

Verse 5: "In order that He might redeem those who are under law, so that we might receive the *gift* of sonship *from God*." Not a religion! Not a set of rules!

- our rules are greater
- our rules are based upon *love*:
 - ✓ the heart
 - ✓ the faith
 - ✓ the Truth

"...sonship *from God*." Not an adoption. You're not being adopted, *you are being begotten again by the Father in the spirit of your mind!*

Verse 6: "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, 'Abba, Father.'"

Let's take a look at who are *not* the seed of Abraham. The scribes and Pharisees did not like this. This is John the Baptist and his baptism, Matthew 3:5: "Then went out to him *those from* Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the country around the Jordan."

Remember, everything concerning the circumstances of his birth was known through the entire priesthood. Every priest, every Levite, everyone working at the temple understood that John the Baptist was born as a special gift from God when his mother was well over 70-years-old. They were wondering all this time what will become of him.

What was said of him, he stayed in the wilderness until the day of his appearing. *He did not go for priest training. He did not go learn at the temple.* He stayed in the wilderness. He did not have people bathe in the pools. They were baptized in the Jordan, which is running water.

Verse 6: "And were being baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. But after seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them..." 'Oh, it's so wonderful that you are here, that you now understand the Word of the Lord.'

Notice what he said: "...**You brood of vipers**, who has forewarned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, produce fruits worthy of repentance; And do not think to say within yourselves, "We have Abraham *for our* father"; for I tell you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham" (vs 6-9). He warned them. 'If you're not producing good fruit, the axe is coming and going to cut it down.'

Now let's see another example of who is not the children or true seed of Abraham. John 8 is an amazing chapter when you really grasp the significance of what Jesus said, where it was said, to whom it was said. This was at the temple.

Remember what Jeremiah said of the temple. The people trusted in the temple, ‘the temple of God, the temple of God, the temple of God are these.’ It was at the temple. These were Jews, the promised people. I think they need to question who has chosen them today.

Jesus said, John 8:19: “Then they said to Him, ‘Where is Your Father?’.... [News gets around, doesn’t it? Without cell phones!] ...Jesus answered, ‘You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would also have known My Father.’ Jesus spoke these words in the treasury *while* teaching in the temple, but no one arrested Him because His time had not yet come. Then Jesus said to them again, ‘I am going away; and you shall seek Me, but you shall die in your sin. Where I am going, you are not able to come’” (vs 19-21). ***You cannot save yourself!***

Verse 22: “Therefore, the Jews said, ‘Will He kill Himself? *Is* that *why* He says, “Where I am going, you are not able to come?”’ And He said to them, ‘**You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.** That is why I said to you that you shall die in your sins; for if you do not believe that **I AM...**” (vs 22-24). Notice capital letters. That goes back to Exo. 3. ‘Who shall I say sent me?’ Tell them I AM sent me. The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob.

“...you shall die in your sins.’ Then they said to Him, ‘Who are You?’ And Jesus said to them, ‘The one that I said to you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge concerning you; but He Who sent Me is true, and what I have heard from Him, these things I speak to the world.’ *But* they did not know that He was speaking to them of the Father. Then Jesus said to them, ‘When you have lifted up the Son of man, then you yourselves shall know that I AM...’” (vs 24-28). Was that not prophesied in Psa. 22, Isa. 53, Isa. 50, Isa. 52? *Yes, indeed!*

“...and *that* I do nothing of Myself. But as the Father taught Me, these things I speak. And He Who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone because I always do the things that please Him” (vs 28-29). That is the goal we are to do as well, brethren. How do we please God?

- with *love*
- with *mercy*
- with *hope*
- with *understanding*

Remember, when Jesus read the scroll on the Day of Pentecost in Nazareth, and He said, ‘I have come to heal the brokenhearted, to release the captives out of prison.’ The prison is not in a cell,

the prison is trapped in your own sins and led about by Satan the devil.

Verse 30: “As He spoke these things, many believed in Him.” Notice this level of belief. It’s very shallow. ‘Oh, yes, we believe.’ Like the final thing that was said on the interview with Bill O’Reilly and whoever that Protestant minister was concerning who is a Christian. ‘Well, if you believe in your heart, you’re saved.’ Same thing here, *they believed*.

Jesus put them to the test, v 31: “Therefore, Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, ‘**If...**’” Always notice that every **if** is on us. The conditions are on us, not on God. We don’t go to God and say, ‘God, if you do such and such, I’ll believe in You.’ What did Jesus say to those who wanted a sign? *He said, ‘No sign shall be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet’—right?*

“...‘**If** you continue in My Word...’” (v 31). How much of what Jesus said can you throw away? *Nothing!* Since He was the Lord God of the Old Testament, how much of the Old Testament then can you throw away? *Nothing!* There are some things that have been fulfilled ritualistically that we don’t need to do because we have a higher standard, which then is dictated by the temple in heaven above.

“...‘**If** you continue in My Word, you are truly My disciples’” (v 31). When you read something like that, take the opposite. ***If you do not*** continue in My Word, you truly are not My disciples. Sometimes some very simple things really clarify it.

Verse 32: “‘And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall set you free.’ They answered Him, ‘We are Abraham’s seed, and have never been in bondage to anyone....’” (vs 32-33). Think about this for a minute. He was at the temple.

- Who occupied the country? *The Romans!*
- Where was Fort Antonio?
- What did they have coming down from the Fort to the temple area? *They had an above-ground, elevated road on those colonnades that held it up!*

The soldiers could get down to the temple area real quickly because they had lots of riots down there and they had to stop it. They had Roman guards standing on top of this road looking down at the crowds at the temple for riot control. They said, ‘We have never been in bondage to anyone.’

Verse 33: “‘...What do You mean by saying, “You shall become free?”’ Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a servant of sin’” (vs 33-34).

How can you overcome practicing sin? *Only with the Spirit of God!* You may modify some of your behavior here and there. You can do that.

- people have quit smoking
- people have quit drinking
- people have quit taking drugs
- people have learned to be nice to people

But they haven't learned how to overcome the sin within! That's the whole point of the Passover.

Verse 35: "And the servant does not live in the house forever; *but* the Son lives forever. Therefore, if the Son shall set you free, you shall truly be free" (vs 35-36). That is only through direct access with God the Father and Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit that the Father sends. We become a temple of God.

I want you to understand how important you are to God. He has called *you*, He has given *you* His Holy Spirit. If you have not yet been baptized, then you need to be answering the call of God. You need to prove the things you need to prove from the Bible. But God loves you and is going to give you His Holy Spirit. If you already have the Holy Spirit of God, we need that

- to exercise
- to use
- to lead us
- to guide us
- to help us

That frees us from the grips of Satan the devil and the world and the sin within. Nothing else can do it. That's why we have the Passover every single year. That's why we have the Feast of Unleavened Bread that we keep it with sincerity and Truth. What did Jesus say? *'The Truth shall set you free.'*

Verse 37: "I know that you are Abraham's seed; but you are seeking to kill Me, because My words do not enter into your *minds*. I speak the things that I have seen from My Father, and you do the things that you have seen from your father" (vs 37-38).

Who is out there with all the counterfeits possible? *Satan the devil!* I've got an article here, never heard of it all the years in the church. It's called, Maundy Thursday. Have you ever of Maundy Thursday? Maybe if you're a Catholic you should have. That is, Thursday night with a Friday supposed crucifixion, that's when the Eucharist began. No! It goes further back than that. Never heard of it all the years in the church until last week.

I asked Ron Carey, our Webmaster, when I heard Maundy Thursday, I said, 'Could you do a little research on that.' So, I get a two-page thing. It's a Catholic belief in a Thursday Eucharist.

Counterfeit, from whom? Who is the father? *Satan the devil!* They're going to elect another 'father' here pretty quick. I'll speak on that when the time comes. Notice their answer. You cannot depend on your inheritance to give you any standing before God.

Verse 39: "They answered and said to Him, 'Our father is Abraham.' Jesus said to them, 'If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a man who has spoken the truth to you, which I have heard from God' Abraham did not do this'" (vs 39-40). What did Abraham do? *He believed God!* Did he not? *Yes, indeed!*

Verse 41: "'You are doing the works of your father.' Then they said to Him, 'We have not been born of fornication. We have one Father, *and that is God.*' Therefore, Jesus said to them, 'If God were your Father, you would love Me, because I proceeded forth and came from God, for I have not come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why don't you understand My speech? Because you cannot *bear* to hear My words. You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you desire to practice. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has not stood in the Truth because there is no Truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he is speaking from his own *self*; for he is a liar, and the father of it'" (vs 41-44). He came and spoke the Truth to them.

Now that we know who are *not* the sons of Abraham, let's come back to Genesis 15 because everything flows from Gen. 15. We have this in *The Christian Passover* book and we have it in *The Day Jesus the Christ Died*. Not only do we receive the Spirit of God, we are counted as Abraham's children. Think of that! This is why the birth of Isaac was such a tremendous miracle. But let's see there's more to it, and when you read in *The Christian Passover* book or you read in *The Day Jesus the Christ Died* you will see that when this began it was actually the 14th day of the first month. This was the beginning of the Passover and the Night to be Much Observed, a two-day sequence, which is fulfilled in Exo. 12.

The timing of the death of Christ is not tied to the timing of the lamb slain in Egypt. That lamb is a type of Christ and the saving blood of the Lamb spared the firstborn. But what we find in Gen. 15 and Gen. 22, those fit the time when Jesus died. It's not tied to the Passover lambs that the Sadducees and Pharisees, some of them, mistakenly offered at the temple; it's tied to Gen. 15; it's answered by the 400 years and the 430 years.

I'll just tell you the quick difference between the 400 years and the 430 years. There are two periods of 15 years: from the time that this promise

was made in Gen. 15 when Abraham was 85 until the birth of Isaac—15 years. Then the other 15 years is from the birth of Isaac until Gen. 22 when he was offered. That's the difference of the 30 years in Exo. 12 vs the 400 years here. So, you have the 430, Exo. 12 and you have the 400 here; neither contradict; there's a difference base of it. Also, the children of Israel were not in Egypt for 430 years. Anybody can figure that out. So, why did God say, 'In the sojourning of the children of Israel was 430 years until the very same day'? *King James* says self-same day. *Because once God made the promise!* Where were the children of Israel on the night of the promise to Abraham? *In his loins, yet to come through Isaac. and yet to come through Jacob, but as good as done!*

When God says something and promises it, it is as good as done, though it has not yet occurred. So, let's begin in Genesis 15:1 and we'll see the flow of time here. This flow of time likens to the 14th day of the first month and the 15th day of the first month, back-to-back days.

One other thing concerning the 15th and the Night to be Much Observed. That is not an invention of any man. God says, 'It is a night to be much observed to the Lord in bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt.' Everything else in the rest of the Bible flows from here, everything—physically, spiritually—all the way to Rev. 22.

Genesis 15:1: "After these things the Word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, 'Fear not, Abram, I *am* your shield and your exceedingly great reward.' And Abram said, 'Lord GOD, what will You give me since I go childless...'" (vs 1-2). If you were 85, wouldn't that be a reasonable question? Anybody here 85?

"...and the heir of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus?" (v 2). It was legal to adopt. This is why to have in the New Testament call what we are called to an adoption; it is not. It is sonship! We receive the Spirit of God. He is our Father.

Verse 3: "And Abram said, 'Behold, You have given no seed to me; and lo, one born in my house is my heir.'" A little later you know that Sarah, she wanted to help along the prophecy of God. There's a time to listen to the voice of your wife and there's a time not to listen to the voice of your wife.

Verse 4: "And behold, the Word of the LORD *came* to him saying, 'This man shall not be your heir; but he that shall come forth out of your own loins shall be your heir.'" You stop and think about the human reproduction or the reproduction of any living thing. In each case it is an absolute miracle!

Verse 5: "And He brought him outside and said, 'Look now toward the heavens and number the stars... [When do you see the stars? *At night!* This is at night—correct? When does a day begin according to the Bible? *At sunset!* This begins a day, starting with the night.] ...if you are able to count them.'..." (v 5).

They've estimated that with all the scientific technology they have today that out in space—and they can only estimate—there must be 360-billion galaxies, maybe even more. God's plan is so great. Remember this: ***God has called you to be part of that!*** He has not called the world. They want to go their way. First step for the world is, 'Let's all quit Sunday worship and start Sabbath worship.' First step. Never happen, because they won't obey God and they are blinded.

"...And He said to him, 'So shall your seed be'" (v 5)—as the stars of heaven. {Note that 'the righteous shall shine as the sun in the Kingdom of the Father' (Matt. 13:43).} What is the sun? *A star* (Dan 12) and 'those who are righteous shall be resurrected and shine as the stars forever and ever.'

What He's talking about here is the first and most important thing: the spiritual seed of Abraham. 'So shall your seed be.' Now, when God gives you a command of something that is impossible to do, *you believe Him because He said it.* When He gives you a command that there's something you are to do, *you obey Him in what He said to do.* We will see that.

Verse 6: "And He believed in the LORD. And He accounted it to him for righteousness. And He said to him, 'I *am* the LORD that brought you out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give you this land to inherit it.' And he said, 'Lord GOD, by what shall I know that I shall inherit it?'" (vs 6-8). Notice what happens. This continues on into the daytime. This has to be the day portion after the night. You don't run out and get a heifer or a she-goat or a ram, turtledove and pigeon in the night. You don't offer them in the night. So, this is the day portion after the promise. ***We are the children of promise!***

Verse 9: "And He said to him, 'Take Me a heifer of three years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon.' And he took all these to himself, and divided them in the middle..." (vs 9-10). A special, what is called *a maledictory oath*, sacrifice. You never change or modify what is done with a maledictory oath. That's also in *The Christian Passover* book.

"...and laid each piece opposite the other..." (v 10). There was a pathway between them. This is called *walking between the parts.*

“...but he did not divide the birds. And when the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses... [this has to be in the daytime] ...Abram drove them away. And it came to pass, as the sun was going down... [starting to lower] ...that a deep sleep fell upon Abram. And, behold, a horror of great darkness fell upon him!” (vs 10-12).

What was that? That *had to be a prophetic enactment of the coming death of Jesus Christ!* It had to be at the time of day that Jesus would die on that Passover Day at the 9th hour. Remember the 9th hour He cried out, ‘*Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani*. Oh, My God, why have you forsaken Me?’ Then He gave up the spirit; wasn’t yet night. He experienced this.

“...And, behold, a horror of great darkness fell upon him! And He said to Abram, ‘You must surely know that your seed shall be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, (and shall serve them and afflict them)...’” (vs 12-13). That’s the parenthetical statement. You lift out the parenthetical statement, it says, “...your seed shall be sojourners in a land that is not theirs, four hundred years.” The enslavement in Egypt was not that long.

Verse 14: “And also I will judge that nation whom they shall serve. And afterward they shall come out with great substance.” When did they come out? *The next night!* Remember? Passover night, Passover, next night they come out. This is the first enactment of it with beginning with Abraham and carries from there down through all the children of Israel; from there, down to the Church; from there down to the Passover and sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Verse 15: “‘And you shall go to your fathers in peace. You shall be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come here again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full.’ And it came to pass—when the sun went down and it was dark... [What is that night called there in Exo. 12? *The Night to be Much Observed to the Lord!*] ...behold, a smoking furnace and a burning lamp passed between those pieces” (vs 15-17).

What did that signify? *That signified God’s pledge*, by walking through that path of the maledictory sacrificial animals, *that His word to Abraham would be fulfilled*, including the stars of heaven, *the spiritual seed that are us*. The sand of the sea, the spiritual seed, the physical seed of Israel.

What happened when He went through there? It doesn’t tell us. But because there was a smoking furnace and a burning lamp, I think the burning lamp went through and the smoking furnace came behind and consumed to ashes those sacrifices. When Abraham woke up there was nothing left but a pile of ashes.

Verse 18: “In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, ‘I have given this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates. The *land of the Kenites*...’” (vs 18-19). And all of those listed there.

One more test, which is also a type of a Passover and probably was on a Passover. Abraham had to leave his father’s house, his father’s land, go into a land that he never really inherited. He dwelt in it with Isaac and Jacob (Heb. 11). Jacob was born two years before Abraham died. But he never inherited it. Abraham understood that he would be heir of *the world* (Rom. 4). See how much more is in the Bible when you really put it together?

Genesis 22:1: “And it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ And He said, ‘Take now your son...’” (vs 1-2). They are currently running a series on the History Channel called *The Bible!* They will never show this is in the way that it should be shown. They show them as grubby, ignorant, stupid men.

Abraham was rich. He had a huge household. When he moved to go to another place there were caravans of camels and donkeys and servants. He had a household of 300 people. He wasn’t wearing throwaway burlap sacks for clothes. It’s the world; they couldn’t dare show it the way that it was.

Verse 2: “And He said, ‘Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac... [he was the son of promise] ...whom you love, and go into the land of Moriah, and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell you.’”

In Jerusalem you have the Mount of Olives to the east. You come down to the Valley of Kidron. You have the temple area over here. Where Jesus was crucified was on the Mount of Olives near what is called the Miphkad Altar where they took the sin offerings and took them out there and burned everything: the innards, the skin, bones, everything. Jesus was crucified close to there. I would suggest that we think that’s where this took place, not where the temple later stood.

Verse 3: “And Abraham rose up early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two *of* his young men with him, and Isaac his son. And he split the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up and went to the place of which God had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said to his young men, ‘You stay here with the donkey, and I and the boy... [or a lad] ...will go yonder and worship, and come again to you’” (vs 3-5). Isaac had to be about 15-years-old at this point here in order to get the difference between the 430 and 400 years.

Verse 6: “And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son... [Isaac is called a type of Christ (Gal. 4). The wood laid upon him was a type of Christ carrying His own cross later on.] ...And he took the fire *pot* in his hand... [It says in the *King James*, ‘And he took the fire in his hand.’ You don’t take fire in your hand. You carry a fire pot of coals. Try it sometime.] ...and a knife. And they both went together. And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, ‘My father.’.... [this also shows Isaac’s faith] ...And he said, ‘Here I *am*, my son.’ And he said, ‘Behold the fire and the wood. But where is the lamb for a burnt offering?’ And Abraham said, ‘My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering.’ So they both went on together. And they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. And he bound his son Isaac and laid him on the wood, upon the altar” (vs 6-9). Heb. 11 says that he did this because he counted God worthy to raise him from the dead, if in fact he did die because he received it from his dead body.

Verse 10: “And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.... [here ends the 40-year trial of Abraham. From the time he was called at 75 until this time] ...And the angel of the LORD called to him from the heavens and said, ‘Abraham! Abraham!’ And he said, ‘here I *am*.’ And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand upon the lad, nor do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me” (vs 10-12). That’s why he’s called *the father of the faithful*.

Then God did a miraculous thing. I don’t know whether He created this ram in the thicket or whether He caused one to run there and get caught in it, but they didn’t see it before. I imagine that Abraham and Isaac were looking all around, ‘Where is the lamb? Where is the animal?’ I’m sure they would have seen it if it had been caught in there before he offered Isaac on the altar.

Verse 13: “And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked. And, behold, behind *him* a ram was entangled in a thicket by its horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place The LORD Will Provide...” (vs 13-14).

From this point everything concerning the spiritual seed and the physical seed of the descendants of Abraham was set to go forward without any further conditions.

Verse 15: “And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, “‘By Myself... [you can’t get any higher authority

than that] ...have I sworn,” says the LORD, “because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son; that in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens...” (vs 15-17).

First—most important thing—the spiritual seed. We have been called, brethren, at a time that the spiritual seed are those of the Churches of God. That’s why the Passover is important. This undoubtedly happened on a Passover Day. Just like when Jesus died on the cross. What did He say? *He said, ‘It is finished!’* Everything from there on, that was the second sealing of this.

““...like the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is upon the seashore. And your seed shall possess the gate of his enemies. And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice”” (vs 17-18).

Did Jesus Christ always **obey the voice of the Father**? *Yes, He did!* So, when we come for the Passover keep all of this in mind:

- The Passover did not start with Israel.
- The Passover started with Abraham.
- We are the spiritual seed of Abraham.
- Everything else fits together and the whole plan of God comes together around this.

You all have a very good Passover and Unleavened Bread. I’m happy to have been able to be here with you today.

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