

Two Leavened Loaves or two Lambs; which represent the Bride of Christ on Pentecost?

Is this knowledge important to the Bride and her pursuit of excellence?

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During this past feast of Tabernacles these questions as well as others pertaining to it were asked of me, that is, what is my understanding of them? To me it is important that we have a clear understanding of this subject in its entirety so we can understand the lesson that these two wave offerings of Pentecost are teaching us about the plan of Salvation, as to who is who in that plan, which in turn will help us answer such questions as to who are “the rest of the dead” mentioned in Revelation 20 and many more things associated with the sequence of the plan. I did want to cover some of this on the Last Great Day because of the significance it has, as to who is who in the household, which in part is relevant to that particular feast day, but the tempo and high level of interactive involvement in our study that day would not have allowed it to happen.

There are some today and in fact an ever growing number, who teach that the body of Christ will not be leaven free and in fact can't be. This is a very evil doctrine of deception and as we read in scripture we exist at a time when many will be deceived and deceiving others as a result. For those of you who think that is just a mean spirited comment I suggest you don't read any further for I would hate to be the cause of you thinking bad thoughts towards me or others who believe such things. Hence be mindful that both Matthew and Mark warn us about even the elect being deceived at the end of the age.

As an outcropping of this particular deceptive teaching; that leaven does not represent sin and that the bride of Christ will be puffed up with it, some attempt to argue that the two leavened loaves of wheat bread waved on Pentecost are representative of the chosen bride of Christ. This is truly unfortunate and not according to the pattern of scripture found in both the first covenant and the second covenant. Leaven in the Greek language is represented by zume #2219 and it means to ferment (as if boiling up). Vines says of zume, “leaven, sour dough, in a high state of fermentation, was used in general of making bread.” It goes on to tell us that leaven was not used metaphorically in the first covenant scriptures but is in the second. It also points out that leaven was forbidden in all offerings to the Lord by fire and “being bred of corruption and spreading through the mass of that in which it is mixed, and therefore symbolizing the pervasive character of evil, **leaven was utterly inconsistent in offerings which typified the proprietary sacrifice of Christ.**”

(Did we get that? We will address that shortly. It is very, very, important to the subject at hand for we are to be “one” with Him, a healthy vital part of His body.)

Those are very accurate statements found in Vines Dictionary. Here we have some linguists understanding some simple facts of how scriptures depict leaven in both covenants.

Let’s start with the simplicity of the first marriage covenant scriptures as to some of the facts established by God.

Leviticus 23:17; “You shall bring from your habitation two wave loaves of two-tenths. They shall be of fine flour (wheat, Exodus 34:22); they shall be baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the Lord/Yehovah.”

Here we read why this particular feast also has the name of feast of Firstfruits. As we know it is also named feast of Weeks representing the fact that for 7 weeks or 49 days prior to it the first or early harvest of barley had been conducted started by Christ being accepted on our behalf as the first of the firstfruits of the barley or early harvest, and it is also called Pentecost which means 50. That of course is representing the count to it and follows the same theme as the 49 year count to the 50th year and thus a Jubilee. In this case it is not a physical jubilee to Israel but **a spiritual jubilee to the bride of Christ**, being set free to accept her inheritance in the family of Father God. These are all firmly established patterns of doctrine which God the Father has revealed to us through His spirit as we are being joined to our Savior/Husband, Jesus the Christ. So, these two leavened loaves of wheat not barley are commanded to be offered, waved, on this particular feast day for a reason. It is interesting to point out that they are not associated with any of the regular Levitical offerings commanded for this day. Those burnt offerings in fact have their own grain offerings and drink offerings. You will not find these two leavened loaves offered anywhere in scripture outside of this reference here in Leviticus 23. I think most of us understand it is forbidden to offer anything leavened in association with a blood offering. By that I simply mean an offering which starts with the shedding of blood. All burnt offerings fall under this category. We can read that in Exodus 34:25: “You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice **with** leaven...” In fact that is extended to all offerings made by fire Leviticus 2:11 and 6:16. Lev 2:11 tells us that, “no grain offering which you bring to the Lord shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the Lord made by fire.” It is forbidden to offer leaven with a firstfruit grain offering. So why do we see here on Pentecost that a firstfruit of wheat offering is offered with leaven? Also keep in mind that firstfruits grain offerings are their own separate offering and not a thanksgiving peace offering. Leviticus 23 tells us these two loaves were wave offerings which were not to be burnt, or once again for that matter, associated with (a part of) an offering involving the shedding of blood. That is just one of the many simple reasons why it is an abomination to take the Passover using leavened bread as the symbol of Christ’s sinless body. Jesus is the same yesterday (first covenant), today (second covenant), and tomorrow or forever (the kingdom). Thus it is simple to conclude that nothing leavened can be part of His body or His sacrifice. But we will not leave

it there by just stating the obvious. Why? Because satan's deceptive abilities and his use of guile can't be matched nor overcome by simply using the spirit in man. It takes that spirit combined with God's spirit to do so.

These two leavened loaves of wheat bread are special to the Lord/Yehovah as we are going to see. But are they representative of the bride of Christ? No! If we were to read Numbers 26-31 we will not find them listed in the offerings the Levitical Priesthood was commanded to offer on Pentecost. Is that an error of omission for some reason? Certainly not, as we will come to see if in fact anyone does not understand it already. This special wave offering on this special feast day must bear some significance in the plan of Salvation if we believe such things are placed in sequence for a reason. Please be cognizant that the 2 lambs are special to Christ/Messiah (who is also our High Priest before the Father) because He finished their purifying, the cleansing, as their Husband only could and should. He does not have this relationship with those represented by the two leavened wheat loaves of bread. We will follow this through later.

We could go on in the first covenant scriptures as to the fact that the sacrifice of Christ is not to be taken with anything leavened but that should not be necessary, for the command in Exodus 34:25 is very clear. His body was leaven free. Do not confuse the fact that He bore the penalty for all sin as if He Himself had sin in Him. There are some who are deluded and deceived enough to teach such dumbed down nonsense. He bore the **penalty** of our sins we have committed and not the sin itself. So let's now turn to some very clear and concise scriptures from the second covenant to put an end to the false, leavened, puffed up teaching, that the bride of Christ, who is of His body, can be leavened and in fact will be by proclaiming and arguing the two leavened loaves waved on Pentecost represent His body in the form of the bride of Christ. We have read these scriptures time and time again. They should give us hope and assurance that even though we slip up, our Savior/Husband will finish what He has started in us. This is a promise given to us in Philippians 1:6 and elsewhere.

Ephesians 5:22-32 is giving biblical insight as to a husband and a wife in their relationship and in particular to Christ and His bride as to being ONE! Verse 30 teaches us; "For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones." This is just as the first Adam and Eve were. He is the second Adam and the church, the bride, the second Eve. If His body is humble and sin free we are to be the same if we are to be a part of it. Impossible the leavened proponent would scream out. However Christ says in verse 25-27; "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, THAT HE MIGHT PRESENT IT TO HIMSELF (very important, lock this in your mind for when we get back to Lev. 23) a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish."

To be holy we are not to be defiled in any way, shape, or form. We are to be separate. Separate from what? 2 Corinthians 5:7, "Therefore purge (clean) out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you are truly unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for

us.” That means no leaven based on the law of the sacrifices. He is the Passover sacrifice. If we are to be of His flesh and of His bones we will have no leaven in us for it would contaminate His holiness. How simple is that to comprehend. **He will make us leaven free. It is a promise from Him. But we must do our part. He will finish what the Father started in the second Eve in her walk to holiness as the bride of Christ. The apostle Paul tells us we are to be purging out the old leaven which we will discuss later. The fact remains that the apostles taught that we were to have no leaven in us. That is not a suggestion on their part, no more than a blood or burnt offering can't be offered with leaven on Gods part. Why is this important at this time in the plan of salvation?**

The spirit of God dwelling in us teaches us these things or better put, allows us to understand them for the things of God can't be easily understood unless we have the spirit of God dwelling in us as 1st Corinthians chapter two clearly and concisely teaches. In Ephesians 5 and in verse 32, Paul sums this understanding of the bride of Christ up as follows, “This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.” It should not be a mystery to us.

This brings to mind the resume of the bride of Christ found in Proverbs 31:10-31. In verse 29 we read, “Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.” Here we have two groups or categories mentioned as to those qualifying to be the bride. **One is persistently and constantly attempting to fulfill the requirements expected by Christ and the Father, and not allowing anyone to come between them in their one and one relationship.** They have excelled. The other who consists of the majority has continued in many of the attributes mentioned in the resume, but certainly not to the level or degree that the ones who excel have. But they have done a good job nonetheless. The recognition of “Many are called but few chosen” comes to mind here as it should for in Matthew 22 we know the context is to the wedding of our Savior/Husband, Jesus the Christ.

So who does this firstfruit wave offering represent on Pentecost if not the bride of Christ chosen from both covenant times? In answering this question we shouldn't confuse these leavened loaves of wheat with the early harvest of barley which is started on wavesheaf day which falls during the days of Unleavened Bread. We have two very distinct harvests here even though both are grain. One ends as the other begins. Remember sequencing is important to God in His method of instructing us. One is of barley and the other of wheat. The early harvest or barley harvest takes place over 7 weeks or 49 days, or seven completed Sabbaths as scripture tells us. It has a clear start and finish to it. Please notice that the wheat harvest does not. Once again there is a very important reason for that as we shall see from the patterns of scripture. The early harvest starts with Christ being waved on our behalf (Lev 23:11). He is the sheaf, the entirety of the collective stalks of barley bound into one sheaf. They are part of Him. They will all be ground together. That is very representative of Him being the Head of the entire body. When one part or member suffers the entire body suffers. They all walk the same path.

There was no blemish in the sheaf of barley offered on our behalf for it represented Christ just as the lamb did without blemish.

Once again none of this should be a mystery to us. As we discussed at the feast we do not find Passover or the days of UB listed in the chronology of feasts in Revelation 19 and 20. However we do find the feasts of Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles, and Last Great Day depicted by the great events which will take place on them. We discussed this at some length so I won't do so here. However, let's simply point out that in the time line of the plan of salvation, Passover and UB have already been fulfilled at the time being spoken about in Revelation. Jesus Christ is the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek during the reality of these depicted times of rehearsal. Pentecost, Feast of Weeks or Feast of Firstfruits, whichever name you wish to call it falls under the time frame of Christ as High Priest and not the Levitical Priesthood. That is just one of the reasons why the offerings of Leviticus 23 are not the same as those found in Numbers 28:26-31 as to the same feast day being discussed. This is all very important and relevant to our understanding of who is who in the timeline as well as who is representative of the wave offerings conducted on Pentecost. This is all part of the mystery or hidden knowledge left for us in the scriptures. To this juncture we have only discussed the wave offering of the two leavened loaves of wheat bread on Pentecost. There is another wave offering taking place on this day as well. It too holds a very special significance to the Lord/Yehovah (the Father) and to the High Priest (Christ) of that day. It too is not numbered under the commanded offerings of that day to the Levites listed in Numbers 28. Before we discuss this other wave offering lets go to the second covenant scriptures to see specific instruction which Christ gave to Peter at the end of His physical presence with him.

In the gospel of John we read about an exchange between Jesus and Peter in John 21. Verses 15-17 contain the part we want to focus on. In verse 15 Jesus tells Peter to feed My lambs. This is the only place in second covenant scriptures that you will find lamb not referring to Jesus, the Lamb of God. Is that significant? Very! Lamb is the name given to a sheep which is less than one year old. Lambs figure very prominently in the sacrificial system. Peter here is told to feed Christ's lambs. He is not told to tend them or bosko them in the Greek language. God has a sense of humor even when using the word bos(s)ko here. A little pun one might say. When we read on further in this exchange we see that Jesus asks Peter twice to feed and tend His sheep. Does that have significance to us? I certainly believe it does. Sheep are mature lambs who for the most part are set in their ways. Not only do they need to be fed or led to green pastures, they also need to be tended by a shepherd. They have a proclivity for straying from the flock at times and for eating anything placed in front of them, and drinking from contaminated water. We covered all this many years ago but it probably should be covered again in the near future to bring it all back to mind and thus its relevance to the church today and the conditions we find in it. These lambs spoken about by Christ are only to be fed by Peter. Who will tend them? Jesus will, for He will wash them and care for them as the one true shepherd. They will be small

in their own eyes and look to Him and as scriptures teach us “follow Him wherever He goes.” We read that in Revelation 14:4 in reference to the bride of Christ, the 144,000 (many are called but few chosen and many daughters have done well but you excel them all) who have the name of the Father written on their foreheads and standing in the throne room of God. Just as Christ was little in His own eyes as the Lamb of God so too will Christ’s lambs be to Him. They will give all preeminence to Him just as He did to the Father. They will not be consumed with such things as having dominion over the rest of the body or who is the greatest. **They are in no way puffed up.** They are teachable just as the members of His body should be and small in their own eyes. There is one Head who instructs the entire body as to how each member is placed in it to use his or her gifts to assist in feeding or tending it through their function they have in it. One Head directs them all, no “others” needed.

But it is obvious Christ our High Priest has both lambs and sheep, just as He has barley and wheat. This is all very relevant and important to our understanding the mystery, and who is who in the timeline. Now back to Leviticus 23. Verse 18 lists some of the other offerings of the day with a small variance from those listed in Numbers 28 but we will not address why today to stay on point. Verses 19 and 20 become very significant to our understanding.

“And you shall sacrifice one kid of the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of **peace offering**. The priest shall wave them (the two lambs) besides (not with or a part of) the bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering before the Lord/Yehovah, besides (not with) the two lambs. They (the two lambs) shall be HOLY TO THE LORD/YEHOVAH FOR THE PRIEST!” (The Father and the Son).

Do you remember I asked you earlier to retain the idea of Christ presenting His bride to Himself from Ephesians 5, and that she would be holy, blemish free, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing? Who is the High Priest of Pentecost in the timeline of the Plan of Salvation? Jesus Christ is and here He has His bride represented by the two holy lambs presented to Himself. They are very special to Jesus our High Priest. Why, if you don’t already know the answer? Because these sacrificial lambs have qualified to be His holy bride for they are of His body just as He too qualified to be the sacrificial Lamb of God the Father. They have followed in His footsteps and have overcome the world, self, and Satan with His help just as was the case between Him and the Father. They have qualified under both marriage covenants. They are completely unleavened and not puffed up in any way, shape, or form! These spiritual lambs have made themselves ready by their righteous acts as Revelation 19:7-8 teaches us. They are arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright. He completed in them what they had undertaken after the Father made them after His seed by placing His spirit in them because they were diligent in wanting to do so and gave up the self and the world on their part. He then made it possible for them to overcome Satan as well. They qualified to be a **peace offering, special to our Savior/Husband and High Priest**. They are special to both the Father and the Son. It is these two lambs which represent the bride of Christ on Pentecost not the two leavened loaves, which are a completely

different offering on the day of Pentecost. In fact there are 4 specific or distinct offerings on this day which are special to it. So who do the leavened loaves represent? Are they too, special to the Father and the Son? Yes they are special to God the Father and represent the second grain harvest in the Plan of Salvation. So who are they? Remember in Proverbs 31:29 that many daughters had done well. Here is where we find the category of those who have done well under the terms of the two covenants. One of these loaves just as one of the lambs are those represented in the second covenant scriptures found in Matthew 25 as to the wise and foolish virgins. Once again two categories; both are virgins and special but one does what is required to be the bride as she has grown in the acceptance, favor, and knowledge of Christ, while the other has not but makes an effort nonetheless, but does not excel at it.

Let's dig a little deeper into the scriptural patterns of these two groups to get a better understanding of who is who. Revelation 12 gives us some very important information as to this goal. It is very illuminating as to the chronology of events which take place to the bride at the end of the age. In verses 13-14 we find a group being referred to as the woman, being taken from the presence of Satan who was at that time cast down to and confined on the earth. He was no longer able to venture out into the heavens. In verse 11 we are told that this woman "overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony and they did not love their lives to the death." She was willing to give up her life at any time on behalf of her Savior/Husband, Jesus Christ. Luke 14:26; "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate (love less by comparison) his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple." She is the real thing! Further on in the chapter and context we read that after the woman is taken from the presence of Satan who is bound to the earth, which for all general purposes tells us she is no longer found on earth but on the sea of glass as we have exhaustively proven from scripture time and time again, that Satan becomes furious and focuses that fury on those referred to as the "rest of her seed" who were not taken from his presence. The "rest of the seed" talked about here are those of the seed of God the Father. It is He who calls us. It is important to understand this because He must make us after His kind to be able to be compatible with His Son after Their kind. The second Adam and second Eve are to become fruitful and multiply after the commanded principle in Genesis 1:28.

Revelation 12:17; "And the dragon was enraged with the woman (because he had lost that battle to prevent her from fulfilling the function of the bride in the household of God the Father and thus he knew then he had but a little time) and he went to make war with the rest of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Please notice here something very different from the description of the woman who is taken. These two groups are different in several ways. The first had overcome Satan in two ways, by the blood of Christ being shed for them and applied to them at that time thus they were covered by it and thus the firstborn in the timeline of the plan of salvation. Remember that Exodus 12:12 teaches us that only the firstborn in the households were subject to death at that

time when the death angel was to pass over them. The second difference is that the woman or first category of seed overcame Satan by the word of THEIR testimony even if presented with death. Nothing was going to stop them from clearly understanding and then actively articulating the hope which was in them (the doctrines of the Father, John 7:16-17) regardless of the consequences. They had internalized Christ the Passover Lamb of the Fathers household so completely that it had become their unabashed testimony. It was no longer just Christ's testimony. This happens through their one on one personal relationship with Him. It is a very intimate relationship with no one else coming between them, tending them, one might say in the words of Christ for He alone is the Head. The second category or group of the same seed had not done so; they follow after the example of the foolish virgins. They had the look, but not all the substance that was required of them. Why? Because they depended on another to both feed and tend them. They are the sheep, eating and drinking where they sound not. When they see they are not included in the function of the bride they will be truly heartbroken and yes they will be wailing with the anguish of gnashing of their teeth. But all is not lost! They can still be very special to both God the Father and the Son. They had done well but did not excel. They needed to make the testimony of Jesus their very own testimony in spite of anything else which should confront them. They do get that opportunity brethren. Let's see these two groups or categories talked about in Revelation 14. In verses 1-5 we can read about the first group. There are some who understand this as being the bride of Christ. That is a good thing. These are the 2 lambs of Pentecost consisting of those who have qualified under both marriage covenants special unto the High Priest. They are married to Him for they have the Fathers household name written on their foreheads and standing in the throne room of the Father and the Son. We can then read on about the second category we have been speaking about as well further on in the chapter. These are those who come out of great tribulation. Verses 12-13; "Here is the patience (or perseverance) of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and (something new to them now) the faith of Jesus. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes says the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works will follow them." This second grouping, or second category, or "rest of the dead in Christ" one might say, will be awaiting their reward at a future date. This rest of the same seed who did well have a very special place and function in the family of God the Father awaiting them. These are those represented by the two loaves. Or at least one of the two loaves for we are talking about the second covenant qualifying time frame here. There is a similar qualifying time frame under the first covenant rules as well which represents the other loaf. These leavened loaves had to go through a purging because they did not do so during the time of qualifying to be the bride. They did not make the effort to keep their oil full through an intimate relationship with Christ. They depended on another to do it for them. They had the look on the outside but not the means of filling the vessel by reason of their

own use and efforts. They did not purge out the old leaven. We have discussed this at length in the past and most are aware of these things.

So when will these rest of the seed, these loaves of bread or firstfruits of wheat get their rewards? Revelation 20:4-6 is just one of the places we learn about it. Let's pick it up in verse 4 and view it in a correct sequence of verses as the plan of salvation and the patterns teach us.

"...And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years (category or group one, the two holy lambs) this is the first resurrection. But the rest of the dead (talking about the "rest of the same seed" who are dead in Christ, category 2) did not live until the thousand years were finished. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

So what becomes of this second category, the sheep, or as referenced here "the rest of the dead?" You may ask why I equate the "rest of the seed" to these "rest of the dead" spoken of here? It is very simple. The context is talking about those who had qualified to reign with Christ prior to this thousand year time period. It is not talking about all of mankind because salvation, through the calling of the bride, was not offered to all of mankind but only to those who were called by the FATHER TO BE BETROTHED TO HIS SON. (That is the same pattern as God only working with the nation of Israel and not all the other nations under the terms and timing of the first marriage covenant). That is the timeline being spoken about. All of mankind will have the opportunity for salvation after the Great White Throne Judgment and not before. However the door to be the bride is closed at Christ's return for her as Matthew 25:10 and other scriptures instruct us. So who does this leave as the rest of the dead here? The answer is simple and very logical that it is speaking about those who were of the same seed and whom had been called to qualify to be the bride in the household but fell short of that goal.

The Bible instructs us through patterns. There is a very simple pattern and prophesy which can and should be applied here to give us an answer to not only who God is talking about in reference to, the "rest of the dead" but also what they had been called to, as to a function and relationship, AND NOW WHAT THEY WERE ACTUALLY GOING TO BE. In Jeremiah we will see this all typified through physical Israel. The third chapter of Jeremiah is just a fascinating revelation as to the mystery of the bride which Paul so often addresses in the second covenant scriptures. We have covered it often in the past and it figures prominently in many of our studies. It is a physical type of the spiritual. It is instructing us about the relationship God had with Israel under the terms of the first covenant. It repeatedly tells us He was married to Israel and Judah. It also tells us He divorced Israel but not Judah. Please take the time to reread the chapter if you have not done so in a while. The context is incredibly clear. We also read here that many were called but few are actually chosen under those covenant terms as well. So let's get to the point of linkage we are looking at here to those who fell short of continuing to be the bride. Let's start in verse 19 and read through 20.

“But I said: (That is Yehovah speaking) How can I put you among the children and give you a pleasant land, a beautiful heritage of the hosts of nations? (He is talking about those who were invited and called to the marriage at Sinai, those He was betrothed to.) And I said: You shall call Me, My Father (no longer Husband) and turn not away from Me. Surely as a wife treacherously departs from her husband so you have dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel, says the Lord/Yehovah.”

There will be a group from both covenants who will have not qualified to be the bride for eternity who will be resurrected to be the firstborn of the second Adam and second Eve. That union will have as its directive in the household of the Patriarch Father to be fruitful and multiply. Many have and will correct their ways but it has been and will be through great trials and tribulations, to see if they will remain loyal to the household of God. That number is already set under the terms of the first covenant just as it is for those who qualified to be numbered as the bride. However under the terms of the second covenant the number for both is still being added to. In the cases of the bride the total combined number from both covenants will be 144,000. The number for the firstborn of that marriage will be innumerable for God the Father does not know who will be willing to keep His commandments and have the faith of Jesus until right up to the time of giving their lives for that testimony.

So from the clear verses here in Jeremiah 3 we see that He who was married to Israel whom He divorced, will be given the opportunity to function as His children in the household. We know this Being to be the one who became Jesus Christ after divesting Himself of all His glory. He will become a father after His marriage is completely consummated when the total number of the bride is completed. Isaiah 9:6 tells us this if we are to believe the scriptures and the pattern of it.

“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the Princship will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called; Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father (in the Patriarch Fathers household), Prince of Peace.”

Yes our Savior/Husband has many names and many functions. In spite of what the clear scriptures state here as to whom this is and that these are some of His **names**, there are some who scoff at such truths when stated. They are not intended to understand the mystery of God and the bride at this time for they are not being offered salvation, or have been dumbed down to it during this segment of the timeline of the plan of salvation. Their opportunity will be in the future. To those of us who have been called by the Father unto His Son however, we should be able to understand these things.

I’m not one to beat a dead dog but to ensure that the points have come across clearly from above let me summarize a few of them and add a few more. Repetition is a good teacher, at least it is for a simpleton like me. I stated from the beginning that there are some today who trouble the body of Christ with unfounded winds of doctrine and one such wind of doctrine instructs that the members of the body of Christ can take the Passover of the Lord using

leavened bread as a substitute for unleavened bread. Dear brethren, that is very evil in all its intents. It is a vain, ungodly, and unbiblical lie which is wrapped in guile and deceit. The doctrines of the Father, as Christ calls them in John 7:16-17 are clearly defined and easily understood if one has the spirit of God dwelling in them, and being actively fed by Christ Himself with no “go-between” inserted. It is by that alone that we have the capability to understand the things of God as 1 Corinthians 2:10-16 so beautifully articulates and teaches. Guile and deceit come into play in many false doctrines blowing around today when they are quoted out of context and pattern. That is exactly how Satan functioned when he attempted to turn Jesus to his way. He would accurately quote a scripture then completely misapply it. For instance he suggested to Jesus that if He were the Son of God which he obviously knew He was, that He should throw Himself off the pinnacle of the temple for the scriptures say “He shall give His angels charge concerning you,” and, “In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.” If Jesus had have followed that deceitful, vain, guile; He would have committed self-murder and thus sinned and thus not qualified to be the Savior.

Accurate scripture quoted, but completely out of context and misapplied is not good. We must always learn through biblical patterns of here a little there a little, line upon line and precept upon precept. That means patterns are found in similar contexts of use and then united to form a doctrine. We must not take them out of context to prove a point we are trying to make.

The whole subject of leaven being acceptable with the Passover is being promoted by people who are or have become devoid of the spirit of God working in them. For those who once used it they may have extinguished it to some degree as scripture tells us will be the case with some. There are those in that group that may at one time have been called by the Father unto His Son but for one reason or another have allowed themselves to be separated from that calling.

Strong delusion is a warning to the bride at the end of the age. They have an outward appearance of godliness but are devoid of the spirit based on their twisted interpretations of scriptures out of context. The scriptures tell us that such lack of understanding comes from a mind that only has the spirit of man in place and not guided by the spirit of God. So let’s spend a little time addressing this guile and deceit as it applies to the subject at hand today, that being that some profess the bride of Christ is acceptable being full of leaven.

Matthew 16:6 tells us, “Then Jesus said to them, **take heed and beware of the leaven** of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.”

That is a direct warning of something that is not good. The context goes on to tell us the disciples didn’t understand what Christ was teaching them but they would shortly thereafter. Verse 12: “Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but the doctrine (teachings) of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Now we need to ask ourselves the question, why would Christ equate leaven and doctrines together in a very negative way such as that? He was not saying they were like some aspect or

dynamic caused by leaven, **but in fact leaven**. We will answer that question shortly but let's read a few more scriptures in this same context.

Mark 8:15; "He charged them saying, Take heed, **beware of the leaven** of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod(ians)."

Luke 12:1; "In the meantime, when an innumerable number of people had gathered together, so they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first, **Beware of the leaven** of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."

So Christ is teaching us through these instructions to be on guard and beware of such things. That is a very clear warning of a very clear danger if we believe what Christ is saying, for even today we are experiencing such levels of **leavened doctrine**, to the point that it is difficult for me as well as many others not to look at it as a clear and present danger.

To get a clear understanding of why Christ says these things lets read some of the scriptures which inform us about the doctrines and teachings of the Pharisees.

Mark 7:1-13; "Then the Pharisees and some of the Scribes came together to Him, having come from Jerusalem. Now when they saw some of the disciples eat bread with defiled hands, that is, with unwashed hands, they found fault. For the Pharisees AND ALL THE JEWS (Rabbinic Judaism) do not eat unless they WASH HANDS A SPECIFIC WAY (not just a simple cleaning for health purposes), holding the tradition of the elders. When they came from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash, and there are many other things which they have received and hold like the washing of cups, pitchers, copper vessels, and couches. Then the Pharisees and Scribes asked Him, Why do your disciples not walk according to the traditions (Judaism) of the elders (Neither Christ or His disciples followed Judaism), but eat bread with unwashed hands? He answered and said to them; Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me, and in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men (the leaven of the Pharisees. It is sinful to do that. Their teachings, doctrines, are founded on the understanding of men which is pure vanity [puffed up] when it comes to the things of God. Their teachings are predicated on the knowledge of the tree of good and evil. That foundation of knowledge is corrupted and influenced by the prince of the power of the air. As such they are completely puffed up and full of vanity or as Paul put it; "full of the leaven of malice and wickedness." They were so puffed up or leavened, that they actually thought and taught their doctrines superseded the commandments of God. That is satanic in every measure of it.) For laying aside the commandments of God, you hold the tradition of men – the washing of pitchers and cups, and MANY OTHER SUCH THINGS YOU DO. And He said to them; Well, you reject the commandments of God, that you may keep your traditions. For Moses said, Honor your father and your mother; and he who curses father or mother, let him be put to death (very serious crime). But you say, If a man says to his father or mother, whatever profit you might have received from me is Corban (dedicated to the temple and oh yes under their control to do with

as they saw fit) and you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother (there are men and organizations who do exactly the same thing today) making the word of God of no effect through your traditions which you have handed down! AND MANY SUCH THINGS YOU DO.”

That brethren, is a clear explanation from Christ what the leaven of the Pharisees is. It is not LIKENED unto leaven like the parable of the kingdom of heaven which is talking about its dynamic ability to expand as is in context with the dynamics of the mustard seed mentioned with it; Christ has clearly told us in scripture that **their doctrines are leaven**. They are full of all kinds of sin! And oh yes, they prevent us from entering the kingdom! But let’s not stop short here. Let’s let Christ sum this up in more scriptures. I think we are all familiar with Matthew 23. The chapter is loaded with example after example of Christ castigating the teachings of the Pharisees and Scribes. Please read through it again just to refresh your mind as to this point we are addressing. It is a very big issue in the organizations today which call themselves the churches of God.

Matthew 23:13; “But woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! (Oh my, that isn’t very nice, He is calling them names) For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; (Satan’s desire being completed) for you neither go in, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.” They are dumbing them down!

A companion verse to this is found in Luke 11:52; “Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who are entering in you have hindered.”

Dear brethren, that leaven is pure evil at work. That is the work of the angel of light and his minions. How do they accomplish such evil? By their doctrines! Christ repeatedly calls them; fools, blind, blind guides, and hypocrites to just quote a few. These are defining and descriptive names from God assigned to them. They are completely puffed up with vanity and dominion as to their self-righteous ways. The body of Christ is not to be puffed up, leavened; in any way, shape, or form. This symbolism should be very clear to us in this context. There will be no leaven found in the body of Christ as symbolized through His sacrifice of His own blood for us as the Lamb of the Fathers household. We too share the same willingness to be a blood sacrifice just as He was as the Lamb of Father God. **Thus we must be leaven free under the rules of a blood offering just as He was and especially since we are part of His body, one with Him.**

The reason I have undertaken this study is twofold. There are those who teach it is okay to harbor sin in ourselves by their deluded doctrines and this must be addressed. Secondly, it is important to put the sincerity and truth of this instruction into a sequence of events to depict who is who in the timeline of salvation and thus we get a better understanding as to what is going on around us and what will be an outcome of such things. But as to the primary reason, we find some using guile and deceit to place this evil doctrine of acceptability of leaven in the body. Unfortunately many today are falling for it, allowing it in. Also many have become

complacent to such things. And there are some who actually believe that such “tolerance” of sin in the body is actually a form of “righteousness” towards others. The apostle Paul scolds the Corinthians for this exact behavior and way of functioning.

Look how clearly and concisely Paul addresses this.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8; “Your glory is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? (Keep in mind this is said in the context of their allowing a sexually immoral individual among themselves who had his father’s wife). Therefore purge (completely clean out) the old leaven, that you may be a new lump (leaven free, an unleavened lump), **since you truly are (to be) unleavened**. For indeed Christ, our Passover was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the **leaven** of malice and wickedness but with the **unleavenedness** of sincerity and truth.”

THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE BRIDE OF CHRIST, WILL HAVE NO LEAVEN FOUND IN IT, PERIOD! SHE WILL BE UNLEAVENED!

Malice here is kakia #2549 and means “badness; depravity.” Wickedness is paneria #4189 “depravity of evil.”

Roman 1:28-32 tells us about them and the company they keep and what God clearly calls sin.

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, **wickedness**, covetousness, **maliciousness**, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; **who knowing the righteous judgment of God**, (not ignorant to it) that those who practice such things are worthy of death, **not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.**” Are we in any way, shape, or form to think we are to be tolerant of such behavior in the body? It is all sinful behavior. Paul calls it leaven! We are not to approve of such behavior in ourselves or in the body of Christ. Are we to believe we are more righteous than God! No, we reject all of this leaven as Paul labels it. Let there be no doubt this leaven is sin! Ephesians 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual **wickedness** on high.”

Paul clearly sees all this as leaven, and calls it leaven. He has made it clear we are to be leaven free or unleavened!

In Galatians 5:9 Paul states, “A little leaven leavens the whole lump.” Look at the context. It is about false teachings, false doctrines. In verse 4 he says as a result of such, “You have become estranged from Christ” because of it. Such things are still continuing in the body today. That is why it is easy for God to say; many are called but few chosen. It is rampant in the churches here at the end of the age. Satan knows his craft very well. All we need to do is read Christ’s messages to the churches in Revelation 2-3 to clarify any doubt in or of that. It is my personal

belief that these messages and these churches exist together throughout the second covenant age of the plan of salvation. However I do believe that at any given time one of them will be more prevalent or dominant than the others. Here at the end I do believe the Laodicean church attitude is dominant. If there is a more detailed description of a puffed up church, a leavened church in scripture, I am not aware of it. Look how Christ describes it.

Revelation 3:15-17; "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot, I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew (spit as in puke) you out of My mouth (out of the body and not being a part of it any longer) Because you say, I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing, (self-congratulatory, self-centered, self-encompassed, and completely indifferent and complacent to all else) and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked."

This arrogant, Pharisaical church is full of leaven and they don't know it because they are so self-deluded and deceived. To say they were and are blind guides and fools would be understating their condition. I have every right to say so because of the patterns of scripture, but more personally because I consider myself a repentant Laodicean.

Dear brethren, we must not let anyone steal our crown. We must be aware of and avoid the leaven of the winds of doctrine blowing around today. They for the most part are designed to be subtle and easy to chew. Some are so innocent looking they are ignored until our complacency allows them to be acceptable to circulate in the body. The very thought that the bride of Christ can and will be puffed up with leaven is just disgusting. She is to be tamin; complete, perfect, just as Christ was and is. She will be sanctified and cleansed by Christ. He will finish the work which the Father has started in us. Christ will present her to Himself as a glorious church or called out ones, not having any spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but holy and without blemish. She will be His lamb, very special to Himself, just as He was a very special Lamb to the Father. No, she will not be represented by a leavened loaf of bread.

We would be remise if we did not now cover several very important aspects of the day of Pentecost at this time. Keep in mind it is called by four different names in scripture. That is very impressive, for God names things for a reason. It is also very important to understand that there are four very specific offerings on this day of names, besides the daily offerings and those listed in Numbers for the Levites to perform. They are; the two leavened loaves of firstfruit wheat; seven lambs (perfect) ones offered with (not besides) one bullock, two rams, with their grain and drink offerings; one goat as a sin offering; and the two lambs which are special to the priest.

I have noted in this article that when we read "with" in some translations that it should actually read "besides." That is very important and critical to our understanding here in Leviticus 23 as we will see. These offerings are not all offered at the same time. Remember there were two distinct times on each day that the sacrifices took place. They were the evening and the morning. God is very sequential in His teachings and instructions.

Let's use the two lambs as an example. We are told here in Lev 23:19 that they are a peace offering. Lev 7:11-21 is one of several sections of scripture which address the commands and laws associated with peace offerings. We learn here that there are three types of peace offerings; thanksgiving, vow, and voluntary. They all have similar commands associated with each of them as well as some different ones as well. So which one represents the peace offering of the two lambs in Lev 23:19?

Please remember the feast days are rehearsals of major events in the plan of salvation. They are all sequential and build upon the prior ones. That understanding helps us organize our knowledge of such so we can worship the Father decently and in order.

Lev 7:12-15 is a symbolic prophesy of what is going to take place on the reality of Pentecost and not just the rehearsal. Keep in mind the plan is sequential in pattern. Thus the offerings of that day must represent that in the reality of their coming. Also remember there are two parts of the day set aside for the sacrifices; the evening and the morning. It is and always has been my belief that the evening sacrifices took place after sunset during the dark part of the day and that the morning sacrifices took place after sunrise during the bright time of the day. That is going to be clearly exemplified here shortly.

12; "If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer, with (not besides) the sacrifice of thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil."

This speaks volumes to me brethren. With the blood sacrifice of thanksgiving the priest also offers unleavened cakes with oil, and unleavened wafers "anointed" with oil (or cakes of fine flour with oil as an alternate.) It is clear this is all offered together as one offering. The unleavened bread is a part of the thanksgiving offering and follows the pattern of the body and blood of the Lamb of God the Father, which is all representative of Christ's sacrifice. It meets all the commands of scripture. Now look what follows in verse 13.

"Besides the cakes of his offering, he shall offer leavened bread with (on the same day) the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering."

So what is this? Scripture commands us that an acceptable offering shall not contain leaven for any grain offering and that no leaven can be offered with or alongside of a blood sacrifice. So with that understanding we can clearly rule out it is part of the thanksgiving offering. So why is this offering of leavened cakes being offered on the same day as a thanksgiving offering? We are forbidden to even present a grain offering of any type let alone first fruit with leaven in it. (Lev 2:11 and 6:17.)

To me the answer is clear. It does not tell us it is acceptable does it. I believe this is all representative of those who are called to be the bride of Christ; that is, as represented by the thanksgiving peace offering and the leavened cakes. I further believe it is representative of what will take place on Pentecost. The two lambs which are special to the priest (who is representative of Melchizedec here) are also represented in the two different unleavened breads (cakes and wafers) offered with it. I also believe they are made with barley and not wheat for the barley harvest had just ended and the wheat could not be consumed before the firstfruits of the wheat harvest were waved before the Lord/Yehovah. Sequencing and patterns with commands are everything when it comes to our knowledge of things such as this.

I further believe that the **leavened cakes** represent the children of the Father who did not qualify to be the bride of Christ, or excel in removing the leaven to a point where Christ Himself as the second Adam could complete the task in them. I believe they will be the children of the union between Christ and His bride, the second Adam and the second Eve as stated earlier. Thus we read in verse 14, "And from it he shall offer one cake from each offering (covenant) to the Lord/Yehovah (the Father). It shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offering."

Now for the timing and sequencing. Verse 15, "The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day (sunset to sunset is a day) it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until morning."

That tells us when it is commanded to be offered. It can only be done after sunset on any given day and before morning on the same day. Those are the same rules and commands applied to the Passover sacrifice of Exodus 12:8-10. Thus it is my belief that after sunset on the Feast of Weeks (represented by the seven perfect lambs) during the time of the evening sacrifice (dark time not light time) that our Savior/Husband will come for His bride who has made herself ready. This is also depicted and prophesied of in the parable of the 10 virgins of Matthew 25 and in verse 6 where it tells us that during the middle of the night the Bridegroom returns for His bride.

What about the leavened cakes or loaves of wheat? Matthew 25:10, "And while they went to buy (from those who had the spirit to sell) the Bridegroom came, and those who were ready (made themselves ready as Revelation 19 tells us) went in with Him to the wedding; and the door was shut."

I believe the two loaves of leavened wheat bread will be offered as firstfruits of the second harvest, the wheat harvest to the Father after they have completed the task of qualifying to be the children of the second Adam and second Eve.

Let me summarize my belief as to the question I asked earlier about why now on Pentecost, in the timeline and sequence of events depicting the plan of salvation, do we see a grain offering of wheat being baked with leaven and being accepted by the Father. The answer is simple to my understanding of the events surrounding the qualifying of the bride and her marriage and subsequent role in the Fathers household.

The bride whom scripture tells us will be sanctified and cleansed; having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but holy and without blemish is completed at the end of the 49 day count of the early harvest. Her jubilee will take place on the 50th day of the count and thus her Husband/Savior will come for her, for she has made herself ready and can be “one” with Him, part of His body. She has qualified to be the second Eve. The number of those who have internalized the Lamb of the Fathers household (Ex. 12:3-4) has been reached at this point in the timeline. Christ returns for His bride during the time of the evening sacrifices after sunset. The door to the marriage is shut. As Jeremiah the 3rd chapter instructed us we are now into the harvest of the children of that union. Those who were once invited to the marriage and did well but did not excel will be the firstfruits of the second harvest. They will occupy the function of the firstborn from the union of the Son and His bride. There will be more children after that. Christ and His bride will be fruitful and multiple. The first Adam and Eve were commanded to be so and fill all the earth. The second Adam and Eve will also be fruitful but they will fill the entire universe, all of creation.

Two harvests, two types of grain. The early harvest is barley. It is a grain which is humble. It begins to bow its head shortly after emergence from the stock and grows and develops and fills out with this bowing for the duration of its life. Wheat on the other hand does not. There are some varieties which do so but only at the end of their life cycle. It is a result of how heavy their heads are and it only happens at the “neck” of the stalk just under the head. I think our Creator calls this stiff necked in His analogies of the brunt of the children He has worked with.

That sums up my understanding and beliefs about the subject. Of course much more could be said but this is sufficient without getting into too much being said to the point of overstating what I believe to be the obvious. No doubt it isn't for everyone, we are all to seek out our own salvation in trembling and fear or as I prefer to say growing in favor, acceptance, and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

Our peace we give to you.

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