

Who Are We?

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Good Morning Brethren,

Where exactly do we fit into the lessons associated with, and encompassed in, the Days of Unleavened Bread? Have you ever asked yourself that question? I am sure many of us have in recent years, and many more since we left the COG Organizations. We have individually been granted to go beyond the milk of the Word, to grow: in favor, acceptance, and knowledge in ways we did not comprehend prior to our departure to a one on one relationship with our Eternal Husband and Savior. With that, we are commanded to be able to give an answer/defense for the hope which is in us (1 Peter 3:15). This is a vital characteristic of our calling by the Father and intimate relationship with the Son our Savior/Husband.

To develop a foundation to my question above we need to start reviewing the scriptures in the Book of Hebrews. I believe Paul is the primary author of this Book because he had the technical background in his earlier studies to have been able to write about such things in detail. I am going to read an email from a person who asks some questions, basically, about who we are but not in those exact words as you will see. Included in his comments are some red flag questions. That is when a question is really being used as a statement to correct one's "misguided" understanding by the one asking the "question."

In reviewing this conversation, question, and answer; we are going to be building a starting point to what we will be studying today in answering the question in the title; "Who Are We?" Keep in mind this individual is true to his understanding. He has had it for a long time and functioned accordingly. I have included the main points he is bringing up as to who we are to be and what our functions are to be in his understanding.

My inserted comments in this email will be in [].

Dear Brian,

From your last sentence, are you used to being attacked? I am sorry to hear of it. I have no desire to attack you at all.

You are clearly well studied. Could I please ask your opinion of some verses?

A) Hebrews 7:12

For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.

Q: does Hebrews 7:12 say that the law has been changed? Or that the law has been abolished? [So why introduce abolish here in contrast to changed when it does not even say that? That is a pattern folks so do not be caught off guard by such things.]

Q: The Greek reads "transposed." Transposed from what to what? [Keep in mind, transposed is a convenient Protestant translation to an erroneous end]

When I first came to the messianic movement, I was taught that the priesthood was abolished, and that there's no priesthood now. But there were all sorts of passages I just couldn't explain. [We know his statement to be correct in some respects as we will see today.]

Hebrews 13:17

“Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.”

Many passages in Scripture speak of a formal priesthood structure, arranged not after the order of Levi (which is only for when we are in the land, with a cleansed temple), but after the order of Melek-Tzedek. After the order of a nation of kings and priests. But even in a nation of kings and priests, does there need to be no order? (We could say perhaps that it's not called the disorder of Melek-Tzedek, which is what we have in the movement now? Because we are certainly disorderly!) [Are we getting the gist of what my friend is alluding to in his beliefs here? He is looking for a position or system of governance by men, a dominion system in the body when we are instructed in scripture, there will be none in Luke 22:24-26 and elsewhere. We are instructed that we will have one Head and that is Christ/Messiah without any little Lord Fauntroy's inserted in between us.]

As I read through the renew [means the renewed] covenant, it speaks of the continuation of a separated priesthood. Without that, there are so many passages we just can't explain. [Did we all get that? By order he means hierarchy? An order of who is in charge? Also, the “renewed Covenant.” Is that what the scriptural pattern and the actual word mean in the pattern and in scriptures like John 13:34 and elsewhere when the word “new” is used?]

Here is my reply to my friend.

So, you have asked some pertinent questions and given some comments which help me see into your understanding of things. This subject to many is nothing short of taking the tiger by the tail so to speak. The subject encompasses a lot of things but I will try to address your questions briefly without dragging them out. If we were face to face we could speak on them for hours.

Some teach this is talking about who gets tithe money, dominion, and all kinds of other distractions from the chief focus. To a great extent it all comes full center in Hebrews 7:11; “Therefore if **perfection** (this is the big context of all the verses surrounding what is being said) were through the Levitical priesthood, what further need that another Priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?”

We all need to acknowledge that this order (Melchizedek) existed prior to Aaron, and before the First Covenant agreed to at Mt. Sinai. Some don't; believe it or not.

Under the terms and conditions of the First Covenant agreement with Israel; there was a very **imperfect** priesthood established. Things went wrong from the beginning. Aaron let Israel build a golden calf in Moses' (the mediator) absence after they had agreed to all the conditions; the laws, statutes, etc. of the covenant. Nadab and Abihu offered profane fire when they had gotten drunk, and much more can be said but the point is established that it was an imperfect priesthood because it was based in the flesh of a nation. Remember this priesthood and all its undertakings with all the symbols of the altar, etc. were just a copy, a foreshadow of the reality to come. The Levitical Priesthood is permanent in the flesh, in other words, it will be around until mankind is no longer flesh. But!

With the arrival of the real deal; Christ/Messiah, everything was set in motion to bring back the Melchizedek Priesthood and install a New Covenant. God/Elohim was simply making good on many promises. The temporary or shadow of the reality, was now going to fade away as to its importance in the Plan of Salvation. The Levites had failed the people miserably far too often as we can read over and over in the scriptures. So now a New Covenant, a Second one, needed to be established to finish what the participants of the first failed to do under the Levitical priest's tutorage. It would be established under Him, "who came, not according to the law of the fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life." (Hebrews 7:16)

So, with that said there needed to be **a change, a very big change**. There was an annulling of the First Covenant and a New Covenant established. The First is no longer in place under the terms and conditions of the Second Covenant. Hebrews 8:13; "In that He says, a New Covenant, He has made the First obsolete. **Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.**" [Paul is telling us about a period of time in which the Two Covenants were overlapping. The First had been annulled to any new comers, but those who had started under its terms and conditions and who were remaining Faithful to them were allowed to continue.]

What does Paul mean by that? It's simple. Once again, there were still folks in Israel who had started under the terms and conditions of the First Covenant who were remaining faithful to them. That time was running out because those who were still "under it," and "qualifying in it," were getting to be few and far between because of age. Paul speaks of this from firsthand experience having witnessed it often no doubt. However, everyone else needed to come through the terms and conditions of the Second Covenant. **That is a major change in the law! Not an abolishment of it!**

So now we have a Second Covenant with its terms and conditions which once again is a massive change in the law, for it is not under the tutorage of the Levitical Priesthood. Keep in mind under the terms and conditions of the First, they (the Levites) had been taken as the firstborn unto God/Elohim. A wonderful pattern, isn't it. There are also firstborn under the Second as well. So now the Second or New Covenant is under the Order of Melchizedek: [very important as to who we are, each Covenant has a firstborn.]

Hebrews 7:18-19, "For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former (not abolishing, and remember annullments are associated with a marriage contract or covenant) commandment because of its weakness (flaws in its administration by the Levites) and unprofitableness (God/Elohim expects a return on His investments), for "that" law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope through which we draw near to God/Elohim."

8:6; "But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a Better Covenant which was (and is) established on better promises."

Under the first, Moses was the mediator and Aaron the high priest. Under the laws of the Second, Christ/Messiah is both! Another very big change. You mentioned “changed” (metatithemi) as transposed. Is that what took place? Was the First Covenant transposed? I don’t think so. **It continued and faded away as the second was in place as Paul just told us. I believe a transference of authority took place; the authority changed to the real deal; from the foreshadow, to the reality.** We know the priesthood still continued for a time after the second started, and we know it will also be used during the time of Ezekiel’s Temple. But the Levites will be used as janitors and cleanup people because of their failures of the original responsibilities they had been given. (Ezekiel 44:6-16; Very telling) **So, their priesthood is not abolished, their authority is.** Only the sons of Zadok will be treated with honor in the kingdom as fleshly priests because of their loyalty to God/Elohim in their responsibilities under the First Covenant.

[Paul clearly repudiated Judaism and all its traditions. Some today want to enslave us to them. Many of these deceived folks come professing to be Levites with the authority of that priesthood. What authority! As we will see later, their authority in the Kingdom will be restricted to cleaning the guts and bile off the floors as a punishment for leading Israel astray. They will not be able to approach God/Elohim. So, if someone comes to you stating they are a Levite as a badge of honor, end it quickly by directing them to Ezekiel 44:6-16. Very humbling scriptures.]

I hope this info helps answer your question. You also mentioned Hebrews 13:17. Both the KJ and NKJ versions are corrupted through the Protestant translators using their theological filters applied to the Greek and the patterns in scripture. It should read; “Obey those taking the lead of you, and submit (willingly yield) for they watch for your souls (physical bodies) giving account, that they may do this with joy, and not groaning: for that would not be of profit to you.” [We have one Head with no intermediaries required or allowed.]

That is pretty simple to understand when translated correctly. It is not talking about any type of dominion, but on the contrary, to the responsibility we all have to assisting those who are placed in the body to lead and maintain it. It isn’t an easy job and if obstinacies and poor behavior are thrown at them, then it becomes miserable for the one trying to lead and maintain and it will have a bad effect on the ones doing so.

Brian

So, who rules us? Christ/Messiah under the Father! We are all individual parts of the body. We do not look the same nor do we have the same functions as a whole. That is really important and it has nothing to do with dominion or hierarchy. That is one of the basic tenants of the Second Covenant. We do not look for little lords and kings to be placed over us after the pattern of the world. Reviewing my friend’s email is a good lead into the subject of study for today. We follow Christ/Messiah wherever He goes for He is our Shepherd, Savior, Husband, Brother, Wavesheaf, Passover, King, and our Head of the Body.

The Book of Hebrews instructs us about a very important truth as to where we exist in the timeline of the Plan of Salvation, and to who we are in scripture, and what we are to be doing. We are of, and under, the terms and conditions of the Second Covenant, period!

Christ/Messiah fulfilled all of the blood sacrifices on our behalf. However, we will see them carried out once again during Ezekiel's Temple times during the Millennium. Why? For physical Israel to learn what they did not the first time around. They will get it right this time, all who are **native Israelites** as scripture instructs us. (Leviticus 23:42) They will learn in all its fulness, what the purpose of all the sacrifices were for, where they were to lead them to if the imperfect Priesthood had done its job correctly. Scriptures also instruct us that before Israel will be able to enter the physical Promised Land a second time they will have to make some very serious decisions. We can read about that in Ezekiel 20:33-38.

Why was Israel given all the ritual blood sacrifices? They only had the Passover to start with in Egypt. Simple answer, they were a punishment for sinning at Mt Sinai. They completely lost their focus, with the aid of Aaron I might add. Thus, they had to eat the residue of their golden calf and get rid of it in the manner fitting of how the body gets rid of all wastes it ingests. To help keep their focus in the future, God/Elohim gave them a lot of rituals to perform with a lot of work as a reminder. We, who are called under the terms and conditions of the Second Covenant have no obligation in any of them. We are Gentiles being grafted into the count of the Father's household who will complete the count for the Lamb. Those physical sacrificial reminders are not for this Second Covenant. For that matter neither are trappings like titsi and such. What were they given for? A reminder under the First Covenant. What do we have under the terms and conditions of the Second Covenant, the Better Covenant with better promises to remember our calling and responsibilities? The holy spirit in us is the reality of titsi which were just a foreshadow of the reality to come. Understanding patterns like this helps us to identify who we are. That is how we discern things of God/Elohim. For instance, our Creators use agricultural principles and patterns of planting and growth cycles and harvests to teach us about Their hidden truths in parables. The entire Plan of Salvation as pertaining to the selection of the Bride during the Second Covenant times is understood through the barley harvest and all its principles and laws. Also the firstborn as a result of the union of the Second Adam and Second Eve is understood through the wheat harvest.

Let's get an important issue out of the way right now lest anyone feel puffed up. Who does God/Elohim say He calls? The weak and the base things; for the purpose of confounding the mighty. You do not have to look past the image in the mirror in front of you to place that tag on yourself, at least I know I don't.

When asking the question; "who are we" many would reply, the Bride in training or qualifying. That is correct in part, but there is much, much, more. It is absolutely true that we are called to the qualifying process of the Bride by our Father. We are called to pick up the task of completing the Marriage Covenant count which was not completed under the terms and conditions of the First Covenant. There is a very specific time when that break came in the two Covenants. We will be covering that later. Dear Brethren, we are much more than a bride as important as that is to everything continuing. Today we will review some of that as well.

Let's start in 1 Peter 2:1-3; "Therefore, laying aside all malice, all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that, the Lord/Yehovah is gracious."

We have just been informed by Peter that if we have in fact tasted the "Milk of the Word," we have been graced by God/Elohim. It all starts with a call from our Father, we come under His favor and acceptance and begin to understand all the basic principles of the knowledge of our Savior/Husband,

Jesus the Christ/Messiah with repentance being first and foremost to continue in the calling. It is a process which starts with the Father, the Patriarch of the household. It does not and cannot start any other way. It is the initial step or phase of our calling. It is just the start, there is much more ahead in this calling under the terms and conditions of the Second Marriage Covenant. We will not come under the favor and acceptance of Christ/Messiah until we complete the course given by the Fathers calling to become His children after His kind. If we do enter into a successful conclusion in that, then we understand the need for repentance to be able to continue.

Let's go to Hebrews 5:9-14 and then 6:3-6 to get a clear understanding of that pattern in our calling and to the subsequent phases of that pattern, and the conditions necessary for the growth in it on our part.

Hebrews 5:9 "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation **TO ALL WHO OBEY HIM**, (a big caveat brethren!) 10) Called by God/Elohim (the Father) as High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek, (now here comes a very big statement we never want to have applied to us) 11) of whom we have much to say (or explain and reveal) which is hard to explain, because, you have become dull of hearing (or not interested)."

Paul wanted to teach these brethren about the mystery or hidden truth about the Melchizedek Priesthood and their part in it. It was vital knowledge for them to be able to grow in favor and acceptance to the Elohim/Godhead. He wanted them to know who they were in the Plan of Salvation, but they had no interest in it. They had lost their first love of the truth, and lost sight of their individual responsibility to grow in their calling. Now comes a sound scolding.

12) For though by this time (in your calling) you ought to be teachers, but you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the scriptural patterns of God/Elohim; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. (Paul is contrasting the first principles or juvenile/elementary understanding as milk with solid food, the deeper understanding of God/Elohim which is where Paul expected them to be. Please do not just casually walk past this. It is a condition which is prevalent in the calling of so many today. They are content to suck on a bottle provided by others. Not good! There is a time when that was necessary, but as we mature we need to grow into a Bride worthy of being the eternal helpmate in the Father's household having a clear grip on the household rules and the responsibility to be able to teach others to grow to that point of understanding as to who they are and the responsibilities entrusted to them.)

Now this is one of the goals of our calling 13) "for everyone who is dependent on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness for he is a babe, (Christ/Messiah is not going to marry a babe after the pattern of some of Satan's religions in this world, He is going to marry a fully functioning, proven, mature individual.) 14) But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, mature, those who by reason of use (individually) have their senses exercised to discern (between) both good and evil."

Use of what? The spirit which is given to us! We need to exercise that spirit in all our decisions of what is right and wrong according to God/Elohim. Only the spirit of God/Elohim in us can teach us that. We are not talking about the knowledge of the tree of good and evil here. That is available to all mankind through our original parents; Adam and Eve after they sinned. We are talking about the strength to not only discern it but to resist it. This is referring to the deep things of God/Elohim as we have read so often in 1 Corinthians 2:6-10. Read that often and do not forget our individual responsibilities with having been given such a privilege. We do not know the things we know because we are anything woopy-do-

special. On the contrary we were the chaff blowing in the wind until Father decided to call us at this time and place us under His favor and acceptance in route to coming under Christ's/Messiah's favor and acceptance. Remember John? "Favor and acceptance on top of favor and acceptance" (John 1:16). A wonderful instruction by him for us. When called, we enter into test period number one. Father calls us to see if we can cut the mustard and move onto a one on one relationship with His Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Bridegroom of the marriage which will take place in the Father's household. Now let's listen to Paul tell us what the Milk of the Word is, Hebrews 6:1-2.

"Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary things of Christ/Messiah, let us go on to perfection (of understanding our role we are called to) not laying again (over and over) the foundation of repentance from dead works (we needed that before we were baptized. It does not contain any organizational hoops or added criteria to jump through. If someone comes to us and asks to be baptized and say they have repented for the part they have played in the necessity of Christ/Messiah having to die on their behalf, who are we to turn them away?), of what faith towards God/Elohim is (people still fight and argue over that one), of baptisms (yes, plural, as we have reviewed often in the past. The better translation here is "washings." That entails our full baptism, immersed completely under water, the ceremonial ablution, and then the follow-up partial washings we receive each Passover prior to taking the bread and wine. If we fall into a state of needing a full baptism again **it cannot and will not happen**, as we will see, for we need to be holy vessels and there is only one Passover sacrifice applied to any one individual, only one full baptism as scripture instructs us), of teaching (who and how), of laying on of hands (in all its meanings and uses), of the resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgement."

Paul calls these things the elementary or the basic things or teachings we needed to know. After that, we are to move onto understanding the deeper things of our calling, the personal one-on-one relationship we are to develop with our Savior/Husband. But here comes a very big caveat/warning attached to going beyond the Milk of the Word growth phase in the following verses. Please keep in mind, our Father and Brother will not allow us to go beyond that stage of growth spiritually, if in fact we show an indication of possibly turning our back on Them. With that said, listen to verses 3-6 to understand about this important truth.

Hebrews 6:3-6 "And this we will do if God/Elohim permits. (Many are shocked by this simple statement. It is offensive to their understanding of things.) For it is impossible for those who have tasted the heavenly gift, and become partakers of the holy spirit and have tasted the good word of God/Elohim and the powers of the age to come, (certainly not talking about an infant in Christ/Messiah but a mature individual) if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God/Elohim and put to an open (public) shame."

That is a really bad place to be. There is no further forgiveness for such an action. That my dear brethren, is a clear description of having committed the unpardonable sin. That is not sinning "ignorantly in unbelief" as Paul instructs Timothy, or for that matter a spur of the moment weakness. The apostle John in his correcting the record for a church going astray, instructs us in 1 John 5:16-17; "If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask (pray for him), and He will give him life for those who commit sin not (requiring) death. There is sin (requiring) death. I do not say that he should pray about that."

Hebrews 10:26-29; "For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth (in all its fullness), there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and

fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries (if we sin unto death after we have received and tasted the fullness of the knowledge of Christ/Messiah we become an adversary and enemy of our calling). Anyone who has rejected Moses' law (that is all the other commands the children of Israel had Moses listen to for them and then relay it back to them instead of God/Elohim. But remember they all heard the 10 commandments from the mouth of God/Elohim themselves; Deut. 5:22 through 27 with emphasis on the first and last verses.) dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses (not the second death). Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, (what's worse than physically dying? The second death is.) will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God/Elohim underfoot, counted the Blood of the Covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the spirit of grace (favor and acceptance").

There are more scriptures that define this understanding and doctrine of the Father in the body but we have seen enough to understand the gravity of turning our backs on Christ/Messiah, after being fully vested in Him. We are not talking about this being applied to those called to be the Bride and not making the cut. As we understand there are many who have been called to that process who do not qualify for that function in Father's household. Our resume in Proverbs 31: 10-31 confirms to us in verse 29, "Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all." Doing well is a really good accomplishment in our calling. However, we are to strive for a better finish. We must try to excel beyond that mark of doing well in that pursuit.

The next time you ask yourself; why can't that person see what I see, they have been in the COG's for a long time? Remember what we have just read, they have not been granted or permitted to go beyond the Milk of the Word. If a person is not going to make the effort to get to the table and chew on some solid food themselves they are destined at this time to be fed from a bottle as an infant or babe.

So, let us turn to Ephesians 4:11-15 in our attempt to follow the process of identifying who we are. This is first and foremost, very personal, and only then inclusive of a spiritual body. We can't get to the instruction in righteousness of the body, until we get into a one-on-one relationship with our Savior/Husband. If we do not get to that level, we will not understand the overall body functions of Christ/Messiah. Never forget, the more you know about yourself, the more you know about others.

Eph. 4:11-15. "And He Himself gave some (the ability to be) apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry (all are expected to serve the body in mature ways) for the edifying of the body of Christ/Messiah, until we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God/Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure and the stature of the fullness of Christ/Messiah; (He would not say that unless there was a mechanism in place to do so) that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried away with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men (because we fall short of discerning for ourselves), in the cunning craftiness by which they lie in wait to deceive, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the Head, Christ/Messiah."

Every single person placed in the body has at least one function to perform for the edification of it. Don't ever let anyone declare to you that you do not have a gift. If you do not have a gift that you are to develop, then you are not in the body. When Christ/Messiah is talking about the talents being given out in Matthew 25, He says in verse 15: "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, **TO EACH ACCORDING TO HIS OWN ABILITY**; and immediately he went on a journey."

This is talking about something you do well in life naturally, He is not asking for you or anyone else to dream one up like the organization did at Prince and Princess University. When you are called and then placed in the body, Christ/Messiah enhances that natural ability in which you do well so that it can be used for the growth of His body in love. When we get to Romans 12 we are going to see a lot of gifts listed which the muckity mucks in the organizations heckle as not much of anything. One listed is encouragement. The body is in sore need of that at this time. That is why the Godhead/Elohim has given the task of deciding who serves in designated capacities as servants to the members of the body. That's what the apostles showed us in the Book of Acts. They asked the brethren to put forth candidates who would have hands laid on to conduct certain service functions among the various components of the body. Who knows better who is genuine in their service to others than the brethren? They know who is a fake and who is not! They know who looks at service as a position of authority to have dominion over others and who does not! This is part of the simplicity in Christ/Messiah.

There was a time in the WCG actually the "Radio Church of God" when all the baptized members would participate in all functions of laying on of hands. That is part of one of the doctrines of the Milk of the Word we read earlier. However, as things progressed and Herbert raised up young men looking to expand their importance, the Milk of the Word doctrine of laying on of hands was pushed aside and replaced by a doctrine of elitism as to who could and should be undertaking that function. We don't need their stinking, satanic, hierarchical system in the Body of Christ/Messiah. We come together in love and cooperation. We function under the 11th commandment of the Second Covenant which we will get to a little later. It is a NEW commandment. It was not in place under the terms and conditions of the First. It was not some rehashed existing one, it was brand new, encoded as its own commandment so there would be no misunderstanding it. "They will know you by the love you have for one another," (John 13:34) the very same love which our Lord and Savior had for us. That is just one of the anchors of the Better Covenant! He was completely willing to lay down His life for us while yet sinners. Can we do that? Some may say they could for a loved one, but what about a neighbor you do not like? It's a big defining point. If we can't exhibit the outgoing concern for our fellow members of the body, how can we ever do so for strangers?

There were times when Christ/Messiah was weary from serving with seeing little results for His efforts. We can read about them in scripture, but He never gave up serving His own creation. We need to grow into a maturity level where we are emulating our Savior/Husband, no longer children/babes. We will always be children of our Father if we hold fast to Him, but we are to have a much different relationship with our Husband.

Ephesians 4:16; "From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working, by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

That's the reality of our calling and being placed in the body. No freeloaders and no muckity mucks. No dominion in any way, shape, or form, but rather a willingness to see others as better than ourselves. That got kissed goodbye in the organizations many decades ago. The organizations of men do not want us to grow in the favor, acceptance, and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ/Messiah. That is a threat to them. They want us dumbed down, and to remain as a babe in our calling. WCG would not let you develop in the gifts we were given to edify with. They on the other hand established a university where the princes and princesses would be chosen to go to and get their prince and princesses papers

and then go out to the congregations and tell adults, who actually had children older than they were how to function in life. How many toads do you think got invited to prince and princess university? Stinking, evil, system; completely opposite to Christ's/Messiah's instructions. The majority of all the little princes and princesses I knew no longer walk in the "milk of the word" let alone the truth. Maybe our congregation was the exception in that but I do not think so. I hope that does not offend anybody. I am just speaking from the heart which has been frustrated with the past performance I witnessed in the organizations of men. It's really quite sad. It all started with so much potential. Sorry for the digression. Let me get back on track here. We have been moving through scriptures necessary, which are for laying a foundation as to who we are in our calling. So, let us go back to 1 Peter 2 and now read verses 4-10.

What Priesthood is in effect during Second Covenant times? The Melchizedek Priesthood which preexists the Levitical Priesthood, and for that matter the First Covenant as well. Let's read 1-3 again so we have the context.

"Therefore, laying aside all malice, all guile, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that, the Lord/Yehovah is gracious." The pattern of a baby is to outgrow milk and move onto solid food. That is why the apostle uses it as an example of our growth after being called, we are expected to grow in favor, acceptance, and knowledge. They go hand in hand.

1 Peter 2:4-10 "Coming to Him, a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God/Elohim, precious, you also as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God/Elohim through Jesus Christ/Messiah. Therefore, it is also contained in the scripture; Behold I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone; elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame. Therefore, to you who believe, precious; but to those who are disobedient, the stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. And a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense. (This is talking about Judaism here, many in Judaism are very offended at Christ/Messiah.) They stumble being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. **But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God/Elohim, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.**"

We as Gentiles had no avenue to come under that mercy until Christ/Messiah became our Wavesheaf, accepted on our behalf, so we could be acceptable to complete the count in the Father's household as to the Bride There are some today who raise up a claim that they are descendants of the Levites and wave it around like a badge of honor. Bad choice to make as we will see. It does not matter whether we are a descendent of Israel. Why? Because our Father is calling Gentiles to complete the number of the Bride during this Second Covenant. We are happy to be in that number, we don't need to claim some deluded lineage to a tribe which is going to be reprimanded for their unbelief and total discharge of their responsibilities to Israel in the past. We like being a wild olive branch grafted into the native olive tree. Israel's time is on hold at this point in the Plan until the "fullness of the Gentiles comes in." **If you lay claim to being of backsliding Israel that's unfortunate, because you are on hold baby!** The only exception to that is found in Romans 7 which we may cover later. But, it is only extended to the "Jews" and that being the combined tribes of Judah and Benjamin. They were never divorced under the terms

and conditions of the First Covenant. Very important point. However, the number will be small, in our understanding.

We have read here in 1 Peter that we in fact are part of a Royal Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek. We are training in those responsibilities and need to be displaying the works thereof. We have specific obligations to fulfill. In that line of thinking let's turn to Romans 12. Remember what we just read above; "to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God/Elohim through Jesus Christ/Messiah." What are these spiritual sacrifices? They certainly are not the blood and flesh of animals. When we read down through these scriptures think about yourself here in them. It is talking about your responsibilities towards the rest of the body and before our Father and Brother. Yes, you personally.

Romans 12:1-2; "I beseech (strongly urge) you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God/Elohim, (remember we just read about that in 1 Peter as to what we were and now are, and to what we are and are to be and be doing; not a people but now a people.) that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God/Elohim, which is your reasonable service. (It is expected of us; our Father expects it of us, and our Brother/Savior/ Husband expects it of us. They want a return on Their investment. Many are called but only few are chosen. Ask yourself why?) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the good and acceptable and perfect will of God/Elohim is." (We are to be constantly **renewing our minds** by reading through the scriptures. Have you ever read something a hundred times and then on the 101st time something new jumps out in your thinking? That only happens frequently with daily effort, with our nose in the scriptures. Doing this is designed to keep us in a humble attitude as the scriptures are about to tell us. We are not perfect, we are in the process of becoming perfect, and there is a pattern of steps we need to be involved in to make that process work. Satan was created perfect but he fell from it. God/Elohim has reversed the process in our creation. Man was not created perfect but will end up perfect. Can you prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God/Elohim? There is no copout here. We need to be able to expound upon the Word of God/Elohim when we are asked to give an answer or a defense for the hope which is in us. We don't run around trying to evangelize everyone. However, when we are asked about the hope which is in us we are commanded to give them an answer. It is a command in our calling and one of our responsibilities. No excuses.)

Let's read down through verses 3-21.

"For I say, through the favor and acceptance given to me, **to everyone who is among you**, not to think more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God/Elohim has dealt to each one a measure of faith." Just image if this one thing was kept by all in the body. There would be no Nicolaitan dominion doctrines, no looking down the long nose at others, no spiritually drunken proclamations of greatness. Now Paul is going to tell us the importance of this.

4-5: "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we many, are one body in Christ/Messiah, and individually members of one another." The staggering significance and importance of this statement to the health of the body goes beyond measure. This is giving us further instruction as to who we are in our calling as we are placed in the body. We are all of the same value to our Father and Savior/Husband. But, we have different functions to assist in the strengthening of the body until we **all** come to the measure of the fullness of the stature of

Christ/Messiah. **That means; to His perfection in us.** It is all about humble service to one another with a very specific goal in place: the perfecting of the entire body.

6-8: "Having then gifts differing according to the favor and acceptance that is given to us: if prophesy, in proportion to our faith; or ministry, in ministering (which in the Greek simply means serving); he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads (the Greek word here means to **lead and maintain** and as applied here, it has nothing to do with an elevated position of authority. It is down in the ditches work), with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness." Please do not just read by this description of several gifts like many have been conditioned to do. Those of you who suggest you do not have a gift to offer pay attention here and in many other scriptures as to the pattern of gifts in the body. Exhortation, giving, showing mercy are all here declared to be gifts given by God/Elohim in the body of Christ/Messiah. Those are not recognized as gifts of any importance by the muckity muck Nicolaitans of this age. Yet here and elsewhere Paul makes it clear they are all of equal value in the body. If someone is given the gift of Prophecy (inspired speaking) he is not to get puffed up and think he is greater than the other members. He has a gift, an enhanced ability to function in that for the edification, the building up of the body and not his own ego. Here in Romans 12 we are being given a clear definition as to what the body of Christ/Messiah will look like and how it will function. "You will know them by the love they have for one another." Watch how Paul elaborates on all of this now.

9-21: "Love without hypocrisy! Abhor what is evil! Cling to what is good! Be kindly devoted to one another in brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord/Yehovah; (We must never forget who we are serving when we are serving the body. We will hear Him instruct us later as to; "even the least of these MY brethren.") rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer (for one another), distributing to the needs of the saints, given to (or pursuing) hospitality. Bless those who persecute you (for doing the will of God/Elohim) bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice (in the Lord/Yehovah) and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. **Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble.** Do not be wise in your own opinion." Let's read verse 16 from the JP Green Interlinear.

"Minding the same thing towards one another, not minding high things, but yielding to the lowly. Do not become wise within yourselves." That screams out to us. Do we think we are better than another? I am not talking about better off, for that is not what this is talking about. If we are better off in life, we should use that abundance to assist others in the body regardless of what part of the body they are. Some functions appear to be lowlier than others, but when we look at the reality of them they are vital to our health and spiritual wellness.

17-21 "Repay no one evil for evil. (That's a hard one for me personally) Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. (No double standards) If it is possible, **as much as depends on you**, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord/Yehovah.' 'Therefore, if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire upon his head.' Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good."

We have just read a biblical description of what we are to be looking like in our actions in the body. This all takes time, brethren. However, we need to see the progress in each of our lives so that it will be

reflected in our relationships with the other members of the body, that we actually have contact with. We don't come anywhere close to having it with the entire body. We all know some organizations of Nicolaitans who believe they are "the only ones" and then discourage any type of fellowship outside of their organizations. What a sad state of delusional affairs that is. That is thinking pretty highly of oneself isn't it? **Not even a hint of thinking more highly of another.** If you are living in an organizational cave, or for that matter, a single occupant cave, how do you offer your service to others in the gift you are given? Elijah had that syndrome in a period of his life. The entire account can be read in 1 Kings 19: 11-18 but let us just read verses 14 and 18. "So he said, I have been very zealous for the Lord/Yehovah God/Elohim of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. **I alone am left;** and they seek to take my life." Now that's pretty uppity and judgmental from the prophet of the Lord/Yehovah. Look how God/Elohim addresses his little pity party and snooty attitude towards his brethren. "Yet (Oh by the way) I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." Elijah did not know one of them! This was the greatest Prophet in Israel in many ways. No one is immune from stumbling as he did if the circumstances are right. Unfortunately, today, there are many who follow that way of thinking. But let us pray that they will be corrected as Elijah was and then become a benefit to the entire body. During our journey of growing in favor, acceptance, and knowledge we will trip up no doubt in the functions, gifts, we are also growing in. If that is what holds you back from exercising your gift in the body, please drop the timidity and get to work. Coming to perfection does not happen overnight, it comes with practice and more practice or as Paul states in Hebrews 5:14, "by reason of use."

In speaking about Elijah and his stumbling like us, what do we read about him at the end of the age? We read in Revelation that two witnesses will come to confront the evil lords of the time. They will conduct the same miracles as Elijah and Moses did. Who was with Christ/Messiah in the transfiguration? Elijah and Moses. I am not attempting to get off track here but am stressing that even when we fall down we get up again, dust ourselves off, and be about our Father's business in His household as we are called to do. All have fallen short except for our Savior/Husband so we have lots of company in screwing up at times, but do not let it fester inside of you and cause you to head for the cave.

There are a lot of members of the body we have never met and won't until our Lord returns. However, we are linked by the same spirit, one spirit in Christ/Messiah. We need to constantly be using what we have been given. We need fellowship of the spirit with other members of the body. We can easily fall into the Elijah syndrome, if we don't. We need to actually seek out our brothers and sisters. No cave dwelling. I hear brethren say they will never step into a COG again. NO, NO, NO! We have brothers and sisters in there. Do not let your anger for the Nicolaitans blind you to that fact. God/Elohim says; I will have vengeance on them in My time and at My pace; our responsibility is to extend ourselves to the brethren in that spiritual prison as we have opportunity. We are to be growing in our calling brethren. We are in training as to how we individually are to serve every person, and via every aspect of service in the Body, in Father's household. Read the resume of the Bride often as found in Proverbs 31:10-31. No muckity-muckism allowed!

Once again, we are building a case as to who we are, and how we are to be perceived by God/Elohim and by men. This is a big subject and we are only putting together some of the main highlights today. So, let's turn to John 13:34-35. I think most of us have gone through the Passover yesterday. If you have a different understanding I am not trying to offend. These verses are just one of the many outcomes of

our Savior's last Passover in the flesh. Here, He adds an 11th commandment to the Better Covenant, the Second Marriage Covenant, which is only possible for us Gentiles at this time because backsliding Israel and treacherous Judah fell short in completing the number of the Bride who will internalize the Lamb of the Fathers household. So please don't gloat over such things, rather be very thankful in a humble way.

John 13:34-35; "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; **as I have loved you**, (big point here, for He defined what type of love, not us) that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is one of the two watershed doctrines in the body at the end of the age in our opinions. We need to understand both clearly. Notice above it does not say you shall love one another as you think you should love one another. He emphasizes that the love we will show and put on display for all to see so that it is recognizable by others as He stated, is the love He had for us. The criteria is very clear in context here. Not only was He willing to lay down His life, He did it while we were yet sinners. Are you willing to do the same in the body for a brother or sister? That is the easier option; what about outside of the body? Sobering things, brethren. This is a qualifying function of the Bride. No monkey business or hiding in the cave on this one. It needs to be on display so all will know who we are. Please never forget that we do not ourselves call anyone to this walk, only Father does. We do not look the same or have the same functions often, so don't look for a foot or a hand or any other part of the body because it may look and function like you. This is not to be birds of a feather flocking together. None of us is the Head either but working components of our Wavesheaf's Body who are placed in it as He sees fit. When **we** look upon a member of the body as a sinner, **we** have an obligation to assist him or her. If that hand of fellowship and care is rejected by them, that is their choice, but never retreat to the cave because you think you may be rejected. Our Savior was rejected by almost all He had come into contact with after serving them through countless miracles of healing, feeding, teaching, and so on. So, if we are rejected in our efforts to assist another, we are in good company. We are to willingly yield in this to others. The 11th commandment does not say we will see eye to eye on everything, does it? That is not one of the qualifying criteria to administer the love He had for us. It does not even imply it. This is something we all need to understand, it is an identifying mark on us, for it is not a characteristic of mankind. If we are humble enough to look to ourselves as toads, we will not have delusions about being better than others.

With this in hand, let's now move onto some very basic knowledge we should have in understanding who we are and what some of the other recognizable functions are under the terms and conditions of the Second Marriage Covenant.

Let's go back and visit the fallacy that the Levites still have authority at this time as some think. We need to be able to debunk this or it can be used to blind some folks to who they are. This is important to our understanding. To swallow that the Levites, have any authority at all is completely unbiblical and not unlike the doctrine of dominion of the Nicolaitans. Under the terms and conditions of the Second Marriage Covenant, the Melchisedek Priesthood solely occupies that function and you are part of that; if you have been chosen by the Father and Son to go beyond the Milk of the Word stage of infancy. No ands or ifs about it. All of Israel is on hold at this time until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in with one small exception. There are some of Judah who are being admitted into the Second, being called into it. Paul speaks about this and we have covered it in detail in the past in Romans 7 and elsewhere. What is important here is recognize that we have authority at this time as scripture has told us. We all need to come to grips with the fact that what we are becoming; is a holy nation, a holy priesthood. We are

growing in that, not to it, but in it. This why we in the Body undertake specific responsibilities that the Levites once did. In fact, inspecting the Promised Land for the first of the firstfruits of barley is just one of them.

Only we can disqualify ourselves. Its reality in all its fulness and glory will come when Christ/Messiah returns. If you think you can't make it, you are right. We can't make it on our own because we have functions to perform in that Priesthood and if we don't attempt to carry them out, we will get no help from our Father and Brother in fulfilling them. We have a promise from Them; that if we do the best that we can, They will finish the work They started in us. Do not get discouraged because you sin at times, it's covered if you are a member of the Body and when you wash each other's feet of the residue we all pick up between Passovers. Our Head is not only our Husband and High Priest, He is also the Mediator on our behalf. Moses was a pretty good mediator but he did lose it a couple of times. Our Mediator does not, He is very patient.

Brethren, we need to believe these things. Paul told us the First Covenant was fading away. During his lifetime, it was becoming obsolete. That's a fact, not some half-baked guess. There is a transition period between the two which has long since expired. The First Covenant lost all its authority for sacrifices and such because Christ/Messiah fulfilled what they represented, what they were used to teach Israel. Some of the "Jews" after His death were given opportunity to come into the Second Covenant which once again points to the fact that they are marriage Covenants as taught in Romans 7:1-4.

Or do you not know, brethren, that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives. For a woman (those called to qualify to be the Bride in the Two Marriage Covenants) is bound by the law to her husband (Judah for she was not divorced as Israel was) as long as he lives (Christ/Messiah was the Word/Yehovah and married to Israel and Judah under the First Covenant), she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she is married to another man. (Now here comes the reason Paul was instructing his countrymen "Jews" in Rome about this.) Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to that law (the First Marriage Covenant law of the Husband) through the body of Christ/Messiah, that you may be married to another, (the resurrected Christ/Messiah), to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God/Elohim."

However, there were some who were still keeping loyal to their vows under the terms and conditions of the First and who were allowed to continue in them, to finish what they had started in and remained loyal to. That is what Paul is referring to in the Book of Hebrews. I would imagine it was all wrapped up by 50 A.D. just because of the age factor of people. Could have been more or less but that is not important. What is important is the mercy of our Creators and the loyalty They have towards those who are loyal to Them. The physical things of the First; like sacrifices, Levites, etc. have become obsolete. However, they will be picked back up at a future date but done differently in many instances to reflect the times they are in which we have covered in the past and will here in Oregon at the Feast of UB before it's over. So, let's touch upon a few similar patterns of the Two Covenants and see their equivalents in the respective Covenant terms and conditions. Let's turn to Numbers 3:12. While we are looking for it I need to say we had a wonderful Passover service the other night. Tim ran things that

night and I can probably say he never experienced a Passover service like that before. All the little children playing on the floor during it, mom's and dad's taking shifts with them. Something very special.

Both Covenants have a first born. Who were the firstborn coming out of Egypt? All the firstborn of man and beast belonged to God/Elohim. That is a very big lesson of this first day of UB which is ignored by many. For unclean beasts like a donkey it had to be redeemed with a lamb or you needed to kill it and not have any use of it. It didn't belong to you! Much more is elaborated on in Exodus 13. But what was initially put in place changed!

Numbers 3:12, "Now Behold, I Myself, have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of every firstborn who opens the womb among the children of Israel. Therefore, the Levites shall be mine." The Levites are the firstborn under the terms and conditions of the First. Interesting it did not start out that way. The religion of my youth would call that a "mystery" so we were not supposed to ask to have it explained.

Now to verse 45: "Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their livestock. The Levites shall be Mine: I am the Lord/Yehovah."

There is definitely a firstborn under the terms and conditions of the First Covenant, that is the Levitical Priesthood. In our Covenant terms and conditions, we are under the order of Melchizedek, which also has its firstborn. Christ/Messiah is the firstborn **among many brethren**. He is also the High Priest. We are of His body and of His flesh as the spiritual equivalent to the physical as depicting Him as the Second Adam and us as the Second Eve. We are part of that firstborn under the terms and conditions of the Second Marriage Covenant. We are called of the Father as children and thus able to inherit what our Husband does, after His kind. He became the reality of all the foreshadows spelled out in the scriptures of the First Covenant.

This all represents a very big change in the law, doesn't it! No longer are the Levites the firstborn under these terms and conditions of this Second/New Covenant in place now. It was a law under the First for them. Leviticus 23 lists all the moedim or appointed times/feasts of the Lord/Yehovah under the terms and conditions of the First. Are they still in play today? Of course, they are. That chronology of feasts is there to cover both Marriage Covenants because they teach us about the Plan of Salvation. They are rehearsals of future realities which we as the Bride need to have a handle on. That is why Satan has focused so hard on trying to make us trip up by convincing many they are now irrelevant, and to those who are actually looking, confusion, in the form of "a wind of doctrine."

We are assured that they are still in play and binding on us because Christ/Messiah kept them and so did the apostles long after His death and resurrection. I do believe we all understand these simple truths but they become very important in our understanding of who we are. We understand that we have not fulfilled the reality of the feasts of Pentecost, Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles or 8th day, have we? We are in a specific place in the timeline of that Plan of Salvation.

Are we to keep all the functions assigned to them under the First Covenant? No! The biggest function of the Levites were the sacrifices and offerings. Our Savior has fulfilled the need for them as to our Covenant terms and conditions, however, there are others which we will function in. But do not forget that a time is coming when Israel will be required to once again take up the sacrifices again. We

rehearse all the appointed times of Leviticus 23 today as to their true meaning and intent. The spiritual application to all the physical methodology.

The word meqra under the Protestant theological translation filter means convocation. Leviticus 23: 2; "Speak to the children of Israel and say to them; The feasts of the Lord/Yehovah, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations (meqra), these are My feasts." The chief definition of meqra is; rehearsal, not convocation. It is a public rehearsal to be precise. Each one of these feasts is a rehearsal of the future reality. That is why we follow them in the sequence that they are given here in Leviticus 23. Each one of them instructs us as to the main point of their reality to come or in some cases already has.

What was Christ/Messiah to be in the first rehearsal? The Passover Lamb of the Father's household. According to the rules and regulations of the First Covenant He had to be without a physical blemish, spotless. When He arrived at the location where He would shed His blood as the Passover Lamb was He without physical blemish? Not on our inclusion into the Bride, and our spiritual life! Under the rules and regulations; the terms and conditions of the First, He did not qualify physically did He. However, He was spiritually without spot or blemish. His actual death was a focus on the spiritual and not the physical. The physical had already been covered by sheep and goats. He was spiritually perfect. That is the goal that we spoke about earlier, the Levitical Priesthood was not perfect. In fact, it fell into total disgrace except for one small family; Zadok's.

This is a very big point. There is a reason why He was beaten and crushed before He shed His holy and innocent blood on our behalf which we are getting to once again. Under the First, the lambs only had to shed their blood. If they had a blemish on them, they were rejected or at least were supposed to be. The function of the lamb shedding its blood was a very merciful and methodical procedure. You simply nip the "jugular" vein and it slowly and peacefully shed its blood until the point it just expired. There was no plunging the blade into it or running it across the entirety of its throat. It was a very humane procedure. Israel had to bring the lamb into the safety of their house on the 10th day of the first month. There it was watched over to ensure no blemish came upon it, but during that time it took on a different relationship with the household. They were drawn to it in a much more personal relationship, they became attached to it. Much harder to kill under those circumstances. Our Savior's sacrifice was illegal under the First Covenant. So here we have a mixing of two things, a uniting of them in many respects, but also a separating of them in others. Follow the patterns, folks.

This all took place in its entirety on the 14th day of Abib as the law specifically states it must. No transition of two days for that would have been illegal as well. The 14th is not part of the seven days of UB but is attached to them, inseparable in that respect. If someone happens to have a different outlook on that, that is between you and God/Elohim. We are not instituting a debate here. If for some reason you do not like what you hear, stop listening. He was beaten prior to them, the 7 days of Unleavened Bread, that is. And also prior to shedding His innocent blood on the 14th of Abib. Seven days in Calendar speaking can constitute a week but not a Biblical creation week. There are prophesies which state He would be cut off mid-week. In a Biblical week that would be day four or Wednesday as we call it today. Three days before and three days after. Very big point coming here.

What other role did Christ/Messiah have to fulfill in the rehearsals of the Plan of Salvation? The Wavesheaf, yes! What process does a wavesheaf offering go through? It is beaten out (threshed) and crushed. Leviticus 2:14 gives us the standard for the maturity level of it. The heads need to be able to be beaten out and ground into fine flour. Did He have to take the beating He took to fulfill His role as the

Passover Lamb? No! He took the beating He did to typify what He had to do as the Wavesheaf Offering on our behalf. He fulfilled that part of it prior to shedding His blood on the 14th of Abib. He obviously could not have done so afterwards for all the obvious reasons. This year we are on the same sequences of weekly days that took place during His crucifixion and resurrection when He was raised from the dead and accepted on our behalf as our Wavesheaf. That is Sunday in our language today. That is day four of the sequence when he was accepted by the Father on our behalf as our Wavesheaf Offering. That is midweek of the 7-day count of Unleavened Bread. This is very important. Remember the total number of the Bride who would consume or internalize the Lamb of the Father's household was not completed under the terms and conditions of the First Covenant. Let's review Leviticus 23:10-11.

“Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: When you come into the Land (the starting point and time) which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord/Yehovah, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath (#7676 weekly 7th day Sabbath) the priest shall wave it.”

Christ/Messiah has died for the forgiveness of sins, not just our sins. That is part one brethren, and all will eventually be able to come under that forgiveness, if they are willing to repent, just not now in this phase of the Plan. Now comes part two. He has risen to the glory He once had with the Father before the earth was, and as such did not have to be accepted in any way, shape, or form personally. He had fulfilled everything He was supposed to do in His temporary physical existence for sin to be forgiven. Verse 11 here nails what the purpose of Wavesheaf Day is. He is being accepted on **our behalf**. Why and who is the “our”? Remember we have already had our sins forgiven at the shedding of His innocent blood. His blood is shed for everyone who will repent in their respective time frames of the Plan of Salvation. Is the Wavesheaf Offering for everyone and applied to everyone over the course of the Plan of Salvation? No, it is not! It is for a very specific group and is only offered during one phase of the Plan. This is all about the completion of the Bride. We have two Marriage Covenants being separated here as to terms and conditions, but we also have them being united in the participants. A new group of participants is now required to finish what the first ones did not. Very, very, important. This new group had “no standing” in the First Covenant. This Wavesheaf offering is the beginning of the prophecy we read earlier in Exodus 12 about not enough in the Father's household to completely consume: internalize the Lamb. Here we have the Gentiles (the neighbors) who were to be called to complete the number, becoming acceptable to the Father to undertake that task. We needed to be **healed** in that respect, so we could be **grafted in** to complete the number. Our Savior made that possible by qualifying on our behalf to become the Wavesheaf offering. We thus are now capable of being “of His body” just like the first Eve was of the first Adam's. He took a horrific threshing and crushing as our mature “first of the firstfruits” of the barley harvest, so that He could reproduce Himself in us and start the count of Gentiles being harvested to complete the number in the Father's household.

It was not legal for Him to undergo such a blemishing of His body as the Lamb of the Father's household for the Passover sacrifice under the terms and conditions of the First Covenant. However, it was under those of the Second; not only lawful, but absolutely necessary! So, what does the timing of all this tell us about the overlap for the participants in each? It is telling us that prior to Christ's/Messiah's death we have an overlap of terms and conditions of the two Covenants. When did it start? Here is a hint just in case you have not pondered or understood it previously.

Luke 16:16 “The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God/Elohim has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.”

This is a defining moment in the transition and overlap of the Two Marriage Covenants. What are the events surrounding John that have bearing on this? What does it mean, “everybody is pressing into it?” Why is the kingdom of God/Elohim being preached now instead of the restoration of the Promised Land to Israel and their return to prominence among the nations? Lots to think about and discuss here but we need to get back to the main point of today.

Here we have Christ/Messiah being beaten and dying on Passover day, then we have the start of the seven days of UB. He died on Wednesday and was put in the grave at the end of that day. Then we have Thursday, Friday, Saturday; 3 days of a 7-day cycle of UB of which He was in the grave. It is my solid belief that He rose from the grave at the end of 3rd day or Saturday/Sabbath transition into the 4th day or the first day of a Biblical week, what we call Sunday today. On day 4 He was accepted on our behalf to the Father. That is mid-week of the 7 days of Unleavened Bread.

What does this day start in the timing of the harvests of Israel? The barley or early grain harvest. It could not start until the first of the firstfruit wavesheaf offering was brought to the priest to be waved on that day. Do not forget that the wheat harvest did not start until Pentecost, or the second part of the Feast of Weeks. There is a wave offering there as well but not the same for it contains leaven. However, the harvest of wheat could not start until that took place. Modern strains of wheat have messed that timing up now in the Land. Very little if any of the spring strains are planted there. Instead the winter wheat varieties are planted during the October-November time period. That species will mature around the time of the barley. Way to go mankind. Pentecost or the Feast of the Firstfruits of Wheat Harvest is also a good harvest in the symbolism of the Plan. Many are called and few are chosen to be the Bride but never forget “many daughters have done well but you excel them all.” The wheat harvest represents those who have done well but did not excel to the standard set for the Bride, the eternal helpmate of Christ/Messiah. This instructs us that there could have been more effort on their part to remove sin/leaven from their lives.

So, once again, **the shed blood is for everyone in the sequential phases of the Plan of Salvation, but only if they are truly willing to repent, but the Wavesheaf is not.** The Wavesheaf Offering was not undertaken when Israel was in the wilderness. **It did not commence until they came into the Land.** This day and function was a foreshadow of what was to be required to be done if Israel failed in their purpose. With this offering and all its facets, He is trying to complete the number which was not completed under the terms and conditions of the First Covenant. A price needed to be paid for that, one might say. He was also willing to pay that price so that others could be grafted in. Just as He shed His blood on our behalf He now was taking a beating and crushing on our behalf.

Wavesheaf day starts off a 7-week barley harvest. That is representative of the Bride being called and completed under the terms and conditions of the Second Marriage Covenant. Remember 49-day, 7 biblical creation week count, culminated on the 50th day, the Jubilee of the Bride. Let me ask you; do you think it is a coincidence that we see Christ/Messiah delivering messages to the 7 churches in the Book of Revelation?

The entire spiritual application of the Wavesheaf Offering in our understanding is “all” New or Second Marriage Covenant in its reality. That is very important. Remember that beating and crushing a lamb

selected for the Passover was illegal under the terms and conditions of the First. Those who qualified to be the Bride, the eternal helpmate under that Covenant are dead and awaiting their reward. Their wait goes on because the number has not yet been met. The Bride is not complete yet. Christ/Messiah will not return until the very last person qualifies to finish the 144,000 count. Once again remember Exodus 12:3-4. There is a set number to consume the Lamb of the Father's household. It has to be met. We can simply conclude that we individually need to do our part. In essence, we could be the one holding it up. Sound a little heavy? Only if you think you are doing it by yourself. Our Husband tells us if we are yoked with Him our burden will actually be light.

Matthew 11:28-30; "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy burdened (those called to qualify to be the Bride) and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you (it's up to us to take that action) and learn from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart (humble not expecting more than we are able to do), and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is able to be used (by you and me) and My burden is light" (when we understand the simplicity of it).

We, the Body, need to grow in the favor, acceptance, and knowledge which has been extended to us, gifted to us. Our growth cycle must not be stunted, it needs to be flourishing through the spirit, not stymied by things detrimental to it. After coming under the Father's favor and acceptance we need to grow into the favor and acceptance of our Lord Jesus. Each of us should have a good understanding of what is holding us back. We can't stick our head in the sand folks. It's all about unfettered commitment. No, "I can't do it." You're absolutely right, you can't and that is why we are to be yoked with our Savior/Husband. He promises He will carry the load in the heat of the day to ease our burden. But we need to be doing our part as well, we need to be intimately devoted to Him. We need to be connected spiritually and physically with the other members of His body, our fellow brethren and servants. If we do not do our part, we will be relegated to the ranks of a babe sucking on the Milk of the Word. He will not allow us to go beyond that to possibly risk salvation. Our Creators are the substance of love and mercy. Please never forget that and let us not fall into any abuse of that either for we would be testing the King of the Universe. Our Creators are patient but will not endure such forever as we have seen with physical Israel.

Christ/Messiah shed His blood for all WHO WILL REPENT, but He was beaten and crushed for those who will be completing the number of the Bride, on our behalf, for our healing, so that we could be accepted into to the Father's household. That is the very reason why the Father does the calling. The Wavesheaf offering which resulted in an omer of grain is only representative of the barley harvest, the early harvest, the humble grain harvest. It does not represent any of the wheat harvest. Two leavened loaves of bread fill that category to be waved, but they are not all that is waved on this epic day of Pentecost. Just think, this day is given three specific names to alert us to the three major events in the Plan which come to their reality on the day. The sheaf of barley isn't leavened is it? For it is representative of the body of Christ/Messiah who has no leaven in Him and thus, that is why it always takes place during the days of Unleavened Bread. It can't take place outside of them as some teach. The symbolism of it taking place on a Sunday or first day of the week following the weekly Sabbath which fell on the 4th day of UB at the time of the exodus, as well as at Mt. Sinai, and the year when Christ/Messiah was killed, is important. We can actually deem them as three witnesses. He is the first of the firstfruits to be offered and we are of His body, we are tied to that sheaf, to that omer.

The 49-day count which this starts, culminates on Pentecost, the Feast of Weeks. That happens on the 50th day. What is representative of 50 in scripture? A jubilee. It is obvious this 49-day process with a 50th day added is not the 49-year count and a 50th year added to it for that is the Land jubilee. This is so much more. It is the Jubilee of the Bride. Creation is waiting for this, it groans impatiently for it. The big event at the end of the 50-year land jubilee was the release. Everyone who had been displaced from their land and inheritance was returned to it. Their inheritance was established for them once again. The Jubilee of the Bride on the 50th day embodies all of the wonderful events of the 50-year land Jubilee and much, much, more. There are two Marriage Covenants but only one Tabernacle. This day is when the qualifying members from each Covenant will be united in Christ/Messiah as His eternal helpmate in the Father's household.

This day, after the culmination of the barley harvest, also represents the start of the wheat harvest in agricultural terms which are very relevant to the spiritual reality they represent. It should not go unnoticed that in scripture we do not read about a set time for the culmination of the wheat harvest AS WE DO FOR THE BARLEY HARVEST. You may want to ask yourself why! The actual offering which starts off the wheat harvest is in the form of two waved **leavened loaves**. These two loaves represent all those who have done well under both Covenant qualifying terms but did not excel. The spiritual understanding of the timing of the events housed on the Feast of Weeks, Feast of Pentecost and Feast of Firstfruits is awesome when understood as to sequence offered and the spiritual realities they represent. Here we have the count of the Bride completed and her Jubilee taking place. She is very special to God/Elohim, the Father and the Son. She has proven herself to be worthy to Their respective calling and choosing. She had remained faithful. Jesus instructed Peter to "feed My lambs" in John 21:15. I do believe this is the only time in the Gospels that someone other than Christ/Messiah is called a lamb. Not a coincidence! In Leviticus 23: 19-20 we read about another pair of wave offerings on this day.

"And you shall sacrifice one kid from the goats as a sin offering, and two male lambs of the first year (same age as the Passover Lamb requirement) as a sacrifice of peace offering. The priest shall wave them besides (as well as) the bread of the firstfruits (of wheat in the form of leavened bread) as a wave offering before the Lord/Yehovah, besides (as well as) the two lambs. **They (the two lambs) shall be holy to the Lord/Yehovah for the priest.**" Now who do you think those two lambs being waved on Pentecost represent? No leaven in them. Who is the Priest in the reality of this day? Our Savior after the Order of Melchisedek. Yes, they are very special to Him for they followed Him wherever He went. These are representative of those under the two Covenants who met the higher standard of excellence which allowed our Creators to complete them as to perfection. It is my belief that after these two special lambs are waved then the two leavened loaves were waved. These leavened loaves are representative of the start of the harvest of those who did well but did not excel under the terms and conditions of both Covenants. Everything in its time and order as to the pattern of the Plan of Salvation.

The patterns continue. Exodus 19:5-6; "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My Covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation..."

We read these same promises earlier as they pertained to the Second Marriage Covenant. There were requirements placed on the participants in both Covenants to get the promises. The First was physical in nature and the Second is spiritual in nature. We have Two Covenants but one Tabernacle, both will be joined together on the 50th day. That is Pentecost, after the 7 weeks count to it and thus we get the

name Feast of Weeks from scripture. With this being the case, there must be scriptures to prove it for it is of great importance, so of course there are!

Exodus 26: 1-6 (From JP Green Interlinear) “And you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains. You shall make them with cherubs, the work of a skilled workman, of twined linen, and blue and purple and crimson. (Those are the colors of royalty and of the priesthood and we are to be what? Kings and priests) The length of one curtain shall be twenty-eight by the cubit; and the width four by the cubit, for the one curtain; one measure to all the curtains. Five curtains shall be joined together, each to her sister. And five curtains joined each to her sister. And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of one curtain, from the end to the juncture; and so you shall do at the edge of the last curtain, at the second juncture. You shall make 50 loops on the one curtain; and you shall make 50 loops in the end of the curtain which is at the second juncture; the corresponding loops each to her sister. And you shall make 50 hooks of gold. And you shall join the curtains, each to her sister, by the hooks. And it shall become one tabernacle.”

For the first five sets of curtains joined to each other it is already a done deal. Those are the ones who qualified under the terms and conditions of the First Marriage Covenant. They are awaiting the reality of the Day of Pentecost so they can be joined together with those of the Second Covenant, who are completing the 7 weeks count in qualifying to be joined together with each other, so that they can be joined together with those of the First Covenant and become one Tabernacle, one Bride, on Pentecost when our Husband returns for us. We are of His body in both respects; in barley, the humble grain and in young lambs after His spiritual depiction. Let’s read these again from the NKJ this time. Personally, these scriptures fill up my senses, I can’t seem to get enough of them.

Exodus 26:1-6 “Moreover you shall make a tabernacle with ten curtains woven of fine linen thread, and blue and purple and scarlet yarn; with artistic designs of cherubim you shall weave them. The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits. And every one of the curtains shall have the same measurements. Five curtains shall be coupled to one another, and the other five curtains shall be coupled to one another. And you shall make loops of blue yarn on the edge of the curtain on the selvedge of one set, and likewise you shall do on the outer edge of the other curtain of the second set. Fifty loops you shall make in the one curtain, and fifty loops you shall make on the edge of the curtain that is on the end of the second set, that the loops may be clasped to one another. And you shall make 50 clasps of gold, and couple the curtains together with the clasps.”

Here we have a wonderful understanding of the culmination of a biblical pattern physically which teaches us about the Jubilee of the Bride of Christ/Messiah. Here we have those who have qualified under the terms and conditions of the two Marriage Covenants being united together on the 50th day of the count from the Wavesheaf Offering of Christ/Messiah on the first day of the week which falls during the days of Unleavened Bread. We have been given this absolutely awesome understanding to encourage us in our calling to be the eternal helpmate in our Father’s household. The joy this brings about in our lives, and we hope in yours is difficult to put into words.

We hope this scriptural truth brings new life to your understanding of the parable of the 10 virgins. All of them/us, slept and slumbered, under the terms and conditions of the Second Marriage Covenant. Only 5 of them will qualify to fill that role. Five curtains need to be sewn together under the Second Covenant to be joined together with the 5 already in place from the First Covenant for the Tabernacle of God/Elohim. We are that holy Tabernacle in training and qualifying right now. Let us also repeat; we are

holding that up from being completed because we have not yet completed our part of the bargain. We all need to be more focused in our calling to draw closer to that prize which awaits us.

There are many who scoff at this understanding. They in their infinite wisdom declare that the Bride is raised from the dead on the Feast of Trumpets to start the 7th Biblical month. The scriptural patterns say that is not correct for the Bride is already with The Word of God/Elohim her Husband when He returns on that day. Let's go to Revelation 19 and review the sequence of events depicting when the wedding actually takes place. This is what we have been called to and who we are brethren, if we complete our part in it.

7-9: "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, **and His wife has made herself ready**. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, write: blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb! And he said to me, these are the true sayings of God/Elohim."

There is no misunderstanding of what this is saying and when this is taking place. All the epic events of the Plan of Salvation are depicted in keeping the annual feasts or appointed times of God/Elohim. Certainly, something as important as adding the number 3 function in the Father's household for eternity isn't left without an annual rehearsal as to its importance. That happens on Pentecost the Jubilee of the Bride, when she returns to her rightful place and inheritance. In the chronology of events here in Revelation 19 we see her once again appear with Her Husband, The Word of God/Elohim returning to make war with those who oppose Him on the Feast of Trumpets starting in verse 11 and then describing her in verse 14. "And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses."

That is the Bride at her Husband's side not angelic beings as some profess. We read the same thing in chapter 17:14: "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings; **and those with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.**"

That is the Bride who was not only called and chosen but who remained faithful to her vows, the terms and conditions of the Two Marriage Covenants respectively. We are also given a prophesy of this happening in both Zechariah 14:5 and Jude 14-15. Zechariah says that on the day of His return "...Thus the Lord/Yehovah my God/Elohim will come, and all the saints with Him."

The marriage takes place on Pentecost, then we see Christ/Messiah returning to make war and throw the beast and the false prophet into the Lake of Fire on the Feast of Trumpets with His bride at His side. What do we see next in the continuing sequence in Revelation? The most important event taking place on the Day of Atonement: Satan being put away for 1000 years. Then we see the most important event of the Feast of Tabernacles taking place, and then we see the time period after that which we call the White Throne judgment time.

What did we not read here in Revelation about the realities of the sequence of the Feasts of God/Elohim that we observe and keep? Passover and Unleavened Bread! Read the Book of Revelation from cover to cover and we will not read about those two appointed times. Why? It's very important to our understanding. Those who qualified under the First Covenant did so in the reality we call the 7 days of Unleavened Bread. Keep in mind 7 days under the First and then 7 weeks under the Second Covenant terms. UB represents the qualifying time period of the First Marriage Covenant. That one is over folks.

Yes, we rehearse it just like we do Passover but the reality of both have taken place. What has not been completed that originates in UB? The 7 weeks count to Pentecost. As soon as that is completed, the reality, and not the rehearsal, then Pentecost will take place that year. We came out of the days of UB. Our acceptance and journey started on the reality of Wavesheaf Day which always falls during the 7 days of UB. If you keep it outside of that you are missing the boat on its understanding. He, the Lamb and Wavesheaf, made it possible for us the Gentiles, to be grafted into the process of qualifying to be the Bride in the Father's household. The threshing and crushing He took on our behalf made that possible, so that we could be healed and then be acceptable to the Father's household. That didn't happen at Passover did it? Passover covered the sins of the firstborn of physical Israel. Later in the Plan it will cover all who are willing to repent. For the time period now, it covers "many" as scripture repeats to us and not "all" as Protestant Theology declares. That is later, first things first, however. Everything is to be done decently and in order.

This isn't an unusual thing taking place here in Revelation, no mention of Passover or UB. We rehearse these two epic events of Passover and UB in this time period but the reality has passed. Would you like to see another example of "omissions" of this same type spelled out during the time period of the Feast of Tabernacles or Ezekiel's Temple times coming in the future? Listen to what the Levites and all of physical Israel will be required to keep.

Ezekiel 45:18-20. "Thus, says the Lord/Adonay God/Yehovih, in the first month, on the first day of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish and cleanse the sanctuary. (Did they do this under the terms and conditions of the First previously? Is it important to God/Elohim to get the first day of the first month correct? The calendar of Judaism misses this every year.) The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering and put it on the doorposts of the temple, on the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and on the gateposts of the gate of the inner court. **And so, you shall do on the seventh day of the month for everyone who has sinned unintentionally or in ignorance.** Thus, you shall make atonement for them." (We are learning that Atonement will be kept in the first month: Abib, during the Millennium.)

:21-22 "In the first month and in the fourteenth day of the month, you shall observe the Passover, and a feast of seven days unleavened bread shall be eaten. And in that day (Passover) the prince (David) shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering." (Notice no lamb. What do you mean no lamb for Passover? Simple, if you follow the patterns in scripture. Who was the blood of the Passover lamb shed for in Egypt? Exodus 12:12 tells us only the firstborn. At this timeline in the Plan of Salvation all the firstborn of that Covenant have entered into that reality that is fulfilled. Now there is only the blood of a bull required at Passover for all the rest of Israel who were not numbered amongst the firstborn. This may be new to some of you but after Israel left Egypt there came a time when they also offered a bull on Passover which was symbolic of shedding blood for everyone who was not covered by the blood of the lamb as firstborn. We hope this leads you into a more thorough understanding of just how specific and special it is to come under the blood of the Lamb of the Father's household at this time. Deuteronomy 16:2 is where I think we see the first mention of it. Keep in mind we did not say start.

"Therefore, you shall sacrifice the Passover of the Lord/Yehovah your God/Elohim, from the flock (lamb) and from the herd (bull), in the place where the Lord/Yehovah chooses to put His name." When did this actually start? Good study.

Ezekiel 45:23-24 “On the seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the Lord/Yehovah, seven bulls and seven rams without blemish, daily for seven days, and a kid of the goats daily for a sin offering. And he shall prepare a grain offering of one ephah for each bull and one ephah for each ram, together with a hin of oil for each ephah.” These are new sacrifices, changed from those of the First Covenant.

:25 “In the seventh month. On the fifteenth day of the month. At the feast, he shall do likewise for seven days, according to the sin offering, the burnt offering, the grain offering, and the oil.”

So, what did we not read here in this chronology of feasts/appointed times to be kept during the Millennial times? No Wavesheaf Day, no 49-day count to the Feast of Weeks, no 50th day jubilee on Pentecost, no Feast of Firstfruits of Wheat, no Trumpets, no Atonement (as we currently rehearse it) and no Great Last Day. Why? Because the reality of those epic events has already happened in the Plan of Salvation at that time with the exception of the Great Last Day. The marriage has taken place, Christ/Messiah and His Bride have returned, and Satan has been put away for the entirety of that time period, one thousand years. Here we have Israel going through the lessons which they did not learn the first time around. Elohim is making them also go through all the work of the sacrifices on very specific appointed times.

We see here, that during the Millennial Rule/Ezekiel’s Temple times, an Atonement will now take place on the 7th day of the first month with a much different emphasis. That’s a big change. It’s no longer necessary for physical Israel to keep it in the 7th month because the two events to be fulfilled on the reality of the 10th day of the 7th month have taken place as well; Satan is put away and physical Israel has been returned to the Land of their inheritance, their physical Jubilee has happened. The entirety of this time period is to have Israel return to her rightful place among the nations. This is where physical Israel is healed as a nation and as a people, a very special people to God/Elohim. We have some lengthy studies on that subject. But why not the Great Last Day? As we have stressed often in the studies of the 7th month up through Tabernacles/Ingathering, the entire focus is on Israel’s restoration. The Gentile nations will become complacent and actually come to a point where they will see themselves better than Israel to some extent. Remember Satan is not around to infect their minds during this entire time period. They have a surprise coming. It all takes place during the onset of the timeline we call the Great White Throne Judgement or Great Last Day. No rehearsing this one during the tranquility of the Millennium and, in particular, the Feast of Tabernacles/Ingathering.

Everything in its time and place as designed by our Creators. Once again, who are we in all of this? We hope we have helped define that today so you may have a better understanding of it. We are the Bride, the eternal helpmate in training. We are also in training to be priests in the order of Melchisedek, as well as a holy people, a chosen generation. We are also children of our Father and lambs special to our High Priest. It all starts with the Father calling us and coming under His favor and acceptance as Gentiles: because our Savior, our Wavesheaf, took a violent threshing and crushing on our behalf so we could be healed, become acceptable to Father. We were once not part of His people, but now are! Yes, we are His children and please never forget that. It is a very tender and important relationship we should be aware of in our daily walk. Many are called at this time, but few are chosen. That is not a slight, for God/Elohim says of us in Proverbs 31 that “Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.” We are in the mix there, brethren. Outcome still to be determined. Not everyone will remain faithful to the degree necessary to qualify, but many will have done well in the endeavor. That’s a good thing in our

thinking. Our Creators do not want another Satan. That is why this is a grueling process in many respects. All the while our adversary is trying to get us to stumble and fall. Guess what? We often do just that but we get up and clean off and get back to the task at hand, which is being faithful to our calling and all it entails. Falling and stumbling at times is part of the process. We need to do our part in getting back up and continuing on the journey, our Savior has done His part which enables us to be cleaned off after we do get a little dirty. That is explained in the Doctrine of Baptisms which we touched on earlier. Paul instructs us in Hebrews 6:2 that it is numbered among the elementary understandings of Christ/Messiah or Milk of the Word. We are expected to know these things as a foundation to move onto solid food. The Greek word there for baptisms is #909 baptisimos. Its only intended meaning in the Greek and in contexts used is to represent “washings” complete cleansing, totally immersed in water just as the holy vessels were used in the Temple and Tabernacle. Ablution is the term used. This is an entire washing not a partial washing. That word is #907 baptizo: to dip or partial washing. That is why Christ/Messiah used it when He was washing the disciple’s feet. Remember Peter objected at first and Christ/Messiah told him, if I do not wash your feet you have no part with Me. Then Peter said then give me a bath, a total washing, but Christ/Messiah told him he was not in need of an entire washing, but only a partial one. Thus, we have the annual washing of our feet by other members in the body prior to taking the Passover symbols. This is symbolic of removing the sins not unto death that we have picked up during the time from our last Passover memorial. This word should be translated in Hebrews more accurately as, washings. It is translated correctly as such, in Hebrews 9:10 and Mark 7:4. The context of both is very clear. It is all about ablutions; ceremonial cleaning. All the holy vessels were cleansed; completely washed prior to their use in the Tabernacle of God/Elohim and so were the priests who were to come near the Lord/Yehovah. Exodus 40:30-32 is very clear to understand as to the First Covenant requirement which are also conducted under the Second Covenant in our walk to perfection.

“He set the laver between the Tabernacle of Meeting and the altar, and put water there for washing; and Moses, Aaron, and his sons washed their hands and their feet with water from it, when they went into the Tabernacle of Meeting, and when they came near the altar, they washed, as the Lord/Yehovah had commanded Moses.”

We too went through the same symbolic process of “total immersion” as Israel did through the Red Sea when we are baptised as we have read often. However, after that total immersion and acceptance into the presence of our Lord and Savior, we have all picked up, and continue to pick up, sin in our lives. So, our Lord and Savior has put in place a mechanism to clean off that residue each year called the foot washing just before we internalize the symbols of the New Covenant. We are a royal priesthood after the Order of Melchisedek and we too have a symbolic laver to wash in. This is the doctrine of washings/baptisms, plural. We only have one complete washing at the beginning of our walk and then we have annual partial washings to clean off the residue we have walked in that year as we prepare to start the rehearsals once again. Very simple understanding and that is why it is numbered among the Milk of the Word.

So, if we make the cut to be the eternal helpmate in the household, we have an incredible function to perform above and beyond the normal duties. Remember the bride is the Second Eve, Christ/Messiah, the Second Adam. What was the command given to the prototypes in the beginning? Several actually, but one above the others; be fruitful and multiply.

Revelation 22: 17; “And the spirit and the Bride say come, and the one hearing let him affirm to come! And let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”

Yes, dear brethren in this calling, we are all in training to be the second Eve, the spiritual Eve who will carry out the function of being fruitful and multiplying with our Husband in our Father’s household. The Bride will be administering the spirit as part of her responsibility as depicted in creation. She will be nurturing all the newborn spiritual beings. That is ultimately, who we are called to be. It is the pinnacle of our calling. That’s why there is a need to **qualify** for the function. It is a very serious thing, the number three function in the family of God/Elohim. That is why only 144,000 will do so.

We have a tremendous responsibility to the Body of Christ to make the efforts to fulfill the terms and conditions of the Second Marriage Covenant. We need to love the Father, the Son, and all the brethren. Remember the real tough one is number 3; love all the brethren. It is so important it comprises the designation of an 11th commandment in this Second Marriage Covenant. We will love one another just as He has loved us and they will know you are My disciples by this if we have love for one another. Love is waxing very cold in the churches. Organizations and individuals are fighting like cats and dogs over retarded stuff inspired by our adversary, the devil. We would encourage everyone to make a point of fellowshipping with all brethren as it is in your power to do so, even those who are called by Christ/Messiah the least of these My brethren. Matthew 25:40, “And the King will answer and say to them, assuredly. I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” Look to them as being better than yourself and yield to the love of God/Elohim in this effort. Use the gifts you have been given to serve them in life. Encourage them, for some in the body really need that at this time. If you have ever spent time in a Nicolaitan organization, you know the burden that is on the brethren who are imprisoned there.

Our peace we give to you.

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