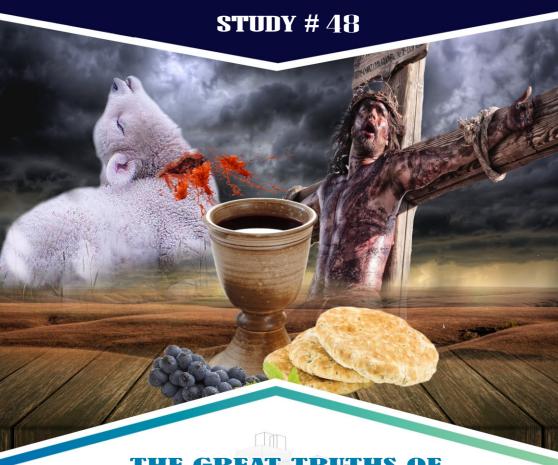
Our Lord's Supper



THE BIBLE

"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17



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Today we will take up the STUDY of the ONLY MATTER or only OBSERVANCE that Our Lord asked His disciples to
do in remembrance of Him!



YES! THE LAST SUPPER!

We read of this in -

I Corinthians 11: 23-26

"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this DO in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."



It is a commemoration of that occasion of

.....the "LAST SUPPER" of the Lord

in the "upper room" when He INSTITUTED and commanded this sacred observance of the CHURCH - the BODY of CHRIST!!

WHAT does this fully symbolize?
HOW is it to be observed and WHEN?

WHO are EXPECTED and PERMITTED to observe this "memorial"?

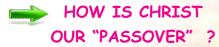
We shall see the ANSWERS TO ALL THESE QUESTIONS in today's class!

Let us begin by looking at a scripture in -

" Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump,

as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our PASSOVER is sacrificed for us."





Let us remember that the "supper" that the Lord was celebrating over here was the observance of the



...JEWISH
PASSOVER

And in that Passover they were to eat a SACRIFICED "lamb" !!

So the question now arises as to how Christ was to be "our Passover" ??

To understand the answer we must now see what the "Passover" meant in the Old Testament.

Let us turn now to -

Exodus 12:1-11

"And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: And if the household be too little for the

lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the house, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleaven bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Eat not it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgement: I am the LORD."

The "Passover" was an "ORDINANCE" or LAWthe very FIRST LAW

that was given by God to Israel through Moses to observe.

LET US NOW SEE WHAT THIS "PASSOVER" WAS IN ALL ITS DETAILS.

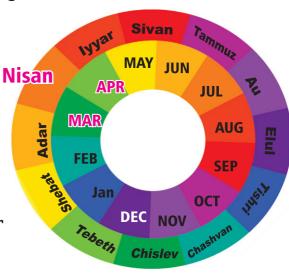
Here are some of the details -

It was the FIRST LAW given by God to Israel as we read in -

Exodus 12:43

"and the LORD said unto
Moses and Aaron, This is the
ordinance of the Passover:
There shall no stranger eat
thereof:"

This Passover was observed in the FIRST MONTH of the Israeli year called "Abib".



Exodus 13:4 - "This day came ye out in the month Abib."

This month is also known in Israel today as...."Nisan".

- A LAMB was to be taken on the TENTH (10) DAY and was to be kept and looked after until the FOURTEENTH (14) DAY.
- This lamb must then be **KILLED** at **EVENING** or **TWILIGHT**.
- Some of the **BLOOD** was to be taken and applied on the **sides** and **top** of the doorframes (doors).
- The **MEAT** was to be **ROASTED** and then to be eaten on that **SAME NIGHT**.

It is **NOT** to be ever eaten raw or boiled.

- This ROASTED MEAT was to be eaten with..... BITTER HERBS andBREAD WITHOUT LEAVEN.
- None of the meat was to be left **REMAINING** till morning.

The remains, if any, were to be burned up BEFORE the morning came.



Those partaking and EATING were to be FULLY DRESSED with SHOES upon the feet and STAFF in hand as if



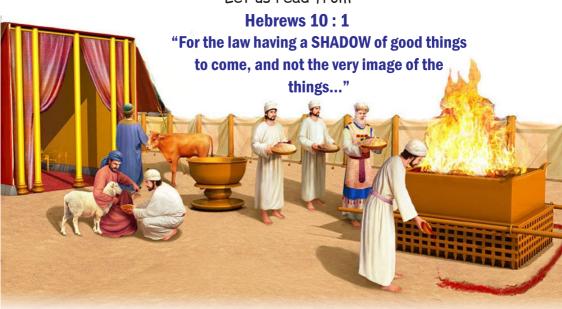
.....ready to go on a "journey".



Finally it is to be eaten in HASTE, for "it is the LORD'S Passover"!

WHAT DOES ALL THIS SIGNIFY?

It was a law and.....THE FIRST LAW given by God to Israel! And what is it we read about the law in the New Testament? Let us read from -



YES! THE LAW WAS A "SHADOW" OR A TYPE!



....and again we read of the same matter described in -

Colossians 2 : 16,17

"...which are a shadow of things to come: but the body is of Christ"

YES! THE LAW TYPIFIES MANY THINGS OF CHRIST!

What the law showed forth in "shadow" finds its FULLEST FULFILLMENT in and through Christ.

Yes! The law only showed in "TYPE" what REALITY and ANTITYPE would be revealed through Christ in the outworking DIVINE PLAN OF GOD.

> So WHAT does the PASSOVER typify of Christ?

> > The "lamb"



This was to be a type or SYMBOL of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

who is the HEAD of the church which is His Body!

This we see clearly and read of in

I Corinthians 5:7 "Christ our PASSOVER is sacrificed for us...."

Yes | The Passover lamb represents Jesus - the "LAMB OF GOD" (John 1:36)!



the lamb kept from the 10th till the 14th day



This represents Our Lord's PERIOD OF MINISTRY in "the house" of Israel.

Yes! It was a period of $3\frac{1}{2}$ years as we read in

Daniel 9:27

"And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the

midst of the week
he shall cause
the sacrifice and
the oblation to
cease."



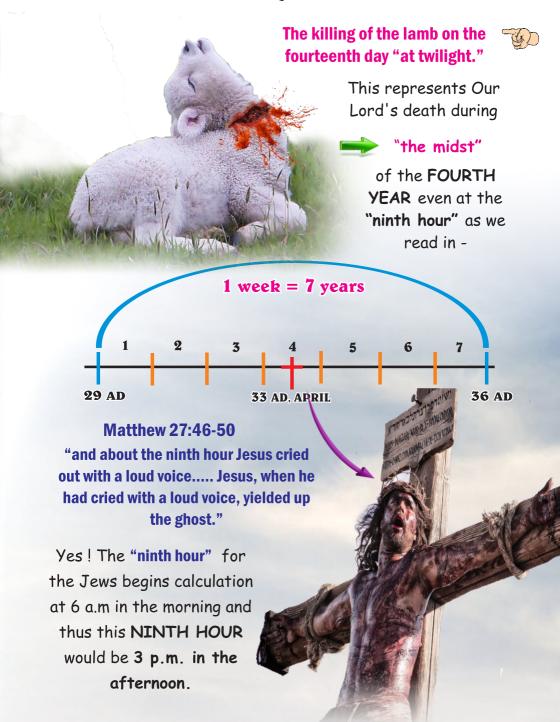
We know that this verse is the only verse in the scriptures that tells us

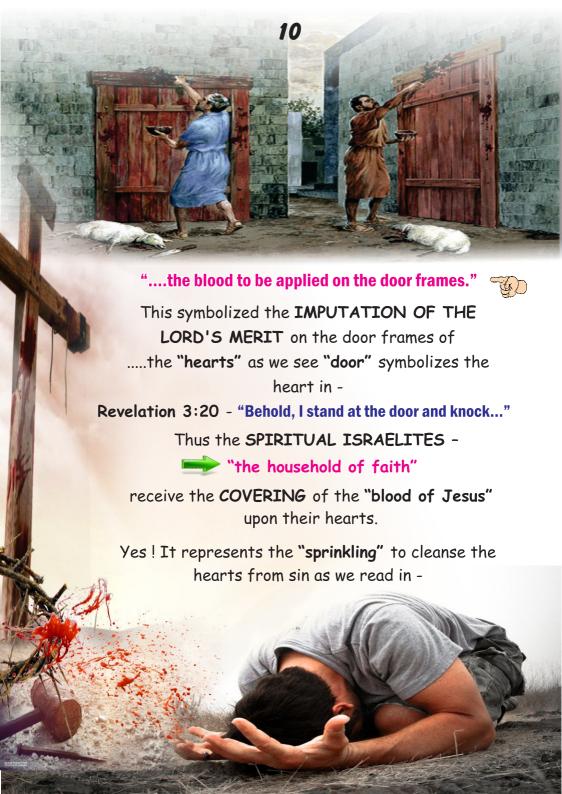


.....HOW LONG WAS THE MINISTRY OF OUR LORD!

(The detailed study of this verse is found in "The Seventy Weeks Prophecy" of CLASS # 28.)

Thus too here the "lamb" is kept for 4 days and killed on the fourth day.





Hebrews 10:22 - "having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

This is a beautiful picture of **JUSTIFICATION** and the forgiveness of sins that comes through the shed blood of Jesus or the **MERIT** of **HIS RANSOM SACRIFICE** on the cross.



This represented a portion of "the night" which the scriptures speak about in -

PSALMS 30:5 - "...weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

Yes! This is that portion of the night before the "morning" of the kingdom.

This is the period of time which followed the Lord's death - the period called **THE GOSPEL AGE**.



This was a symbol used to represent THE SUM OF ALL the dear Saviour's sufferings, tribulations and testing experiences He faced when



Then we go on to read of this roasted meat -



"And thus shall ye eat it..."

This represented the Lord's experiences being ABSORBED or APPROPRIATED by His disciples and followers as they choose to follow in the Master's footsteps as we read in -

I PETER 2:21 - "for even hereunto were you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps."

Yes! The "example" the Lord left is the "meat" to be eaten!

Now this meat was to be eaten along with -



"..unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it

This represents in symbol that the disciple or follower of the Master, who seeks to follow in his "example" must and DOES HAVE NEED FOR "unleavened bread" and "bitter herbs" which in turn represent -



"Unleavened bread"

represents the PURE WORD OF TRUTH!



"Bitter herbs"

represents the DAILY TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS





that will arise while seeking to walk in "light" in a world of darkness as we read in -

II TIMOTHY 3:12 - "yea, and all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Yes! This represents IN TOTAL THE AID AND SUPPORT received by ALL who seek - "....to follow the lamb withersoever He goeth." (Revelation 14:4)

Now to the fact that the 'meat" is



This represents that the SUFFERINGS of the Master - "the man Christ Jesus" is BEST represented in the process of ROASTING!

WHY IS THIS SO?

In any cooking process FIRE is used and FIRE here represents TRIBULATIONS.

But the **HEAT OF THE FIRE** varies in the various cooking processes.

In the case of **ROASTING** the heat required is **DOUBLE** that of boiling, showing the **LEVEL** of the **sufferings** endured by the Master



Now to the command that was given -



This represents that this HIGH CALLING to participate in the SACRIFICE of Our Lord and to SUFFER and DIE "with Christ" is RESTRICTED ONLY to the "night" period of this Gospel Age.

Yes! This GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY to partake of the sufferings of Christ and to be a PART OF HIS BODY will be completed by the DAWNING of the Millennial age



when the ENTIRE BODY OF CHRIST will be COMPLETE and GLORIFIED as "the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings" (Malachi 4:2).

YES! THIS DIVINE OPPORTUNITY WILL NEVER BE OFFERED EVER AGAIN!

Yes! This INVITATION and PRIVILEGE to be part of the
"so great salvation" (HEBREWS 2:3)

of the HEAVENLY SALVATION to the unspeakably glorious
DIVINE NATURE CLOSES with the end of the
GOSPEL AGE and

the "night" period of the SECOND WORLD.

In the "morning" of the MILLENNIAL AGE in the THIRD WORLD will begin ANOTHER salvation, open to all mankind -





Thus this "roasted meat" which represents the CHRISTIAN SALVATION must be "burnt" representing the "door" CLOSED FOREVER to this GLORIOUS SALVATION !!

Then we further read -



"...And thus shall ye eat it: with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand:"

This FULLY DRESSED condition along with SHOES and STAFF imply and represents -



TRAVELERS OR PILGRIMS

- for ALL the members of the Body of Christ are truly TRAVELERS "in the wilderness of the earth" and their REAL HOME is in the



"HEAVENLY CANAAN".

That is why the Lord said in -

John 14:3

"And....I go and prepare a place for you..."

Yes! The CHURCH is now promised a LIFE and a SALVATION that is NOT EARTHLY but that which is HEAVENLY.

And thus the "life" and experiences now can be considered to be.... A JOURNEY TOWARDS HEAVEN!



Yes! THAT is the "home" that the disciples of the Master are travelling towards!

The **DRESS** and the **SHOES** represent what we read about in -

Ephesians 6:13 - "wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day..."

Yes! The details of this DRESS or "armour of God" is found in............. Vs-14 to 17.

EACH AND EVERY DISCIPLE AND ...FOLLOWER OF THE MASTER MUST WEAR THIS DRESS AND SHOESIN ORDER TO FIGHT..... "THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH"!!

What does "your staff in you hand" represent?

As we have already seen, this "Passover" and all its ceremonies and rituals represent the EXPERIENCES of SPIRITUAL ISRAEL in this present GOSPEL AGE.

Thus the meaning and significance of this "staff" can be found in a psalm which also describes the EXPERIENCES of Spiritual Israel!!

Let us now turn to-

Psalms 23:4

"for thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me"

DID YOU SEE THAT?

Here we see that "thy rod and thy staff" are a "comfort" to SPIRITUAL ISRAFL

...... showing us that they symbolise-

"The comforter"..... of which Jesus spoke of in-

John 16:13

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you".

Yes! "The Spirit of truth" which is......THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Thus we see that "Thy rod" represents......God's WORD

......and "Thy staff" represents....God's HOLY SPIRIT.

Both in combination are seen again in-

Matthew 25:4

"But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps."

Yes! Here too the "lamps" refer to...GOD'S WORD and...the "oil" is a reference to...

GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT.

And the more important of them both is the carrying forth of the "oil" in their "vessels" which represents the CARRYING FORTH of the HOLY SPIRIT.....in one's life as a faithful Christian.....and thus it is that we read here in Fxodus 12:11 -

'....and your staff in your hand".

Finally we read -



"...And ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S Passover"

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This is the concluding words regarding this "passover" ceremony.....which clearly denotes the ATTITUDE required in the partaking of this ceremony.

In the ANTITYPE it would signify.... THE ATTITUDE of SPIRITUAL ISRAEL as they partake of this "so great salvation".

The Apostle Paul has described this matter in

Phillippians 2:12 - ".....work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

YES! THERE IT IS!!!

This is the ATTITUDE.... "with fear and trembling." This, of course is NOT TO BE TAKEN as a LITERAL SHIVERING and SHAKING but rather refers to the thought of being



......VERY, VERY CAREFUL as we read in -

Hebrews 4:1

"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it."

Yes! Here the reference is to the realization that every DAY.....noevery HOUR and....yes.....it will become INCREASINGLY CLEAR GRADUALLY that EACH AND EVERY MOMENT.....is precious in this heavenly calling and in



THE CONSECRATED LIFE OF A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST.

This then is what is signified in the type as.... "eat in haste"

AH! THUS WE HAVE SEEN THAT "THE PASSOVER" SIGNIFIES SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO US! Yes! The Jews were given the "ordinance" (LAW) to observe - as the TYPEbut CHRISTIANS today are called to something greater which we read of in -

I Corinthians 5 : 8 "Therefore let us keep THE FEAST...."

YES! WE CHRISTIANS ARE CALLED TO OBSERVE THE ANTITYPE!

Let us now see how as we read from -

Luke 22: 14-19

"And when the hour was come, he sat down and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me."



Yes! Here we see the Lord partook of the Passover **THE NIGHT BEFORE** His death.



HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH as THE RANSOM SACRIFICE for all mankind. (Mark 10:45).

Yes! This is **THE PRIMARY MEANING** of those symbols of "bread" and "wine".

Having understood this, we then see something else therein!

Yes! Let us turn to -

Luke 22: 17 & 19

"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, take this, and divide it among yourselves: And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you:

this do in remembrance of me".

Yes! We see here that the Lord INVITES his disciples to -

EAT of "the bread"

...And....DRINK of "the cup."

This is similarly mentioned by THE APOSTLE PAUL in -

I Corinthians 10:16

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?."

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This represents the INVITATION to the "church class" to SHARE in His sufferings....yes....even to follow Him...

- UNTO DEATH!

This **PRIVILEGE** OF sharing in the Lord's sufferings is referred to in -

Colossians 1:24

"Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church."

Yes! Here the **APOSTLE PAUL** describes this **PRIVILEGE** of **PARTICIPATING** in



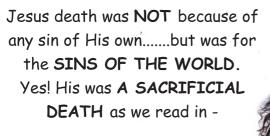
and He further described it as being IMMERSED into the "death of Christ" in -

Romans 6:3

"...that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death"

Here a very **IMPORTANT POINT** must be brought to attention regarding this matter





Daniel 9:26

"And after three score and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself:..."

Thus too the Christian is now called to SIMILARLY sacrifice his human life in a SACRIFICIAL DEATH and....NOT for his own sin!
This we read very clearly in -

Romans 12:1

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God"

Yes! This "holy" is first ATTAINED through.......

......the **JUSTIFICATION** by "the robe of righteousness" (Isaiah 61:10) and then

..... MAINTAINED through regular CONFESSION of "our sins" (1 John 1:9).

Yes! This then is the great PRIVILEGE to follow in the footsteps of the Lord

- into SACRIFICIAL DEATH!

THIS IS ALSO.... THE "COMMUNION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST" which is referred to in I Corinthians 10:16.

THIS IS A MYSTERY TO THE WORLD AND...... ALSO TO MERE NOMINAL CHRISTIANS!

Thus it is that we read in -

I Corinthians 10: 17 - "For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread".



Yes! This is the picture of the ONENESS in the "Body of Christ" which though consisting of "many" MEMBERS are still in the ONENESS described in -

Ephesians 4:4

"There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling."

THIS IS THE COMMON UNION OR.....
"COMMUNION" WITH CHRIST AND THE SHARING
OF THE "ONE BAPTISM" OR IMMERSION ("baptiso" in
GREEK) as found in -

Ephesians 4:5 - "One Lord, one faith, one baptism."

This one baptism does <u>NOT</u> have only to do with **WATER IMMERSION**which.....**IS ONLY THE SYMBOL**, but has a far deeper meaning which is described by the Lord Himself in -

Mark 10:38, 39

"But Jesus said unto them, ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? And be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with? And they said unto him, we can and Jesus said unto them, ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptised withal shall ye be baptised."



Yes! All the disciples of the Master are now presented with THE PRIVILEGE to enter into the ONENESS of that "one baptism" into..... "the death" of the Lord.

YES! THE PRIVILEGE OF A SACRIFICIAL DEATH...AS WAS HIS!!

Thus it is that whenever the MEMORIAL is observed the symbols used are -

"ONE bread".....AND "ONE cup".

Now what are the **CONDITIONS** to be fulfilled in those who **PARTICIPATE** in this memorial?

We read of that answer in -

I Corinthians 11:28,29

"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."

This scripture speaks of

A SELF EXAMINATION of ATTITUDE and HEART

CONDITION every time one participates of these sacred

symbols -

REMEMBERING his or her OWN COVENANT to partake of the sufferings and sacrificial death of Christ and HOW FAITHFUL he or she has been in fulfilling it.

PLEASE NOTE: ONLY CONSECRATED AND "COVENANTED"
MEMBERS OF "THE BODY" SHOULD PARTICIPATE...AS THIS
IS A PICTURE OF THE "COMMUNION" ORCOMMON
UNION OF THE SACRIFICING "BODY OF CHRIST".

IT IS FOR EACH TO JUDGE THIS MATTER THEMSELVES!!

Yes! "....Let a man examine himself..."

Now we come to the **REGULARITY** of the **OBSERVATION** of this "memorial".

We read of that answer in -

I Corinthians 11:26

"For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

Here these words has been taken generally by the churches to mean

DATLY orMANY times a day as with THE ROMAN CATHOLICS
And...

PROTESTANT CHURCHES.



The symbols used are sometimes BOTH and most times (as with Roman Catholics) ONLY bread and that too, NOT A LOAF BUT A WAFER!!

Further this SACRED

OBSERVANCE

is to be



a "supper"

and to be conducted IN THE NIGHT - after sunset or after 6pm.

But it is **WIDELY** seen that among the **CATHOLIC CHURCHES**..... it is observed at many times during the day - both in the mornings and evenings.

In the PROTESTANT CHURCHES...... it is observed in some places in the morning and some in the afternoon and some in the evening!!

Thus the "LORD'S SUPPER" is reduced to a "LORD'S BREAKFAST" and a "LORD'S LUNCH" in all the churches!!

IS NOT THE WORD "LORD'S SUPPER" VERY CLEAR ??!

_Truly! How the TRUTH
"...the most holy faith". (Jude: 20)

has been CORRUPTED and lost sight of in the churches of NOMINAL CHRISTIANITY (Matthew 13:33).

So then WHAT does this scripture - "as often as you

eat" REALLY MEAN ??

Seeing that this "memorial" is actually the ANTITYPE of the Jewish Passover which the Jews observed as a festival ANNUALLY, we realise the proper regularity of this SACRED OBSERVANCE would be -



This is CONFIRMED in TWO points -

POINT # 1

When we compare I CORINTHIANS
11:25,26 and HEBREWS 9:25 we
NOTE that the word "often" being
applied to a meaning of "every year"
as we read in -

Hebrews 9:25

"Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entered into the holy place every year with blood of others."

Here the ANNUAL ATONEMENT DAY rituals of the high priest is referred to as "often"!!

Thus here too the words "as often as" refers to AN

ANNUAL OBSERVANCE!!

This is further confirmed in the second point -

POINT # 2

This we find in Luke 22;19 - "...This do in remembrance of me."

Yes! The memorial is to be a **REMEMBRANCE** of the Lord's **DEATH** and it is only natural that it be observed **ONLY** once a year



ITSELF WHEN THE LORD HIMSELF FIRST INSTITUTED
THIS MEMORIAL!!

After all HOW MANY TIMES a year do we remember or COMMEMORATE a relative's death?

Is it EVERY MONTH ??OR EVERY WEEK ? ...OR

DAILY ??

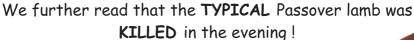
OF COURSE NOT!

JUST THINK OF OBSERVING THE DEATH OF MAHATMA GANDHI IN INDIA EVERY MONTH?



Thus it is seen that the PROPER OBSERVANCE of the memorial is an ANNUAL OBSERVANCE on the very day the Lord himself observed it in the year 33 A.D - the year He died!

We see that day to be the "fourteenth day" of Abib (Nisan) in the PASSOVER TYPE! (Exodus 12:6)





or AFTER THE BEGINNING OF ABIB (NISAN)

14 WHICH BEGAN AT 6 PM on ABIB

(NISAN) 13!

According to the Jews Nisan 14 begins at 6pm on Nisan 13 and end at 6pm on Nisan 14.



From Sundown to Sundown Referred to as:

From Midnight to Midnight Referred to as: Thus IN LOOKING FOR THE DATE OF THE MEMORIAL each year we look in the Jewish calender for the 13th day of ABIB (Nisan)

- which, after 6pm on that day would bring us to the beginning and THE NIGHT BEFORE of the FOURTEENTH DAY of ABIB (Nisan).

That would be <u>the very moment</u> when the Lord FIRST INSTITUTED the "memorial" and an OBSERVANCE at that same time every year would be an ANNIVERSARY of the Lord's OBSERVANCE of the same in 33 AD.

The coming "Memorial" dates or ABIB (NISAN) in the following 13 years are -

2018 March	29th	THURSDAY
2019 April	18th	THURSDAY
2020 April	7th	TUESDAY
2021 March	26th	FRIDAY
2022 April	14th	THURSDAY
2023 April	4th	TUESDAY

In the early church the CUSTOM was to observe A FULL DINNER along with the symbols but due to MISUSE it was later discontinued as we read in-

I Corinthians 11:20-22

"When ye come together....to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper; and one is hungry and another is drunken....have ye not houses to eat and to drink in..."

FINALLY for ALL who partake of this "memorial" there is a STERN warning which we read about in -

I Corinthians 10: 21,22

"Ye cannot drink of the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils; Ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and of the table of devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?"

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This refers to a **MIXING** of the Holy Spirit by which one is consecrated with the "worldly spirit" as we find the Apostle James teaches us in -

James 3: 10,11

"Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?"

Yes! In those who possess the Holy Spirit EVERY EFFORT must be made to OPPOSE and OVERCOME the "works" of the "worldly spirit".

These "works" of the worldly spirit is found listed in great detail in -

Galatians 5: 19-21

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Yes! Those partaking of the "MEMORIAL" must take SERIOUS NOTE OF THIS!!!

Now there is a matter of **CLARIFICATION** to be made of **AN EARLY CHURCH PRACTICE** of "breaking bread"

as we read in -

Acts 2:46

"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,"

We find this again mentioned in -

Acts 20:7

"And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight."

DID YOU SEE THAT?

WHAT is meant by this "breaking bread"??

WAS IT THE

PASSOVER THAT

THEY WERE

OBSERVING?

WAS IT...."THE LORD'S MEMORIAL"?



Yes! These scriptures are quoted as a basis for partaking of the "Lord's supper" DAILY and WEEKLY by the nominal churches!

WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

Let us turn for the answer to -

"And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them."

Yes! Here is **JESUS** "breaking bread" AFTER His resurrection from the dead and **BEFORE** Pentecost.

One will readily agree that this CERTAINLY was not the Passover at all!

IT WAS A DINNER OR SUPPER MEAL!

Then why the practice of "breaking bread"?

It was a JEWISH
PRACTICE of giving
"THANKS" to God at
meal time.

One of the members
at the table would
take a loaf of bread
and after giving A
PRAYER OF
THANKSGIVING to
God would

......BREAK IT INTO AS MANY PIECES AS WOULD BE

THE NUMBER SITING AT THE TABLE AND THEN GIVE EACH A PIECE AND THUS THEY WOULD BEGIN EATING!

This is also **exactly** what we read Jesus did as we see - "he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them."

Now this **JEWISH** practice was carried over and into the early church and basically referred to them

....SHARING MEALS TOGETHER.

Yes! It was a matter of FELLOWSHIP and LOVE!

BUT THIS "BREAKING BREAD" HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE OBSERVANCE OF "THE LORD'S SUPPER"

OR....THE PASSOVER.

FINALLY we have a question put forth AS A DOUBT which we find in -

I Corinthians 11:26

"For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

The QUESTION is that since the scripture says "....we do shew the Lord's death till he come."

WHY IS IT THAT THE BODY OF CHRIST STILL observes the Passover EVEN AFTER HE HAS COME !?

Yes! Since the Lord came back in 1874 and we now live in his "parousia" or PRESENCE

it is thought that the **OBSERVANCES** of the Passover **MUST STOP** since the Apostle Paul says here that we must observe it "...till he come".

WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION?

The answer is found in the words of Our Lord in -

Luke 22:16

"For I say unto you, I will not any more eat therof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Yes! THERE is THE ANSWER from the Lord himself! "until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

The COMPLETION or the "fulfillment" of the "partaking of the bread" is to be



IN or**WITHIN** the kingdom of God,

And NOTBEFORE the kingdom comes or BEFORE the Second Coming!

It is well known that a part of THE BODY OF CHRIST who are referred to as -

"...we which are alive and remain" (I THESSALONIANS 4:17)

will STILL BE IN THE FLESH even after the return of the Lordand the beginning of the INVISIBLE PHASE OF THE KINGDOM in 1874.

Till they ALL are glorified and so long as they continue to remain in



.....they will continue "PARTAKING OF THE BREAD" and observe



Now what is the significance of the Apostle Paul's words in I CORINTHIANS 11:26?

-"...ye do shew the Lord's death until he come."

Here the words "until he come" is usually taken to signify

THE SECOND COMING DATE OF 1874.

But we **must be careful** with the Apostle Paul's writings as the Apostle Peter tells us in -

II Peter 3:16

"As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."

Yes! When **HARMONIZING** the words of **THE APOSTLE** here with......

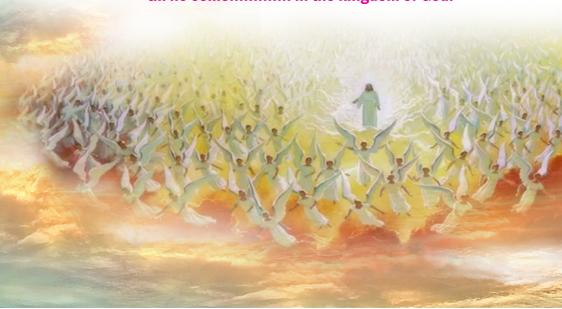
the words of OUR LORD, we get -

"....ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

"...until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

The COMBINED thought is -

" till he come...... in the kingdom of God."



Yes! This is a reference to the "coming" STAGE of the Lord which we read of in -

Matthew 25:31

"When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him..."

This refers to the "COMING" which is the establishment of THE VISIBLE PHASE OF THE KINGDOM in Israel with THE WHOLE CHURCH glorified.

Yes! "all the holy angels with Him."



The ANTITYPICAL PASSOVER will continue to be observed as long as the church is



and until JUST BEFORE the establishment of the VISIBLE PHASE of the kingdom in Israel.



For as long as the OPPORTUNITY of being IMMERSED

(baptised) into "the death" or....the SACRIFICIAL DEATH OF JESUS is open, and....the last members of "the Body" remain "in the flesh" EVERY year.....

.....THIS MEMORIAL serves as a reminder and a RENEWAL of "the COVENANT"

....to FOLLOW JESUS FOOTSTEPS!



