

# MANNA

( "...What is it?" - Exodus. 16:14,15 )



*“And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness [there lay] a small round thing, [as] small as the hoar frost on the ground.*

*And when the children of Israel saw [it], they said one to another, It [is] manna: for they wist not what it [was].....”*

## Theme Text - Exodus 16:14 & 15

Ah! Beloved Brethren it is a **simple**, yet rather **UNUSUAL** meditation and **STUDY** that we are going to enter into today!

Yes! Today we will be talking about ...

### ➡ MANNA

Well, we are going to study about this...



*“bread which the LORD hath given you to eat”*

...as Moses said unto the People of Israel!

➤ Let us read our theme text – *Exodus 16:14,15 (READ)*

Ah! Yes! The **FIRST** appearance of the Manna!

The Scripture tells us that the Israelites said one to another– **"It is Manna"**



Unfortunately the translators forgot to place a **QUESTION MARK** there!

Because actually what the Israelites said one to another was – **What is this ?**

MANNA is STRONG'S HEBREW - #4478 which means

➡ **“What is it”?**

👉 **(“ma(w)n” - “man-hu”)**

➤ That is why we read in that same verse – **vs 15** –  
*“for they wist not what it was!”*

➤ Now, this Manna is described in detail in –



***Exodus 16:31 (READ)***

*“And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: and it [was] like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it [was] like wafers [made] with honey.”*

Yes! This Manna were small **“seeds”** (grains) and had a taste like honey!

➤ We read a further description of it in -

***Numbers 11:7,8 (READ)***

*“And the manna [was] as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium. [And] the people went about, and gathered [it], and ground [it] in mills, or beat [it] in a mortar,*

*and baked [it] in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.”*



One had **to process it...and cook it!**

Much like **What is done** was grains such as wheat, ragi, jowar, barley, etc.



**Very Interesting!**



Then again we read concerning this manna in –

**Exodus 16:21**

*“And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.”*



Ah! Yes! This "seed" which formed upon the falling dew from heaven ... when the sun's heat increased, it just **MELTED** away!



Yet again we read something more about this Manna in -

***Psalms 78:25***

*“Man did eat **angels'** food: he sent them meat to the full.”*

Ah! Yes! This manna – these '**seeds**' we read is  
**actually angels food!**

So, we see that all through the wilderness journey of the nation of Israel to the promised land of Canaan...**God had provided** them this – "**bread from heaven**" as food **to eat** and to sustain them.



So **WHEN** did this provision of the manna stop?

We read of that in –

***Joshua 5:12***

*“And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna anymore; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.”*

**Also found in *Exodus 16:35***

*“And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan.”*

Yes! This was **AFTER** the completion of their '**forty years**' in the wilderness ... and on **ENTERING** Canaan ... and as they entered it happened to be the **PASSOVER** which they kept on the "**fourteenth day**" in the plains of Jericho.

***Joshua 5:10***

*“And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.”*

➤ There was also some manna that Moses had instructed the children of Israel to **very early on ...even before** the building of the Tabernacle...to gather by measure of "**an omer**" in a pot and to...

➡ *"...and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations."*

**Exodus 16:35**

Yes! This manna was **finally** kept within the "**ark of the covenant**" and we find described by the Apostle Paul in –

**Hebrews 9:4**

*"Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein [was] the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;"*



Now, this manna **NEVER** corrupted!

In the book of Revelation, Our Lord and Master refers to this manna as ... "**hidden manna**" in

**Revelation 2:17**

*"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that over cometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth [it]."*



**What could this mean?**

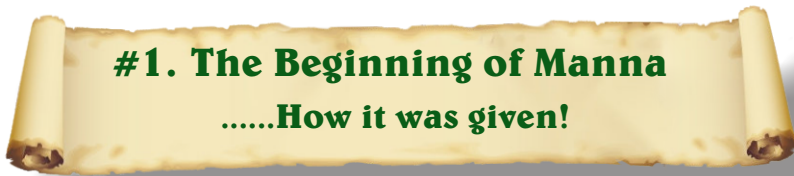
In order to understand we must now study this subject of "**Manna**" from a **SPIRITUAL** Perspective, as we read in –

**Romans 15:4**

*“For whatsoever things were written afore time were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”*

Ah! Yes! **What** is for our "**learning**" here in this subject of Manna?

Well, we are now going to look into that by studying **SEVEN DETAILS** and **PERSPECTIVES** of Manna



► Yes! We read of this in our theme text for today –

**Exodus 16:14 & 15**

*“And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness [there lay] a small round thing, [as] small as the hoar frost on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw [it], they said one to another, It [is] manna: for they wist not what it [was]. And Moses said unto them, This [is] the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.”*

Now this is the **LITERAL** description of when God **FIRST** sent down '**manna**' from heaven.

When we investigate what could be the **Spiritual significance** of this Manna,

we go to the words of Our Lord in –

**John 6:32, 33**

*“Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.”*

In the **Biblical Comments (EBC)** for the verse and ...**pg 501** we read –

**“...the manna given in the wilderness was typical of the True Manna, the true bread of eternal life - himself and the truth he proclaimed.”**  
(R2651:5 \ R5279:4)

Yes, Manna – *“the bread from heaven”* is **SYMBOLIC** of the source of Life truly for mankind.....



**...The life that will be TRUE & ETERNAL.**

So, while the Master referred to this **Manna** as ..... **HIMSELF**,..... He also spoke of the **"Words of God"** as being *“the bread of life”* in -

**Luke 4:4**

*“... It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.”*



Thus ... in this **STUDY** we are going to look at Manna – **"the bread from the heaven"**, as




**“The Words of God”**


... while **NOT** forgetting that Jesus, Our Lord is...



**“The Living Word of God”**



 Thus from this perspective, when we look at his **BEGINNING** of the giving of the Manna and the details there, we would suggest that this describes...

 ...the Giving of the Words of God in the **beginning ...** in the **Patriarchal age** (Book of Job) and ... The **Jewish age** through the instrumentality of the prophets and holy men of God. (*2 Peter 1:21*)



Yes! Manna here in its formation was **ASSOCIATED** with "**dew**"!

And "**dew**" pictures the **HOLY SPIRIT**

*Psalms 133:2, 3*

*"[It is] like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard,[even] Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;  
As the dew of Hermon,[and as the dew] that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing,[even] life for evermore"*


And, indeed, these words of God given through the prophets was **by the Holy Spirit** as we read in earlier...and again in ...

*1 Peter 1:12 (ASV)*

*"Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."*

Now, it is **interesting to note something** concerning this giving of the Manna!

**SCIENCE** and Scientists have researched and found out some details...


 **Firstly**, a scientist of the Hebrew university at Jerusalem, **Dr.BODENHEIMER...discovered** that the "**Manna**" is produced by **TWO insects** which fed upon a particular tree –

 **“ The tamarisk tree ”**

Just as bees visit flowers to take nectar and produce honey, so too these insects live on this tree and **from its sweet juices** manufacture **MANNA**. The scientist has actual photographs showing this process.

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**(Source: Bible Student Monthly (BSM)), Jan/Feb 2017 “The giving of the Manna” by Br.A.O.Hudson).**


 The names of those two insects are

 **TRABUTINA MANNIPARA**

**and**

 **NAIA COCCUS SERPENTINUS MINOR**

**(Rather frightening sounding names)**

 **Secondly**, a scientific paper presented at the VICTORIA INSTITUTE present the evidence that the world in general had **intense rainfall (wet weather) during the time of the Exodus**. This gives evidence of that the **TWO** factors necessary to the production of Manna


 **TREES and RAINFALL –**

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Both these scientific findings seem to give us further **EVIDENCE** of **how God gave His "words!"**


We will see this when we look at these details...  
as **SYMBOLS !**


Thus we now make certain suggestions.  
**Let us see...**


 **#1.** In the Scriptures...the words of God are symbolized as insects, specifically..."locusts" in *Revelation 9:3* under the **FIFTH TRUMPET** prophetic description.


(There "**locusts**" represents the **WORDS OF GOD** manifesting through the **FIRST** translated English Bible by John Wycliffe... and his teachings)

Further "**trees**" are a general symbol for men...

 both – **righteous men**  
(*Psalms 1:3 / 52:8 / 92:12*)  
... and also for...

 the **wicked among men**  
(*Psalms 37:35 / Isaiah55:13*)

 But, here the "**tamarisk tree**" is a **PARTICULAR** variety of tree, which could well represent God's **SELECTION** of these special "**servants**" through whom "**His Words**" were revealed!

 The **TWO** varieties of insects could well represent that **SPECIAL FEATURE** in  
**"the words of God"**

 The **Two Testaments**

Remember *Isaiah 28:10*

*"...precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:"*

And, again in *Ezekiel 21:9*  
 “...A sword, a sword is sharpened...”

It is well said by somebody that.....

the **OLD TESTAMENT is the NEW TESTAMENT  
 CONCEALED and.... the NEW TESTAMENT is the  
 OLD TESTAMENT REVEALED !!**  
**And...**



**#2.** In the second scientific fact was seen the two factors necessary for the production of Manna –

➤ **RAINFALL** and **TREES.**

Again...here too, this could well represent the **TIME PERIOD** of the **Jewish Age** being a time where God poured out from heaven his **DIVINE REVELATION** ("**Water**" – Truth – *Revelation 22:17*) through the instrumentalities of the holy men of God and the prophets ("**trees**").

Yes! The entire Old Testament, except for the book of Job, was revealed and recorded in the Jewish Age.

**Thus we read...**

*Deuteronomy 4:6-8*

*“Keep therefore and do [them]; for this [is] your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation [is] a wise and understanding people.*

*For what nation [is there so] great, who [hath] God [so] nigh unto them, as the LORD our God [is] in all [things that] we call upon him [for]?*

*And what nation [is there so] great, that hath statutes and judgments [so] righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?”*

Indeed, Israel (Fleshly) during the **JEWISH AGE** received **a great outpouring** of the Words of God.



**#2. THE ISRAELITES REACTION –  
to the giving of the MANNA!**

Yes! We read of the **reaction** of the people of Israel, in the scriptures, beginning with...

***Exodus 16:15***

*“...they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was...”*

Now, this **could well represent** that when the Word of God was **first** revealed in the Old Testament...the **PLAN of GOD** couldn't be discerned!

There are examples among the Prophets themselves...

**HABAKKUK – *HABAKKUK 1:2-4***

*“O Lord , how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save.! Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention. Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.”*

The then HIDDEN truth of "**the permission of evil**"

➤ **DAVID – *PSALMS 44:23***

*“Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord?  
arise, cast [us] not off for ever.”*

It would seem God was "...**sleeping to David.**"

➤ **DANIEL – *Daniel 12:8,9***

*“And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord,  
what shall be the end of these things?  
And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for  
the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.”*

**Daniel's ENQUIRY** of the understanding of the words  
he had recorded!

Yes! Another reaction to the Manna,  
We read in –

***Numbers 11:6***

*“But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all,  
beside this manna, before our eyes.”*



This **DISSATISFACTION** of the people **could well represent** the **REACTION** of fallen (depraved) man to the Word of God. (and WILL of God).

**Selfishness** – The Spirit of SELF – does **NOT** allow the **SUBMISSION** and **OBEDIENCE** to the will of God !

Example : Job's Wife in -

**Job 2:9**

*“Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.”*



The **NEW CREATION** of this Gospel Age can will testify to this fact as the "**fallen flesh**" of their "**earthen vessels**".

**(2 Corinthians 4:7)** is the ENEMY "within"!!

*“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”*

The Apostle Paul **TESTIFIES** of his experience in

**Romans 7:14-25.**

*“...For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that [it is] good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but [how] to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin...”*

**Isn't so clear to see!!!**



We read of **some of these instructions** in Exodus 16th Chapter and...

- **Vs 16** – *“... Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents...”*



- **Vs 19** – “*And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.*”
- **Vs 26** – “*Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.*”
- **Vs 33 – 34** – “*And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations. As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.*”

Ah! Yes! We will now try to look into the **spiritual SIGNIFICANCE** of these instructions...



**First...Vs 16**

*“This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents.”*

Well, in **literal** terms it is said that in that fixed time from the early morning till the Sun came up and the heat **MELTED** the manna (*Exodus 16:12*) the people would gather and bring it into their tents, and make a pile...and then...**EACH** was given of that measure of "an omer" This lead to **EQUALITY** !

**(Source: Bible Commentary by GILL in Mysword)**

Thus while each had to **INDIVIDUALLY** gather for oneself the manna, there was a very special **DIVINELY appointed** element of **SHARING** involved!

- Which served to make adequate provision **for ALL!**



This we believe teaches us a **TWOFOLD** lessons –

1. A Personal **RESPONSIBILITY** and **EFFORT** on the part of each one to receive the TRUTH of God's Word.

Thus we read in –

**2 Timothy 2:15**

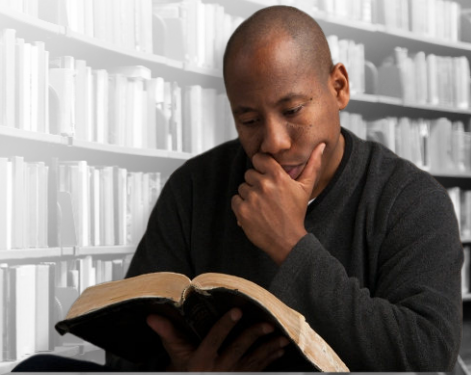
*Study to shew thyself (yourself) approved...*


Yes! One must study for **ONESELF** first...!

**(Refer and read Songs in the Night: March 2nd)**

Br Russell in his comments on this "**gathering daily**" in *Exodus 16:16* writes.....

“To obtain the bread from heaven requires **some effort** on the part of him who would partake” (**R3036:6, R5279:4**).



 2. But...just as the individual gathering of the manna, led to a **SHARING** to provide adequately for ALL...there is a principle for the **STUDY** of the Lord's word, and we read it in...

*Proverbs 11:25*

*"...and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."*

Indeed! The Secret to **blessing** and **PROSPERITY** spiritually is brought out in the Scripture!

It **perfectly reflects** God's Holy Spirit of **Love!**  
**(Refer and read Songs in the Night: March 29th)**

 **Second...Vs 19**

*"And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning."*

This, of course was a **WARNING** in respect to the gathering and storing of the Manna. It would then represent a **WARNING**...concerning the **STUDY** and **POSSESSION** of the Word of Truth!

We read of this in –

*Proverbs 11:24*

*"There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."*

This is a **WARNING** concerning the **STUDY** and **SERVICE** of the Word of Truth among the brethren...and even the world ...and allowing **"the Spirit of Self"** to be manifested.

A Scriptural admonition for the Church is found in –

### *Philippians 2:3-5*

*“Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus...”*

Yes! Selfishness and its fruitage – **PRIDE**...has a Corrupting influence on the service of TRUTH, much like what is seen in the picture of the manna!



### **Third...Vs 26**

*“Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.”*

This is a reference to the **ANTITYPICAL** "Sabbath day" – the Millennium, and its relation to the **GIVING** and **GATHERING** of "Manna" – The Word of God!

What **EXACTLY** this would mean... or represent, by way of spiritual significance of this instruction concerning the Manna...we are **NOT TOO SURE** of!

But...we will offer our suggestions...!



### **And, here it is...**

Now with the "**sabbath day**" signifying the **MILLENNIUM**...and "the Lord Jesus being "**the Lord of the Sabbath**" (*Mathew 12:8*) this would seem to imply that with the Lord's return in October 1874... as the "**LIVING WORD**" of God (John 1:1) it would seem that the hither to PROCESSES of **GATHERING** and **PROCESSING** the restricted amounts of MANNA would now receive a...



**"rest"**

...so to speak by the OUTPOURING of a bounty of the understanding of the Word of God and Truth!

We see this **in TWO perspectives** since October 1874...



**First**, The CHURCH OF LAODICEA in this "**day of His Preparation**" is presented this bounty!

*Luke 12:37 and Revelation 10:7*

...and...

*Song of Solomon 5:1*

*"Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them."* (Luke 12:37)

*"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."* (Revelation 10:7)

*"I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved."* (Song of Solomon 5:1)



**And then...**for ISRAEL and the WHOLE WORLD of Mankind, when the "**Visible Phase**" of the Kingdom is manifested! (*Isaiah 25:6*)

*And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.*

 **Fourth... Vs 33, 34**

*“And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations. As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept.”*

**Now this last instruction concerning the Manna has Biblical Comments (EBC) by Br.Russell (Pg 30).**

**Br.Russell Comments –**

“Symbolizing that our Lord's flesh did not see corruption and is possibly preserved as an everlasting testimony of infinite love and perfect obedience. **(B130.)**

Illustrating the immortal, incorruptible condition promised to all members of the Church.

*“To him that overcometh will I grant to eat of the hidden manna” (Rev. 2:17) **(T122.)**”*

Indeed! This is a reference to the **FACT** that the **MANNA** that was gathered and **STORED** in this pot...became **MIRACULOUSLY "incorruptible"** unlike all the other manna!

- We would like to suggest...that this "**pot of manna**" that was "**incorruptible**" would represent in the Word of God...the '**hidden**' aspect of this *“so great salvation”* **(Hebrews 2:3)** of this gospel age, which was...



*“...the mystery, which was kept secret...”*

**(Romans 16:25)**

...and which was manifested by the death of Jesus, and who brought



*“...life and immortality to light through the gospel”*

*(2 Timothy 1:10)*

Perhaps all these aspects of the **GOSPEL AGE** "so great salvation" unto **INCORRUPTIBLE LIFE** was represented in that **FINAL** instruction concerning the Manna.



#### **#4. The MANNER and PROCESS of its usage...**

We read of this in –

***Numbers 11:8***

*“...And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.”*

and...again in...

***Exodus 16:23***

*“And he said unto them, This [is that] which the LORD hath said, To morrow [is] the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake [that] which ye will bake [to day], and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.”*

Thus we read that this **MANNA** was never just eaten **RAW**...as of being gathered...and popped into the mouth so to speak!



**It was NOT ready to eat!**

It needed a processing before it became

➡ **FOOD TO BE CONSUMED!**

Here in these above scriptures we read, that process is described as...



**“ground it”**



**“beat it in a mortar”**



**“baked it in pans”**



**“and seethe” (boiling)**

Thus it would seem that the **MANNA** (which) was as grains when gathered, as we read in **Exodus 16:31**...that it was as "**coriander seed**".

*(Psalms 78:24 “corn of heaven”)*



had to be processed and **COOKED**, before it was  
**FOOD** to be eaten !

➡ What could this **SIGNIFY**?

Well, just as manna in "**grain**" from was **NOT**  
suitable to be eaten and become food,...so too the  
"**Word of God**" or the Scriptures, the words alone  
**DO NOT REVEAL** the life therein !

➤ Let us understand this by reading a scripture –

*John 17:17*

*“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”*

Yes! There is  
TRUTH  
to be found  
in the Word!

We see this again in –

*Psalms 119:105*

*“Thy word is a lamp  
unto my feet,  
and a light unto  
my path.”*



Yes! The "**word**" is a **LAMP**...and the **TRUTH**  
is the "**light**"!

So, the processing shown here concerning the  
**MANNA**, we suggest represents the  
"**PROCESSING**" involved to gain the "**life giving**"  
**TRUTH** form the Word !

Let us see some of those processes

 **1) JOHN 16:13**

*“However, when the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth:...”*

Here the Master was speaking of the **MOST VITAL "ingredient"** required to process the Lord's word – the **Holy Spirit!**

As we all know, when the **TWO Salvations** are manifest in both the **Gospel age.....** and the **Millennial age**, the giving of the **"life giving"** word is always preceded by the giving of the **HOLY SPIRIT !**

This we read in –

**Acts 2:17, 18**

*“.....And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy...”*

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**JOEL 2:28, 29**

*“And it shall come to pass afterward, [that] I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit....”*

Thus the world...and even many Christians are **UNABLE** to **grasp** the PLAN of God, which now only the NEW CREATION received through "**Spirit begettal**".

Thus we read in –

*I Corinthians 2:13,14*

*“... but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;...” (Vs.13)*

*“...But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God:... because they are spiritually discerned...” (Vs.14)*



**2) Isaiah 34:16**

*“Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.”*

This represent the very important "**principle**" of "**HOW**" to really understand the word of God!

Yes! The **MANNER** and **PRINCIPLE** involved of **how** God has recorded the **Truth** in God's Word !

This we read in 2 Scriptures –

*Isaiah 28:10*

*“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:...”*

&

*Isaiah 34:17*

*“And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it forever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein...”*

Indeed! This manner of God hiding his teachings in the word by his **SCRAMBLED** arrangement...is the way He has **LOCKED** the Truth...and one needs to receive this "**key**" to **UNLOCK** the **WORD** !!



### 3) *Isaiah 8:20*

*"...To the law and to the testimony....:"*

This is another of the "**processing**" of the Word of God...where we realise the **RELATION** that BOTH testaments have to the **unfolding...** and **confirmation** of the TRUTH of GOD...

**Thus it is we see this in –**

#### *Isaiah 28:10*

*"...For precept must be upon precept,  
precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line;  
here a little, and there a little...."*

**And again in –**

#### *Ezekiel 21:9*

*"....Son of man, prophesy, and say,  
Thus saith the LORD; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened,  
and also furbished...."*

**And again in –**

#### *Zechariah 4:11-14*

*"...Then said he, These [are] the two anointed ones,  
that stand by the Lord of the whole earth...." (Vs.14)*



Yes! The VISION of the golden seven branched "**candlestick**" with the golden "**bow1**" above.... from which "**golden oil**", from the "**Olive trees**" pour through... two "**pipes**" into the into the "**bow1**" ...and from thence through seven "**pipes**" into each of **seven lamps !**

Ah! This, of course, represents how the Word of God manifesting through the **TWO TESTAMENTS** ...brings forth the Gospel age salvation...by **SPIRIT BEGETTAL!**

This can well be the **LOGO representation** of the Gospel age salvation of the **NEW CREATION !!**

 **4) 2 Timothy 2:15**

*"...rightly dividing the word of truth..."*

Ah! This has to do with the understanding of the

**FORMS of LANGUAGE** used in the word of God,  
which must be understood and carefully **IDENTIFIED**  
...in order to gain the **TRUTH !**



**Yes ! Rightly dividing the WORD !**

These forms of language are many –



**Literal Language**



**Parabolic Language**



**Symbolic Language**



**Obscure Language**



**Allegorical Language**



**Types & Anti-Types**

While we may **NOT** need to explain about the **first three** forms of language, as they are **VERY** commonly known...we may need to explain **BRIEFLY** on the **next three!!**



**Obscure Language**

Obscure Language, is the use of a **METHOD** in the scriptures, where the **ABSENCE** of certain **WORDS** in some verses...serve to **HIDE** the real significance of those verses!

Let us understand through 2 examples -

**Examples:-**



**# 1) I Corinthians 15:22**

*“For as in Adam all (Soul) die, even so in Christ shall All (Soul) be made alive.”*

A classic scripture used by the **NOMINAL** Christians to denote that only by **“ACCEPTING”** Christ can there be a hope of a resurrection for **ALL MANKIND!**

But...the absence of the word **“Souls”** in those two places **HIDES** a very great truth!

Indeed !! This is **OBSCURE** Language!

 # 2) *I John 5:12*

*“He that has (the Image of) the Son has life; and he that has not (the Image of) the Son of God has not life”*

Yes! Another example of this **OBSCURE LANGUAGE!**

The reference of **“the image of”** or the **CHARACTER LIKENESS of the son** ... which involves putting in **EFFORTS** over a long period of time to attain!



Yes! That is implied in...

**“He that has (DEVELOPED)....”**

**Then there is....**



**Allegorical Language**

The Apostle Paul draws our attention to this in -

*Galatians 4:24*

*“Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.”*

NOW here in Vs 22 to 31, The Apostle points to the fact that **Abraham** and his **two wives** and their

**two sons** are an **ALLEGORY!!**

**Br. Russell** writes on “**allegory**” in the **E.B.C – (Page 388)**

- “A figure or picture that God gave”  
(Q.B 165/ R 1389)
- “A Picture only on general principles - every feature is not mentioned” (R 57)
- “A Word picture representing great truths applicable to the Lord’s People during this Gospel Age”. (R2777 / Harvest Gleanings 380)

Yes! While an **ALLEGORY** is very close in appearance to a **TYPE**...it differs from a **PARABLE** in the sense that...



A Parable is a **FICTITIOUS STORY**, which has within it a meaning, which reveals the purpose of the parable. Jesus spoke most of his teachings in His **FIRST COMING** in this form! (*Mathew 13:34*)



An Allegory on the other hand is **A REAL RECORDED PASSAGE OF** events in a **historical** perspective, which has hidden within it a revelation to make...by way of a deeper meaning!

Examples of **ALLEGORIES!**

- The **first chapter of Job** and the interchange between God and Satan
- The whole **Acts 27** chapter



➤ **Mark 10 :13-15** of Jesus receiving young children to bless and the word he speaks.  
**...and many others in the scriptures!**

➡ **Types & Anti-Types**

Again it was the Apostle Paul, who draws our attention to this in

*1 Corinthians 10:6*

*“...now these things where our examples...”*

**“tupos”** G5179 – type)

Yes! In **the concordance** we read of this meaning of **“tupos”** as....

**“In a doctrinal sense - of a type, i.e. a person or thing prefiguring a future (Messianic) person or thing!”**

Again, it is the apostle, who gives us a **CLEAR DEFINITION** of this concepts **“TYPES”** in

*Hebrew 10:1*

*“For the law having a shadow of good things to come, [and] not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers there unto perfect.”*

Here of course he was talking about the **TYPICAL “atonement day”** and its sacrifices (Vs 4) as opposed to the Reality – **ANTITYPE!**

Indeed! The **LAW** consisted of many of these  
**“types”**.



The very **FIRST** law for example!

***EXODUS 12:14***

*“And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and you shall keep it a feast to the LORD...you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever”.*

Yes! The **“PASSOVER”** (Pesach - Hebrew) with all its detailing ...and it’s **“Lamb without blemish”** was a beautiful **TYPE!**



And so also....the **JUBILEE.... the Sabbath,**  
 etc, etc!

Thus we have seen there is much need to **PROCESS** the word of God – the **WRITTEN WORDS...**to be able to gain the **"life giving"** TRUTH within !

- For the **nation of ISRAEL** and this world of mankind in their period of their **SALVATION**, this **"processing"** will take place for them, as we read in –

***REVELATION 20:12***

*“...and the books were opened:...”*

Yes! These words **"and the books were opened"** refers to this matter, of the **"processing"** of

God's Word – "**the book**".



We read of this in –

***Psalms 78: 23 – 25***

*“...And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven. Man did eat angels' food:...”*

The Apostle **PAUL** in written of this, describes the matter thus –

***I Corinthians 10:3***

*“...And did all eat the same spiritual meat...”*

In Literal terms we understand this as a **MIRACULOUS** providence of God, in providing this "**angel's food**" as their food in the..... wilderness.

- Here the reference to "**Corn**"...again emphasizes this Manna being a **GRAIN** !

➤ It was as the **Commentator Gill** says –  
(**MYSword app**)

**“...food prepared of God for Israelites...and was their provision, their appointed portion, and which was**

**daily distributed to them in measure”**

**What could this represent then Spiritually?**

We would suggest from the words of the Apostle Paul in *I Corinthians 10:3*...that MANNA was "**Spiritual meat**" ... and the fact that it was "**angel's food**", points us to understand this matter in the words of our Lord Jesus in –

*John 6:63*

*“...the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit,  
and they are life....”*

Yes! The **MANNA** or the "**Word of God**" ...is "**Spirit!**"

Indeed!

We have studied in the scriptures of what is meant by -  
**"Spirit" ....**



*Ecclesiastes 12:7*

*“... and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it...”*

Yes ! The "**breath of life**" (*Genesis 2:7*)



*Daniel 2:1*

*“... with which his Spirit was troubled ...”*

Yes! The "**Mind!**"

Indeed! All these represent elements that are  
**INVISIBLE** and **POWERFUL!**



- And so too are words!



- And more so the "**word of God!**"

Indeed, how powerful is the Word is found in –

**Hebrews 4:12**

*“For the word of God [is] quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing as under of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and [is] a discerned of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*

Here the Apostle describes this **GREAT INVISIBLE** Power to God's Word....

- ▶ it penetrates **DEEP** into the **mind, thoughts,** and **heart** of the hearers!



How **many times** people hearing the word, find

- ▶ .....their **SECRETS** bring **revealed,**
- ▶ ...their **QUESTIONS** answered,
- ▶ ...their **THOUGHTS** and **ACTIONS** rebuked,
- ▶ ...their deeply **PAINED** and **BROKEN** hearts **healed** and **comforted!**



Oh! Yes! It is "**Spirit!**"

Further, this "**angels food**" – the **MANNA**, was the food prepared of God for the Israelites in their

"**wilderness**" journey ...all the way to Canaan!

This could **represent** the picture of **Spiritual Israel** and their journey to the **HEAVENLY CANAAN!**

And this Salvation of the **NEW CREATION**  
...to the Spiritual Nature in **HEAVEN**  
...by way of **SPIRIT BEGETTAL** and **Spiritual Growth**... is all accomplished through the Word of God...as **FOOD!**

This we read in –

***Jeremiah 15:16***

*“... Your words were found, and I did eat them; and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart...”*

Another picture of this **spiritual FOOD** to the new creation is found in –

***Revelation 10:10***

*“And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.”*

Ah! Yes! The Word of God – manifesting as the **HARVEST MESSAGE**... the "**food**" to the new creation of the Church period of **LAODICEA!**

Then, we have...

**#6. Jesus comparing himself to  
the Manna !**

This we read in –

**John 6: 32, 33**

*“...Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world...”*

And, again in ...

**John 6:49 – 51**

*“... Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world...”*

Here Jesus **CLEARLY** comparing himself to the **MANNA**....points to the fact that....that Manna as the source of a **LIFE** which finally led to **DEATH ! (John 6:49)**

But, he points himself to be the source of a different **LIFE**



**- EVERLASTING LIFE.**

Just as the Manna, he said was given of God and came down from heaven, so to speak, he says....

- He too was from God (**John 8:42**)
- ...and came down from heaven! (**John 8: 33**)

### What does this signify?

This of course is a reference to how God "**gave**" and "**sent**" His beloved Son Jesus to be the **SOURCE** of "**everlasting life**" as we read in –

*John 3:16, 17*

*“... For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son... For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved...”*

And How does God give this **SALVATION** to mankind through His Son?

We read that in...

*HOSEA 13:14*

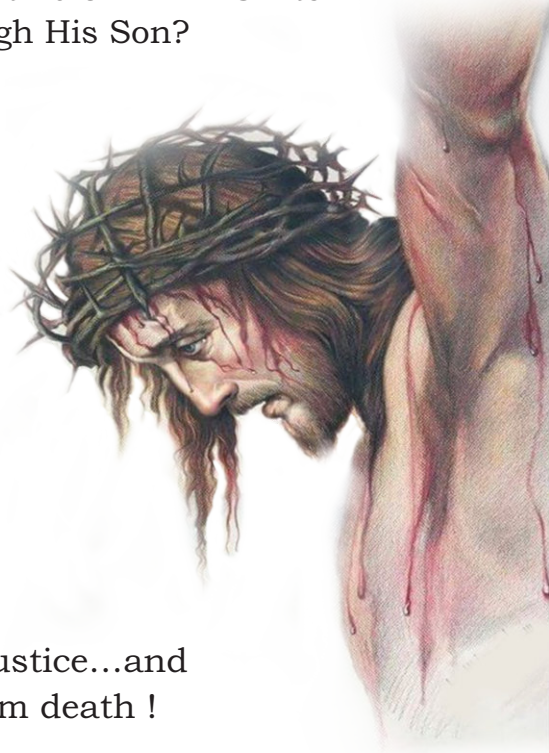
*“... I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death...”*

Indeed, this scripture was fulfilled in the "**giving**" of the son ...in His **FIRST COMING**...to give his **Perfect HUMAN LIFE** as a **RANSOM** –

the price to satisfy divine justice...and to **REDEEM** mankind from death !

(Remember the High Priest "**sprinkling**" **BLOOD** on the mercy seat on the **ATONEMENT DAY?** )

It was a symbolic representation of this





And thus Jesus **ENCAPSULATES this whole Truth** in those marvelous words in

*John 6:51*

*“...I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world...”*

We must **NOTE those words** of the Lord –

*“...and the bread (Manna) that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world...”*

Yes! The use of the words "**I will give**" represents that this LIFE that will manifest to the World from the Lord Jesus would be **AFTER** the "**giving**" of His Life on the Cross – as the **RANSOM PRICE!**

We are to remember this life has already from then become **MANIFEST** through the "*so great salvation*" of the Gospel Age...and will manifest in the **RANSOM WORK** of the **VISIBLE PHASE** of the kingdom ...and the World Salvation that will begin then with the opening of "**the highway**" of the world's salvation to eternal life !

*(Isaiah 35: 8-10)*



And thus it was

that the Lord compared **himself** and his **work** of the **FIRST ADVENT** ...to "**the manna**"!

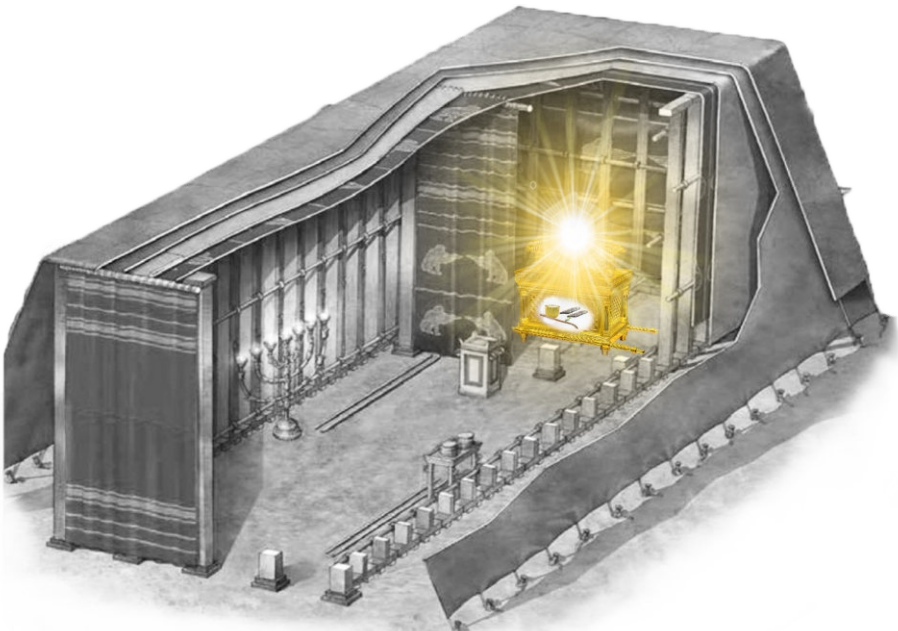
## #7. The "hidden manna" and its SIGNIFICANCE

This we read in –

*Revelation 2:17*

*“...He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith  
unto the churches;  
To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna....”*

This of course refers to the **ORIGINAL  
Tabernacle arrangement** which the Apostle  
Paul refers to in....



**Hebrews 9:4**

*"...Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant over laid round about with gold, wherein [was] the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant..."*

Now, this "**golden pot**" of manna within the **ARK** of the COVENANT was "**incorruptible**" unlike the common manna that was given for day to day!



Surely, **MIRACULOUS DIVINE POWER** was used to keep this manna that way!

In fact it originated from the instructions we read in –

**Exodus 16:33, 34**

*"...And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations. As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept..."*

Now, that "**Manna**" was perhaps initially in an **EARTHEN "pot"** we would suppose...until the Tabernacle manifested and was built much later...and then it was transferred to a "**golden pot**".



**- What would All this SIGNIFY?**

**Br. Russell** in the **EBC** for **Exodus 16:33**, writes...

"Symbolising that our Lord's flesh did not see corruption and is possibly preserved as an everlasting testimony of infinite love and perfect obedience"

**(B130).**

Thus we would like to suggest that the ORIGINAL "**omer**" of manna in the "**earthen pot**", which NEVER corrupted...is a reference to "**the man Christ Jesus**" *I Timothy 2:5* and the "**body of flesh**"...which is the **TESTIMONY** of God's **SUPREME LOVE** for the human race as Jesus revealed in

*John 3:16*

*"...For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life..."*

Yes! Herein was a great **MIRACLE** and **GIFT OF GOD** to give "**life**" to the human race in the "**wilderness**" condition of SIN and the fallen degraded condition! *Isaiah 14:17 (READ)*

 **God** – “...gave his only begotten son” (*John 3:16*)

 **God** – “...sent forth his son” (*Galatians 4:4*)

 **"And the Word"** – **God** – “made flesh”  
(*John 1:14*)

 **God said** – “I will ransom them from the power of the grave...” (*Hosea 13:14*)

What **STUPENDOUS, MIND BOGGLING, UNIMAGINABLE & ASTOUNDING DIVINE POWER** was used in the "**giving**" of this **LIFE GIVING "manna"**.

- ▶ - The "**Word of God**"!
- ▶ - The "**only begotten Son of God**"!
- ▶ - to become "**flesh**" and "**come down from heaven**"  
to become "the man Christ Jesus"
- ▶ Yes! "**Yeshua**" of "**Al Mashiya**"!

Spare a thought dear brethren on  
this **GREAT** power!

▶ **John 1:14**

*"And the word was made flesh...."*

The Heavenly "**Spirit being**" Son was to be transformed to the "**flesh**" nature!

**How was this accomplished?**

▶ **Luke 1:35**

*"...The Holy Ghost shall come upon you, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee..."*

Divine Power worked in the **CONCEPTION** of the **PERFECT "holy"** Son of God in the human nature, in the womb of an **IMPERFECT** Mary!

**How was this accomplished?**

**Matthew 2 : 10-14**

*"...When they saw the star...and being warned of God in a*



*dream...behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream...when he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt..."*

Here **DIVINE POWER** was used **to foil all the attempts** by Satan...and his agency Herod to  
*"seek the young child to destroy him".*

...And this divine power CONTINUED,  
through...

➡ The **30 Years** of **PERFECT HUMAN** life

➡ And the **3 ½ years** of **SPIRIT BEGOTTEN**  
new creature life

➡...and **the LAST 24 hours of his earthly life,**  
at the hands of the *"powers of darkness"* (**Luke 22:53**)  
through betrayal and  
false accusations and crucifixion!



Yes! Jesus has **ALL THIS in mind** when he said those word in –

**John 6:48-51**

*“...I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world....”*

Thus the "**manna**" which was a **MIRACULOUS** source of LIFE giving food to the Israelites in the wilderness ...**when some** – "**a omer**" was kept in a "**pot**" for a testimony...as per the commandment of God – that was to show that the manna **TYPIFIED** a **GREATER PROVIDENCE** of God – His Son, Jesus the World's **REDEEMER & SAVIOUR !!**

The fact that it did not corrupt – represented how the "**flesh**" of Jesus, even in death – and **FOREVER** – will see NO Corruption, as we read in –

**Acts 2:31**

*“.....neither his flesh did see corruption.....”*

**And again in –**

**Acts 13:35**

*“...Wherefore he saith also in another [psalm],  
Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption....”*

(A fulfillment of *Psalms 16:10*)

*For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*



**And How did God do this?**

We read in –

**John 20: 6-8**

*“...and he saw, and believed...”*

Thus God took away the "**human**" **DEAD** body of Jesus to preserve it to be manifested in the "**last day**"...and thence **FOREVER** in **ISRAEL**, as we read in –

**Zechariah 12:10**

*“...and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced...”*

Yes! That "*body*" remains FRESH forever!

*(Hebrews 10:5)*



This then is the **SIGNIFICANCE** of the "**omer**" of manna kept as "**a testimony for your generations**"...in an **EARTHEN** Pot we believe!!

But, a little later, when the Tabernacle was built, this "**pot of manna**" was transferred to a "**golden pot**"!



**No reference to this matter** of the golden pot of manna is found in the Old Testament record... except the Apostle Paul tells us of this in the New Testament....and

**Hebrews 9:4**

*“...wherein was a golden pot holding the manna...”*

We are to remember this is the VERY SAME "**Omer of Manna**" that Moses had instructed to keep as "**a testimony for your generations**"...which we believe **THEN** was contained in an "**earthen pot**"!





## What then could be the SIGNIFICANCE of this?

Before we get to our thoughts on this, we would like to point to the words of *Hebrews 9:4* that we just read!

It would seem that the

- "golden altar (censor) of incense"

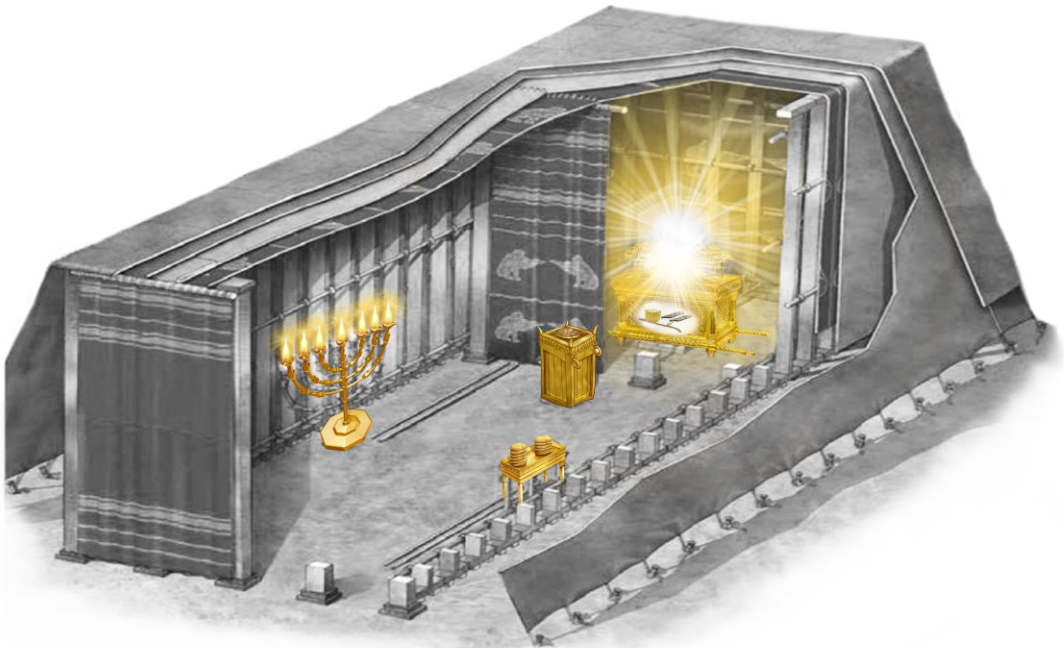
...which is at and next to the veil to the Most Holy...and IN the Holy...is being shown here to be **INSIDE** the Most Holy!!



- **A matter of great confusion!**

A **CLARIFICATION** is found in the **EBC (Pg 609)** where **Br.Russell** writes –

**"The golden altar could not have been in the Most Holy. Either the Apostle had a slip of the tongue or his amanuenses (Secretary/Writer) put in the wrong word, saying behind the veil instead of before the veil. (CR275:5; Q-28)"**



In the **Emphatic Diaglott** a **FOOTNOTE** to Vs-2 - speaks of an adoption (correction) in the Vatican **MSS**,

Thus it reads –

*“For a tabernacle was prepared the First - in which were both -the lampstand and the table, and the loaves of the presence and the golden altar of incense; that is named the holy place.”*



Coming back to the thoughts on the **SIGNIFICANCE** of the manna being transferred to a "**golden pot**" to be kept in the ARK of the Covenant in the Tabernacle when it was built ... we would suggest this is a **CHANGE** in **PERSPECTIVE** concerning –



**“the man Christ Jesus”**

Yes! The part of the Messiah (**'the Christ'**) being the **HEAD** of the **NEW CREATION** of God – the possessor of the Divine Nature – "**incorruptible life**" on the **HIGHEST PLANE** !

- The '**golden pot**' represents the **DIVINE WILL & PLAN** for Christ as Jesus expressed in

**John 5:26**

*“...For as the Father hath life in himself;  
so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself...”*



So, while the manna in the "**earthen pot**" represented the **INCORRUPTION** of the "*flesh*" of the "*man Christ Jesus*".....the world's **REDEEMER**...



...We see the manna in the '**golden pot**' represents the **INCORRUPTION** of the highly exalted Christ on the Divine nature... as the World's **SAVIOUR!!**

And the **FACT** that this "**golden pot**" of manna was **HIDDEN** inside the ARK of the Covenant,...and finds **NO MENTION** in the old testament record...may well represent the "**mystery**" that is Christ, as we read in

*Romans 16:25,26*

*“... the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began. But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God...”*

Indeed! This '**manna**' of the highly exalted **NEW CREATION "Christ"** and... "**the so great salvation**" has largely been **HIDDEN** to the "**eyes**" of...the **JEWS**...the vast majority **of Christians**...and the **World of mankind!**

- Now, we come to the words of the Master concerning the '*hidden manna*' in

*Revelation 2:17*

*“...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna...”*

The general comment for these words is that the **CHURCH** is ...

➤ - Offered the Prize of **IMMORTALITY**

➤ - the **Divine Nature!**

This is very true!

**But, we would like to look more deeper!!**

Yes, we learn our lessons today from the words of the one who indeed "**ate**" of this "**hidden manna**" from the Lord!

## Ah, Yes! The Apostles Paul!

We read in –

### *Philippians 3:10-11*

*“...That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead....”*

The Biblical Comments for these verses are to be found on **Pgs 488/489 of the EBC.**

**And we encourage you to read it!**

But as we analyse the thoughts of the Apostle here,...we would like to suggest...



That the Apostle speaks of the **"hidden manna"** as **"the resurrection of the dead"** in vs11

...but...



In vs10...he speaks of **How to receive it** from the Lord Jesus

...the Master who promises to give it!

And as we study **those thoughts in vs10**, we see DEPTHS...**Spiritual depths** to their meaning!

There are **FOUR parts** the Apostle points to!



All have to do with **"know"** and are related to the Master and his *"example"* he left behind

*(I Peter 2:21)*

**Let us look briefly into them –**

## 1) "That I may know him"

This would imply **DISCIPLESHIP** and... a gaining of an understanding of the Master, His sonship, His mind, His mission .... and what in the scriptures concerning him is referred to as

(John 2:17)

*"...The zeal of your house has eaten me up..." (KJV)*

*"...will consume me..." (NIV/ISV/LOGOS/WMTH)*

Oh! There is **MUCH to understand** here!

**And then ... we read ...**

## 2) "Know...The power of his resurrection"

We would suggest here that – this '**resurrection**' is **NOT** the momentary raising to life from the dead...but rather refers to the **PROCESS** over a period of time – the period from baptism to death!

And the "**power**" here refers to **DIVINE OUTWORKING**, which in the case of Jesus – caused an "**anastasis**" or "**raising up**" (Strong#9386).

From the consecrated **PERFECT** human nature to the **DIVINE** nature! (*Romans 8:11*)

This **HIGHLY** great **EXALTATION** to the highest nature of life...involves a growth process in **HUMILIATION**.

(*Ephesians 4:9, 10*)

➔ For the "**Body**" member's now we read in....  
*(please read I Peter 5:6, James 4:10)*



This is also shown in picture in the Character of "**ELIHU**" who symbolizes the "**new creation**" in the wonderful DRAMA book of Job!

*Job 32:2*

*"...Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite...."*


Here '**Buzite**' is (**H#940 Strong**) which means  
**"Contempt"**.

Yes! The implication of experiences in  
**HUMILIATION**...as the growth process of the new  
 creation!!



Yes! The **WORKING** of such great **DIVINE POWER**  
 to such great **GLORY** and **EXALTATION**...through

this path of humiliation...takes a lot of '**KNOWING**'!  
**And, then...we read...**

 **3) "Know...the fellowship of his suffering"**

This is a reference to "**his**" sufferings – what the scriptures call – "**the afflictions of Christ**"  
*(Colossians 1:24 / I Peter 4:13 / II Corinthians 1:7)*

In a world going through much suffering due to **SIN**  
 and "**the permission of evil**"...this

 "**suffering of Christ**"

...is a **very DIFFERENT matter** to be carefully understood!

These "**sufferings**" of Christ beginning with Jesus, the "head" of the "**Christ**" and...continuing through the entire gospel age in the "**members of His Body**"  
 ...by means of a **COVENANT OF SACRIFICE** with the Heavenly Father

(For **Jesus**  *Hebrews 10:7 / Luke 12:50*)

(For the **Body**  *Psalms 116: 12-14*)


...involves **SUFFERINGS** of a very specific kind!


While we will not be now going into much details on this subject, we point to the comments of Br.Russell in **EBC** and pg 504 for *Colossians 1:24*.



Ignorance and blindness of heart and mind are at the bottom of all the sufferings of Christ until the Body

has filled up that which is behind the sufferings of their Head (R5872).

 The sufferings which we bring on ourselves through faithfulness to our covenant. These experiences are not for Adam's sake (R5117).

 Instead of Paul saying to himself or others, "I am doing more than my share of the gospel work, some of you should come and help me" he took another view, He declared himself anxious to fill up as much as possible that which was behind of the afflictions of Christ (R5951).

Thus these "**sufferings**" on behalf of **SERVICE** to **CHRIST** and the...message of **LIGHT** and **TRUTH**, is a matter to be carefully considered and understood.

**And, finally...**

 **4) "...being made conformable to his death"**


This is the **GOAL** and purpose of gaining the previous "**Knowing**"!


Yes!  "**His death**"

The Apostle did not mean that he too must die on a cross, "**but that he must die a sacrificed death**"  
(Harvest Gleanings 230/ R1542)

Again we read two comments in the **EBC** of **Br. Russell on Pg 489.**



 "Not a different death from his but a similar one – not a death as a sinner, but a sacrificial one" (R4680)

 "Such full surrender is possible to those only who know him well and have drunk in his spirit" (R2138)

So, **in conclusion**, dear brethren this "**hidden manna**" which was **INCORRUPTIBLE** and ...that gives the "**life**" that is the **IMMORTAL DIVINE NATURE**, which is reserved for Christ (*Colossians 3:3*)...is a **RECEIVING** of a **KNOWLEDGE** and **UNDERSTANDING** from the Word of God concerning the **DEEP TRUTHS & PROMISES** of this...

 "**so great salvation**" of the Gospel Age.

- And this is "**given**" or **IMPARTED** by the Lord Jesus personally to **ALL** of these worthy **OVERCOMERS!**

What a **awesome blessing indeed** for EACH of the overcomers to receive the "**hidden manna**" from the Master and espoused Bridegroom!

**This is seen in –**

***Revelation 3:20***

*"...Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me..."*

***Luke 12: 36, 37***

*"...And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed [are] those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching:*

*verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them...”*

This is from **the point of view** of the seventh church of Laodicea! And the Master **uses a particular channel** as we read in –

*Matthew 24:45-47*

*“...Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed [is] that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods...”*

Yes! The "**seventh angel**" and his writing are the means to receive this **LIGHT & TRUTH!**

(Precious Promises – *Luke 12:37*)

- And thus we **END** this **STUDY** of the Manna...as the **WORD of GOD...**

*We hope it was a blessing!*

We would like to end by reading the **PRECIOUS PROMISES** of *Matthew 4:4 (READ)*

“But how is it possible for us to live by the words that proceed out of the mouth of God? What did Jesus mean? How can God's words give life? He meant that all hope of attaining eternal life depends upon God--upon the Divine Plan and its promises. Looking into these promises we can see distinctly that the Divine Plan, dating from before the foundation of the world, is that all of God's creatures, created in His likeness

and abiding in faith, love and obedience in harmony with Him, shall have life everlasting. **This is God's Word upon the subject, namely, that obedience is the condition of life everlasting.** This is, undoubtedly, what our Lord had in mind in the words of our text." (R4896)

Indeed, the **WORDS OF GOD** is "*life*"...is "*bread*"...is "*the manna*" given from heaven, by which...

 **"man will live"!**

May the **LORD** add His Blessings to the understanding of **His Holy Words**

*Amen!!*





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