

# Israel's First Passover

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Now, as we're getting close to the Passover, the first book that I wrote was *A Harmony of the Gospels*, covering everything with a lot of good commentary in there, as well. So, if you don't have one or you know someone who needs one, just ask for it. We'll send it to you. This is in its third edition.

My second book was *The Christian Passover*; this also is in its third edition.

We've had good success in passing out the Bibles, and many people have responded, and those who received them have been very happy.

So anyway, we're running out of Bibles. Here's the one I preach from here. I've got four Bibles that I use, one here, one in my office downstairs, and one in my bedroom upstairs. and one next door.

This will be the second edition, third printing. Now in ordering it, you have to have a lot of lead time. The best Bible paper is made in Spain. We have them printed in China. *Think about that!* The most atheist country in the world prints more Bibles than anybody else. Why is that? *Because they can be produced at a lower level cost!* I originally ordered 8,000 copies, but then I got a call back from the representative who's here in America, Tammy Sims, and she said that they can't do 8,000 because the paper comes in a container of 6,500 to 7,000 is the maximum in a container.

So, that's what we will get. We've ordered them; they've ordered the paper, which has to come from Spain<sub>[transcriber's correction]</sub> down through the Suez Canal. Hopefully all of the Houthis are not out there trying to blow everything up. Then come to China, and they put it together there.

Now here's the *Greek-English Interlinear*. I know it's big; I know it's heavy. But it's the best Interlinear around. Notice the gold border around the title on the cover (seen on the video). Well we're going to put that gold border around the title on the coming Bible. *That'll really make it look good!*

Now it's interesting indeed how all of these things work out. Have you ever had something come about that you don't know what's going to happen, but you know what you're doing is right? *And God lets you know it's right!*

- it's not right because you're smart
- it's not right because you're better than anybody else
- ***it's right because of God***

Now with the Bible, Colonel Rossi, who is Mike with the other Mike on the Two Mikes. This last week I did a session for them for Mike and Mike. He said that there are good reviews of the *Holy Bible in Its Original Order, A Faithful Version* online. There was one search that he did—I don't know if it was AI or whatever—I have no idea. The question was: What is the most accurate Bible? Guess what they came up with: *The Faithful Version!*

I never intended to do the Bible, but when I received a New Testament sent to me from England, *a gender neuter Bible*, I was in the middle of retranslating Matthew, Mark, Luke and John for the edition of the Harmony. I was reading in the preface what they were talking about.

What does Satan like to do? *God has held him back from doing any more damage to the Bible than has already been done!* And there's been a lot of that, because we know that in some of these editions of the New Testament, they have taken out 3,000 words.

But with all of this said, all of this done, we're very thankful to God that he has inspired that this can be done. I had no idea of doing the whole Bible. When I read what they said about the name of the Father, that the name of the Father is a metaphor.

'So, because it's a metaphor, we're going to change it.' They changed it to Father/Mother. ***You can't get anything more blasphemous than that!***

So, I said right then, prayed to God right there standing in front of my bookcase reading that, 'we better do the New Testament'; we did that first, the New Testament in Its Original Order. That's how we got started. Then I made translated study papers for our series that we went through. I did this before this about the transgender New Testament.

What happened was, in the 1980s it took us three years to go through it, we went through the book of John verse-by-verse. Then we finished and we had a small group, seven faithful people, that's all we had, and they liked going through verse-by-verse. So, I said, what would you like to cover next? *They said they would like to continue studying this way!* So I said all right.

That's when I decided to translate the General Epistles: James 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Peter, 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> John and Jude. Then after that, I had to start doing the translation for the Gospels.

By time I got that New Testament, that gender—that blasphemous translation—that's when

I decided to do the New Testament. Well, we got that done in 1998. Then doing all of the commentary that was in there.

By the way, the commentary in the New Testament, its original order is more complete than in the Bible because in the Bible, we didn't have the room to put the commentaries quite as deeply as we have in the Bible here, but it's adequate. Roger will remember we would use the *King James* for the Old Testament and then we would use the study translation.

Well, Michael Heiss came along; I knew Michael Heiss because we went to Ambassador College and graduated together. He had been taking studies at Judaica University, the Hebrew National College.

He was born a Jew in a Jewish family and he knew the Yiddish and he knew and understood Hebrew. So, I came up to him when we were having a meeting down in Southern California, actually Monrovia, and I asked him, 'Would you be willing to translate the Old Testament so we can make a Bible?'

Now, this was about shortly after we had the New Testament published. He said, 'Yes.' I said, 'Okay, what I'll do, I'll pay you \$1,500 a month until you get it done.' That was a good amount of money at that time. So, that's how we got the Old Testament; we had the New Testament and now we're coming out with the second edition, third printing of the complete Bible.

So, we'll get 6,500 to 7,000 new Bibles, and what we're going to do with them is we're going to ship from China directly to Kenya about 1,600. Then we'll send one pallet—there are 200 on a pallet—to Australia.

Then I'll check with Andrew Moses and see how many he wants. This will give us the Bibles delivered without us having to go through it. And we'll send two pallets up to Canada.

They'll get the paper sometime the middle of May and then the Bible should be complete sometime in July. Then it will take a time for it to get here, but we have the finest paper possible. everything is done. It's going to be one of the best Bibles ever.

**All of that is to the glory of God and what He has done, what He has made possible!** We can just be thankful for God's mercy, love and Truth that we're able to do so.

The thing we always need to understand is this: Everything we do must be based on **Truth, Truth, Truth—nothing else!**. Because the words in

the Hebrew and the Greek *GOD inspired!* Can any man have greater inspiration than God? **No!**

That's why the Bible becomes the most unique book in the whole world. And just think of the blessing that God has given us so we can be partakers of that.

What is done, it doesn't make us anything, doesn't make me anything. Because if I learn things and know it, *I better do something with it!*

Isn't that true? If we know how to do something, ought we to do it? *Yes!*

So, that's a summary of the Bible that's coming. We'll keep you posted on how it's going.

### Israel's First Passover

Today we're going to cover the first Passover in the Bible that the Israelites were partakers of. Remember the first Passover was between God and Abraham. So, this is the first Passover for the children of Israel.

There are so many different things and many different ideas because of Jewish tradition, and because of the different thoughts of men concerning:

- when is *evening*?
- or**
- When is *between the evenings*?

Some say between the evenings means *from sunset to sunset the whole day!* How are you going to kill a lamb from sunset to sunset in one whole day, and yet, eat it before you leave at night?

What we have in the *Faithful Version* is the correct translation. This solves the problem of different ideas of men as to what evening is.

Exodus 12:1: "And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying... [here are the words of God]: 'This month *shall be* to you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you'" (vs1-2).

Now with a Calculated Hebrew Calendar you have two things about it.

1. it's calculated based upon the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month; that's how it's figured
2. then they count backwards 177 days to Passover

Now, you have the astronomical calculations on the one hand and you have the days on the other hand. It starts out, of course, we remember the Sabbath; here's the Passover:

Verse 3: "Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, 1In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them each man a lamb for a father's

house, a lamb for a house. And if the household is too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take according to the number of the souls, each one, according to the eating of his mouth, you shall count concerning the lamb.”

I don't know how they counted I don't know what it was. Let me just tell you this: There was one man who came from South Africa and said—down where our daughter Rochelle goes to an independent church—he had raised sheep and he said that they couldn't do the slaughtering of the sheep because that takes a long time.

Well how do you answer the question? *You can't say well you're wrong, but you've got to have proof to know!*

So what we did we went up to skip Emerson's house and he had a ranch up there on Hillcrest right up top the Santa Cruz Mountains and he was a quail farmer, and he would sell the quail, but he also had little goats. Well you take it from the sheep can be a goat. He had two little goats that were born sometime in February.

Now then we wanted to know how long would it take to dress this out and what would be necessary in order to get it ready for roasting it whole.

So, he knew how to slaughter them. Just hang them up by their back hooves take a knife and you slice right down the belly and then you cut the belly sack and all of the internal organs are in a bag inside the body. *That's an amazing thing!*

You cut it out right there at the throat and all that's laid on the side. Then he proceeded—and he knew how to do it real well—you take and make a cut in the in the hide between the flesh and you have that cut and he took his hands and skinned it and nothing flat. So, was virtually ready to go in 20 minutes.

Verse 5: “Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year...”

It doesn't say one-year-old; it has to be of its first year. Because if it's one-year-old he's already into his second year and it would be too big.

“...you shall take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. And you shall keep it up until the *beginning*... [that's the way it should read] ...of the fourteenth day of the same month...” (vs 5-6).

When is the beginning of a day? *Sunset!* So, they took it on the tenth, held it for four days and then they sacrificed it.

“...And the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it **between the two evenings**” (v 6).

Most of the translation other translations say ‘evening.’ This is how they get the timing of the Passover or elimination of it all together, because this right here is ‘ben arbayim’—**between sunset and dark!**

Verse 7: “And they shall take of the blood and strike *it* on the two side posts and upon the upper doorpost of the houses *in* which they shall eat it.”

The blood is important. The Jews celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> Passover. What does that tell you? That's the wrong day. Bible says 14<sup>th</sup>

There's only one ‘ben arbayim’ on the 14<sup>th</sup>, between sunset and dark. Why do the Jews take a 15<sup>th</sup> Passover? *Well there are several reasons!* The 15<sup>th</sup> Passover was started in Babylon.

- Why? *Because no Israelite could take the Passover outside of living in the geographical area of Israel!* So, they kept a 15<sup>th</sup> Passover and they kept it for decades in Babylon.

When they came back there were some who kept the 14<sup>th</sup> Passover and some who kept the 15<sup>th</sup>. That's what we find in the New Testament with Jesus and His being brought up before Herod.

- What do they say that the Passover represents? *They miss the whole point! **Yet:***
  - ✓ they have the Bible
  - ✓ they have a 15<sup>th</sup> Passover.
  - ✓ yet, they don't know the meaning of the Passover
  - ✓ they reject the New Testament on top of that

Now there are some Messianic Jews, but it's very difficult for them to get away from their traditions. Even if they are Messianic they still have their traditions and look to all the physical things. *The meaning of the 14<sup>th</sup> Passover:*

1. Passover between God and Abraham
  2. the Passover of Jesus Christ when He died
  3. in importance but not necessarily in timing is the one here (in ancient Israel)
- What's the first thing that is involved when you slay the lamb? *You take the blood and you put it on the upper door post and the side door post!*
  - Why? *Because God was going to kill the firstborn!*

He said that ‘when I see the blood I will pass over you. The Jews have lost completely that meaning. They say the Passover pictures coming out of Egypt. It's correct in the date of coming out of Egypt, but they miss everything to do with the Passover.

Verse 8: "And they shall eat the flesh in that night..." *Between the two evenings, sunset and dark!*

- sunset
- between the two evenings
- night

Isn't that the proper sequence of time in the world? *Yes!*

"...roasted with fire... [that's whole] ...and unleavened *bread*. They shall eat it with *bitter* herbs. Do not eat of it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted *with* fire, its head with its legs, and with its inward parts" (vs 8-9).

Now that's not all the guts, that would be the kidneys, the liver and the heart.

Verse 10: "And you shall not let any of it remain until the morning..." *What do we have?*

- sunset
- between the two evenings
- night
- morning

"...And that which remains of it until the morning **you shall burn with fire**" (v10).

We wanted to know from those two little goats that we had skinned out, how long would it take to burn a shank bone, because that's the biggest knuckle on the lamb? How long would it take to burn it?

These were young, so we took the shank bone home and we have a fireplace, and we have natural gas there, so we have the fire. We wanted to know how long it's going to take for the bones to burn. Obviously, if it were a large animal it'd take a long time. But with a lamb that is born probably six weeks before the Passover, the bones are tender. The joints are very flexible. So, I put it in a fireplace to burn it, and it took an hour and a half.

Now, we didn't have the skin because he wanted the skin, he wanted the leather. But I imagine if you have a good hot fire, you can burn up the skin with no time.

Why did God want everything burned? *One simple reason:* God didn't want you taking a hoof or an ear or a tail and make that a good luck charm. That's what people would do. 'Oh, I was there that night. I have the hoof right here. this is sacred. God said it's sacred.'

Verse 11: "And this is the way you shall eat it: *with* your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it **in trepidation**... [not in haste] ...**It is the LORD'S Passover.**"

Whose Passover is it? *The **LORD'S, God's!*** So all you Jews out there who say it's the Jewish Passover, you don't understand the Bible. I'm sure your Bible says *the **LORD'S** Passover!*

Now I understand that since you're out of the land of what they call Israel today, which really should be Judea, that you don't keep a 14<sup>th</sup> Passover. ***That's why Jesus came for the sin of the world!*** So that the Passover could be eaten everywhere by all of his believers around the world.

Verse 12: "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... [that's wiping out their whole economic base, and it's the firstborn] ...And I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt. I *am* the LORD."

I want you to understand how these things that God brings out are so important.

Revelation 11:8—*It has to do with the two witnesses:* "And their bodies *will lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt..."

*Think about that!* All these things back in the Old Testament, thousands of years ago, because of humans the way they are, it's still relevant today.

In Jerusalem, they've got every religion possible there. What did they have in Egypt? *A thousand gods!* Tel Aviv [Sodom] is known to be the most homosexual friendly city in the world. Is the Bible accurate from thousands of years ago up to today? *There it is right there!*

Exo. 12—notice this judgment was not against Egypt, the people only, ***but the gods of Egypt!***

Exodus 12:13: "And the blood shall be a sign to you upon the houses where you *are*. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you. And the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you* when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be a memorial to you. And you shall keep it a Feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it a Feast as a Law forever" (vs 13-14)—*that's referring to the Passover. The instructions on the Passover end on the 14<sup>th</sup>!*

Verse 15—Feast of Unleavened Bread! Another thing that Satan likes to get everything all mixed up on is the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Why? *Because he doesn't want the people to have their sins forgiven!* So, it's all mixed up!

Mark 14—in some translations, this verse has a footnote that this is the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. ***But we will see that cannot be!*** This has to be on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mark 14:12: “And on **the first day of the unleavened...** [that's literal from the Greek] ... **when they were killing the Passover lambs ...**”

When were they to kill the Passover lambs? *Between sunset and dark*—‘ben arbayim’!

How can you have the first day of Unleavened Bread or the Feast of Unleavened Bread when they're killing the Passover when that should have been done on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the Feast of Unleavened Bread is on the 15<sup>th</sup>. *That's how people get so mixed up!*

“...when they were killing the Passover lambs, His disciples said to Him, ‘Where do You desire that we go and prepare, so that You may eat the Passover?’” (v 12).

- Did Jesus keep the Passover?
- Was he righteous?
- Did he always obey God?

*He kept it on the right day!*

Why didn't he tell them where they're going to keep the Passover so that they could have gone ahead and prepared for it a whole lot earlier? *He didn't want Judas to know where they were!*

He came later with some of the other disciples. Because if he would have known ahead of time, he would have scooted off to the priest and say, ‘Hey guys, he's over here; you can come and get him.’

Exodus 12:15: “You shall eat unleavened bread seven days...”

Why in the New Testament is it specific that the Passover Day—as we saw that had to be the Passover Day—is unleavened.

- What is the bread that we partake of on the Passover night? *Unleavened bread!*
- What does that picture? *The body of Christ!*

You live by every Word of God; Christ was the Word, the Beginning, everything...!

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ is to be the Lamb of God, to take away the sin of the world, *the whole world!*

So, the Passover Day has to be an unleavened bread day because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which is forgiveness of sin for all those around the world whom God calls.

I know even in the Church before we knew better, they would say, Well, you know, you have to have unleavened bread for Passover. But in the day portion, you can still eat leaven. So, a lot of us would go out and have our friendly McDonald's hamburger on the day portion of the Passover after

taking after taking the Passover. I remember one time it's someone came up to me and said:

Why do we eat unleavened bread on Passover and then go back and eat leavened bread on the morning after the Passover that pictures our sins being forgiven and leaven pictures of type of sin? Doesn't make sense to me.

*Most of you remember that!*

Exodus 12:15: “...even the first day **you shall have put away leaven...**”

That's what it means! Why? *Because that was put out before the Passover Day!*

Verse 15: “You shall eat unleavened bread seven days; even the first day you shall have put away leaven out of your houses; for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, **that soul shall be cut off from Israel.**”

How does God do that? *He doesn't come down here and take a sword on people!*

You don't see people going around with a big wound in their side and say, ‘Oh, what's that?’ *Oh, God, cut me off. No!*

*He removes His blessing that He gives to the physical people, because everyone in the world has some kind of blessing from God on the level of human beings, not having to do with conversion! That's what it means to be cut off from God!*

Verse 16: “And in the first day *there shall be* a Holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be a Holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done in them, except that which every man must eat, that only may be done by you. And you shall keep the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*, for in this very same day I have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt...” (vs 16-17).

They assembled at Ramses on the day portion of the Passover, they had to get all organized. You know, you figure 600,000-plus people. That's a lot that had to be organized. That's why God chose Moses. What was he? *He was a general in the Egyptian army* before he was converted. Now, think about Moses. Lots of times you don't think about it this way.

He was raised by an Egyptian and he was brought up, and by the time he was an adult, he was a leader in the Egyptian government and army—40 years!

Then God put it in his heart to stand up for the abuse against the children of Israel by the Egyptians. There was a big fight going and he ended up killing a man. So, he had to get out of town, and he went over to Midian.

- How long was he there? *Forty years!*
- What was his main occupation for 40 years? *Taking care of sheep—40 years!*

Then all of a sudden he saw this fire burning in a bush, and it wasn't being consumed. So, he went over there and said, 'this must be of God.'

God said, 'I'm the Lord God who is going to take the children of Israel out of Egypt. Take off your shoes for your standing on Holy ground.'

What a revelation. What did Moses have? Look at what we have today compared to that. We have the whole Bible! What did he have? I don't know how much of the parts of the book of Genesis he had, but that's all he had!

God said, 'I want you to go to Egypt and bring the children of Israel out, and I'm going to send your brother to help you with it. That was Aaron!

Verse 18: "In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at sunset, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at sunset. Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses, for whoever eats that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. You shall eat nothing leavened. In all your dwelling places you shall eat unleavened bread" (vs 18-20).

How did Moses get all this information to all the children of Israel? They were living in Goshen, one of the best areas in Egypt.

Verse 21: "Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, 'Draw out and take a lamb for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover *lamb*. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop and dip in the blood *that is* in the bowl, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood in the bowl. And **none of you shall go out of the door of his house until sunrise**" (vs 21-22). *That's the proper translation.*

Because in one of the Passover papers that was written by a double PhD—Robert Kuhn—said that 'back then they kept time like we do today and midnight was morning. So, they left their houses at midnight.'

How are you going to make any kind of march at night unless you're all organized first in the daytime? You have to take all your as much goods as you can with you.

Now, that was quite a journey that they were heading out on. I mean, I don't think many of us could take it. I don't know how much I could handle at my age.

Verse 23: "For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians. And when He sees the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you."

Now, I don't know how God did that. I imagine it was a multitude of angels doing it.

Verse 24: "And you shall observe this thing as a Law to you and to your children forever. And it shall be when you have come to the land, which the LORD will give you, according as He has promised that you shall keep this service. And it will be, when your children shall say to you, 'What *does* this service *mean* to you?'" (vs 24-26).

Now, I don't know how the Jews miss this, but they do!

Verse 27: "Then you shall say, 'It is the sacrifice of **the LORD'S Passover, Who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt...**"

***Passover! It's the Lord's Passover!*** In that paper by Kuhn, he said, 'We don't know how we came about the word *Passover*. I mean, you will not know ***the depth of the attacks that Satan the devil has against the Passover!*** Look at all the varieties of the Lord's Supper, of Communion, of Mass...

***The only ones that have it right are those who really believe God and keep it on the 14<sup>th</sup> the way that God said.***

We'll see next Sabbath:

- you have foot-washing
- you have the bread
- you have the wine

***Passover of the Lord!***

"...Who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our houses.' And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. And the children of Israel went away and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron; so they did. And it came to pass at midnight the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne, to the firstborn of the captive that *was* in the prison, also all the firstborn of livestock" (vs 27-29). *Now this was a mortuary's delight all these dead bodies!*

Num. 33 and it said that they left the day after the Passover while the Egyptians were still burying their dead. What are you going to do? You can have in a household if the father was firstborn the mother was firstborn, they're dead! Their firstborn child whether male or female, they're dead. All the firstborn of:

- cattle
- sheep
- goats
- donkeys
- camels

*Death everywhere!* Now think about that as a type, and think about how it's going to be when Christ returns:

- all the fighting
- all the warring
- all the things that are going on

Maybe we have a little time of peace right now but it's going to develop into something else as it goes down the line.

Verse 30: And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for *there was* not a house where there was not one dead. And during the night he sent word to Moses and Aaron saying..." (vs 30-31).

Why is that the proper translation? Some translations said Moses and Aaron went back to Pharaoh. *NO!*

Exo. 11—he's telling about the plague that's going to come and the verses leading up to it, and this is after all the other plagues that came along.

Exodus 11:7: "But against any of the children of Israel not even a dog shall move his tongue, against man or beast, so that you may know that the LORD puts a difference *between* the Egyptians and Israel." *Amazing!*

Verse 8: "And all these, your servants, shall come down to me... [not he go to them] ...and bow themselves down to me, saying, "You and all the people that follow you—get out!" And after that I will go out.' And he went out from Pharaoh in flaming anger."

Exodus 10:27: "But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. And Pharaoh said to him, 'Get away from me! Take heed to yourself! See my face no more, for in the day you see my face you shall die.' And Moses said, 'You have spoken well. I will never see your face again'" (vs 27-29).

So, it's impossible that Moses and Aaron could have gone to Pharaoh.

I mean it's amazing! That's why for all of these 'skimmers' who want everything summarized and think you know everything, that's why you need the details of this book—*The Christian Passover!*

Just look at how everything has been desecrated concerning the Passover. I don't think

there is any day of God that is more desecrated than a Sabbath. Look at what they do.

Exodus 12:33: "And the Egyptians were urging the people, that they might send them out of the land quickly, for they said, 'We *are* all dead men.'"

You know one of the Israelites could look at them and say, 'Give me your gold and silver. If you don't do it you're going to get struck dead.' *Oh here it is here it is.*

Verse 34: "And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses. And they asked for articles of silver, and articles of gold, and clothing from the Egyptians. And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, and they granted their request, and they stripped the Egyptians" (vs 34-36). *From history we know that it took 400 years for Egypt to make it back!*

Verse 37: "And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth..."

This tells that they had to gather at Ramses, because they were Goshen; so they did that on the day portion of the Passover.

"...the men being about six hundred thousand on foot, apart from little ones. And also a mixed multitude went up with them, and flocks and herds, very much livestock. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not stay, neither had they prepared any food for themselves for the journey" (vs 37-39).

Now you think about that! We're going to go on a journey and all we're going to have is little unleavened bread.

Verse 40: "Now, the sojourning of the children of Israel in Egypt was **four hundred and thirty years.**"

Now Roger made a fantastic chart that's up online right now. How do you get 400 years in Gen. 15 and you get 430 here? *Quick summary:*

From the time of the promise that Isaac would be born and a promise was given when he was 85. Isaac was born when Abraham was 100-years-old; that 15 years. When he took Isaac out to sacrifice him Isaac was called a lad. He was not even 20-years-old. He would probably more like 15. So, you have 400 years plus 15 at this end and 15 at the other end, that's 430. You can download the chart.

Verse 41: "And it came to pass at the end of

the four hundred and thirty years, it was even on that very same day, all the armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. It *is* a Night to be Much Observed to the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt. This *is* that **night of the LORD to be observed by all the children of Israel in their generations**" (vs 41-42)

That's the Night to be Much Observed: "...This *is* that night of the LORD..." Some people say that Herbert Armstrong concocted that in his own mind.

What do I read in the Bible? *Not even the initials HWA!* That would be a little late, don't you think?

"...This *is* that night of the LORD to be observed by all the children of Israel in their generations" (v 42).

Now then! That will that will be fine, we'll cover some more leading up to the Passover, but I wanted to go through this as quickly as possible.

Now, let me just mention to you: Gen. 16—Remember when they were going out of the land and God gave them the manna and He told them you get double manna on day six. ***'and none of you go out of the door of your tent to look for food.'*** Now you would think this:

- after all they went through
- after all the instruction of Moses
- after all the plagues that they saw walking through the Red Sea and everything

***some went out to look for manna on the Sabbath!***

- What did He say?
- Why do you go out and look for manna on the Sabbath?

Now another thing in that same chapter: He gave them quail to eat! 'Oh we want some flesh, we've got to have flesh.'

I get a kick out of this when I think about it. When you ask God and God says He's going to do it. He doesn't do it a little 'tinkle-bell.' *He does it big time!*

They were making all this fuss on the Sabbath Day. So, God said I'm going to send you quail. In the evening—'ba erev'—that's as the sun is going down, 'I'm going to send the quail.'

So, here they come huge flocks of quail and where did He put them? ***Just dumped them right on the tents of the Israelites!*** And they were probably all semi-conscious after what God has done for them. It was easy for them to get, and then He said ***'between the two evenings'***—ben ha arbayim [transcriber's correction]—you shall eat flesh.

Now one man said no God did this on the Sabbath Day because they needed the flesh. Is God going to break his own Sabbath so He can do something physical for people? ***NO!***

So, He sent the quail ***right at sunset*** landed on all the tents of Israel, and then they when the quail came then how long would it take them to start eating meat? If you know quail, there's not very much to it. Probably about a half hour later they were eating meat.

What God did, ***He kept His Sabbath as a sign for them to keep the Sabbath to Him!*** Then He sent the quail and they were eating meat. That must have been something. Can you imagine all the feathers and bones and everything?

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