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We are certainly looking forward with joy to meeting everyone at the upcoming retreat! We have been earnestly preparing for Passover and Unleavened Bread and request your prayers for a truly uplifting experience for all. Many of the attendees will be hearing these messages for the first time and we want to encourage gentleness and understanding from those who may have been in the message a little longer. Kind words and simple, loving explanations can go a long way to improve the soil where the tender shoot of faith grows. The farmer must carefully study how much fertilizer to use on his crops so that he does not burn the plants. In like manner, too much information, too soon can alienate the very ones we are laboring to save. We are praying that everyone will press together in love and uplift each other as we keep this very special appointment with God. Directions to our facility are included in this newsletter and we want to extend an invitation to all.

Directions

If coming from the South, plan on a 3 1/2 hour drive from the L.A. area, or plan on about 3/4 hour drive north from Bakersfield.

Take HWY 5 north from L.A. over Tejon Pass. As HWY 5 branches off, continue north on HWY 99. Passing through Bakersfield on HWY 99 you will come to a cut-off to the right marked HWY 65 to Porterville and Sequoia Parks. Take HWY 65 north (the only way you can) past Ducor to Terra Bella Ave. 95, (this is a stop signal). Turn East (right) on Ave. 95 about 3 miles to Rd. 256. (There is a railroad track at this intersection). Turn left (North) on to Rd. 256. Continue one long block to Ave. 100. Ave. 100 goes only to the right (East). Look for a red house on the left about one block from the corner of Rd. 256 and Ave. 100. The address is 25810 Ave. 100.

If coming from the North, plan on 1 1/2 hour from Fresno. Continue South on HWY 99 to the 190. Watch close for it, it is but a little distance beyond Tipton. Take the 190 East to HWY 65. Turn right (South) on HWY 65 to Terra Bella. Turn East at the Terra Bella Sign (Ave 95, this is a signal). Drive East on Ave. 95 a couple of miles to Rd. 256. (There is a Sunkist packing plant at this' corner). Turn left (North) on to Rd. 256. Continue one long block to Ave. 100. Ave. 100 goes only to the right (East). Look for a red house on the left about one block from the corner of Rd. 256 and Ave. 100. Address is 25810 Ave. 100. Campground entrance is on east side of house.

If coming from Palmdale, Lancaster, Mojave, Ridgecrest, Tehachapi:

Travel West on HWY 58 to Bakersfield. Then North on HWY 99. Passing through Bakersfield on HWY 99 you will come to a cut-off to the right marked HWY 65 to Porterville and Sequoia Parks. Take HWY 65 North (the only way you can) past Ducor to Terra Bella (Ave. 95, this is a stop signal) Turn East (right) on Ave. 95 about 3 miles to Rd. 256. (There is a railroad track at this intersection). Turn left (North) on Rd. 256 one long block to Ave. 100. Ave. 100 goes only to the right (East). Look for a red house on the left about one block from the corner of Rd. 256 and Ave. 100. The address is 25810 Ave. 100.

TESTIMONIALS AND QUESTIONS:

Q: Dear Sir, In your Bible Explorations March, 2008 issue, on page 3 right column, second paragraph under "Not many more Quotes from Ellen White you stated: "Once she said her writings would be set aside toward the end of time." Would you please give me that manuscript or book in which Sister White made that statement?? I certainly don't like the trademark issue. Thank you for your kind help. EM Oregon

A: "The very last deception of Satan will be to make of none effect the testimony of the Spirit of God. 'Where there is no vision, the people perish.'" Letter 12, 1890; 1SM 48.

Dear BE, Thank you so much for sending the newsletters. I'm spiritually blessed and informed of the times. I would love to join your celebration. I'm praying with you too. LP Glendale, CA.

Brother John, We are being 1000 times blessed from listening to the Tabernacles convocation DVDs Thank you! MRW Clinton, Ia.

Question, what do you do when you are called up to sit in the front of your church to help with music, asked to sit up front, and find yourself listening to a sermon entitled "Eucharist?" This did happen to a couple on "Easter" Sabbath.

In the sermon much was made of the fact that the term Eucharist can mean things like gratitude and gratefulness. Thus was implied it can be used by us Protestants. Eucharist was the title in the church bulletin

Before the ecumenical movement toward cooperation between Protestants and Rome the term was primarily used by Catholic and East Orthodox churches. "The Eucharist is one of the seven sacraments of the Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches." Encyclopedea Americana, Vol 10. The book goes on to say that in the 11th century "emphasis was increasingly placed on the reality of Christ's presence in the Eucharist." At the council of Trent 1545-1563 "the council insisted on the truth and reality of the presence of Christ in this sacrament." The article goes on to explain they defended the institution of this sacrament by using Christ's words "This is my body, . . . this is my blood" to consecrate the bread and wine. The legitimacy of referring to the "unique and marvelous change" that takes place in the Eucharist is furthered by the use of the term "transubstantiation." That is the transferring of the body of Christ into the wafer and wine.

The Encyclopedia goes on to explain, "Active participation in Catholic-Protestant working groups has produced considerable unanimity of thought and expression."

It is because of the belief that the communion bread and wine literally become the body and blood of Christ that Protestants have formally preferred to use "Communion," rather than "Eucharist."

The second part of the sermon was geared against those of us who profit spiritually from keeping the Feast of Passover. The text, that most all of us have carefully studied in the past, was used to declare that Communion has "replaced" the Passover."

A Spirit of Prophecy quote was misapplied in such a way that disqualifies Christ's statement about the Passover, and makes Ellen White out to be a false author. Actually, I don't hold the pastor responsible for such rhetoric. I choose to believe he is as innocent as I was when I used to use the same quote for the same reason – that is before I knew better.

Here is the text:

"Christ was standing at the point of transition between two economies and their two great festivals. He, the spotless Lamb of God, was about to present Himself as a sin offering, that He would thus bring to an end the system of types and ceremonies that for four thousand years had pointed to His death. As He ate the Passover with His disciples, He instituted in its place the service that was to be the memorial of His great sacrifice. The national festival of the Jews was to pass away forever. The service which Christ established was to be observed by His followers in all lands and through all ages.

The Passover was ordained as a commemoration of the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage. God had directed that, year by year, as the children should ask the meaning of this ordinance, the history should be repeated. Thus the wonderful deliverance was to be kept fresh in the minds of all. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was given to commemorate the great deliverance wrought out as the result of the death of Christ. Till He shall come the second time in power and glory, this ordinance is to be celebrated. It is the means by which His great work for us is to be kept fresh in our minds." (DA 652-653) This same quote was read from two other EGW sources. In what way was it misapplied?

First we will look at what the text does not mean, then we will see what it does mean.

The quote was alleged to prove that the Jewish Passover was permanently replaced with the Christian Communion." But Christ clearly stated that it would be kept in the future. (Luke 22:15, 16.) "And he said unto them, with desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer: For I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

The text goes on to show the new Passover service would continue the use of the unleavened bread and

wine, but no meat sacrifice is mentioned. The sacrifice typified Christ's sacrificial death completed at the cross.

Paul's reference as to proper conduct for the new Gentile Christians during the feast is also conclusive of the fact that Passover continued in the New Testament.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8: "Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Actually, there are almost as many references to the annual Holy Times of Yahweh in the New Testament as there are to the seventh-day Sabbath.

Obviously the Passover was not replaced forever as the Ellen White quote was declared to mean.

Ellen White clearly admitted that Paul did away with the ceremonial law (of the sacrificial system) but certainly not with the Passover day. Her statement in DA was made to look in opposition to her statement in AA. 390,391

"At Philippi Paul tarried to keep the Passover. Only Luke remained with him, the other members of the company passing on to Troas to await him there. The Philippians were the most loving and truehearted of the apostle's converts, and during the eight days of the feast he enjoyed peaceful and happy communion with them.

Sailing from Philippi, Paul and Luke reached their companions at Troas five days later . . ."

In that Greek city that did not have enough Jews to sponsor a Synagogue leads one to ask, "If Paul was keeping Passover and Unleavened Bread with his converts, then who taught them to keep the feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread in the first place?"

Acts 20:6 reports "And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days."

Obviously, according to the Scriptures and Ellen White, the last thing the Philippians enjoyed with Paul was the honor of keeping the feasts with the apostle. What is even more interesting is the statement he made in his letter addressed to them before his incarceration.

Philippians 4:9: "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

Perhaps this text may explain why those who keep the feasts are usually more at peace with the brethren than

those who don't. It is those who don't who often try to make it hard on those of us who do.

Now that we have determined both by Scripture and the writings of Ellen White what she did not mean by her statement in the Desire of Ages, let's see if we can determine what she did mean.

First, we should recognize that Passover has two meanings in the Bible. It can mean either the day of the 14th of the first month of the year, or it can mean the animal and its sacrifice.

Please notice Ex 12:21. "Take you a lamb . . . and kill the Passover."

Obviously the word Passover in the text refers only to the killing of the lamb.

Deuteronomy 16:2 "Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the Passover unto the Lord . . ."

Once again, the animal and the ceremony of killing it was considered "the Passover" in the above text.

There are Old and New Testament texts that tell the fact that they "ate" the Passover. Obviously what they were eating was the sacrificed lamb. Not a day! The 14th day of Nissan could not be ingested.

With this in mind it becomes clear that Ellen White was not in conflict with herself, Paul, nor Christ. Her references in the Desire of Ages text include such words and phrases as, "the Lamb of God," "sin offering," "types and ceremonies," His "death," and He "ate" the Passover with His disciples, His "great sacrifice," and so forth.

With this simple reading of the text it should be clear that Christ, Paul, the Old and New Testaments, and Ellen White are in harmony.

I tell you this recent true story that happened in one of our SDA churches not to raise animosity of any kind, but to encourage all to remain cool when under fire. Let the Spirit of Yah fight your battles. Be amiable with all people, even should they set you up to embarrass you in front of the church or whatever. Love all men, show no bitterness, and yet be ready to give an answer for the faith that is within you - - - when you are asked.

HELP! HELP!

Julie Hetterle, who has been doing a beautiful job of translating the Holy History book into the Spanish language, is about done with the project. She has sent her work to two South American countries for proof reading. So far so good. Very good. Now we desperately need two more items.

The printing of the book will cost \$2500. Plus shipping. It will also cost to have the cover reprinted into Spanish

by a graphic artist. We already have \$1600 to help with this final phase of the project, but it will not be enough to finish the job. Wouldn't it be great to have these books available at the up and coming Passover retreat? It is barely possible, but every day that the script does not go to the printer makes it less probable.

The other item is one of good works. Julie has a 5th wheel but no way of pulling it. She lives in north Visalia and will pay the cost of fuel to have it brought to Terra Bella and then back home again after the retreat. If you have the needed truck and might be the Good Samaritan, call her on her cell at 599-713-1237, or call us here at BE 599-535-5441.

Patience and Soul Winning

Most of our audience is made up of kind, patient people, that show a Christ like loving spirit. But a few others have hurt us in the past. As an example one non-feast keeping parent's son was told he was going to burn in hell for eating unleavened bread. He was visibly frightened and ran to mommy and daddy. Dad was a feast friendly speaker and singer here, but we have not had good contact with him since. Dr Frank Fowler was so harassed by a zealot feast keeper that he determined never to return. Since then he has softened toward us and may be with us in the fall.

Jan Marcussen

Jan is a man we all admire. Most of us have read his papers for several years and have helped support his work from time to time. He and his "sweet" wife Venetta will be here to enjoy Elder Fine's presentations. He is not a feast keeper at all, and probably knows very little about why we do what we do. However we trust that a warm reception by our attendees, and their expressions of appreciation for his work, will encourage him to attend sufficient meetings to learn why we do what we do, as well as more of last day events, and more about spiritual and physical preparation for the rapid events soon to unfold.

There will be several others on the camp grounds that are not into the statutes yet. Please do your job to win their hearts by just being your loving self. Believe me; they will hear plenty of present truth from the many speakers behind the pulpit.

I realize the above note is really not necessary because I'm well acquainted with most of you. Just know I am being very zealous that we create a good reputation with everyone so that His spirit can flow with ease. If they ask simple questions, feel at ease to answer them, but wait until they ask, or let the meetings do their job. We promise to do our best.

Carl Baxter

Good news: Toward the end of his lecture on Wednesday afternoon he will spend time showing how to recognize each month's new moon. Then, as a special

treat, he will request that those of you who have laptops meet with him at a designated time during the week. He will furnish the software and teach you how to use your laptop to find the new moon in your area months in advance. All heaven's annual festivals are computed from the astrological position of the moon. This will be a most interesting meeting for all of us whether we have a laptop computer or not. So, don't forget to bring your laptop if you have one.

SPEAKERS

All of the speakers are unique to their subjects. Edgar Archbald is coming all the way from Chicago, Walter Tschoepe is coming to you from northern Idaho. Gerald Oterstrom's new version of "Answering the Critics" He will give you an entire arsenal of answers to the most common arguments used against the last angel's message. Ralph Myers is definitely a man of independent thinking. He has a lot to share regarding the mysterious 666. Jim Shendel. Most of you have enjoyed the lecture I gave entitled "Prophetic Doodling." Mr. Shendel is so positive of his Biblical chronologies that he can not honestly call it doodling. The years 2008 and 2012 loom large at the end of his chronological studies.

Elder Fine has spoken here a few times before. This time he comes in spite of all the play and counterplay against him riding the waves of the internet. The last I heard he will still be able to attend the meeting of the ecumenical protestant leaders with Pope Benedict in the Senate building April 17th. In fact he will be late getting on the Terra Bella camp ground because of that meeting.

Elder Hugo Gambetta! What can I say? His stirring messages on the Feasts of Yahweh not only enlighten, us but encourage us immensely.

Arlene Overbeck and Elder Randy Brehms will be at the keyboards. Randy will also preach.

NEWS BLURB

France: The Ikea company was ordered to pay more than \$700,000 last week for staying open on Sundays in a Paris suburb. (<http://www.suntimes.com/news/world/881221,cst-nws-Sunday07.article>.) Article: "French go to war - - over work on Sunday."

See you Sunday evening, April 20 – April 27th

If you are flying into Meadow's Field airport in Bakersfield car rentals are available. If you don't have a tent, Motel 6 and the Best Western are fairly close in Porterville, (Less than 10 miles). If you bring an RV, hook ups are available and a dump site is on the property. We suggest bottled water for drinking.

Our Love, J & C

Bible Explorations Welcomes You to a Blessed Remembrance of our Lord's Sacrifice at the Time of the Passover

***The Sanctifying Work of Becoming
Unleavened at the Feast
of Unleavened Bread***

April 20-28th 2008



“Search me oh God and know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts. And see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting” Ps.139:23-24

***“PURGE OUT THEREFORE THE OLD LEAVEN, THAT YE MAY BE A NEW LUMP, AS YE ARE UNLEAVENED. FOR EVEN CHRIST OUR PASSOVER IS SACRIFICED FOR US: THEREFORE LET US KEEP THE FEAST, NOT WITH OLD LEAVEN, NEITHER WITH THE LEAVEN OF MALICE AND WICKEDNESS; BUT WITH THE UNLEAVENED BREAD OF SINCERITY AND TRUTH...”
(1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8)***

Daily Children & Youth Programs are scheduled throughout the retreat

***“Early-Bird” services with John VanDenburgh-New
Discovery Series-Daily at 7:15 AM***

***Women’s Prayer Group-Daily in the Big Tent at 6:45 PM-
Starting April 21***

SABBATH APRIL 19

Sabbath services available for early arrivals

Sunday April 20- Evening service

During the day, help will be appreciated in preparing tables, and help for the cooks for the Passover service

04:00-05:30 - PM-John VanDenburgh/Hugo Gambetta

“Welcome to Camp/Worship”

05:30-07:00 - Agape Feast and Passover

(John VanDenburgh/Hugo Gambetta)

Monday April 21 - U.B. Sabbath

09:00-10:00 - Edgar Archbald

“The Eve of the National Sunday Law”

10:00-11:00 - Walter Tschoepe

“Moses and the Prophets”

11:00-12:00 - Ralph Myers

“Everything You Need to Know about the number 666-Part 1”

12:30-3:00 Lunch Break

03:00-04:00 - Gerald Otterstrom

“Answering the Critics”

04:00-05:00 - Cheri Hall

“A Mother’s Prayers and Pleas”

05:30-07:30-Supper Break

07:30 - 8:30 Hugo Gambetta

Tuesday April 22

08:00-9:20-Bible Explorations Breakfast

09:30-10:30- Walter Tschoepe

“1888 and Today”

10:30-11:30 - Randy Brehms

“Christ Offered Once for All”

11:30-12:30- Hugo Gambetta

12:30-03:20 Lunch Break

03:30-04:30 - Edgar Archbald

“The Latter Rain, the Shaking, and the Sealing”

04:30-05:30 - Gerald Otterstrom

“1920 days apart?”

05:30-07:30 Supper Break

07:30-08:30 - Ralph Myers

“Everything You Need to Know about the number 666-Part 2”

Wednesday April 23

09:00-10:00 - Walter Tschoepe

“Why Are We Still Here in 2008?”

10:00-11:00 - Al Silva

“Exegesis of Colossians 2”

11:00-12:00 – Edgar Archbald

“The Beast, the Universal Sunday Law, and the Time of Trouble”

12:00-03:00 Lunch Break

03:00-04:00 - Carl Baxter
"A Knowledge that Leads to Pride"
04:00-05:00 - Hugo Gambetta
5:00-5:30 - Leona Norman
"Gardening Ideas – Season-Extending Tunnels"

05:30-07:30-Supper Break

07:30-08:30 – Ralph Myers
"Everything You Need to Know about the number 666-Part 3"

Thursday April 24

09:00-10:00 - JAN MARCUSSIN
10:00-11:00 - RANDY BREHMS
"THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MARK OF THE BEAST"
11:00-12:00 - John VanDenburgh
"Law, Grace or Disgrace"

12:30-03:00 Lunch Break

03:00-04:00 - Hugo Gambetta
04:00-05:00 - Allen Fine
"The Red Coats are Coming"

05:30-07:30 Supper Break

07:30 - 08:30 - Edgar Archbald
"Proclaiming the Sabbath Fully, the Statutes, Judgments and Feast Days"

Friday April 25

09:00-10:00 - Ralph Myers
"Everything You Need to Know about the number 666-Part 4"
10:00-11:00 - Richard Stratton
"Hydrotherapy"
11:00-12:00 - Hugo Gambetta

12:00-04:00 Lunch Break

04:00-05:00 - Allen Fine
"Candy Bunnies"

05:30-07:30-Supper Break

07:30 –08:30 – Jim Shendel
"Bible Chronology-Part 1"

Sabbath April 26

09:00-10:00 - Jim Shendel
"Bible Chronology – Part 2"
10:00 -11:00 - Hugo Gambetta
11:00-12:00 - John VanDenburgh
"Restoration"

12:00-03:00 - Potluck on the Lawn

03:00-04:00- Edgar Archbald
"The 1260, 1290 and the 1335 days of Daniel 12"

04:00-05:00 - Allen Fine
"Three in One Oil"

05:30-07:30 Supper Break

07:30 – 08:30 - John Carlson
"So Misunderstood- Part 1"

SUNDAY APRIL 27- U.B. SABBATH

09:00-10:00 - John Carlson
"So Misunderstood- Part 2"
10:00 -11:00 –Edgar Archbald
"The Close of Probation, Lucifer Impersonates Christ, Trumpets and Plagues"
11:30-12:30 – Jim Shendel
"Bible Chronology-Part 3"

12:30-03:00 Lunch Break

03:00-04:00- Jerry Niswonger
"Health Nugget"
04:00-05:00 - Allen Fine
"Paul Harvey and Ezekiel 9"

05:30-07:30 Supper Break

07:30 – 08:30 – Richard Gonzales
"At Mount Sinai"

MONDAY APRIL 28 CAMP TEARDOWN

Thanks for your help!

Three tents to remove, pack, and store. Many hands . . .

Please put all trash in containers and empty all containers into the dump trailer. Clean your area.



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