

The Mustard Seed Advent, 02-Feb-2006

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Dear Lynn,

The message of the moment shows that the faithful and wise steward, the man of wisdom who has heard the *Rod*, the pastor after God's own heart, David, the "light of Israel" has arrived to instruct you in righteousness. He is the one who will show you and "your friends" how to "journey through the murky bogs" to receive the fountain. This water, once fully imbibed will restore man physically and spiritually. However, it's refreshing quality depends upon the recipients desire to consume by putting down the murky waters which they have subsisted on during their journey. VTH, EGW, MJ Bingham, and all others could not define the 144,000, as the *mustard seed* has, because they were consuming murky water, water mixed with dirt. Thus were we instructed to measure all their work by the Bible—the only approach to win for humanity life without death.

Ancient Israel's feast days and our compliance and participation therein is not even a doctrine included within *the Journey through the Bogs*—it has no water component to it—it is comparable to quick sand to entangle those who try to journey through that trail. True indeed, Israel was commanded to observe their feasts through-out their generations; but they violated the terms of the covenant under *Plan A* and were condemned to suffer under the alternate option for salvation, *Plan B*. Therefore has the Lord, during their long, 3000 year sojourn through *Time of the Gentiles* "given them UP":

"For the Lord shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the Lord to anger. And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin." —1Kings 14: 15, 16.

He will not re-gather them until Davidia gives birth to them: **"Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth"**—Mic 5: 3 (you missed this study last weekend). When this day arrives, then we will be able to observe the statutes of judgments of the Covenant under *Plan B*.

Ezek 20: 24-41 show this lesson even more clearly. It shows that Israel sinned and rejected God's "statutes, judgments, and Sabbaths", vrs 24. It shows that because of their prodigality, the Lord gave them alternative statutes and judgments, ones that were "not good"; He gave to them gentile oppression. And finally, according to the terms of *Plan B*, it shows that the Lord will rescue them while they suffer in America, "the wilderness of the people", and then He will bring them into the "bond of the Covenant" after pleading with them (through David) face to face like as he plead to them under the first Exodus scenario. When this happens, then the terms of the covenant "the bond of the Covenant" including the requirements to keep the feast will be restored—for this is Israel's commitment, his "bond" with the Lord. This bond is when Israel, the Covenant (Plan B), and the Land are reunited. But before they have their face to face communion with David, the Lord promises to ignore their sacrifices "gifts". Thus does *Ezek 20* finish its testimony by saying in verse 39-41:

*"As for you, O house of Israel thus saith the Lord God; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts and with your idols. For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, **THERE** shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the firstfruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. I will accept you with your sweet savour, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you before the heathen".*

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In view of the text, why would any think to observe any feast days when the Lord promises to ignore the gifts and the rituals of the very people to whom the feasts were dedicated until the day when they, Israel, are returned to Palestine? The Passover was the first festival to be instituted. It was established before ancient Israel left Egypt; yet, the Lord, Himself promised to not observe it until the Israel is reunited in the Land: “...**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**” —Luke 22: 15, 16. Why would any observe the Passover beforehand if the Lord Himself promises to not participate?

This issue has no comparison to the Sabbath question, for the Sabbath was made for man—not just the Hebrews. It commemorate the Lord’s creation of the heavens and the earth—an event which we all have obviously benefited from. The institution of the ceremonial feast was never established under the aegis of the *three angel’s message*. It was instituted by Ben Rhoden after VTH passed. He was warned that he was running ahead of the light and all who ignored those warnings from Bashan have paid a heavy price. You, my dear sister, can now see the fallacies of his spiritual indiscretions: being predominately gentile, they fell into the class of the oppressors of God’s people. Brother Davis, can tell you of their hostilities towards those whom the Lord has now defined for you to be Israel. They did not even believe that Blacks could be numbered among the 144,000, but only among the tribe of Dan (a presumed outcast tribe). We now know the people whom Israel truly represent, and seeing that they are not even in the church yet—not to mention the Palestinian Kingdom—they are in no position to become so presumptuous so as to celebrate Israel’s feasts. Don’t you think that it would be wise to “give birth to Israel” first before we teach them how to celebrate?

Regarding men to come, you are right, Joshua’s arrival onto the scene is to be expected in the near future. Christ (Michael) will also shortly rest upon David and that is a future event as well. However, these events will be communicated to Davidia through the house of David, this office, as these events are all part of the fountain which he manages. Elijah, promised to restore all things can be a prophecy of none other than David. Does David have more to learn?—yes indeed—the Scriptures unfold that he does. However, the issues of the ceremonial feasts have already been clarified for the saints on this side of the restored, Palestinian Kingdom!

I do not recommend that you “tuck this message away” with the other doctrines which you have embraced. My recommendation is that you cast aside the murky water which you have been feasting upon, and that you exploit for yourself this pristine fountain. In so doing, you will be required to cast out your idols, change many ideas, and learn the discipline of following the Lords written and verifiable, bible-based counsel and ignore all other voices.

Please tell your friends who object to some portions of the message that it was not sent to confirm prior themes (idols); it was sent to unfold the Lord’s righteousness. We must tear ourselves away from all non-scriptural ideas—no matter through whom we have received them.

Sincerely,

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