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What you MUST DO to be ready!!!

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Chapter 9

Moses

*“And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt...
WITH AN OUTSTRETCHED ARM...
and with signs, and with wonders”
(Deuteronomy 26:8)*

After a few hundred years in Egypt, the children of Israel had flourished, multiplying to a great number. Then, a new Pharaoh arose, bitterly enslaving them: *“Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens...And they made their lives bitter with **hard BONDAGE**, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field”* (Exodus 1:11, 14). This Israelite “bondage scene” perfectly portrayed what existed in the spirit world: Lucifer and his demons (Pharaoh and his Egyptian taskmasters) held and kept God’s spirit children (Israelites) in harsh bondage to sin & death—i.e. separated from God. (Remember, sorrow, pain, and work was/is the consequence of sin!) Do you see how God had created a spiritually-accurate, physical scenario ripe for (secretly and prophetically) revealing the supernatural (divine) deliverance work of the coming Messiah? Alright then, enter stage front...Moses!

Moses would be 80 years old when he went in front of Pharaoh to free the Israelites: *“And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron*

fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh” (Genesis 7:7). Thus, I have calculated his birth during mankind’s 2,558th year, since Jacob (Israel) entered Egypt in the 2,238th year and 400 years later God freed them through Moses. (Do the simple addition and subtraction.) Subsequently, on the Gregorian calendar Moses was born around 1414 BC (3972 BC – 2,558). In other words, Moses arrived on God’s gameboard around the middle of the 3rd millennial day in His 7 day (7,000 year) master plan for mankind on Earth. Watch carefully as God controls the events in Moses’ life to secretly paint a precise picture of the coming Messiah Jesus’ life—specifically, what he will endure and do on Earth! Try and picture God, behind the scenes, directing every secret prophetic circumstance.

Moses was born during a time when Pharaoh had made an edict to have all Israelite, newborn, male children killed: *“And he (Pharaoh) said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; **if it be a son, then ye shall kill him**”* (Exodus 1:16). This event prophesied of what it would be like when the Messiah was born, for Jesus would be born under the same conditions: King (Herod) declared death to the children in the town where Jesus was born: *“Then Herod...sent forth, and **slew all the children** that were in Beth-lehem, and in the coasts thereof, from two years old and under”* (Matthew 2:16). Around 600 BC, the prophet Jeremiah had foretold of these things concerning the coming Messiah: *“Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not”* (Matthew 2:17, 18). This prophecy was/is contained in Jeremiah 31:15. See, Moses’ birth foreshadowed the situation surrounding Jesus’ birth: women weeping for their dead children!

Fearing for baby Moses’ life, what did his mom do? She built an ARK to hide him in!!! The Bible records: *“And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could not longer hide him, **she took for him an ARK of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein**”* (Exodus 2:1-3). Are you kidding me? I could think of a hundred other things she could have done to

hide the baby, but she built an ARK, like Noah! Who do you think placed this remedy in her mind? That is right... God did, because this is HIS prophetic story about the coming Messiah, and an “ark” ALWAYS represents the spiritual Kingdom of God! Remember in Noah’s story? In that account the Ark (Kingdom of God) was rising up off of Earth’s surface holding 1 house of righteous people in its possession. But now in this story the ark (Kingdom of God) is holding a baby! See, by incorporating an “ark” into the events of baby Moses’ life, God was clandestinely revealing the Messiah would come to Earth as a baby! When Jesus grew up and began his ministry, he forcefully proclaimed; *“The TIME is fulfilled, and the **kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT ye, and believe the gospel**”* (Mark 1:15). Yes, the “kingdom of God” had arrived just like the story of Moses had predicted it would...in the form of a baby!

The Hebrew word for “ark” is “*tēbā*” and it simply means: box-shaped thing: chest, ark, basket. Astonishingly, the night Jesus was born he was placed in a “box-shaped thing” (manger) because Mary & Joseph could not find any available rooms in Bethlehem. Who do you think was controlling the events of that night? Right, again!!! Friend, God is a masterful storyteller and the harmony between the events in Moses’ & Jesus’ life is breathtaking. Look, Noah & Moses’ mother both built wooden “box-shaped things” (representing the Kingdom of God) that drifted on top of water; then, God authoritatively connected the Messiah back to those stories by having him lie in a wooden “box-shaped thing” the night of his birth! Truly, the “ark” symbolizes the Kingdom of God. (You will soon learn in the “wilderness” chapter that God had plans for ANOTHER “ark” to be built! And it too will symbolize the spiritual “Kingdom of God”.)

Floating in the reeds along a river’s edge, the ark was found by Pharaoh’s daughter and she kept the baby! Now what are the chances of that? Remember, Pharaoh’s house represents Satan’s Kingdom, and Satan became the “god of this world” when he coerced mankind to sin. So, in this detail God was revealing the Messiah would have to come to Satan’s world (planet Earth) to be tempted by him. Listen to what was written in the New Testament about Moses: *“By faith Moses, when he was come to years, REFUSED to be called the son of Pharaoh’s”*

*daughter; **Choosing rather to SUFFER AFFLICTION with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season***” (Hebrews 11:24, 25). Does this sound like Jesus? Of course! Christ refused ALL of Satan’s sinful, self-pleasuring temptations, and decided rather to SUFFER the AFFLICTION of the cross!

Pharaoh’s daughter named the baby from the way she found him. She called him “Moses”, meaning “drawn out”, because she drew him out of the water: “*And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses: and she said, Because I drew him out of the water*” (Exodus 2:10). Friend, GOD led her to give the baby that name! She was, unknowingly, prophesying that God would work through Moses to “draw out” or deliver His people (children of Israel) from Egyptian bondage! And of course this represents the Messiah’s work for Jesus would “draw out” mankind’s souls from Satan’s oppressive grasp.

Further solidifying the prophetic connection between Moses & Jesus, God also planned for Jesus to spend a little time in Egypt as a child! An angel advised Mary and Joseph to flee to Egypt with baby Jesus to escape king Herod’s child killing spree: “*behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child (Jesus) and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt*” (Matthew 2:13, 14). Matthew notes in his Gospel that the prophet Hosea had prophesied this about Jesus; “*And (Joseph, Mary, and Jesus) was there (in Egypt) until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son*” (Matthew 2:15). This prophecy is contained in Hosea 11:1. Why is God doing all of this? Why go to such great lengths to parallel the details between Moses & Jesus’ life? Because God wanted/wants mankind to **KNOW** the deliverance He worked through Moses was, truly, a prophetic picture of the deliverance He would work through Jesus!

Returning to the story flow, one day at the age of 40 Moses saw an Egyptian taskmaster beating an Israelite slave. Out of anger, Moses struck the taskmaster and killed him! Do you understand what this

incident is about, spiritually? Friend, God allowed this event to happen as a powerful VISUAL representation of what the Messiah was coming to planet Earth to do—namely, beat down Satan!!! See, Moses destroyed the Egyptian taskmaster like Jesus would destroy Satan’s kingdom. And since it would be an invisible, spiritual war, God drummed up this little incident in Moses’ life to SHOW mankind the Messiah’s work! Later, Jesus said, “*And from the days of John the Baptist until now the **kingdom of heaven suffereth violence**, and the violent take it by force*” (Matthew 11:12). Friend, Jesus came to conquer the Devil and take back his power over our sin & death, freeing mankind’s spirits from bondage. Jesus won that spiritual war!!! John the Revelator later confirmed the victory: “*I (Jesus) am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the **keys of hell and of death***” (Revelation 1:18). Yes, undoubtedly, Jesus defeated Lucifer and his cohorts (in the spiritual realm) just like Moses defeated the Egyptian taskmaster (in the physical realm)! NOW you know the spiritual significance behind the confrontation of Moses killing the Egyptian. Oh, but there is more revelation behind the incident’s details!

After Christ’s ascension, a man named Stephen became the first martyr for spreading the Good News about how Jesus Christ was the Messiah and how he had fulfilled the Old Testament Scriptures. Stephen had perfect understanding of the true spiritual implications behind the ancient Bible stories (parables) in the Jewish scrolls because he was full of the Holy Ghost, and he gave an impressive Biblical summary in front of the council of the high priest—which I encourage you to read in Acts chapter 7—before they killed him. He began with the story of Abraham and ended with Solomon’s story, but in between he brought up the incident of Moses killing the Egyptian taskmaster because he KNEW its true, prophetic, spiritual meaning!

Listen to his amazing summarization: “*And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds. And when he was FULL forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and **AVENGED him that was oppressed**, and smote the Egyptian: **For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that GOD by his hand would deliver them: but they understood***”

not” (Acts 7:22-25). Wow, do you understand what Stephen is saying? The Holy Spirit speaking through his lips KNEW the story of Moses was prophetically ALL about the Messiah, Jesus. Thus, by recalling this incident of Moses’ Stephen was declaring Jesus had come to Earth to avenge the oppressed souls of mankind, and that even though he supposed the Jews would recognize him as their Savior and that God’s hand was working through him to deliver them and ALL mankind from sin’s bondage: THEY DID NOT!!!

See, the Jewish religious leaders of Jesus’ day had NO idea the tale of Moses’ skirmish in their scrolls was actually prophesy about THEM that THEY would NOT recognize Jesus as their Savior! Is that not absolutely stunning? Having just killed Jesus, the Jews—slowly catching Stephen’s drift—listened, hotly, as he rolled on with his monologue: “*And the next day he (Moses) shewed himself unto them (Israelites) as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? But he that did his neighbor wrong thrust him away, saying, **Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?***” (Acts 7:26, 27). Oh, my!!! Friend, Jesus came to set mankind’s souls at ONE again with God’s Spirit by paying the death penalty for our sins of “wronging God and our neighbor” (which is disobeying the 10 Love Commandments). But the Israelite’s comment “*Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us*” again, unwittingly, prophesied the Jews would reject Jesus as their Savior and King! Yet, without question, Jesus IS the “Ruler and Judge” over ALL mankind. (Another prophetic revelation behind a detail of this “beat-down incident” in Moses’ life is coming near the end of this chapter and it will AMAZE you; then, I will finish Stephen’s dramatic story in the “*Holy Spirit*” chapter!)

Let us return to Moses’ account in the 14th Century BC. After the Pharaoh learned of his killing an Egyptian, Moses fled from Egypt, and the next 40 years he spent watching sheep for a man named Jethro in the land of Midian: “*Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro...and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb*” (Exodus 3:1). This part of Moses’ story (parable) reveals the coming Messiah, Jesus, would be a shepherd! Oh, but not of physical sheep, but of mankind (spiritual sheep)! Jesus emphatically

pronounced: **“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep...I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine”** (John 10:11, 14). See, a GOOD shepherd will put his life on the line to protect and defend his sheep, and Jesus was on Earth to do EXACTLY that! In fact, Jesus would give his life for his sheep during mankind’s 4,000th year, just like Moses watched over his sheep for 40 years. Again, God is painting a picture-perfect portrait of Jesus’ life through Moses’ life.

Guiding sheep through a desert and now 80 years old, one day Moses was accosted by God from a burning bush: **“I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob...I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their SORROWS; And I am come down to DELIVER them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey... Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt”** (Exodus 3:6-10). Wow, by now you should understand EXACTLY what God is saying here, spiritually! What perfect language to describe mankind’s spiritual condition after Adam & Eve’s sin, for God saw it all!!! He knew well the pain, sorrow, and tears. But He was going to send the Messiah to Earth to deliver us and bring all righteous souls back home to the Kingdom of God (Promise Land).

It is here at the “burning bush scene” that God first describes the “Promise Land” as **“a land flowing with milk and honey”**. Remember, the “Promise Land” also symbolizes the “Kingdom of God (or Heaven)”—i.e. the spiritual place where God dwells, the Tree of Life stands, and all the righteous souls will live eternally! Knowing this, **you should now recognize God has the Israelite’s story (parable) set up perfectly to clearly EXPOSE the TRUTH concerning EVERYTHING involved in mankind’s spiritual journey back to union with Him—i.e. mankind’s freedom (salvation) from bondage to sin & death and what (if anything) mankind needs to DO to make it to and enter the Promise Land and receive eternal life!** In other words, avidly studying every detail of God’s parable concerning what it took for the Israelites to enter

the Promise Land uncovers **PRECISELY** what it takes for a human soul to obtain eternal life by entering the Kingdom of God (The Land flowing with milk and honey)!!!

THIS was the amazing spiritual revelation God gave me on the Sabbath morning of Saturday December 8th, 2007, right after I woke up, while still lying in my bed!!! It was like a super-bright light bulb clicked on, illuminating the TRUTH of the Bible's entire purpose and meaning! I have attended thousands of church services and NEVER heard this truth. Friend, the only reason God created the Israelite's bondage, freedom, and journey to the Promise Land story was to plainly explain everything involved with mankind's spiritual journey back to God. Allow me to briefly introduce you to the parable's 5 step Truth:

1. **Physical:** While the Israelite children were in bondage to the Egyptians, they had NO possible way to get to the Promise Land in Canaan because the Egyptians held the power of death over them—i.e. the Egyptians would kill them if they tried to leave.

Spiritual: While God's spirit children were in bondage to sin, they had NO possible way to get to the Kingdom of God (the place of eternal life where God's life-giving Spirit dwells) because they had ALL sinned. Therefore, Satan held the power of death over them—i.e. sin had mankind's souls hopelessly, spiritually separated from God's Spirit of Life.

2. **Physical:** God personally, supernaturally delivered the Israelite children out of Egyptian bondage by working through Moses to plague Pharaoh 10 times.

Spiritual: God personally, supernaturally delivered His spirit children out of bondage to sin by working through Jesus to atone for ALL their sins—i.e. disobedience to the 10 Love Commandments).

3. **Physical:** God's salvation placed the Israelite children in

a wilderness, but at least a WAY to the Promise Land was now open—i.e. Canaan land was attainable.

Spiritual: God's salvation placed His spirit children in a wilderness, but at least a WAY to the Kingdom of God was now open—i.e. eternal life was attainable.

- 4. Physical:** IF the Israelite children would obey God's 10 Love Commandments (written by God's finger on stone), He would lead them through the wilderness on a journey to enter the Promise Land.

Spiritual: IF God's spirit children will obey His 10 Love Commandments (written on their hearts by God), He will lead them through the wilderness on a journey to enter the Kingdom of God and obtain eternal life!

- 5. Physical:** IF the Israelite children willingly disobeyed God's 10 Love Commandments, they would DIE in the wilderness and never enter the Promise Land.

Spiritual: IF God's spirit children willingly disobey His 10 Love Commandments, they Will DIE in Earth's wilderness and never enter the Kingdom of God—i.e. they will NOT inherit eternal life!

Are you stunned? How simple! How beautiful! How pure! This revelation is PRICELESS. It would easily be worth 1 million dollars for this revelation!!! What would you pay to absolutely KNOW how to obtain eternal life for your soul? What would you pay to have all your Biblical confusion cleared up? Friend, the spiritual message delivered by the guest speaker God through the skit enacted by the "chosen" Israelite's story (parable) explains EVERYTHING involved in mankind's spiritual journey back to God, for it brings to light "obtaining eternal life" is a "2-part process" or "2-part equation": (Christ's sinless death) + (your repentance) = eternal life!!! Look, "God's salvation (or deliverance)

part” was 100% His doings (“*not of any man’s works*”), but “mankind’s part” is to REPENT of sin (stop disobeying and start obeying God’s 10 Love Commandments). See, IF these 2 conditions (parts) are met, that soul will obtain eternal life! And you know as well as me “God’s part” was/is already done, met, & finished through Jesus Christ at the Cross of Calvary, effective for EVERY man or woman who has EVER lived on Earth. So how are you doing with your part?

Let me show you how valuable comprehension of this Israelite story (parable) is at clearing up satanically inspired, Scripture-twisted confusion (regarding what a soul MUST DO to obtain eternal life) by giving you some food-for-thought questions. For instance, while the Israelites were in bondage in Egypt could they have freed themselves and entered Canaan (the Promise Land) simply by making the decision to start obeying God’s 10 Love Commandments? **ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!** That was NOT going to free them from the Egyptians! Do you see? Likewise, a soul’s decision to start obeying God’s 10 Love Commandments would never ALONE have allowed them to return to God and obtain eternal life in His Kingdom, for ALL mankind was already in bondage to sin because “WE ALL have SINNED”.

Consequently, the Israelites NEEDED God’s GIFT of supernatural deliverance (salvation) through Moses to free them from their Egyptian bondage, which THEN made their decision to obey God’s 10 Love Commandments in the wilderness the deciding factor in their obtaining entrance into the Promise Land. Likewise, mankind’s souls NEEDED God’s gift of supernatural deliverance (salvation) through Christ’s sinless death on the cross to free them from their bondage to sin, which THEN makes our decision to obey God’s 10 Love Commandments (repentance) the deciding factor in our obtaining eternal life by entering the Kingdom of God. Do you understand? In other words, MANKIND CAN NEVER BRAG THAT THEY WILL OBTAIN ETERNAL LIFE BECAUSE OF THEIR WORKS ALONE!!! That is just plain silliness. Thus, Paul accurately wrote: “*Not of works, lest any man should BOAST*” (*Ephesians 2:9*). But be forewarned, Paul is in NO WISE implying here that our works (obeying the 10 Love Commandments) do not matter! To believe that is to ignore the rest of his writings. I will discuss more of this, later.

Here is another question that can be fully elucidated through careful thought (or consideration of) the Israelite’s story (parable), and I will give a for-instance scenario: After let us say some 30 years in the wilderness, do you think a young 20 year old Israelite’s KNOWLEDGE and BELIEF in the STORY of HOW God delivered the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage through Moses would ALONE allow him/her to obtain entrance into Canaan (the Promise Land)? In other words, this child was born in the wilderness sometime after God’s miraculous deliverance event had happened through Moses and has only been told the story! The correct answer to the question is...ABSOLUTELY NOT!!! Friend, Israel’s freedom (salvation) gift through God’s hand was a FACT regardless of what any Israelite thought about it. Do you understand? Likewise, whether or not you have heard, know, or believe in Christ’s freedom (salvation) story—i.e. dying on a cross, rising from the dead, etc.—is BY ITSELF useless in obtaining your soul eternal life!!! Friend, mankind’s salvation (freedom from sin) is a FACT whether you believe it or not. Wrestle with this revelation until you understand it completely!

Consequently, ALL a new Israelite child needed to DO to obtain entrance into the Promise Land was “OBEY God’s 10 Love Commandments” as you will soon clearly see in the “*Wilderness*” chapter. (Note: The child’s parents told them the amazing story of God’s deliverance through Moses ONLY to bolster their belief in the invisible, Almighty, Creator God so the child would have further reason to WANT to OBEY God’s 10 Love Commandments!) Likewise, ALL God’s spirit children need to DO to obtain eternal life (enter the Kingdom of God) is to “OBEY God’s 10 Love Commandments”! (Note: We, too, should tell all mankind the amazing story of God’s deliverance through Jesus—especially, how he fulfilled all the secret, prophetic stories in the Old Testament Scriptures!—ONLY to bolster their belief in the invisible, Almighty, Creator God so they will have further reason to WANT to OBEY God’s 10 Love Commandments.) See how clear the “Truth” becomes by understanding the Israelite’s account? You can answer all of your questions concerning “how to obtain eternal life” by addressing them through the Israelite’s story (parable)! I will discuss many New Testament Bible verses throughout the rest of this book, and

if you keep this Israelite parable in mind, you will understand every passage perfectly!

Alright, let us return to the amazing story of Moses at the “burning bush event”. After God instructed him to go before Pharaoh and demand he let the Israelite children go, Moses was fearful Pharaoh would not believe he had heard from the Creator God, so God gave him a convincing sign: “*And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and **it became a serpent**; and Moses fled from before it*” (Exodus 4:2, 3). How about that? God could have turned Moses’ rod into anything, but He turned it into a snake!!! Why? Think about it friend, mankind knew the story of Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden, and they knew what a serpent represented. It embodied Satan: It was God’s physical symbol of the “evil one” who had tricked mankind into their pitiful, sorrowful, sinful condition. Moses shrieked back in horror at the sight of a serpent! But then God commanded Moses to take the serpent by the tail, which turned the snake back into a lifeless rod. Do you see what God was doing? This was a perfect sign to convince Moses he was conversing with the one, true, powerful God that had created heaven and Earth. Through this miraculous sign involving the supernatural appearance and disappearance of a serpent, God was actually declaring to Moses, “I AM the one who has power over Lucifer and sin; thus, I AM the one who can and will deliver mankind’s souls!”

Moses obeyed God and stood before Pharaoh demanding he free the Israelites. But God hardened Pharaoh’s heart 10 times so He could send 10 supernatural plagues on him through Moses’ hand to symbolically prophesy the Messiah Jesus would FULLY free mankind’s souls from ALL of sin, for ALL moral sin is wrapped up in the 10 Love Commandments! Therefore, this part of the story (parable) supports the previous story (parable) of Jacob & Laban, where Laban deceived Jacob 10 times. Friend, make no mistake about it, God displayed 10 acts of DIVINE power to prove his victory (freedom) over sin would be complete! Later, the Bible validated: “*the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from ALL sin*” (1 John 1:7). See, God could have sent 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 18, or any number of plagues on Pharaoh, but only 10 perfectly

articulated what He was expressing, spiritually!

Now you know why God kept hardening Pharaoh's heart after each plague: "*And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land*" (Exodus 11:10). Friend, God was telling the story of our salvation and every detail had to be perfect! There HAD to be 10 supernatural plagues to represent God's total triumph over sin. Shoot, God was not only controlling the Pharaoh's heart; He was controlling EVERYTHING that was happening!

After 9 supernatural plagues of frogs, flies, locusts, etc. it was time for the 10th and final plague. And what would it be? The plague of DEATH! Now how perfect is that? For from WHAT was Jesus coming to Earth to free mankind's souls? Spiritual DEATH—spiritual separation from God!!! In other words, God chose the perfect final divine (supernatural) plague to correctly represent the Messiah's future work of deliverance. Not knowing what God was doing and infuriated at Pharaoh's continual hardened heart, Moses fumed to Pharaoh: "*Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall DIE, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts... And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger*" (Exodus 11:4-8). See, God has set up a spiritually flawless liberation scene, because the Israelite children are going to escape bondage as they, simultaneously, are being saved from death. It was/is an impeccable picture of what Jesus did for mankind, spiritually, at the cross of Calvary!

Furthermore, thrown into the mix of this "deliverance-from-death scene" will be God's FULL development of His "sacrificial lamb" concept. (Remember, He had intermittently hinted at the concept throughout history by clothing Adam & Eve's "nakedness" with animal skins He slaughtered in the Garden of Eden, accepting Abel's lamb offering, and providing a ram for Abraham's sacrifice after stopping him from slaughtering his son, Isaac.) But now my friend, the prophetic detail God reveals, yet conceals, concerning the coming Messiah's life in His exact instructions for the Israelite's "sacrificial lamb" flaunts ridiculously crazy wisdom. I pray I can express it clearly so that you

can truly grasp it all! Then, as always, cogitate the remarkable fact that the Jewish people of Jesus' day did not understand their (and ALL mankind's) Messiah had to first be God's "Sacrificial Lamb" and that he was perfectly fulfilling everything God had asked their fathers (the Israelites) to do with their lamb the week they escaped Egyptian bondage over 1,300 years earlier!

Here was God's deal with the Israelites in Egypt: To be safe from the 10th and final death plague, they were to "kill a lamb" and smear its blood on the doorposts of their houses; then when the death angel saw the blood he would PASS-OVER them and not kill anyone in that house! (Eventually, the lamb became known as the "Passover Lamb".) Now where did God get a crazy idea like that? Just think of the almost limitless number of "things" God could have asked the Israelites to do to escape the death plague! I could think of a thousand different things God could have had them do, but to "kill a lamb" would not have been one of them. Do you see? But God wanted to further develop the concept of a "sacrificial lamb" because it secretly prophesied that it would take a MAN'S sinless blood—as the true sacrificial Passover Lamb!—to atone for mankind's sins, freeing their souls from spiritual death. Let us investigate God's amazing, PROPHETIC instructions concerning Israel's Passover lamb.

Incidentally, as God furnished Moses with each specific, detailed instruction concerning the Passover lamb, one wonders if the Israelite children were thinking, "Moses, what is the purpose of ALL this? Your instructions sound psychotically crazy!" Friend, God got right down to the nitty-gritty and even told them exactly what day of the month to pick their lamb and what day of the month to kill it! Come on! Who cares, right? WHAT on planet Earth was God up to with all this exactness? Oh, my friend, it is absolutely, positively, prophetically stunning!

Allow me to set the stage: It was now mankind's 2,638th year (1334 BC) after Creation; thus, it is approximately the middle of God's 3rd millennial day in His 7 day (7,000 year) plan for mankind on Earth. It is early springtime in Egypt—probably only days before the spring equinox!—and God instructs Moses: "*This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the TENTH DAY of*

this month they shall take to them every man a LAMB, according to the house of their fathers, a LAMB for an house... And ye shall keep it up until the **FOURTEENTH** day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening" (Exodus 12:2, 3, 6). Note: The Israelites used a lunar calendar, alternating 29 & 30 day months based on the moon's apparent 29½ day cycle. Consequently, their months began when the first sliver of the new moon was seen. So, from the above verse we know a new lunar month must have just begun when God talked to Moses about the details of the sacrificial lamb, because He said, "This month..." Therefore, the night they were to "choose a lamb" was less than 10 days away because God said pick the lamb on the 10th day of that month and kill it on the 14th day! WHY did God single out the 10th & 14th days of a lunar month? The answer to this is mind-boggling, and I will tell you soon! But for now just know this 1st month on the Jewish calendar later became named the month of "Nissan".

God continued to speak to Moses: "Your lamb shall be...a MALE of the first year" (Exodus 12:5). Here, God was resolutely revealing the Messiah, Jesus, would positively be a man! Sure enough, the angel of the Lord told Joseph: "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a SON, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for HE shall save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20, 21). Without a doubt, Jesus was a man, and THAT is why God demanded the Israelite's Passover lamb be male.

God charged Moses: "Your lamb shall be WITHOUT BLEMISH" (Exodus 12:5). With this command God foreshadowed the Messiah would live a sinless life! Later, Peter wrote about Jesus: "...because Christ also suffered for us, **WHO DID NO SIN**, neither was guile found in his mouth" (I Peter 2:21, 22). Yes, only a 100% sinless human being could pay the awful "death penalty" for mankind's sins by offering themselves up as a sacrifice. And THAT is exactly what Jesus did!!! Peter exclaimed: "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH and without spot" (I Peter 1:19). Therefore, as the children of Israel were intently inspecting their flocks for a male lamb without defect, spot, or wrinkle, they were unsuspectingly and

unknowingly foreshadowing the purity of the true, sacrificial, Passover Lamb of God, who was Jesus Christ!

God then instructed Moses to caution the Israelites to not break a bone of their chosen lamb: “*And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the Passover...NEITHER SHALL YE BREAK A BONE thereof” (Exodus 12:43, 46). Friend, this amazingly foretold that Jesus would not have a bone broke in his body!!! Centuries later, around 1000 BC, God prophesied directly through King David the same thing about the coming Messiah: “*He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken” (Psalms 34:20). Astonishingly, the day Jesus hung on the cross not one bone in his body was broken, even though the two thieves who were crucified alongside of him both had their legs broken to hasten their death: “*Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they BRAKE NOT HIS LEGS... For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken” (John 19:32-36). Do you see? God knew everything the “Lamb of God (Jesus)” would go through, and He was perfectly, prophetically representing it through the Israelite’s Passover lamb in Egypt!***

God commanded the Israelites to kill their lamb on the 14th of Nissan and to eat its flesh that night: “*And they shall EAT THE FLESH in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it” (Exodus 12:8). See, when you eat something IT becomes a part of you—i.e. atoms in the food lodge in the cells of your physical body and are carried around with you for years! Subsequently, the spiritual implication behind “*eating the flesh of the lamb*” is very deep and powerful. Jesus would say, “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye EAT THE FLESH of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:5). The Jewish people who were listening to Jesus speak did not understand he was the true Passover Lamb and that he was talking spiritually, so they grumbled; “*How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” (John 6:52). But do you know what Jesus meant? Do you know what it means to “eat Christ’s flesh”?***

Friend, Jesus is the “Word of God”! John wrote: “*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us*” (John 1:14). You will learn in the “Word of God” chapter that the “WORD OF GOD” to mankind is for them to love Him and to love their neighbor as themselves, which simply means to obey the 10 LOVE Commandments! Look, do you remember God IS love? Well, since Jesus came FROM God, then he was a walking “fleshly” embodiment of Love. In other words, Jesus was Love (the Word of God) in the flesh—obviously, because he never disobeyed any of the 10 Love Commandments, for he never sinned. So here is the meaning of Jesus’ words: If you want to obtain eternal life, you will have to eat Love, which is Jesus’ spiritual flesh or his words. “Love” will then lodge in your spirit, propelling you to WANT to obey God’s 10 Love Commandments. Yes, friend, Jesus’ alarming words to “*eat my flesh*” were really nothing more than a fancy way of again commanding people to REPENT of sin (by obeying the 10 Love Commandments) to obtain eternal life!

Listen, to “*eat Christ’s flesh*” is a spiritual thing. Jesus confirmed: “*It is written, Man shall NOT live by bread alone, but by every WORD that proceedeth out of the mouth of God*” (Matthew 4:4). See, eating fleshly food (atoms) can only sustain your physical body, but to eat God’s WORDS (DO the 10 Love Commandments) will sustain your soul eternally!!! Therefore, I pray you masticate a healthy serving of Jesus’ flesh daily, until His Love metabolizes into your heart, oozes out of you mouth, and turns your soul into love. Jesus said, “*He that EATETH MY FLESH, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him*” (John 6:56). Now you know why God commanded the Israelites to “*eat the flesh*” of their Passover lamb. Everyone who receives eternal life will have eaten the Words (flesh) of the true Passover Lamb of God (Christ)!

Returning to God’s instructions to Moses concerning the Israelite’s Passover lamb, He commanded the Israelites to spread the blood of their sacrificed lambs on the 3 doorposts of their houses: “*And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it...And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the HOUSES where ye 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” (Exodus 12:7, 13). Therefore, that fateful night in Egypt when the death angel was riding, only people inside houses with the “BLOOD of the LAMB” on them were saved from death. (Remember, if God’s “Spirit of Love” dwells inside your heart, then you are part of the “HOUSE of Christ”.) Can you visualize the precise, prophetic, spiritual picture God was painting through the Israelite’s story (concerning the coming Messiah) with the saving “blood of a lamb” running down the wooden doorposts of their houses? The bloody sight foreshadowed Jesus’ death: blood running down the center wooden beam (upper door post) where Jesus head hung and two ends of the wooden cross beam (two side posts) where Jesus hands were nailed! And Jesus did it all to save mankind’s souls from spiritual DEATH, just like God saved the Israelites from the plague of death!!!

See, the REAL death Jesus experienced on the cross was spiritual separation from his Father (the source of all life). That is why Jesus vociferated, “*My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*” (Mark 15:34). Look, Jesus’ death on the cross was an invisible, spiritual event. In other words, the real battle was being waged in the spirit world! Jesus was winning victory over true death (spiritual separation from God) for mankind’s souls by separating his soul from God’s Spirit: “*when thou (God) shalt make his (Jesus) SOUL an offering for sin*” (Isaiah 53:10). But for our sakes, God made the imperceptible event openly visible and knowable to mankind by creating the whole prophetic “sacrificial Passover Lamb” scenario. THAT is how God confirmed to mankind the “spiritual event” actually took place and that our soul’s freedom has been won!!! Do you understand? Thus, from our perspective, when we speak of our spiritual deliverance we talk about the BLOOD of Jesus Christ. Why is that? It is because the soul resides in the blood, and Christ’s soul is what God “offered up” as a ransom for our sins! Paul wrote: “*Giving thanks unto the Father... Who hath DELIVERED us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: **In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins***” (Colossians 1:12-14). Truly, we have been delivered from sin’s death curse by the holy, righteous blood of the Lamb, which now has POWER to save our souls—i.e. provide us with

forgiveness for our sins—from eternal, spiritual death!

Notice, of all God's created, physical animals He chose a white lamb to symbolize the Messiah's spiritual purity. See, a sweet, humble, innocent lamb harms nothing and cannot speak or defend itself. Around 800 BC, Isaiah prophesied about the coming Messiah: "He (Jesus) was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a LAMB to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7). See, Jesus was THAT Lamb!!! The Bible records: "And when he (Jesus) was accused of the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly" (Matthew 27:12-14). Friend, Jesus was/is the innocent, loving, Passover Lamb of God!

Alright...back in Egypt, 1334 BC, sundown finally occurred bringing in nighttime and the beginning of Nissan 14th. And God's secret, prophetic, "salvation" story (parable) played out according to His plan like a well-conducted symphony: The Israelites killed their 10th-of-Nissan chosen, unblemished, male lamb; collected its blood and applied it to the 3 doorposts of their house; roasted its unbroken-boned flesh with fire and consumed it; then cowered in fear, waiting inside their houses as God's death angel PASSED OVER killing all the Egyptian firstborn. As you can imagine, the cry in Egypt was terrible that night for every "house" without blood on its doorposts had something dead in it! In a panic, Pharaoh rose up in the middle of the night and demanded the Israelites leave Egypt, immediately. See, **GOD** was supernaturally DELIVERING the Israelites from their bondage!!!

Of course the parable would NOT be spiritually accurate without the Israelites leaving with Egypt's riches! So like Abraham & Sarah escaped with Pharaoh's riches and Jacob ran away with Laban's riches, the Israelites fled with Egypt's riches: "And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. **And they SPOILED the Egyptians**" (Exodus 12:35, 36). (Notice again how God was controlling everything:

for “*the LORD gave the Israelites favor!*”) Friend, God’s prophetic parable HAD to be spiritually accurate. Stunningly, the Holy Spirit moved Paul to use the EXACT same language (as Moses above) in describing Jesus’ invisible, spirit-world victory over Satan as he died on the cross for mankind’s sins, making us spiritually rich: “*And having SPOILED principalities and powers*” (*Colossians 2:15*). Do you see? God used the word “*spoiled*” in both cases to further confirm the Israelite story was/is precisely what I am telling you: A secret, prophetic parable about mankind’s Messiah.

Next, came the chase scene. (Remember Laban pursuing Jacob?) God hardened the Pharaoh’s heart one last time, and in front of the Red Sea God played out the final scene of the Israelite’s deliverance from their Egyptian bondage, visually showing and foretelling what would “happen” in the invisible, spirit world as the Messiah delivered mankind’s souls out of bondage while dying on a cross! In other words, the scene was “set up” PERFECTLY by God to display the freedom the Messiah would one day win for His spirit children: The RED Sea represented a physical obstacle impossible for the Israelites to cross or PASS OVER on their own accord, just like sin in the hearts of ALL mankind had our souls permanently separated from God’s Spirit of Life and made spiritually reuniting with Him impossible. Watch now as God works through Moses (representing Jesus) in a “specific manner” to PART the Red Sea and supernaturally free the Israelites, all to visually demonstrate how He would one day work through the Messiah to supernaturally free mankind’s souls and open up a way for them to PASSOVER to (or reunite with) Him!

Trapped in front of the impassable Red Sea, God told Moses to stretch out his hands: “*And the LORD said unto Moses...lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea*” (*Exodus 14:15, 16*). Moses obeyed, God parted the Red Sea, and the Israelites scurried across to freedom on dry ground. Later, Moses would write about God’s salvation: “*And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders*” (*Deuteronomy 26:8*). Do you see? The scene foreshadowed the way in which Jesus

would deliver mankind's souls out of bondage: With outstretched arms on a cross, dividing the temple veil in two which led into the Holy of Holies (the place where God's Spirit dwelled!), symbolizing the WAY back to God was now open to mankind's souls: "*And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom*" (Mark 13:37, 38). See, God could have told Moses to "strike" the water to part it, but that would not have been an accurate portrayal of the "manner" in which the Messiah would free (deliver) us.

Then, God finished off his spiritually accurate parable by making an "OPEN SHOW" of His victory over the Egyptians (Satan's kingdom) by destroying ALL of them in the Red Sea. THIS was to precisely represent how God would destroy ALL of Satan's power of death over mankind's souls through Jesus! How did it happen? God caused the Egyptians to pursue the Israelites into the parted red sea: "*And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen*" (Exodus 14:23). Then, God told Moses to raise his arms once again: "*And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen*" (Exodus 14:26). This time when Moses (Jesus) "*stretched out his hands*" God destroyed the Egyptian army in the sea: "*And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and ALL the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; **there remained not so much as one of them***" (Exodus 14:28). What an awesome, FUTURISTIC, visual display of God's total annihilation of Satan's spiritual kingdom of darkness through the Messiah on the cross over 1,300 years later. Paul wrote about what Jesus' death DID in the invisible, spirit world: "*And having spoiled principalities and powers, he (God working through Jesus) made **a SHEW of them OPENLY, triumphing over them in it***" (Colossians 2:15). Do you see? Paul's Messianic description is EXACTLY what God DID to the Egyptians at the Red Sea!

Listen to the Psalmist's words recounting God's deliverance of the Israelites and victory over the Egyptians: "*He (God) rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up: so he led them through the depths...*

And he (God) SAVED them from the hand of him that hated them, and REDEEMED them from the hand of the enemy. And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left” (Psalms 106:9-11). Wow, is that not a perfect summation of what God did for us through Jesus’ death on the cross? God SAVED us and REDEEMED us from the hand of our enemy, Satan, who hated us: “Who (Jesus) gave himself for us, that he might REDEEM us from ALL iniquity (sin)” (Titus 2:14)!!! Yes, truly, God’s deliverance (salvation) of the Israelites at the Red Sea was a secret, prophetic story (parable) representing how God would deliver (save) mankind’s souls from bondage to sin & death (spiritual separation from His Spirit) through the Messiah, making reunion with Him (eternal life) possible.

Jesus summed up his Earthly mission for mankind’s souls when he said, “The thief (Satan) cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). See, Satan came/comes to kill and destroy mankind’s souls—to permanently separate them from God’s Spirit in hell—but Jesus came to Earth to give mankind’s souls life—to make REUNION with God’s Spirit of Life possible! Jesus accomplished this “MIGHT have life” part on the cross when he paid mankind’s death sentence for sin, giving ALL of our souls a CHANCE at “spiritual life” again by opening up a WAY back to God! The word “abundantly” comes from the Greek word “perissos” meaning: exceeding, going beyond. In saying “that they might have life more ABUNDANTLY”, Christ was referring to the ETERNAL LIFE only the righteous souls (those who repent of sin!) will obtain one day when they receive their glorified bodies and enter into the glorious, spectacular Kingdom of God —i.e. the place where the lion will lie down with the Lamb, where there will be no more pain or tears, etc! Now THAT is why Jesus came to Earth!!!

Did you notice Jesus’ words above had/have absolutely NOTHING to do with gaining or obtaining materialistic possessions down here on planet Earth right now? Yet, today, spiritually deceived, devil-inspired, self-indulgent, prideful, prosperity-gospel “preachers” falsely flaunt this Bible verse like a neon sign to continually promote their own greed! Can you hear them? “I am living the ABUNDANT life!” Ugghhhhhh...I want to vomit every time I hear one of these

vipers twist my Savior's powerful spiritual words of Truth above only to promote their own covetousness!!! Millions will be led to hell by internalizing these "preacher's" (agents of Satan) message, for "greed for dirt" is the root of ALL evil (sin)! (I will tell you the unadulterated Biblical truth about money in the "*Love of Money*" chapter later in this book.) But for now please realize and understand NO ONE on Earth today is living the "*abundant life*" Jesus referred to, for it will only occur when the righteous receive their new bodies in his Kingdom! Mankind has not even dreamed of that kind of ABUNDANT life. That is why Paul wrote: "*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the THINGS which God hath prepared for them that love him*" (I Corinthians 2:9).

Let us return to God's Israelite "salvation story (parable)" and see what else we can learn from it about our soul's salvation. God recorded 2 reasons in the Bible for saving (or delivering) the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage. You will learn they are the exact same 2 reasons God saved (or delivered) mankind's souls out of sin's bondage! Listen to God's motives for saving the Israelites: "*The LORD did not set his love upon you (Israelites), nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: **But because the Lord LOVED you, and because he would keep the OATH which he had sworn unto your fathers,** hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt*" (Deuteronomy 7:7, 8). See, God's 2 reasons for redeeming (saving or delivering) the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage were "love & a promise". Let us now take a look at what the Bible says were the 2 reasons God delivered mankind's souls out of bondage to sin.

Remember God's promise to Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden? The Bible records: "*And I will put enmity between thee (Satan) and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel*" (Genesis 3:15). See, God had PROMISED mankind a savior from a woman's seed from the beginning, which was Mary's child, Jesus! And, of course, God LOVES His spirit children: "*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.*

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through HIM might be SAVED” (John 3:16, 17). Paul wrote: “But God commendeth his LOVE toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). There you have it...the 2 reasons are the same!!! God saved (delivered) mankind’s souls from bondage to sin & death because He loved us and promised He would. Thus, even God’s 2 reasons for freeing the Israelites from Egyptian bondage (love & a promise) perfectly foretold WHY He would free mankind’s souls. Seriously, could the “salvation story (parable)” of the Israelites have been any more prophetically, spiritually accurate?

Oh, but there is even more God clandestinely prophesied about mankind’s salvation through the details He controlled in the Israelite’s story! And these details, staggeringly, dealt with the TIMING of the fulfillment of His plans by the Messiah!!! I know it is mind-boggling to believe God did this, but He did. In fact, God not only prophesied the year the Messiah would deliver mankind’s souls out of bondage, but He had also foretold the very day during THAT year! Incidentally, God has done the very same thing concerning the Messiah’s 2nd Coming!!! I know, I know: “But of that DAY and HOUR knoweth no man” (Matthew 24:36). Yet Jesus commanded: “when ye shall see all these things, KNOW that it is near, EVEN AT THE DOORS” (Matthew 24:33). You are going to learn in this book that even though God clearly prophesied the YEAR (and DAY during THAT year!) of Christ’s 2nd Coming, it is still IMPOSSIBLE to pinpoint when that VERY day is! And it is preposterous for someone to think they know the hour! Therefore, listen to me plainly; Jesus words “of that day and hour knoweth no man” were/are true—of course!—for I CANNOT give you an ABSOLUTE date or hour for Christ’s return, but I will eventually tell you what God has clearly prophesied about “it” through the circumstances He controlled in the Israelite’s story, but this will not be complete until the last chapter, “Joshua”.

By the way, keep in mind the parable God so graciously gave me of the Guest Speaker: The Israelites are God’s chosen volunteers enacting out a “skit” to help God communicate His message—which at the time was mostly prophetic!—to ALL mankind. This means to turn your head away from the “things” God asked the Israelites to do

(because you do not want to hear or learn about that “boring stuff”) is like sticking your fingers in your ears and covering your eyes with the palms of your hands the moment the Guest Speaker called the volunteers upfront during his speech at the High School. Please do NOT be that dumb! With that said, let us return to the Israelite’s story (parable) and investigate the secret meaning behind God’s 3 “timing details”—which foretold exactly WHEN Jesus would PROVIDE SALVATION for mankind’s souls during His 1st Coming.

Let us begin by investigating God’s seemingly psychotic 2 requirements (details) that the Israelites choose their Passover lamb on the 10th of Nissan and kill it on the 14th of Nissan. Come on!!! What is up with God? Why so specific, and why THOSE particular days of a lunar month? You should clearly know by now God has a reason and purpose for EVERYTHING He does! And since Jesus fulfilled every “condition” God gave the Israelites concerning their Passover Lamb—i.e. male, unblemished, no bone broke, etc.—it should be of NO surprise to you that the true Passover Lamb, Jesus, fulfilled these prophetic conditions (dates), too. And he most certainly did!!! But I must tell you the WHOLE story of what God did concerning this “subject” to do it justice, so bare with me on this moderately complex matter.

Back in 1334 BC, the Israelites were now in a wilderness on the Saudi Arabia side of the Red Sea, having just watched the Egyptian army drown. It is here, during the next several months that God gave Moses many more specific instructions for the fledgling nation of Israeli people to carry out—e.g. detailed dimensions for building a moveable, tent-like tabernacle; detailed designs for crafting specific items to go inside the tabernacle, like the Table of Showbread and the brazen ALTAR for making daily sacrifices, etc. Later, under King Solomon’s rule in the 10th century BC, the tabernacle was built as a building known as the Temple. A study of the Tabernacle (Temple) and its “items” reveal a shadow of the Messiah’s work! But I want to look at something else God instituted with the Israelites—namely, 7 Holy Convocations or Feasts (festivals) to be observed annually. (Do not forget, all of these “things” God is asking the Israelites to do are still part of the skit He is directing them to play out to communicate a message (or information) to ALL mankind!)

The 7 yearly Feasts, also, prophetically spoke about the Messiah (Jesus) and the “things” he would accomplish for mankind’s souls. But what is positively stunning is the “time (day) of year” God established for the Feasts to be observed annually was actually the EXACT time “during the year” when Christ would fulfill the “meaning” behind that particular Feast! In other words, the 7 Feasts were/are prophetic, yearly DATES (based on the Israelite’s lunar calendar) and “subjects” the Messiah would/will satisfy!!! Of course the Israelites did not know this either at the time, but in hindsight Jesus fulfilled the “topics” of the first 3 Feasts on their EXACT day(s) during his 1st Coming (during year 4,000), and he fulfilled the 4th Feast’s “topic” on its exact day that same year, which happened to be 10 days after his ascension into heaven. And we would be naïve to not realize he WILL fulfill the “topics” of the last 3 Feasts on their exact (yearly celebrated) day(s) during his 2nd Coming [See Figure #5 page 182].

The 7 Holy Feasts encompass a total of 18 days throughout the year, and 7 of those days are High Sabbaths. (Please understand since the Feast days are specific NUMBERED days based on a lunar month, which is 29 or 30 days—not an even multiple of 7—they can and do fall on any given day of the week—Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thu, Fri, or Sat—depending on the year in question. Think about it!) Therefore, the 7 Holy SABBATH Feast days—“*thou shalt do no work*” days—are called “High Sabbaths”, because they are Sabbaths IN ADDITION to the weekly 7th day Sabbath. The Apostle Paul was referring to these “High Sabbath” days when he wrote: “*Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an HOLYDAY, or of the new moon, or of the SABBATH days: Which are a shadow of things to come” (Colossians 2:16, 17). Do you see? The 7 Holy Feast day(s) are holydays (of which 7 of the 18 are High Sabbaths!) and God instituted them with the Israelite people to be a prophetic “*shadow of things*” the Messiah would fulfill for mankind’s souls!*

Allow me to briefly reveal the Messiah’s fulfillment of the first 3 Feasts right now. These are the Feast of Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the Feast of First Fruits—which all occurred/ occur over a consecutive 8 day period in the Jewish 1st month of Nissan [See, again, Figure #5 page 182]. It is essential you understand HOW the

Messiah precisely fulfilled these 3 Holy Feasts during the single YEAR of his death, burial, and resurrection (which like I said was mankind's 4,000th year) and especially what "day of the week" the Feast day(s) fell on THAT year! Then, I can explain to you the mind-boggling revelation of WHY God told the Israelites in Egypt to choose their lamb on the 10th of Nissan and sacrifice it on the 14th of Nissan.

The 1st Holy Feast God established with the Israelites in the wilderness—actually, God instituted the observance of this yearly Feast with the Israelites while they were still in Egypt, just days before their Exodus—was the **Feast of Passover**, to be observed on the 14th of Nissan. This yearly Feast commemorated the VERY night the Israelites escaped from Egypt, which is the night they killed their Passover lamb and the death angel PASSED OVER the blood-drenched doorposts of their houses: "*These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their SEASONS. In the fourteenth day of the first month (Nissan) at even (evening) is the LORD'S Passover (Leviticus 23:4, 5).*" "Passover" celebrates mankind's spiritual passing-over from death (separation from God) to life (reunion with God). But here is the staggering fact: The Messiah (Jesus) ACTUALLY died on the 14th of Nissan! In other words, the true "Passover Lamb of God" was slaughtered the very same day the Israelites killed their Passover lambs back in Egypt over 1,300 years earlier. Friend, Jesus literally became Israel's (and ALL mankind's) Passover Lamb! Paul later wrote: "*For even CHRIST OUR PASSOVER is sacrificed for us*" (I Corinthians 5:7). Talk about being totally in the dark; the Jewish people had NO CLUE what the story of the Israelite's Passover lamb in their scrolls represented, or they certainly would NEVER have killed Jesus on the VERY SAME DAY of the year! Is what they did not stupefying? (I will confirm to you Christ died on the "Feast of Passover" shortly.)

The 2nd Holy Feast God established with the Israelites in the wilderness—God also instituted the observance of this yearly Feast with the Israelites while they were still in Egypt, just days before their Exodus—was the **Feast of Unleavened Bread**, to be observed from the 15th to 21st of Nissan. In other words, the Feast of Unleavened Bread was celebrated on the NEXT 7 days directly following the Feast of Passover on the 14th of Nissan. Do you see? This yearly 7

Figure # 5
Israel's Feasts

| Feast (Holy Days) | Month (#) | Day (s) | High Sabbath(s) |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Passover | Nissan (1 st) | 14 | no |
| Unleavened Bread | Nissan (1 st) | 15-21 | 15 & 21 |
| First Fruits | Nissan (1 st) | * | no |
| Pentecost | | ** | yes |
| Trumpets | Tishri (7 th) | 1 | yes |
| Atonement | Tishri (7 th) | 10 | yes |
| Tabernacles | Tishri (7 th) | 15-21 | 15 & 22 |

* The day after the weekly 7th day Sabbath occurs during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

** 50 days after the day of First fruits.

Note:

God designed 7 Feasts with 7 High Sabbath days.

The 7 High Sabbath days occur on any given day of the week.

Jesus fulfilled the first 3 Feasts during his 1st Coming.

Jesus fulfilled the 4th Feast 10 days after his ascension

Jesus will fulfill the last 3 Feasts during his 2nd Coming!

day Feast commemorated the Israelites remarkable, hasty 7 day escape from the Egyptians (during which they had no time to leaven bread) concluding at the Red Sea fiasco: “Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread...And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no

*manner of work shall be done in them...And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread...by an ordinance for ever. **In the first month (Nissan), on the fourteenth day of the month at even (evening), ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even**” (Exodus 12:15-18). (Notice, the 15th and 21st days of Nissan were/are High Sabbath days, which fell/fall yearly on any given day of the week, just like the Feast of Passover’s 14th of Nissan!) In the Bible “leaven” is pictured as “sin”: “Beware ye of the leaven (sin) of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy” (Luke 12:1). Therefore, Christ’s **SINLESS** (without leaven) life lived was the reason God did not allow his body (flesh made of bread) to decay in the tomb: THIS was the fulfillment of the Feast of Unleavened Bread! Eventually, by the time of Christ, the Jewish people referred to all 8 of these days (14th through 21st of Nissan) as the “Passover season”. However, the start of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (15th of Nissan) was REALLY when the Passover celebration kicked off.*

The 3rd Holy Feast God established with the Israelites in the wilderness was the **Feast of First Fruits**, to be observed on the day AFTER the weekly 7th day Sabbath occurs during the 7 day Feast of Unleavened Bread. This yearly Feast day commemorated the BEGINNING of the winter grain harvest: “When ye...shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the FIRSTFRUITS of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: **on the morrow after the Sabbath** the priest shall wave it” (Leviticus 23:9-11). A sheaf of barley would be harvested and brought to the tabernacle (temple) as a thanksgiving offering to God for the harvest. Only after the Feast of First Fruits was over could the Israelites use the winter harvest for their daily use. Friend, Jesus resurrected from the grave at the VERY start of the day of Feast of First Fruits (sundown Saturday) the year of his death, burial, & resurrection. In other words, he literally became the “First Fruit resurrection of the dead” of the harvest of saints to occur at Jesus’ 2nd Coming! Paul wrote: “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and BECOME the FIRSTFRUITS of them that slept...But every man in his own order: Christ the FIRSTFRUITS; afterward they that are Christ’s at his coming” (I Corinthians 15:20, 23). Is that not amazing? Still,

the Jews were unaware that the Messiah (Jesus Christ) was precisely fulfilling these prophetic Feast days on the VERY day(s)!

Let us take an accurate look now at what took place the ACTUAL 7 day week the “Lamb of God” died for the sins of mankind—which is, without question, the most momentous week in mankind’s history! Bear in mind, God’s day begins at sundown and ends the following day’s sundown. God established this fact from the 1st day of Creation: “*And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day*” (Genesis 1:5). See, a day starts with the dark period (evening) and ends with the light period (morning). Think about it logically; Adam & Eve had no clock in which to tell time, so they distinguished one day from the next simply by observing when the sun slipped out of sight over the horizon. At that point, a new day had begun!

Furthermore, you must understand the “7 day weekly cycle” has NEVER been broken since Creation! In other words, mankind has been counting the same 7 days, over and over again, since the dawn of time! (If you will give it some thought, you will realize the 7 day weekly cycle is independent of ANY monthly or yearly calendar mankind has invented.) Time scholars admit they can trace the unbroken 7 day week (in the written record) back to around 1500 BC! And before that time they have no reason or cause to believe it was ever broken either. In the Bible, you will detect Noah was keeping track of the 7 day week—and God’s lunar-based monthly calendar!—while on the Ark, and certainly mankind has done so since Adam. As stated earlier in this book, the 7 day week was invented by God as a perpetual reminder of His master Time plan for mankind on Earth! Consequently, every time a 7 day week passes, mankind—cognizant or not—pays homage to God’s 7 day (7,000) year master plan! (Incidentally, God’s weekly 7th day Sabbath—His blessed day of rest from work, signifying Christ’s coming millennial day Earthly Kingdom!—always begins sundown Friday and ends sundown Saturday. IT has NEVER changed since the dawn of time!!! Therefore, the 1st day of the work week always commences at sundown Saturday.

Ok...probing the Bible’s 4 New Testament Gospels messianic account (record), it is EASY to determine what “numbered” day of the

week Jesus “died on” and “resurrected on” the YEAR of his death. Let us take a look. The Jewish religious leaders asked Jesus one day to show them a sign or miracle from heaven, proving he was the Messiah. Jesus barked, “*An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall NO sign be given to it, BUT the SIGN of the prophet Jonah: For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth*” (Matthew 12:39, 40). Wow, so the ONLY proof Jesus claimed—all miracles aside—would prove he WAS the Messiah was if he spent exactly 72 hours in the ground! See, Christ knew exactly how long the Jewish people considered a “day” or “night” to be: “*Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day?*” (John 11:9). (Note: No matter where on Earth, if over a year’s time you total up all its “day” & “night” hours, they will EQUAL each other. And the spring and fall equinoxes are the 2 days during the year that EVERY spot on Earth experiences 12 hours of day and 12 hours of night, and Passover occurs around the spring equinox!) Thus, from all this information, we know Jesus intended to be in the grave for 36 hours of day and 36 hours of night, or 72 complete hours—not a minute more or less! In fact, if Jesus was not in the Earth (grave) for 72 hours, then Jesus Christ is a phony and NOT the Messiah, according to his own words.

Knowing Christ spent 72 hours in the grave (3 full days & 3 full nights) proves he resurrected the same “time of day” he was buried. Do you understand? Think about it! So, does the Bible reveal what “time of day” Christ was buried? Yes, it does!!! The Bible is clear he was buried near sundown: “*The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the Sabbath day, (for that Sabbath day was an HIGH day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away*” (John 19:31). See, Jesus was dying on the cross on the 14th of Nissan (Passover), or the “preparation day” for the High Sabbath (start of Feast of Unleavened Bread) on the 15th of Nissan. And it was a Jewish defilement for dead bodies to hang on a tree during a High Sabbath; therefore, in the late afternoon Joseph of Arimathaea traveled to Pilate, begged for Jesus’ body, removed it from the cross, wrapped it in linen, transported it to a new tomb, and rolled a stone across the entrance. Since the Bible

records Jesus died sometime after 3pm and sunset was near 6pm (spring equinox time), I believe the stone was being rolled across the entrance to the tomb at the same time as the sun was slipping out of sight over the horizon! (But then I have a keen appreciation for God's precision with "things".) Thus, Jesus resurrected at SUNDOWN, 3 days later!

Now, if we knew what "day of the week" the tomb was found empty, we could simply backtrack to the previous sundown and know what "day of the week" Christ resurrected and backtrack 3 more days to know what "day of the week" he died and was buried. Well, the Bible plainly reports: "*The FIRST day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulcher, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulcher*" (John 20:1). Friend, Mary arrived sometime after sundown Saturday (which begins the dark period of the 1st day of the week) but the stone was already rolled away and Jesus' body was gone!!! An angel exclaimed to her, "*Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: HE IS RISEN; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him*" (Mark 16:6). So, unmistakably, Jesus resurrected at sundown Saturday, the close of the weekly 7th day Sabbath! Imagine, the SAME day God blessed and set apart as HOLY from Creation was the VERY day God planned for the Holy Messiah to bless ALL Mankind's souls by rising from the dead and winning victory over death: "*God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it*" (Genesis 2:3). Truly, the 7th day was/is a blessed day for mankind! Subsequently, back tracking 3 days, we clearly compute Jesus' burial was at sundown Wednesday, which was the END of the 4th day of a week!!!

Alright, I want to pause here—as you keep the above truth in the back of your mind (for I will get back to it!)—and switch gears to investigate another prophetic detail in the Israelite's story (parable) that CLEARLY—yet, no one understood it!—revealed the YEAR the Messiah would deliver mankind's souls out of bondage. It is this fact: God delivered the Israelites out of bondage through Moses after being in bondage for exactly 400 years, which secretly foretold God would DELIVER mankind's souls out of bondage through Jesus after 4,000 years!!! Do you see? Friend, God had Jesus Christ penciled in to absolutely, positively, 100% DIE on Earth during mankind's 4,000th year! Remember, God had told Abraham His plans: "*And when the sun*

was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abraham; and, lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he (God) said unto Abraham, **Know of a surety that THY seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them FOUR HUNDRED years...and afterward shall they come out with great substance**” (Genesis 15:12, 13). Do you think God just picked this “400” year number out of a hat, devoid of any purpose or reason? Come on!!! Look, God could have chosen ANY number of years to leave the Israelites in bondage—87, 123, 160, 245, 300, or whatever! But He chose 400 because it too was a secret piece of prophetically accurate information in the Israelites “salvation” story (parable) concerning the “time” of mankind’s salvation.

Now in the Bible you will discover two “number of years” after which God freed the Israelites—namely, 400 & 430. This apparent contradiction is NOT a contradiction at all! The 430 year time frame INCLUDES the 30 years Jacob’s son Joseph spent in Egypt by himself before Jacob’s (Israel) clan entered Egypt due to the famine. Listen, clearly, to the verse: **“Now the sojourning of the CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years...that ALL the hosts of the LORD went OUT from the land of Egypt”** (Exodus 12:40, 41). See, the phrase “children of Israel” has to include Joseph’s time, for he WAS one of Israel’s children! But God’s “prophetic Israel clock” only started when Abraham’s grandson Israel (Jacob) himself and his 11 sons entered Egypt—which was 30 years after Joseph’s arrival.

Consequently, the martyr Stephen understood God’s prophetic timetable when he spoke in front of the high priest: **“And God spake on this wise, That his (Abraham’s) SEED should sojourn in a STRANGE land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil FOUR HUNDRED YEARS...after that shall they come forth”** (Acts 7:6, 7). See, the time starting with “Abraham’s SEED” could only start when HIS seed, Jacob, entered Egypt. I had to clear this up for those of you who will Biblically investigate—which I encourage you to do!—the “things” God has revealed to me.

Hopefully, you now appreciate why the number “40” was so significant to God and prevalent in the Bible: rain of Noah’s flood

lasted 40 days and 40 nights, Israel in bondage 400 years, Moses on Mount Sinai 40 days receiving the 10 Commandments, Israel wandered 40 years in the wilderness, King Saul reigned 40 years, King David reigned 40 years, King Solomon reigned 40 years, Jesus tempted 40 days in the wilderness and ascended 40 days after his resurrection, etc. Do you see? Friend, the Bible is satiated with the number 40!!! THAT is because God KNEW from the Creation of the World the 4,000th year would be the “special year” He would show His incredible love for ALL mankind’s souls by giving His beloved, sinless son as a sacrifice for their sins, freeing them from bondage: “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...that the world THROUGH HIM might be SAVED*” (John 3:16, 17). Therefore, the root reason God continually used the number “40” in the Bible was because the Messiah was slated to die during mankind’s 4,000th year! Throughout history, God was like an excited “fellow” who knew a VERY GOOD secret about something VERY IMPORTANT and was “busting at the seams” wanting to tell the people he LOVED (His spirit children) about it. Subsequently, He kept dropping prophetic hints—through use of the number 40!—about WHEN the “secret” would happen. Finally, the night Jesus was born He could stand it no longer and sent an angel heralding to shepherds: “*Fear not: for, behold, I bring you GOOD tidings of GREAT JOY, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord*” (Luke 2:10, 11).

Incidentally, there are MANY more prophetic clues God gave in the Bible confirming the Messiah, Jesus Christ, would and did DIE on mankind’s 4,000th year. I’ll point several out now. Earlier in this chapter I told you the spiritual significance behind the story of Moses slaying an Egyptian taskmaster. But did you notice how old Moses was when he killed the Egyptian—a symbol of Jesus winning victory over Satan? That is right...40!!! Listen to Stephen, again: “*And when he (Moses) was FULL FORTY years old, it came into his heart to VISIT his brethren...And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and AVENGED him that was OPPRESSED, and SMOTE the Egyptian*” (Acts 7:23, 24). Friend, Moses could have been 28, 32, 45, or “any number” of years old when he killed the Egyptian, but only “40” was the correct “age” to prophetically convey, accurately, what God was

revealing behind the incident! Now you know the “rest of that story”!

Another Biblical prophetic story with details secretly screaming Jesus came to Earth to give “spiritual life” to mankind’s dead souls (by dying for their sins during year 4,000) is the “account” of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Do you remember how many days Lazarus was dead? Listen to Martha’s reply to Jesus after he commanded the stone be rolled away: “*Lord, by this TIME he stinketh: for **he hath been dead FOUR DAYS***” (John 11:39). Wow, do you see? It was about one month before Christ was to be crucified—in other words, it WAS mankind’s 4,000 year!—and Jesus stood in front of a tomb about to “raise to life” a man who had been dead 4 days! Friend, listen to me; this incident of “Christ giving Lazarus life” was all planned by God to be a beautiful, visual (observable) display of what Christ was about to do for mankind’s invisible souls—namely, give them “spiritual life” after 4 full days (4,000 years) of death!!! Jesus (knowing he was about to go to the cross) spoke the most wonderful, spiritual words to Martha right before granting Lazarus life, solidifying what the whole scene represented: “*I AM the resurrection, and the LIFE: he that believeth in me, **THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE***” (John 11:25).

Ah, but the prophetic revelations just keep coming! Do you need more Biblical evidence Jesus was sacrificed for mankind’s sins during year 4,000? Alright, then investigate God’s “required dimensions” for the Brazen Altar—the place where Israel’s daily sacrifices were carried out, which was a daily prophetic picture of what the sacrificial Lamb of God, Jesus, was coming to Earth to do for mankind!—Solomon built for the Temple in the 10th century BC: “***Moreover he made an ALTAR of brass, TWENTY CUBITS the length thereof, and TWENTY CUBITS the breadth thereof, and TEN CUBITS the height thereof***” (II Chronicles 4:1). (Notice God’s redemption number “20” is used twice in sizing the Altar.) BUT what was the VOLUME of the Brazen ALTAR, multiplying length x breadth x height? 4,000 cubic cubits!!! Yes, friend, even the FULLNESS of the Altar—where countless lambs were offered up for centuries, unknowingly, as a prophetic picture of Christ!—was secretly foretelling the YEAR of Christ’s sacrificial death (mankind’s 4,000th year). Paul wrote: “*But **when the FULLNESS***

of the TIME was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman” (Galatians 4:4).

I wrestled with God on revealing the next two Biblical stories to you—which again contain details proving Christ delivered mankind out of bondage during mankind’s 4,000th year—for I am ready to move on. Do you remember in the “*Introduction*” I told you God commanded me to fast 40 days for Him? Well, this was the reason...I had NO idea, but God wanted to reveal to me the approximate “timing” of Jesus Christ’s return by making known to me the TRUE meaning behind the Bible’s number “40”!!! And now He has ordered me to share it with you. In other words, what I suffered for (to receive) is now being handed to YOU on a silver platter! And you know the old adage; what someone gets for free, they do not cherish! Consequently, if you have been blessed to come across this book in your life, you should get on your knees tonight and thank the living creator God that He wanted YOU to know His secrets.

You probably remember learning the following two stories as a child, for they are classics. Yet, they are SO MUCH MORE than what you thought. They are SO MUCH MORE than just a “neat tale”! Friend, they are again prophetic stories (parables) God controlled to tell mankind about the coming Messiah. And I am going to be brief with them because I want YOU to desire God’s Word! I want YOU to lust after the creator God’s message to all mankind. I want YOU to pant for His thoughts. To put it plainly: I WANT YOU TO READ THE BIBLE!!! If you do not have a desire for the Creator’s Words—the very One who gave you breath!—something is wrong in your spirit (heart).

Around 1100 BC, God devised another Israelite “bondage scenario” and this time He rose up a man named Samson to be the deliverer. Samson was born to a barren woman who had been told by an angel she would conceive (understand?): “*Behold now, thou art barren... but thou shalt conceive, and bear a SON*” (Judges 13:3). To make an incredible, spiritually-enlightening story short...In his DEATH, with “arms stretched out” between two pillars, Samson avenged (saved) the Israelites from the enemy (Philistines)! But here is the prophetic “timing detail”: “*So the LORD let them (the Israelites) be conquered by the Philistines, who kept them in subjection for FORTY years*” (Judges

13:1, Living Bible). See, God raised up Sampson, as the deliver, after Israel was in bondage for 40 years!

Around 1000 BC the Israelites and Philistines were at war again, and God felt like controlling another story to prophesy about the Messiah, Jesus! The Philistines had a warrior champion—a giant of a man—named Goliath who was teasing, tormenting, and placing fear into the Israelite’s hearts (understand?). So God raised up a MAN to deliver them! He was born in Bethlehem and anointed as a King, and he was the 33rd patriarch in the direct lineage to the Messiah! Do you know his name? That is right, the “sheep-keeper” David. And you know the story...David killed the beast Goliath by hitting him in the forehead with a stone and then chopping off his head. Whereby, David avenged the Israelites from the enemy. But how long had Goliath kept the Israelites in fear: “*And the Philistine (Goliath) drew near morning and evening, **and presented himself FORTY days***” (1 Samuel 17:16). Wow! Friend, I am telling you the truth: Jesus Christ DELIVERED mankind out of bondage during mankind’s 4,000th year!!!

Additionally, it is Biblically obvious God had a SET TIME for the Messiah to be crucified because Jesus Christ’s words proved he knew it! During his 3½ year ministry he would say things like: “My TIME is not yet come” (John 7:6). Do you see? Why do you think Christ said “things” like this? Friend, he knew there was a specific time for him to die!!! He knew he HAD to fulfill every PROPHETIC “thing” God had written about him, for God will NEVER be found a liar! Incidentally, this is why angry crowds always failed in killing him at earlier times during his 3½ year ministry; he would simply pass right through them. Friend, it is impossible to change God’s written, prophetic words about the Messiah! Oh, but when the TIME arrived for Christ’s death, listen to his change of tune: “My TIME is at hand” (Matthew 26:18). Luke reports: “*And it came to pass, **WHEN THE TIME WAS COME**...he **STEDFASTLY** set his face to go to Jerusalem*” (Luke 9:51). See, once Jesus knew the TIME was at hand, he took on a FIXED demeanor! I believe he knew it was mankind’s 4,000th year and he HAD to fulfill ALL that was written about him in the Old Testament Scriptures—which was all the prophetic stories I have just revealed to you!!!

So friend, what makes you think God has NOT foretold the “time” of Christ’s 2nd Coming in the Old Testament stories (parables)? **HE HAS!!!** It was/is just secretly concealed in the details! And like Israel’s deliverance from Egyptian bondage occurred after 400 years, signifying Christ would deliver mankind’s souls from sin’s bondage during mankind’s 4,000th year; so Noah’s house rising up off Earth’s surface at his age of 600 years, signifies Christ’s 2nd Coming (rapture) will occur during mankind’s 6,000th year!!! Now you **KNOW** why Christ will return right around AD 2028. The time cannot be hastened nor delayed. It is a SET PROPHETIC TIME!!! God’s Biblical prophetic word will never be found a lie; Jesus Christ WILL return to planet Earth exactly 2,000 years from the year of his death.

Alright, let us now return to our story of Jesus’ crucifixion week—which was likely 28 AD (3972 BC – 4,000) on our current Gregorian calendar. Do you now see the significance of Jesus being killed and buried at the END of the 4th day of a week? Friend, through this happenstance, God was punctuating the reality of His 7 day (7,000 year) master Time plan which He had secretly foretold from the beginning in the 7 day Creation narrative! Do you remember the greater & lesser lights (Jesus & John the Baptist) being created during the 4th day? God had planned for John and Jesus to live and die during mankind’s 4th millennial day, but Jesus was specifically to die during year 4,000—the END of the 4th day! Therefore, the ACTUAL 7 day week Jesus died for mankind’s sins (occurring during mankind’s 4,000th year) God secretly and accurately played out His Messianic 7 day (7,000 year) master Time plan for mankind on Earth, for Jesus was buried at the close of the 4th day (4,000th year) of the week.

Oh, but there is more! For you see not only was Jesus killed and buried on the 4th day of a week, but THAT day was the Israelites 14th of Nissan (or Passover)—NOTICE the “4”? Yes, stunningly, even the last digits of the “numbered” days of the lunar month of Nissan were simultaneously playing (counting) out God’s 7 day (7,000 year) master Time plan the WEEK of Jesus’ death, burial, & resurrection! In other words, the 1st day of THAT week (sundown Saturday till sundown Sunday) was the 11th of Nissan, the 2nd day of that week was the 12th of Nissan, etc. You say, “Gabriel, this is too much to believe!” Oh, really?

Well, remember back in Egypt, in 1334 BC, God told the Israelites to CHOOSE their lamb on the 10th of Nissan? Well, here is God's secret: The "0" in the 10th represents "day 0" or "time period before Creation". In other words, the "0" symbolized the "time" before God's 7 day (7,000 year) master plan on Earth was ever set in motion. THAT was WHEN the Messiah (The Lamb of God) was truly chosen!!! Later, the Holy Spirit exposed this fact through Peter's pen: "*Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily (truly) was FOREORDAINED BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD*" (I Peter 1:18-20). Wow!!! Do you see? Jesus was "chosen" as mankind's Savior (Messiah) before God even created the world! In other words, back in Egypt God was secretly disclosing (by ordering the Israelites to choose their lamb on the 10th of Nissan) the "Lamb of God" had ALREADY been chosen. Your head ought to be spinning by now! But if you love God, you also ought to be shouting in worship of His limitless wisdom!

Amazingly, God revealed the secret behind the "10th of Nissan" to me the moment I laid down to go to sleep around 12 midnight on May 14, 2008! ("May 14, 1948" was the day Israel came back on the map as a nation; thus, it was the very day of Israel's 60th anniversary.) I was in instant shock! My jaw must have dropped a foot, for my mind was nowhere near the subject. A voice from seemingly some other place (though inside my spirit) just plopped the revelation into my mind! To learn the numbered days of Nissan simultaneously aligned with the 7 day week that occurred during the week of Jesus' crucifixion (death) to once again confirm God's 7 day (7,000 year) master Time plan for mankind on Earth (with respect to the Messiah) was dumbfounding. Friend, Christ was picked as our Savior during millennial day "0" (10th of Nissan), was crucified and buried at the close of millennial day "4" (14th of Nissan), and WILL resurrect EVERYONE—the 2nd resurrection of the dead!—at the end of millennial day "7" (17th of Nissan). Jesus perfectly fulfilled every part of what the "numbered days of Nissan" prophesied the week of his death, burial, and resurrection. I jumped out of bed and hit my knees, bowing low in reverence to God for what He had showed me. And it was a goodly while later until I was able to fall asleep!

Allow me to NOW take you on a Biblical journey of Jesus' crucifixion week playing out, for I want you to possess a "behind-the-scenes" look at what God was TRULY saying through the circumstances (He arranged!) surrounding the way it all went down. The Apostle John writes: "*Then Jesus six days before the Passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead*" (John 12:1). Listen, by Jesus' day the term "Passover" had become associated with the 7 day Feast of Unleavened Bread (or Passover Season): "*Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover*" (Luke 22:1). Thus, John is recording Jesus came to Lazarus' house 6 days before the 15th of Nissan (the 1st day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread). The 14th of Nissan (the true ancient Israelite's "Feast of Passover" day) was now deemed "Preparation day" for everyone prepared during that day for the High Sabbath which occurred on the 15th of Nissan. And since the week Jesus died the 15th of Nissan transpired on the 5th day of a week (sundown Wednesday till sundown Thursday) Jesus arrived in Bethany—a small town about 2 miles from Jerusalem—on the 9th of Nissan, which was sometime between sundown Thursday and sundown Friday, the day before the weekly 7th day Sabbath!

John testifies: "***On the NEXT day** much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the KING of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord*" (John 12:12, 13). Friend, it was now the 10th of Nissan—"the next day"!!! Yes, it was a blessed, Holy, 7th day weekly Sabbath (sundown Friday to sundown Saturday)—not Sunday!—when Jesus rode humbly into Jerusalem on a donkey during the day, while crowds of people lay palm branches before him, unsuspectingly acknowledging (choosing) the true Lamb of God! Therefore, Jesus perfectly fulfilled the 10th of Nissan—the day God had commanded the Israelites choose their lamb back in Egypt over 1,300 years earlier!—through the "palm branch incident". In fact, the event (day) was so momentous on God's schedule that He foretold of it around 500 BC though the prophet Zechariah: "*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy KING cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an*

ass” (*Zechariah 9:9*). Wow! (By the way, a “Sabbath day” perfectly represented what “time 0” was like in God’s 7 day (7,000 year) plan for mankind—namely, before the world and Earth were created, it was a time of peace and rest because sin (evil) had not yet taken place. It was during a “time like this” the true “Lamb of God” was chosen as Savior of mankind!)

Four days later, Nissan 14th arrived at sundown Tuesday (God’s official “Passover” day)! That night Jesus ate the Passover meal with his Disciples—which was the VERY same night the Israelite’s had ate the Passover lamb that terrifying night in Egypt over 1,300 years earlier! It is mind-boggling to imagine the disciples eating the Passover meal with Jesus that highly-regarded Jewish night (fully knowing the “meal” commemorated the Israelite’s night in Egypt when the lamb’s flesh was eaten and its blood flowed down their wooden doorposts as a sign for the death angel to pass over them) yet, they did not know Jesus WAS (about to become) the true “Passover Lamb”, even as: “*Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is MY body. And...took the cup, and...gave it to them...and ...said unto them, This is MY blood...which is shed for many*” (*Mark 14:22-24*). Is that not stunning? They were clueless he was about to DIE later THAT very day, perfectly fulfilling the “killing of the lamb” on the 14th of Nissan!

After the meal that night, Jesus led his disciples out to the Garden of Gethsemane. Friend, now listen to me; God is about to oversee, control, and direct an incredible 14th of Nissan “seeable” physical show utilizing the Messiah’s (Jesus) physical body to communicate EXACTLY what the Messiah was DOING for mankind—yet, no one at the time grasped the spiritual significance behind the details of what was happening to him! But in hindsight, this revelation greatly validates a Messiah (Jesus Christ) REALLY did DIE for the sins of mankind. Here is the first scene: God wanted Christ to be bound (captured) IN a GARDEN because Adam & Eve’s souls had been bound (enslaved) by sin IN a GARDEN! Do you remember? Adam & Eve’s sin in the Garden of Eden had separated mankind’s souls from God’s Spirit of Life and SORROW, pain, & work were the effects of that spiritual death! So listen to what was happening to Jesus’ SOUL in the Garden

of Gethsemane as he cried: “My SOUL is exceeding SORROWFUL, EVEN UNTO DEATH” (Matthew 26:38). Do you see? Jesus knew for the first time in his existence he was about to be separated from his Father: AND THE THOUGHT OF “THAT” WAS KILLING HIS SOUL! To be blunt, Jesus was already experiencing (feeling) the awful consequence of sin!!!

In agony, realizing his imminent abysmal fate, he prayed (talked to his Father) intensely, sweating what “looked like” great drops of blood: “*And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground*” (Luke 22:44). Ok, hold up a minute! Watch this! Do you know what phase the moon is in during the 14th day of a lunar month when counting day 1 on the first visible sliver of the new moon (which occurs 1 day after new moon)? It is full!!! And what can ONLY happen during a full moon? A lunar eclipse—i.e. Earth passes directly between the moon and sun. And what color is the moon during a lunar eclipse? Eerie Red! The ancients called the terrible omen a “blood moon”! Friend, a lunar eclipse can be at “totality” for over an hour, so it is VERY likely Jesus’ sweat “looked like blood” because of the red-shift light emitted from the moon during a dark lunar eclipse!

While Jesus was still praying, a mob arrived to arrest (bind) him, and he stated to them: “*When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but **THIS is your HOUR, and the power of darkness***” (Luke 22:53). Could it be these spiritual words of Jesus were being physically punctuated by the Father God in heaven, as a sin-filled Earth blocked out (eclipsed) the sun’s light from reaching the moon for an hour—“*the hour of darkness*”? And what was the result of this “darkness”? The clue was written on the moon!!! Its uncanny, deep red glow silently screamed, “The Messiah’s blood is going to flow!” Yes, friend, I believe the invisible, Almighty God was talking to His spirit children (mankind) on that all-important night through His created celestial bodies.

Peter seems to make mention of “this” happening on the day of Pentecost (occurring 50 days after Christ’s resurrection and 10 days after his ascension) when the Holy Ghost descended and he stood up and addressed the people by quoting the prophet Joel: “*The sun shall be*

*turned into darkness, and the MOON INTO BLOOD... Ye men of Israel, hear these words; **Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and WONDERS and SIGNS**, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death” (Acts 2:20-24). Do you see? Remember, God “turned the sun into darkness” for 3 hours while Christ was on the cross! So it is VERY likely He turned the “moon into blood” the night of Jesus’ arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane.*

Try and wrap your brain around the idea that God purposely created the moon to orbit planet Earth VISIBLY every 29½ days just so a full moon would occur on the 14th of Nissan—the night He picked for the Israelites “killing of the lamb” day back in Egypt—ensuring a full moon would be in the sky (and more specifically a lunar eclipse!) on the night and “time” of Christ’s arrest! Then consider the year God determined for Jesus to die for mankind’s sins He planned for the 14th of Nissan to occur on the “4th day of a week”, which was concurrently Earth’s 4,000th year! Are you kidding me? What kind of a God is this who possesses the wisdom, forethought, and power to intermesh the “timing of His plans” into the orbits of His created celestial bodies? Only THE One, True, Almighty, Father God!!!

Therefore, back in Egypt, 1334 BC, we now know God picked the 14th day of a lunar month to lead the Israelites out of bondage for many reasons: One of which was simply for the light of a full moon! Yes, the night God’s death angel rode through Egypt mercilessly killing its firstborn (while the Israelites fled in haste) it was a full moon night. It was “Pass-over”! It was Independence Day! And God showed His infinite love by providing the Israelites with natural moonlight to light their way because it would have been “rough-going” during the darkness of a new moon! Picture the full moon’s bright light glistening off the desert sand and excited Israelite faces as they quickly escaped their captors! It must have been an AWESOME sight.

Now fast-forward over 1,300 years, and Jesus was going through hell that same (yearly commemorated) full moon night, becoming mankind’s Passover Lamb! Here is the next scene: God wanted Christ

to be captured (bound) for the SAME REASON mankind's souls had been captured (bound). Do you remember from chapter 3 what motivated Satan to lie to Eve to get her to sin against God, thus enslaving mankind? It was "greed for dirt". Remember Satan's heart was "lifted up" because of the "*abundance of his merchandise*" and he wanted control of MORE!!! In other words, if "money" would have been in existence while Adam & Eve lived in the Garden of Eden, Lucifer would have lustfully desired it because money equates to dirt (for that is all it buys). Consequently, God drummed up the whole "Judas Iscariot, 30-pieces-of-silver scenario" to accurately portray all this!

Look, if God had not planned for Christ's "night of capture" to transpire EXACTLY like He arranged it, the chief priests would have captured Jesus anytime they wanted, probably while he spoke to them in the temple—exactly like he told them when they came for him! But NO...this night was God's night!!! And God was accurately retelling mankind's "bondage-to-sin story" through the Messiah Christ. Thus, God scheduled Judas to betray the Messiah into the enemy's hand for 30 lousy coins: "*Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for **THIRTY pieces of silver**. And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him" (Matthew 26:14-16). Amazingly, the Bible even records: "Then entered Satan into Judas" (Luke 22:3). See, Judas—with Satan in him!—betrayed Christ because of "greed for money (dirt)", exactly like the serpent—with Satan in him!—betrayed mankind because of "greed for money (dirt)". Both cases led to the capture or bondage of the one betrayed! This "development" was so important to God that He also prophesied of it directly through the prophet Zechariah around 500 BC: "*If ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price **THIRTY pieces of silver**" (Zechariah 11:12). How about that?**

You ask, "Gabriel, what are you trying to tell me?" I am informing you God went to GREAT lengths to show (and absolutely confirm) to mankind the Messiah, Jesus, died spiritually—separated himself from God's Spirit—which means HE BECAME SIN!!! Paul wrote: "**For he (God) hath made him (Jesus) TO BE SIN for us,**

WHO KNEW NO SIN; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (II Corinthians 5:21). THAT is why God was precisely controlling EVERY detail (location, time, and circumstances) of Christ’s “day of death” to emulate Adam & Eve’s (mankind’s) “day of death” in the Garden of Eden. It was ALL so mankind’s souls would KNOW (possess undeniable proof!) Jesus won their salvation!

As nighttime faded into morning on the 14th of Nissan, Christ’s captors beat him, mocked him, spit on him, and flogged him! But here is the next scene: God wanted Christ to wear a “crown of thorns” so He put it into the mind of his captors to make one and press it into his skull! Do you remember what God’s physical (seeable) symbol of sin’s consequence was to mankind? It was THORNS & THISTLES! Recall sin brought forth pain; thus, God desired Christ to carry thorns on his head as a visual representation he was bearing sin’s painful curse. God also prophesied “this” about the Messiah through the prophet Isaiah around 800 BC: “Surely he hath borne our griefs, and CARRIED our SORROWS: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities” (Isaiah 53:4, 5). Truly, Jesus suffered and endured the full weight of ALL mankind’s sins.

In the early morning hours—around 9am—came the next scene: God wanted a prisoner (sinner) released while Jesus was simultaneously sentenced to death!!! Friend, this powerful scene was thought up by God years earlier for He had put it into the minds of the Jewish people to invent a custom whereby they REALESED (set free) A PRISONER on Passover Day! Pilate said: “But ye have a custom, that I should RELEASE unto you one at the Passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews?” (John 18:39). Do you see? Mankind’s souls had been prisoners—bound by sin (separated from God)—for 4,000 years! Thus, in this scene, God was visually playing out what would soon happen in the spirit world—namely, mankind’s sinfully-bound, spiritually-dead souls would be SET FREE because faultless (sinless) Jesus would DIE in their (our) place!!! It was/is an incredibly moving scene as the people feverishly chanted: “Away with this man (Jesus), and RELEASE unto us Barabbas: (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)... Crucify him,

crucify him” (Luke 23:18-21). Wow! Peter said it best, later: “*For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, **the JUST for the UNJUST**, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit” (I Peter 3:18).*

So Christ was led away, carrying a cross up Golgotha’s hill—very likely the same hill Isaac ascended almost 2,000 years earlier with his father Abraham! At the top came the next scene: God wanted Christ to die in a manner where he was nailed to a tree through both hands and feet. Why? Do you remember I told you in chapter 3 that God created mankind’s physical body to contain 10 appendages on its hands and 10 appendages on its feet to represent the 10 Love Commandments, encompassing ALL of the Law of sin? Subsequently, through this “method of physical death” God was symbolizing and affirming Jesus Christ was paying for ALL of the works of sin!!! Yes, GOD invented “death by crucifixion” hundreds of years earlier for this very purpose. This detail, again, was so important to God that He also prophesied of it through Zechariah: “*and they shall look upon me **whom they have PIERCED**, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son*” (Zechariah 12:10). (Incidentally, the 10 fingers and 10 toes equal God’s number of redemption, “20”!)

Some people inquire, “But why did Christ have to hang (die) on a tree?” Friend, it all goes back to the way sin originated in the Garden of Eden. Do you remember? Sin was represented as “fruit hanging on a tree”—namely, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil. Consequently, God wanted Christ’s physical body to “hang on a tree” as, again, a visual picture of SIN. Christ BECAME sin even though he was sinless!!! Thus, he was a worthy sacrifice unto God to “taste of death”—which translates “became sin”—and in so doing he removed the curse of the Law (or the spiritual death sentence) ALL mankind was under! It was an act of PURE, UNSELFISH LOVE!!! Over 1,300 years earlier, God had informed the Israelites through Moses: “***IF a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged (on a tree) is ACCURSED of God)***” (Deuteronomy 21:22, 23). See, the Jews understood clearly that a man hung from a tree was CURSED!

Thus, again, God wanted Christ to die in a “fashion” that mankind would know and understand he had BECOME the curse. Thus, Paul wrote: “*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, **BEING MADE A CURSE FOR US**: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree*” (Galatians 3:13).

God also prophesied of the Messiah’s “manner of death” through an incident He controlled that happened while the Israelites wandered for 40 years with Moses in the wilderness. After grumbling and complaining to Moses that they did not have enough bread and water, God sent fiery serpents to bite and KILL many of the Israelites. Realizing they had sinned, the Israelites begged Moses to ask God to remove the snakes! What was God’s solution? It must have seemed ridiculous to the people at the time, but to us now it is obvious it was prophecy about the Messiah: “*Make thee a fiery serpent, and SET IT UPON A POLE: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, SHALL LIVE*” (Numbers 21:8). Do you see? God was foretelling that when SIN (symbolized by a serpent) is crucified on a tree (pole), mankind’s souls will receive life! That is why Jesus informed Nicodemus: “*As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, EVEN SO must the Son of man be lifted up*” (John 3:14).

Hanging on the cross in distress, Christ uttered the sweetest words mankind has ever known, putting voice to EXACTLY why he was hanging there! Oh, sure, the terse sentence was directed toward the soldiers who had just crucified him, but it was meant for ALL mankind: “***Father, forgive them***” (Luke 23:34). Hands down, these are the greatest words in the Bible! If you love Jesus, they ought to move you to tears, for he did not have to do it! Christ could have summoned legions of angels to his rescue, and they would have squashed the Romans soldiers like little bugs. But then mankind’s souls would have been lost forever, separated from God for all eternity: Friend, there was just too much love beating in the chest of that man struggling for his every breath on that old wretched cross to ever let that happen!

While suffering on the cross for 6 hours—approximately 9am till 3pm—Christ fulfilled many direct Old Testament prophecies about himself [See Figure #6]. But always remember (as stated earlier in this chapter) the REAL death Jesus was going through on

the cross was “spiritual separation from his Father”, acknowledged by him vociferating: “*My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?*” (Mark 15:34). When the 6 hours—number of man—of torment were complete: “*Jesus knowing that ALL things were now accomplished (fulfilled)... said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost*” (John 19:28, 30). Friend that was it, at that moment mankind’s “spiritual redemption” was complete!!! Forgiveness for sin was now available to mankind through Christ’s atoning work, meaning a WAY to return to God was now available (open)—and it was THROUGH CHRIST’S SINLESS DEATH. Thus, Jesus Christ rightly said: “*I am the WAY, the truth, and the life: **NO man cometh unto the Father, BUT BY ME***” (John 14:6). Oh, what a glorious day it was for mankind on Nissan 14th, year 4,000!

But God was not done talking to mankind through utilizing the Messiah’s physical body. Look, if He had just let Christ die and be buried in the ground, mankind would not have understood God had provided their souls with resurrection LIFE through him! Thus, Jesus was taken down off the cross and buried in a tomb (“*the heart of the Earth*”) by sundown Wednesday, but 3 days & 3 nights later at sundown Saturday God bodily resurrected him to life at the very start of the Feast of First Fruits—the day after the weekly 7th day Sabbath occurs during the Feast of Unleavened Bread week—which was Nissan 18th that year. Friend, everything was perfect! It was like poetry in motion: Jesus fulfilled the Feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread, and First Fruits precisely on their VERY days the year of his death!

After his resurrection, Jesus spent 40 more days on Earth (all during mankind’s 4,000th year!) before ascending back up in the clouds to his Father. Oh, and he had a VERY important message for the disciples (and all mankind) to hear, learn, and share with others! Do you know what it was? Do you know what Jesus went around “telling people about” during those 40 days? Here is a hint: his “message” absolutely confirmed the Old Testament Scriptures were of Divine origin! In other words, his “message” proved the Creator God of the Bible was/is real—which means his “message” greatly increased mankind’s faith (belief) in the reality of God! So, do you know what Jesus was revealing? HE WAS SHOWING AND TEACHING PEOPLE HOW HE HAD PRECISELY

Figure # 6
Prophecies fulfilled by Christ on Cross

| Prophecy | Subject | Fulfillment |
|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Isaiah 53:12 | Crucified with transgressors | Mark 15:27, 28 |
| Zech. 12:10 | Hands & feet pierced | John 20:27 |
| Psalms 22:7, 8 | Scorned & mocked | Luke 23:35 |
| Psalms 22:15 | Thirst on cross | John 19:28 |
| Psalms 69:21 | Given vinegar & gall | Matt. 27:34 |
| Psalms 109:4 | Prayed for his enemies | Luke 23:34 |
| Psalms 22:18 | Soldiers cast lots for his clothes | Matt. 27:35 |
| Psalms 34:20 | No bones broke | John 19:32-36 |
| Zech. 12:10 | Side pierced | John 19:34 |
| Isaiah 53:5 | Vicarious sacrifice | Romans 5:6, 8 |
| Isaiah 53:7, 8 | Death of Christ | Acts 8:32-35 |
| Deut. 21:23 | Redeemed us from the curse | Gal. 3:13 |

FULFILLED PROPHECY AFTER PROPHECY WRITTEN ABOUT HIM BY GOD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES!!! Friend, his “message” was/is exactly what I am sharing with you in this book he has commanded me to write!

The VERY day of his resurrection on First Fruits, Jesus popped up beside two travelers who were walking towards a village called Emmaus and talking about the crucifixion that had just happened to

him days earlier. They did not know it was Jesus, but listen to what the Bible records he began sharing with them: “And beginning at MOSES and ALL the PROPHETS, he (Jesus) expounded unto them in ALL the SCRIPTURES the THINGS CONCERNING HIMSELF” (Luke 24:27). Wow!!! Are you kidding me...starting with Moses? Friend, Moses wrote the first 5 books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Number, Leviticus, & Deuteronomy)! WHAT could have possible been written in them about the Messiah? Oh, come on, reader...have you read what I have written in this book so far?

Allow me to reiterate: Christ had just fulfilled the prophetic 7 day creation story’s narrative in Genesis of God bringing into existence the sun and the moon on the 4th day; the prophetic story (parable) in Genesis of God accepting Abel’s lamb offering; the prophetic story (parable) in Genesis of God delivering Abraham’s wife Sarah from Pharaoh; the prophetic story (parable) in Genesis of God providing a lamb when Abraham almost sacrificed his son, Isaac; the prophetic story (parable) in Genesis of God delivering Jacob’s family from Laban; the prophetic story (parable) in Exodus of God delivering the Israelites from Egyptian bondage through Moses, etc. And yes, friend, Christ most certainly shared with them how he was the fulfillment of the Israelite’s Passover lamb, and that Moses was a prophetic picture of him! But Christ did not stop with Moses’ writings (called the Torah); he went on to discuss the many direct prophecies penned about him by the traditional prophets in the Old Testament Scriptures [See Figure #7]. When Jesus was finished talking, do you think the two traveler’s faith (belief) in “God, the Messiah (Jesus Christ), & mankind’s salvation” was cemented? OF COURSE IT WAS!!! And you can rest assured they spread Christ’s “prophecy-fulfilled revelation” to others, as did the Disciples, Paul, and many others.

In conclusion of this chapter, let us return to Moses’ story and see how he was further a prophetic type of the Messiah, for even after the amazing “Red Sea deliverance incident” God continued to control the circumstances in his life to develop a picture of the coming Messiah. For example, Moses’ spirit left Earth exactly 40 years after the year God had worked through him to deliver the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage: “Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died”

Figure # 7
Partial List Of Old Testament Messianic Prophecies

| Prophecy | Subject | Fulfillment |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Gen. 3:15 | Born of woman's seed | Gal. 4:4 |
| Gen. 12:2, 3 | Born of Abraham's seed | Matt. 1:1 |
| Gen. 17:19 | Born of Isaac's seed | Matt. 1:2 |
| Num. 24:17 | Born of Jacob's seed | Matt. 1:2 |
| Gen. 49:10 | Descended from tribe of Judah | Luke 3:33 |
| Isaiah 9:7 | Heir to David's throne | Luke 1:32, 33 |
| Isaiah 7:14 | Born of a Virgin | Luke 1:26-31 |
| Micah 5:2 | Born in Bethlehem | Luke 2:4-7 |
| Jer. 31:15 | Slaughter of children by Herod | Matt. 2:16-18 |
| Hosea 11:1 | Flight to Egypt | Matt. 2:14, 15 |
| Isaiah 40:3-5 | John the Baptist as forerunner | Luke 7:24, 27 |
| Psalms 2:7 | Declared Son of God | Matt. 3:16, 17 |
| Isaiah 9:1-2 | Galilean ministry | Matt. 4:13-17 |
| Deut. 18:15 | Prophet to come | Acts 3:20-22 |
| Isaiah 61:1, 2 | Heal brokenhearted | Luke 4:18, 19 |
| Isaiah 53:3 | Rejected by his own (Jews) | John 1:11 |
| Psalms 110:4 | Priest after order of Melchizedek | Heb. 5:5, 6 |
| Psalms 78:2 | Spoke in parables | Matt. 13:35 |
| Zech. 9:9 | Triumphal entry | Mark 11:7-11 |
| Psalms 41:9 | Betrayed by friend (Judas) | Luke 22:47, 48 |
| Zech. 11:12 | Sold for 30 pieces of silver | Matt. 26:15 |
| Zech. 11:13 | End of Judas | Matt. 27:5-10 |
| Isaiah 53:9 | Buried with rich | Matt. 27:57-60 |
| Psalms 16:10 | Rose from dead | Mark 16:6, 7 |
| Psalms 110:1 | Ascend to God's right hand | Mark 16:19 |

(Deuteronomy 34:7). This happenstance paralleled the Messiah's life, because Jesus left Earth 40 days after God worked through him to deliver mankind's souls out of bondage to sin! Do you see? And on and on it went...Moses became God's lawgiver, as did Jesus; Moses spent 40 days fasting, as did Jesus; both their faces glowed

after dismounting a mountain; both were magnificent teachers; both were leaders of men; Moses sent out 12 spies, and Jesus sent out 12 disciples; both died on a hill. I think you get the point!

Thankfully—solidifying everything I have written in this chapter about Moses’ life being “a prophetic picture of the Messiah” is absolutely true—at some point during the 40 years in the wilderness, God clearly disclosed to Moses the coming Messiah WOULD be “*like him*”!!! Listen to Moses’ prophetic declaration to the Israelites: “*The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, **LIKE UNTO ME**; unto him ye shall hearken*” (Deuteronomy 18:15). And yes, friend, without a doubt, Jesus was THAT prophet, for his life (like none others) was “*like unto Moses*”!

The Apostle Peter understood Jesus was THE prophet Moses had spoken of in the Old Testament Scriptures (scrolls)—obviously, since Jesus had just opened the Disciple’s eyes to that truth!—and he preached it to the crowds 10 days after Jesus’ ascension on the day of Pentecost : “***The God of Abraham...hath glorified HIS Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up...And killed the Prince of Life, whom God hath raised from the dead...REPENT (turn from your sinful ways) YE THEREFORE, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come...And he shall send Jesus Christ... Whom the heaven must receive until the times of RESTITUTION of ALL THINGS...For Moses truly said...A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me...And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed***” (Acts 3:13-23). Do you see? No doubt about it, Jesus was THE PROPHET Moses had prophesied about to be “*like unto him*”!

Incidentally, did you notice in Peter’s address above (coming only 50 days after Christ’s redemptive work!) he unambiguously KNEW and DECLARED exactly what mankind MUST DO to obtain the “forgiveness for sins” Christ’s blood had just provided? Do you see it? YE MUST REPENT OF YOUR SINFUL WAYS, meaning you MUST willingly choose to STOP sinning!!! And, friend, I am about to show you unmistakably in the next chapter entitled “*Wilderness*” the sins that will damn your soul (spirit) to the lake of fire for all eternity are totally and completely encompassed in the 10 Love Commandments,

for God is not yet done revealing “EVERYTHING involved in a soul’s journey back to God” utilizing the Israelite’s story (parable)! Realize, just because the Israelites are free from Egypt’s bondage does NOT mean they are automatically guaranteed entrance into Canaan (Promise Land). THEY still have a DECISIVE journey to make!

I pray by now you have acquired a FULL appreciation and understanding of why God created a people called Israel and directed them through a story (parable) containing 400 years of bondage and divine deliverance via a man named Moses. Every detail was conceived by God to secretly prophecy about the true deliverer of mankind’s souls, Jesus Christ!