

A CALL TO SUPPER

April 25, 1965

Dear Sabbathkeepers:

Passover Services (Acts 20:6; A.A. 390, 391) for the first month (Lev. 23:5-8) at New Mt. Carmel Center, Waco, Texas were concluded April 24, 1965. Over 80 people representing various Sabbath keeping groups partook of the recently restored feast of the Lord's Supper (P.K. 678, P.P. 539).

The beauties of Spring arrested the attention of all, The fields of Texas Bluebonnets and other wild flowers nestling in a deep carpet of green covered the ground and the full Passover moon shone brightly over the encampment.

The hand of God worked in the acquisition of New Mt. Carmel for keeping the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread. All continued to see evidence of His working throughout the joyous occasion.

It was with great joy and solemn awe that a large group of believers from the four corners of the Nation and Canada assembled at New Mt. Carmel to celebrate the Passover on the 14th of Abib (April 16). For many it was their first time to celebrate it properly and at the right time. ". . . no one seems to know when and how to observe the sacrament. Some observe it every Sunday or every Sabbath, some occasionally, some every quarter and so on. It seems logical to say that when God commands us to ordain it anew He will tell us also how and when to observe it properly." 1 T.G. 3:6:2. "Therefore, let us keep the feast," 1 Cor. 5:8, as it is ordained anew; just as Christ ordained it in His day. (Luke 22:7-20). Hence, follow our Saviour's example of observing the Lord's Supper at Passover time. Mark 14:12-24; D.A. 652:2, 3.)

At the ordinance of humility there were confessions and repentance, and hearts were turned to God. Communion was taken in the solemn joy of awareness that the blood was applied in the Heavenly Sanctuary for each repentant sinner. (P.P. 411).

A testimony meeting the first evening was an inspiration to all, and Sabbath was truly a high day of fellowship, joy, and sweet communion. The mid-day meal was enjoyed by all in the central dining hall.

On Sunday morning the wave-sheaf was offered according to the instruction in the Scriptures, "on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it." (The Leviticus of D.S.D.A. 3:2; Ex. 23:19; 34:26; Lev. 23:10,11; 3Tr. 79:2; 83:0.)

During the Week of Unleavened Bread there were many inspirational meetings. Prayer bands were a blessing to all who attended, and, answers to prayer were experienced.

Leaders from two Davidian groups and the Mother church were present and expressed a desire for unity among God's people. All left the meetings with a deep realization of personal responsibility.

It is our prayer that those of you who were unable to attend the first Passover will make every effort to attend the second--May 16-24.

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the Lord. The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it, . . ." Numbers 9:9-11.

"Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart. . .by the word of the Lord.

"And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

"Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the second month:

"For there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified:

"For a multitude of people had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the Passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good Lord pardon everyone that prepareth his heart to seek the God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.

"And the Lord hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people." 2 Chr. 30:12,13, 15, 17-20.

Brother, Sister, is your faith sufficient to take God at His word, and be on hand for Passover in the second month at New Mt. Carmel, with your heart prepared to seek the Lord God of our fathers (Num. 9:11) and His blessings that all may be healed according to His Divine will?

Nothing would please the Lord so much as to see His Sabbath-keeping people united upon the principles of truth. Therefore, let us assemble at New Mt. Carmel and come to see eye to eye and receive God's richest blessings.

In accordance with the above divine instruction, second Passover will be held at New Mt. Carmel Center, Waco Texas, beginning at sundown May 16. Quite a number found it impossible to be here for the first Passover, beginning at sundown April 16, and a few who were here could not qualify for its hallowed rites. Doubtless there are many of you who did not recognize the necessity of its being restored at this time. But we must remember that "In the time of the end, every divine institution is to be restored." P. K. 678:2. We believe that many of you will realize the importance of keeping the 2nd Passover and will earnestly plead with the Father for the truth, and that in response to your fervent prayers, He will definitely show you that now is the time for the restoration of these sacred feasts, and that as a result you will obey His commands by observing this second Passover.

In fact, the types show that when Israel left Egypt, and when Judah left Babylon, they kept the feasts before reaching their homeland. Therefore, according to the types, those of Israel who continue to think they can wait until they are in the Kingdom to keep the feasts will be left without the wedding garment.

In other words, the Seventh-day Sabbath is the first feast day mentioned in Lev. 23. It is evident that the following feast days listed in Lev. 23; Ans. book 3:9; P.P. 539-541, are in force at the same time as the Sabbath. Therefore, if they are to be kept only after God's elect are in the Kingdom, logic tells us that the Seventh-day Sabbath would not be a test now.

It seems quite possible that the coming celebration of the second Passover may be the antitype of the Passover in the second month that was held in the days of king Hezekiah, (See 2 Chron. ch. 30). Surely all are longing for a thorough reformation in our ranks, and as we read 2 Chron. 31:1-7, it is plain to see that a mighty reformation came as a direct result of all Judah and some from three of the ten tribes, coming up to the above-mentioned Passover in the second month.

This type leads us to the conviction that the time is near when Davidians and many Adventists will observe the Passover in the second month; that then they will be led to see eye to eye; and the mighty reformation, for which we have long waited, will become a reality. Could anything bring us greater joy?

In response to the invitation to all who have a burden to present their message before those assembled for the Passover, we have received a letter from Brother E. F. Reichmann of Vista, California, in which he wrote, "We received your general letter in which you extended an invitation to all who had a burden to speak before your assembly. Brother Warden and I have a burden to do so. . ."

We are sorry that Brother Reichmann's letter was delayed in the mail, and that by the time it arrived, it was too late to arrange for these Brethren to present their burden at the first Passover. However, they have been informed of our plans for the second Passover. Provisions are made for them and others to speak at Passover in the second month. We urge all to be on hand to hear what they have to present. Likewise, we urge all who are interested in true reform and who long for true unity, or who have a message to present to the congregation to be here at that time.

In his letter, Brother Reichmann also wrote, ". . .we long to see Davidians united in a great reformation that will actually seal the 144,000. " We believe that these words aptly express the longing of every believer today. How can this unity, that will bring about the mighty reformation, be accomplished? Surely it can never come about without careful, prayerful consideration of the position of all the factions among us. Remember the noble Bereans! (Acts 17:10,11; and Acts of the Apostles, p. 232).

Now that antitypical Laban is chasing antitypical Jacob (according to some), it is very evident that Jacob, will get his name changed and be sealed by Jesus' new name (Rev. 3:12;

E.W. 15) before he gets to the Kingdom; since, in the type, Jacob had his name changed while wrestling with the Angel on his way home.

The Lord told Jacob of old what his new name was before he reached Canaan. Therefore, antitypical Jacob, the 144, 000, wrestle with the Angel who marks him (Eze. 9:3, 4) with Jesus' new name before he stands on Mt. Zion with the Lamb. (Rev. 14:1).

Jacob, are you willing to let the Angel change your name while on your way home? If not, then according to type you cannot be one of, or one with the 144,000, and stand on Mt. Zion with Him.

"The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living They observe the intensity that is taking possession of every earthly element, and they recognize that something great and decisive is about to take place, --that the world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.

"Behold, the Lord maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof; . . . BECAUSE THEY HAVE TRANSGRESSED THE LAWS (Dan. 7:25 two times and two laws) CHANGED THE ORDINANCE, BROKEN THE EVERLASTING COVENANT'

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.'

"Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, Even the Most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.'

"Oh Daughter of Sion, . . . the Lord shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies. Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they His counsel.' God will not fail His church in the hour of her greatest peril: He has promised deliverance. 'I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents.' He has declared, 'and have mercy on his dwelling-places.'

"Then will the purpose of God be fulfilled; the principles of His kingdom will be honored by all BENEATH THE SUN." P. K. 537, 538.

A Pure Church

"God is sifting His people, He will have a clean and holy church." A letter to Sister Howland. See 1T. 98-9.

For those in doubt of the authenticity of keeping the feasts and the Lord's Supper at the Passover time, the Lord's counsel is to carefully weigh the following evidences: Nahum 1:15; 1 Cor. 5:7,8; 11:23-30; Acts 18:21; 20:6,16; A.A. 390-1; D.A. 652:3; P.P. 277, 310, 311, 539-541; Matt. 26:17-28; Mark 14:12-24; Luke 22:7-20.

"In the upper chamber of a dwelling at Jerusalem, Christ was sitting at the table with His disciples. They had gathered to celebrate the Passover. The Saviour desired to keep this feast alone with the twelve. He knew that His hour was come; He Himself was the true paschal lamb, and on the day the Passover was eaten He was to be sacrificed. (first in the Lord's Supper). He was about to drink the cup of wrath; He must soon receive the final baptism of suffering." D.A. 642:1.

"Christ is still at the table on which the paschal supper has been spread. The unleavened cakes used at the Passover season are before Him. The Passover wine, untouched by fermentation, is on the table. These emblems Christ employs to represent His own unblemished sacrifice. Nothing corrupted by fermentation, the symbol of sin and death, could represent the 'Lamb without blemish and without spot.' 1 Peter 1:19." D.A. 653:2.

". . . As He ate the Passover with His disciples, he instituted in its place the service that was to be the memorial of His great sacrifice.

"The Passover was ordained as a commemoration of the deliverance of Israel from Egyptian bondage. God had directed that, YEAR by YEAR, as the children should ask the meaning of this ordinance, the history should be repeated. Thus the wonderful deliverance was to be kept fresh in the minds of all. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper was given to commemorate the great deliverance wrought out as the result of the death of Christ." D.A. 652-653.

Friends, lets get back to the Bible, follow the Spirit of Prophecy, and have the Lord's Supper "as a MEMORIAL of the SAME EVENT of which the PASSOVER had been a type." P.P. 539:3.

Refrain from longer observing the Lord's Supper in the day time; eating and drinking with the drunkards of tradition. Our Jewish brothers cannot understand the tradition of a Passover Lamb eaten at noon day several times a year. Neither could Moses, or Paul or Jesus.

Therefore, cease from the traditions of men and follow only a "thus saith the Lord." Hear God's voice and "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion (the church), and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Joel 2:1.

Yours to wrestle and receive the New Name,

Benjamin Roden

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kitchen facilities and sleeping accommodations will be provided from May 16 to 23 for those providing their own camping equipment and food.

Please direct all correspondence to our new address:

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If you have ever held a membership card in the Davidian Association from 1930 -1962, please notify us immediately. If you have first and second tithe receipts, etc., be sure to preserve them and advise the office of the total amount, so that you may be considered when the property is liquidated, and receive your just compensation.

Found: During the first Passover services, one pair of glasses in a leather case.

NEW MOON CALENDAR

June 1, beginning at sundown May 31.	Sept. 27, beginning at sundown Sept. 26.
July 1, " " " " " June 30.	Oct. 27, " " " " Oct. 26.
July 30, " " " " " July 29.	Nov. 25, " " " " Nov. 24.
Aug. 29, " " " " " Aug. 28.	Dec. 24, " " " " Dec. 23.

SECOND PASSOVER--May 17-23 beginning at sundown May 16.

PENTECOST--June 6 beginning at sundown June 5.

ROSH HOSHANA (New Year)--Sept. 27 beginning at sundown Sept..26.

ATONEMENT--Oct. 6 beginning at sundown Oct. 5.

FEAST OF TABERNACLES --Oct. 11-18 beginning at sundown Oct. 10.

(Note: All emphases and parentheses in quotations supplied unless otherwise indicated.)

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