Holy Communion—Part 3

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What does Bread without Yeast stand for in the church? Why does the LORD emphasize Bread without Yeast?

Again in the last few, Matthew chapter 16; Hallelujah; verses 5 to 12, He still talks about the deeper revelation of the Bread without Yeast. Again Matthew chapter 16; Matthew 16 He still talks about Bread without Yeast. Matthew 16 verses 5 to 12 look at what He says here about Bread without Yeast; He says The Yeast of the Pharisees, "When they went across the lake, the disciples forgot to take bread. 'Be careful,' Jesus said to them. 'Be on your quard against the yeast of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." And He says, "They discussed this among themselves and said, 'It is because we didn't bring any bread.' Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, 'You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread? Do you still not understand? Do you remember the five loaves for the five thousand, or how many baskets you gathered? Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered? How is it that you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread? But be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.' Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread, but against the teachings of the Pharisees and Sadducees." I just want to emphasize one thing here that in this case we see very clearly a case in time when the Lord now in the Bible is using Bread without Yeast as the true teaching, the true Word.

He is emphasizing the fact that Bread without Yeast stands for the true Word. But He's also using the fact that Bread with Yeast stands for the teachings of the Pharisees and the Sadducees essentially the false teachings in the church; when you translate into the church He is saying that Bread without Yeast represents the true doctrine, the true teaching, of the true Word of God. And yet Bread with Yeast standing for false teachings, false prophets, the teachings of the Pharisees, the teachings of the Sadducees, the teachings of the religious people somebody.

And I want to finish up this now, the Book of <u>Judges chapter 6 verse 19</u>; He still talks about the Bread without Yeast. <u>Judges chapter 6</u> precious people; <u>Judges 6:19</u> He talks about Bread without Yeast. What does Bread without Yeast stand for in the church? Why does the LORD emphasize Bread without Yeast? <u>Judges chapter 6 verse 19</u> look at this: Gideon having encountered God, having encountered the Angel of the LORD. He realized this is the Angel of the LORD. He goes out to make a sacrifice. He is able to ask the Angel of the LORD to wait on him so he can make sacrifice and bring unto the Angel of the LORD. Look at what he does in <u>verse 19</u>: He says, "Gideon went in, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them (to him) under the oak." Hallelujah! In other words, the LORD is using this to emphasize the fact that Bread without Yeast is the Bread of the Presence, the Presence of the LORD.

Bread without Yeast is the Bread of the Visitation of the LORD because you see that from that point on when Gideon presents Bread without Yeast, the Angel touched it after he poured broth. He was ordered to pour broth away. The Angel touched it on the rock and a huge flame of fire visited that rock; visited Gideon. And that was the beginning of a mighty visitation in the land and at the same time if you read further you see that the Bread without Yeast that brought the mighty visitation also led to Gideon destroying the Asherah poles and the altars of Baal.

So in other words the Bread without Yeast here, in this case in <u>Judges chapter 6</u> is being used by the LORD to emphasize the fact that it stands for the mighty visitation, the Bread of the Presence. No wonder it was always in the Holy Place; the Bread of the Visitation and at the same time the dismantling of the altars that are false, the altars of Baal; the altars of false prophecies and teachings in the church.

And I want to finish up with one mighty Bread that is John chapter 6. We are finishing now with the mighty Bread that you see in John chapter 6. Again Bread without Yeast is what we are still looking at; Jesus the Bread of Life. We are now talking about Jesus the true Bread without Yeast that is present at Passover. <u>Verses 32</u> precious people; John chapter 6 verses 32 on; look at what He says here. He says, "Jesus said to them, 'I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Now you see when you summarize all that together what the LORD was talking about in the Old Testament and in the New Testament essentially He was talking about the Bread without Yeast that is present during Passover, the one whose Body is stripped, Hallelujah; that's why Matza is stripped.

He's talking about the true Bread that was given to us from Heaven by the Father to give us life, to give life to the world. "'Sir,' they said, 'from now on give us this bread.' Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty." Now look at that somebody: He's saying He is the Bread of Life and whoever eats Him, comes to Him, eats His flesh will never hunger, will never die. But He also says something interesting, "...will never thirst;" whoever goes to Him will never thirst. So essentially in this case you see that the complete Bread of Life that is present during the sacrifice when the Passover Lamb, the Perfect Passover Lamb is being sacrificed; the Perfect Passover Lamb is Jesus and the Bread that is present at that time which is His Body; essentially He is now talking also about the Holy Spirit. He's talking about the fact that you will not thirst, which means the Spirit of the LORD will fill you.

Look at what He says, "But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away." <u>Verse 38</u>, "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all he has given me, but raise them up at the last day." So you see He is using the fact that the Bread of Life gives eternal life even on the last day if you have eaten of the true Bread of Life that is our Lord Jesus, you will still be raised up from the dead.

<u>Verse 40</u>, "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." <u>Verse 41</u>, "At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They said, 'Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?' 'Stop grumbling among yourselves,' Jesus answered. 'No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day." <u>Verse 45</u>, "It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life." Pan de vida—Bread of Life; Hallelujah! Pan de vida in Spanish. "I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Look at <u>verse 52</u>, "Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' Jesus said, 'I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me," listen to that somebody, "...and I in him." He's talking about the true Bread that is present at the Passover, the Hebrew-Jewish Passover when they are celebrating the Passover, the Bread that is striped that is called Matza, the Holy Bread. And again now He has summarized it by talking about the true Bread that is present during the Holy Communion in the church, which means during this time when Christ offered His Body on the Cross to be striped even for the sins of the world. He says, "Whoever eateth of that Bread will remain in Him and Him in him."

You see that means if you eat that bread you will remain in Christ and Christ in you. In other words, maintaining the Pre-Wedding Covenant, Pre-Rapture Covenant until the Day of the Rapture and you will be raptured. You are the ones that have maintained the covenant of faithfulness until the Day of the Rapture. You see? "Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever." So it's very important for us to understand that every aspect of the Bread without Yeast that the Lord was speaking about to Israel in the Book of Exodus chapter 12 was essentially summarizing the true bread that is our Lord Jesus, the Bread that came down from Heaven; the Holy Bread that if a man eateth of he shall not die but have eternal life.

Now I want to look at another revelation on the Passover church and this is regarding the Passover Lamb. We have just looked at one of the elements that is, the Bread that is Unleavened, the Bread without Yeast. And in this conversation I have handled why Bread without Yeast; I have handled why Yeast is removed and we've seen very clearly that Yeast stands for corruption, defilement, sin, inflation, inflammation, rot, deceit, all these things, everything about sin is yeast. And that's why the LORD was saying remove yeast from your houses and eat Bread without Yeast at Passover and also during the Holy Communion. And we've seen that Christ the Son of God is actually the Bread without Yeast for the church.

But now during the time of the Holy Communion in the lead Scripture of the Book of <u>Luke chapter 22 verse 7 to 13</u>, he mentioned 2 things. He said, "Now came the day of the Unleavened Bread." He talked about the Unleavened Bread; "when the Passover Lamb was to be sacrificed."

So let us look at the Passover Lamb. What is it about it that He's speaking to the church right now as we move towards the rapture? Now the Book of Exodus chapter 12 verses 1 to 13 speaks very, very clearly; again Exodus chapter 12:1 to 13 very clearly about the description of the Passover Lamb. And this is what He says very clearly, Exodus 12 verses 1 to 13 this is what He says: He says, "The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 'This month is to be your first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat." Verse 5 Exodus 12, "The animals you are to choose must be year-old males without defect," Hallelujah! "...and you may take them from the sheep or from the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, then the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. They are to take some of the blood and put them on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. The same night they are to eat the meat roasted over fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over fire" Hallelujah; "...head, legs and the inner parts. Do not leave any part till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. This is how you are to eat the meat: your cloaks should be tucked into your belt, and your sandals on your feet and your staff on your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover." Verse 12 He says, "'On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on your houses where you are; and when I see the blood of the lamb, I will pass over you. No destructive plaque will touch you when I strike Egypt."

Now this is amazing to me precious people that the Blood of the Lamb becomes so critical unto the LORD when He is talking about the Passover that at this time even as they commemorate the Passover, they should remember that it is the Blood of the Lamb that essentially set them free. Now let's look at the character. What is the trait that the LORD set forth that the Passover Lamb should have?

One of them is that the Passover Lamb should have no defect. There should be no defect at all on the Passover Lamb for that Lamb to qualify to be a Passover Lamb. And so when we look at the New Testament and we look at Christ the Messiah, what is it about the Messiah that qualifies Him to be the Perfect Passover Lamb of God that has been sacrificed during the Passover and in this case during the Holy Communion?

Now the Book of Hebrews is very clear. Again I'll just go step by step here. <u>Hebrews chapter 7</u> Hallelujah; the Blood of Christ <u>Hebrews chapter 7</u> He's talking about Melchizedek. And he says, <u>verse 11</u>, *"If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still a need for another priest to come—one from the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there must also be a change in the law. He of whom these things are being said belonged to a different tribe, and no one from that tribe has ever served at the altar. For it is clear that our Lord descended from Judah, and in regard to this tribe Moses said nothing about priesthood. And what we have said is even more clear if another priest like Melchizedek appears, one who has become a priest not on the basis of regulation as to his ancestry but on* *the basis of the power of an indestructible life.*" So you see the power with which Christ becomes a priest, the Passover Lamb is that He comes with life which is indestructible.

But listen to this, "For it is declared: 'You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless. (For the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. And it was now without an oath!" Hallelujah; "Others became priests without any oath, but he became priest with an oath when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are priest forever.'" Because of this oath, Jesus became the guarantee of a better covenant." Somebody listen to this. "Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who have come to God through him, because he always lives and intercedes for them."

Now listen to this very carefully: <u>verse 26</u> "Such a high priest meets our needs—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens." Listen to me somebody very carefully: When the LORD was talking to Israel and He is saying that they should pick the Passover, they should pick a Lamb without Defect and present because it is the Blood of that Lamb without defect that would atone for the sins of Israel in slavery in Egypt and release them out.

The LORD was essentially speaking to the church because we see that ultimately Christ is the Passover Lamb, the Perfect Passover Lamb that was offered for the sins of the world. And we see that Christ actually fits the character, the properties, the characteristics of the Passover Lamb that the LORD was ordaining. In <u>Exodus chapter 12</u>; in other words speaking a prophecy to the church, to the New Testament church and saying that the Passover Lamb that would redeem you from the spiritual Egypt will be a perfect Lamb; will be a Lamb without spot, without defect.

And that's why you see in the Book of <u>Hebrews chapter 7 verse 26</u> our Lord Jesus matches, He fits the description the LORD God was talking about. "Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy," listen to that "...blameless, pure, set apart from sinners," and He goes on and says, and He is "...exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then" after that "...for the sins of other people." Listen to what he says, "He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son, who has been made perfect forever." So surely Jesus fitted the description of the perfect Passover Lamb that the LORD was speaking about in the Book of Exodus chapter 12 verses 1 all the way to verse 13 even verses 35 to 45.

So one of the main characteristics of the Passover Lamb is that the Passover Lamb had to have no defect; the other thing is about the Blood of the Passover Lamb. We see very clearly that when the LORD was speaking about the Passover Lamb to the Israel community, the community of Israel in Egypt, He was essentially speaking about the Blood of Jesus that would come and atone for the sins of the world and the church because He said, "When I see the Blood of the Lamb at the doorposts, I will pass over you and not strike you when I strike the land with judgment; but take you as my people so you may enter into the wilderness to worship me towards the promise; the Promised Land." How does that speak to the church during the Holy Communion? Now listen to this very carefully: When the Lord was doing so with Israel in Egypt essentially spoke a prophecy to the church. He was saying, "You church; you too, it is the Blood of the Perfect Passover Lamb Jesus that when you cover yourself with that Blood, cover your heart; that is the only thing the Lord ever died for and now when I come to take the church during the rapture and I check on your heart and I see that your heart is covered with the Blood of the Perfect Passover Lamb that is Jesus" do you hear me somebody? "...then I will take you to be with me into the wilderness out of the spiritual Egypt. But judgment will strike Egypt." And remember the Egypt here is the spiritual Egypt, the world where the church has been living and that judgment is the first 3 ½ years of the tribulation and the next 3 ½ years of the great tribulation. That is the 7 years of tribulation. That is the judgment that will smite and strike the earth as the Lord takes the church that is covered by the Blood of the Lamb; the Blood of Jesus.

Is somebody following me here? And you see very, very powerfully now that the Blood of the Lamb is able to atone for the sins of the church and release her into the wilderness. Which wilderness are you talking about here? Before the church, listen to this: Before the church even enters the rapture, Jesus died for the church at Calvary. And that's why in the beginning I told you there are 2 levels of redemption that are embedded within the Holy Communion.

I said the revelation of the Holy Communion to the church is number 1 about the rapture; number 2, about the 2 levels of restoration. Now listen to this somebody: When Jesus died at Calvary that was the first redemption; that was the first time He delivered the church from the fall of Adam. He delivered the church right there and then He made the church able now to pass through the route that brings her into Heaven because He poured His Blood on the cross.

But listen to this somebody: If you don't receive Christ, you cannot be delivered into the Kingdom of God. So there was a choice given unto the nations of the earth. But the deliverance was already done. Hallelujah! Now look at the next level of the deliverance; essentially He was talking about after the church was delivered at Calvary when He died. That was the Egypt; deliverance from Egypt. He removed the church into **the wilderness of repentance**. Hallelujah!

That's why you see in the Book of <u>Exodus chapter 12 verse 51</u> He says when He saw the blood of the lamb on the door He released Israel by their divisions into the wilderness to worship Jehovah. Hallelujah! So you see that when Jesus died on the cross, He too by His Blood, the Blood of the Perfect Passover Lamb, He released the church into the wilderness of repentance.

No wonder everyone that appeared was preaching, "Repent for the Kingdom of God is near. Repent for the Kingdom of God is near" implying that the church has now been set free from this slavery of sin that Adam put her in, the slavery in Egypt. Now she has been set free by her divisions into the wilderness of repentance. So when we repent in Christ Jesus, then we are already on our way as we wait for the rapture, but on the way in the wilderness of repentance; on the way to the Promised Land which is the rapture for the church.

Are we there somebody? And He's talking about that **first level of deliverance** that has set free the church and the church is **in the wilderness of repentance**. But listen to this somebody: **The Day of the Rapture**, when the midnight hour arrives, when the Lord finally strikes the earth with judgment **that's the next level of deliverance**. He delivers the church in the rapture; tribulation hits the earth as the church enters the Wedding Supper of the Lamb of God.

Isn't that an amazing revelation to mature the church up; the 2 levels of deliverance, you know that's embedded within the Holy Communion and the church has never known these things? And I want to look at the other aspect of the Passover Lamb that the LORD is talking about. When Jehovah was speaking to Israel about the Passover Lamb that they were to sacrifice in Exodus chapter 12 He mentioned something very critical to them; He said, "And don't break His bones."

Now look at this somebody: <u>Exodus 12</u> I'm going back to <u>Exodus chapter 12</u>; <u>Exodus 12</u> this is what He says: He said here very carefully <u>verse 46</u>; He's talking about the regulation for Passover. What is it that constitutes; that qualifies a lamb to be a Passover Lamb, able to atone the sins of Israel and now we are talking about the sins of the church? Look at this: <u>verse 46</u> <u>Exodus 12</u> and "*It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones.*" Hallelujah! That was one of the rules that would qualify a lamb to be a Passover Lamb.

Now let us look at the New Testament. The Book of John chapter 19 where is it in the New Testament that you now see that Jesus fitted the description that the Father was describing to Israel a description which would characterize the Perfect Passover Lamb whose Blood is able to atone for the sins of Israel and in this case we are talking about the Perfect Passover Lamb, Jesus whose Blood is able to atone for the sins of the world. And we have seen that He commanded them and He said, "You shall not break any of his bones."

Now in the Book of John chapter 19 verse 28 he says, "Later, knowing that all was completed, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.' A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a stalk of hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips." Verse 30, "When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the Jews did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath, they asked Pilate to have the legs broken and the bodies taken down. The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, then those of the other. But when they came to Jesus and they found that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side" Hallelujah; "...with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water." Now "The man who saw this has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe. These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: 'Not one of his bones will be broken,' and, as another scripture says, 'They will look on the one they have pierced." Now look at verse 33, it was customary for people who have been crucified during that time of the Roman rule, it was customary for their knees to be broken by ax.

They chopped their knees with axes before they lowered the bodies from the cross; and yet if they had done that with the Body of Christ that would have definitely disqualified Christ from being the perfect Passover Lamb that Jehovah had described already and ordained and commanded in the Book of <u>Exodus chapter 12</u>. But you see that when they are coming to remove the bodies from the crosses, the first man that was crucified with Jesus, with an ax they chopped off now the knees as was required in Roman law. And they lowered the body. They went to the other man; they chopped off the knees and then lowered the body. But when they

came to Jesus, they realized He was already dead and the Holy Spirit of Jehovah could not allow them to cut the bones of our Lord Jesus with an ax so He could fulfill the basic requirement of being a Perfect Passover Lamb whose bones are not supposed to be broken so His Blood could atone for the sins of the world. Isn't that amazing somebody? Hallelujah! And then the spiritual circumcision that we have seen and he said, "Nobody can partake of the Passover unless they are circumcised."