Hello everyone, it is May the 17th of 2024 as I sit down to record this, and this is the Pentecost message for 2024. I realize that not everyone is keeping it on the 19th, but I'm going to get this out so that those of you that do do that, I will have something if you will care to choose use it.

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Those of you who keep the Calculated Hebrew Calendar, will be keeping it in another month, and I understand that. It really was a year where we had to step out in the courage of our convictions and choose, for reasons articulated in the past, to do what we did.

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One of the parameters I was personally watching closely for, is how this harvest actually played out in Israel this year. Did it make sense, given what we have chosen to do? I am happy to report that it fell into place about exactly as expected. So, observing Pentecost now, with the barley and wheat harvest completed, fits the bill. Had it not, we would have taken our lumps, acknowledged our error, and carried on in light of better understanding.

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I learned something that I did not know this year, that by the time four weeks was gone after Passover week, that's the regular winter grain crops, the wheat and the barley were completed and the fields were plowed and replanted with crops, like corn, if those farmers had an irrigation allotment in place. This makes perfect sense, since why waste all that good summer weather and sunshine if one could find the water to produce a crop in it.

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Typically, once May comes in the Holy Land, the rains have stopped and the summer weather is well entrenched. This year the transition from winter to summer in the Holy Land was very obvious, so things fell into place pretty much as expected. The idea that Passover is determined by the appearance of the crescent closest to the equinox has again ticked the boxes for what would be expected in our current understanding.

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If we had no information to consider, this is what we would do personally here. That's now six years for us where the events fell in a logical way. And again, I'm sure this won't be resolved until the kingdom is set up, but if information is present to help one clarify their thoughts on the situation, then why not use it, if it's available?

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Because we are a month early to the typical Church of God layout this year, Austin Wildt has generously offered to host a feast site in Kalispell, at his place, in Montana.

And if there are any of you that would have a serious desire to attend that, ah, we have already booked in, along with some others, and found places to stay, and if there is an interest, please contact either Austin or myself and I can forward on your request to Austin and we can see what we can do about that. I am really looking forward to that and we'll just see what happens. Several have expressed an interest to come to that, so we wanted to let people, at least to be aware that if you are keeping a different calendar than the Churches of God, that there would be a place to go, if you choose to go.

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One of the things about the holydays, as Yehovah laid them out in scripture, is their admonition be kept as statutes forever. That's quite a while. If we look at Leviticus 23:14 it says:

¹⁴You shall eat neither bread nor parched grain nor fresh grain until the same day that you have brought an offering to your God; it shall be a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

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We see the same thing mentioned, and this is in regards to Pentecost, in verse 21.

²¹And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

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This alone, would imply that there is far more meaning to these days and fulfillments, than perhaps we've even considered before, or thought about. I'm quite certain there will be many messages pertaining to this day, for some here in May and others in June, regarding about what occurred in the book of Acts, specifically in Chapter 2.

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So, let's go to Act 2, where we are going to read Acts 2, verses 1 - 12 just to set the stage for what we would like to cover today. It says:

¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

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So, there was an increased capacity given to those who were in attendance.

⁵And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ⁷Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

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Sounds like there was quite a smorgasbord of people in for the holydays.

¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." ¹²So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

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The apostles were told of this event, so to them at least, it shouldn't have been much of a surprise; though knowing something and actively seeing something, can be two entirely different things. Let's read Christ's own words in Luke 24, verses 36 - 49. Luke 24, and verses 36 - 49.

³⁶Now as they said these things, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, "Peace to you"

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So, He simply appeared out of nothing and said, peace be with you and of course they were a little shook up.

³⁷But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. ³⁸And he said unto them, "Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹"Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as you see I have."

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One of the things we have traditionally failed to recognize, as a spirit being, there's tremendous capacity. Christ had already been resurrected here; He did not appear in His glorified form; He appeared as a human being.

⁴⁰When he had said this, he shewed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, he said to them, "Have you any food here?" ⁴²So they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and some honeycomb. ⁴³And he took it, and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴And he said to them, "These are the words

which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me. ⁴⁵And he opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the scriptures.

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That takes the Holy Spirit to understand, and in the book of John we read, that He breathed on them, and gave them the Holy Spirit at that time. So, there's really an understanding that was given to them, even though He had been with them for however long, they did not understand.

⁴⁶Then he said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: ⁴⁷"and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning in Jerusalem.

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Jerusalem is very important to God.

⁴⁸And you are witnesses of these things." ⁴⁹"Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry in the city of Jerusalem, until you are endued with power from on high."

So, Christ here said, He would send the promise of My Father, of His Father.

⁵⁰And he led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

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The Holy Spirit giving understanding, is a big feature of our lives, and it is a promise of the Father. We get some additional information of the dynamic of this further on in the book of Acts, where we will go take a look at Acts 2, verses 32 and 33. Acts 2. This is actually tied into what we can actually learn from Pentecost. Acts 2, verses 32 and 33.

³²This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God,

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So, Christ's prayer was that He would be taken back to the glory that He had, and God obviously answered that, and notice this.

and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit,

Well, we need to ask ourselves the question, why did He have to go to the Father for the Holy Spirit if He was restored to the condition that He was before, why would He need to do that? And yet it plainly tells us here that the Holy Spirit came from the Father. That Christ did not have it to give.

He (Christ) poured out this which you now see and hear.

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Again, Christ had prayed to the Father that He would be restored to the glory He had before, so it seems logical that Yehovah honored that prayer, and this snapshot of Him being exalted to the right hand of Yehovah would confirm that. Notice here, the Holy Spirit came from the Father and did not come from Christ.

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It came through Christ, which is an often-repeated theme in the Bible. In Christ's glorified condition, He wasn't the source of the Holy Spirit, His Father was; and Christ was able to be a conduit for that. Perhaps we have a snapshot here of Christ in the Father and the Father in Christ, as Christ stated in John 14:10.

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Yehovah is the Creator. The Holy Spirit flows through Christ to accomplish the Creators will. In every case where the word "Creator" is used in the Bible, it always refers to Yehovah. And we've looks at that in previous studies.

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When Christ encountered the woman with the flow of blood, He felt power leave Him. As a human being, I've never felt power leave me, and maybe that's a thing for some, I just simply don't know, but Christ certainly did. It was Yehovah who healed her and Christ was a vessel through whom He did so.

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Christ was not conscious of what had occurred in the situation with the woman with the flow of blood, He just simply felt power leave Him. He was a human being; where did that power come from? It came from God the Father.

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He actually turned and asked, what happened? I also have to wonder if He felt power leave Him when all the other things He did occurred? The Bible seems silent on that, although I may have seen it and just didn't recognize it. We've all had that happen I'm sure, we read passages and read them and read them, and all of a sudden the light comes on.

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We might now better understand Christ's words when it is recorded that it is the Father in Him who does the works. And we read of that in John 10, where we are going to read verses 32 - 38. John 10, verses 32 - 38.

³²Christ answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father.

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So, the works that He did was the Father working through Him to accomplish the many miracles that occurred.

For which of those works do you stone Me?" ³³The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy, and because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

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Christ never claimed to be God. He did constantly refer to Himself as the Son of God.

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods"? ³⁵If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), ³⁶do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

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And of course they took great exception to that.

³⁷If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; ³⁸but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."

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Christ never said He was Yehovah. He said He was the Son of Yehovah, who had been sanctified by the Father and sent. And we've looked at all the scriptures where it is recorded, "I sent My Son"

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If we go into the book of Acts again, Acts 2:22, we'll see a confirmation of how this actually works. Acts 2, verse 22

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which (the) God (the Father) did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—

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So, the power of the Holy Spirit flowed through Christ; it came from the Father, and it did miracles, signs and wonders, such as we saw in the display of the languages. So, we begin to see the logistics of how this actually works, by showing us who supplied the muscle through Christ, to do all the miracles, signs and wonders He did.

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It has been my observation that if one takes something from the Father, and gives that capacity to Christ, that's okay. But if one takes something from Christ and gives it back to the Father, where it might well belong, that is a very bad thing.

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A comment was made on a zoom meeting I was on, out of Australia, that really resonated with me when applying it to my current understanding. The Cole's notes on it was; if God is love, and He's the Creator of all, and hasn't created anything, what is there to love?

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Love must be given, but it also must be received. If there is nothing to receive it, what's the point? It makes logical sense then that from the first thing Yehovah would create, is a Son of His Love, to give expression of that natural outpouring from the Father, and the Creator.

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The Son of His love is referenced in Colossians 1:13. We're just going to read that. Colossians 1:13, there is a Son of His love. Colossians 1:13

¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

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And Christ Himself, declared He was the beginning of the creation of Yehovah. This now makes perfect sense to me. The word "creation" in Revelation 3:14 is the Greek word G2937, ktisis (ktis'-is) which is ktisis, my pronunciation might be terrible, but that's the word, which means creation. Christ said He was the beginning of the creation of God. So, the word "creation" there means, either the act or the product of divine work.

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I'd encourage you to look it up in Bible Hub and conclude as you might. The very first thing that Yehovah made was the Son of His love, and then built out the rest of the creation through Him. We have been taught that the first thing that Christ made, that God made rather, were the angels. But if Christ is the first-born over-all creation, that cannot be true.

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It tells us the love of Yehovah is between Him and His First-born Son. The Holy Spirit then flowed through Christ to make what is described in Colossians 1:16.

¹⁶For by Him (Christ) all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him

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So, the power of God, as we saw in Acts 2:33, flowed through Christ, to create all that was created. And they were created through Him that way.

and for Him.

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Christ is preeminent over all, but of course He is not preeminent over Yehovah. The incredible power that comes from Yehovah first flows through His First-born Son. The only such Being, but that's how it happens. The Father included Him in everything.

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The Bible has an awful lot to say about the first-born, and it might be a little easier to see why that is now. And you know, there's a few scriptures, and this simply just has not been looked at and considered, from my experience. The Bible talks a great deal about the first born, and I have always wondered why? And I think it's become rather obvious now why that is.

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If we look at an example here. Deuteronomy 21, verses 15 - 17. The instruction here is:

¹⁵"If a man has two wives, one loved and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, both the loved and the unloved, and if the firstborn son is of her who is unloved, ¹⁶then it shall be, on the day he bequeaths his possessions to his sons, that he must not bestow firstborn status on the son of the loved wife in preference to the son of the unloved, the true firstborn. ¹⁷But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has,

And note this.

for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

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How does that fit in, that where Christ has the right of the firstborn? The one through whom the Father worked. I think we begin to see some of that. Let's go to Exodus 13:2, where we'll look at another scripture where we begin to see God's thinking on this. And quite frankly there's all kinds of passages about this in the scriptures, and I've never taken the time to look at them, and maybe that will be the topic of another study at some point. But in Exodus 13:2 we read:

²"Consecrate to Me (to Yehovah) all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine."

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And I thought huh, I have not considered that before. Exodus 34:19, we see something similar.

¹⁹ "All that open the womb are Mine, and every male firstborn among your livestock, whether ox or sheep.

I think we can begin to see now why the concept of the firstborn is front and center of the way God thinks. And that's been lost, and I think we need to take a look at that, as I said.

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If we go to Genesis 49:3, you notice here how Jacob knew of this. It says:

³"Reuben, you are my firstborn,

He understood that.

my might and the beginning of my strength,

Can we see the application then to God's firstborn, the Spirit Son.

the excellency of dignity and the excellency of power.

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Does that not fit? I think it absolutely does. And it's very interesting to at least consider that. The bible has a lot to say about the firstborn, and it might be a little easier to see now why.

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Yehovah, through His Son, is in the business of bringing many Sons to Glory. Spirit existence, like that of His firstborn.

We read of that in Hebrews 2; Hebrews 2, and verses 10 - 13. Hebrews 2, and verses 10 - 13.

¹⁰For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things

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The entire creation was made for Christ.

and by whom are all things,

The Holy Spirit flowed through His Son to create all things.

in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

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He is a Son of God; the ecclesia are to become Sons of God.

¹²saying: "I will declare Your name (Yehovah) to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly, I will sing praise to You." ¹³And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.

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God is expanding His family. Christ is going to have many brothers. That's the whole purpose, but there is only one Being, through whom the Father has worked continuously. We are brethren to God's Son.

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But what does this have to do with Pentecost, you ask? By examining what actually occurred on Pentecost, quite a lot, at least I think so. Yehovah has ordained three festivals as harvests, for physical beings He has created, and continues to create.

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They, like their elder brother, will be raised in newness of life, no longer physical, but Spirit. Both immortal and incorruptible as the ecclesia are promised in I Corinthians 15; I Corinthians 15, verse 50 – 54. Let's just read that. God is in the process of taking beings, made of the dust of the ground, and turning them into immortal, incorruptible Beings, brothers to His oldest Son, His firstborn.

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⁵⁰Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

In previous studies we've learned that when God makes the spirits of angels; they do have the knowledge of which way to go, but He has made them subject to corruption, and a third of them did.

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When He makes human beings, He does not put into our spirit how to direct our steps. And one doesn't have to look very far to confirm that today. We really, in many cases, simply do not know, we have to go to God for that understanding.

⁵¹Behold, I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—⁵²in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible

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And Human beings are corruptible.

must put on incorruption,

That is Elohim, Son of God existence, to be both immortal and incorruptible, just like God's firstborn Son.

and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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But these harvests are specific and differentiated. Something that was not done in the past, at least to my experience. We are told, directly in scripture, that Pentecost harvest is specific to the wheat harvest. And we read of that in Exodus 34, and verse 22. Exodus 34:22.

²² "And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the first fruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.

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Pentecost pictures a harvest of humanity to Spirit; it is not the Feast of Unleavened Bread harvest, and it is not the Feast of Tabernacles harvest. Failure to recognize such has caused no end of confusion in the past. Both those of the two earlier harvests, the Unleavened Bread harvest and the Pentecost harvest are referred to as firstfruits.

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The latter, or later harvest, pictured by the feast, or harvest of Tabernacles are not referred to as firstfruits in scripture. Since we now understand there are three, and they occur at different times and in different geo-political conditions, as we've looked at, the middle one matches the wheat harvest and we read of that in Matthew 24.

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Let's read that. Matthew 24, and verses 29 - 31. Matthew 24, and verses 29 - 31. It tells us here, very time specific event.

²⁹"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

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You notice here there is no lake of fire event here. There is no lake of fire event recorded with the Unleavened Bread feast. But there is a lake of fire incident spoken of in Matthew 25. Let's read that. Hopefully we can begin to see the difference between these different harvests of physical to Spirit.

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Let's go to Matthew 25 and we'll read verses 31 – 46.

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before Him,

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You notice how this is completely different, this isn't after the tribulation. This is a different time.

the nations will be gathered before Him,

So, this is a harvest of the nations of the world.

and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. ³³And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the

world: ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;

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You notice all that He is referring to is a mental state of mind.

³⁶I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' ³⁷ "Then the righteous

Folks that did all those things, made that a way of life.

will answer Him, saying, 'Master, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? ³⁸When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? ³⁹Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You? ⁴⁰And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

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And we understand that the Spirit of Christ is in those of the ecclesia. So, all of a sudden this makes perfect sense.

⁴¹ "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

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So, this is a time where the lake of fire is in motion, it is a time of receiving salvation, it is also a time of eternal judgement, going into the lake of fire. And this is not recorded in either the Unleavened Bread harvest, the feast; or Pentecost, another feast. This is referring to the Feast of Tabernacles harvest at the end of the age.

⁴²for I was hungry and you gave Me no food;

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They had the way to live, but wouldn't live it.

I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' ⁴⁴"Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Master, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' ⁴⁵Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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And in the past, we've been talking about the Feast of Tabernacles harvest, and reading scriptures about the Pentecost harvest, or referencing that of the Unleavened Bread harvest with making no distinction about the three harvests, and we've been given a considerable amount of clarification on that if we simply believe what the scriptures say.

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I'm going to leave you with a passage in Luke, it's a companion scripture, but I think it is very interesting. We learned this year, of how the seasons actually roll in the Holy Land, and I had no idea until this year, it was just time to see how this actually works. But this is quite specific to a timing event. In Luke 21, we'll pick it up in verse 25.

²⁵"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;²⁶men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption

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The conversion from physical to Spirit.

draws near." ²⁹Then He spoke to them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰When they are already budding;

That's very specific, there was an actual specific time in the Holy Land this year when that occurred. When did the fig trees actually bud? And all the trees.

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There comes a time when they come out of their winter sleep and they begin to flourish.

you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

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The kingdom of God can mean, existence in the kingdom of God as a Son of God; it can also refer to the establishment of God's kingdom on the earth. So, we need to think about that. What does the kingdom of God actually reference right here?

³²Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place.

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So, here is a reference, a very specific time of the year, referring to a redemption that lines up very nicely with the day of Pentecost. This is quite specific in its timing, which I learned from what actually went on in Israel this year.

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A Pentecost resurrection, at least according to this, does not occur at trumpets, it's a summer thing, it's not a fall thing. Those in the Pentecost resurrection will be taken to heaven as part of the firstfruits, and will return with Yehovah and Christ to set up the kingdom of God.

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These days we observe are much deeper than I have previously understood. We need to take the time to consider that they were given to be kept forever. What future events will coincide with parts of the holydays we just don't understand yet? It's quite interesting I think, to contemplate that.

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I hope everybody has a very good and solid day of Pentecost, and we will be looking forward to getting something out again once we get through this holyday weekend.