

**The Tree of Life:**

**PREFACE:**

*Lev 23:1 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*

*2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, **Concerning the feasts of the LORD**, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even **these are my feasts.***

*3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: **it is the sabbath of the LORD** in all your dwellings. **The weekly Sabbath!***

*4 ¶ These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.*

*5 In the fourteenth day of the first month (Hebrew Abib) at even is the LORD'S Passover.*

*6 And on **the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.***

*7 In **the first day ye shall have an holy convocation:** ye shall do no servile work therein.*

*8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in **the seventh day is an holy convocation:** ye shall do no servile work therein.*

*9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*

*10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest unto the priest: {sheaf: or, handful: Heb. omer}*

*11 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.***

Paul and the other apostle worshipped on the Holy Days and as we use days like Christmas, Easter, Anzac Day etc. to tell time the apostles used Gods Holy Days to tell time.

*Acts 20:6 And we sailed away from Philippi **after the days of unleavened bread**, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.*

*7 ¶ And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.*

*1Cor 5:7 ¶ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: {is sacrificed; or, is slain}*

*8 Therefore **let us keep the feast**, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. {**the feast: or, holyday**}*

God in His almighty wisdom has quarantined man from access to eternal life just as He has quarantined man from access to this beautiful universe by the mind-bending distances involved in travelling its length and breadth.

The **Milky Way** is about 1,000,000,000,000,000 **km** (about 100,000 **light years** or about 30 kpc) across. The Sun does not lie near the centre of our **Galaxy**. It lies about 8 kpc from the centre on what is known as the Orion Arm of the **Milky Way**. That means travelling at the speed of light (186,000 Miles Per Sec or 299 792 458 m / s) you would need 100,000 years times the speed of light. Compare with our average life time of say 82 years.

We inexorably move from birth to death and apart from some temporary medical interventions and miracles we cannot prevent our ultimate death. We in general, ignoring the Christ story, have no guarantee of a future life. Once dead we are permanently dead, unless the Bible story is correct.

#### **AIM:**

Can I show you the real story for us and all humans who will ultimately be involved in this marvellous future? In Genesis God spoke these words.

*Gen 3:22 ¶ Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" - 23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.*

*24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life. (NKJV)*

In the whole of the NKJV eleven verses mention the Tree of Life:                      Refer Gen 2:9.

Was God playing some sadistic Joke exposing mankind to Eternal Life only to take it away as soon as an error was made. We most likely would have done exactly what Adam and Eve did.

No! God was not playing a joke, God is His ultimate wisdom was establishing a system that would ultimately bring us to Eternal Life, born out of our choice made after a lifetime of trial, suffering, experience, love and through "free moral agency".

It appears that Satan and his demonic followers have eternal life and have failed miserably and yet God can use their influence to sharpen, shape and prepare and hone us for a fabulous future. In fact, God placed us all in this spiritually TOXIC environment for our ultimate good.

*Isa 14:12 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!*

*13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;*

*14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'*

*15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. 16 "Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,*

#### **BODY:**

After Christ returns in power and glory the following is stated:

*Rev 12:10 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.*

*11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

- **Before and after this scripture history is discussed, in fact most of chapter 12 is history:**

Rev 12:1 ¶ Now a great sign appeared in heaven: **a woman clothed with the sun**, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

**NB. Satan was corrupted and led other angels to disobey God:**

4 **His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth.** And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. **Christ!**

5 She bore **a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.** And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. **The resurrection of Christ.**

12 ¶ "Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that **he has a short time.**"

13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, **he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child.**

14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood.

16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

For those who want to do away with Gods Commandment, read on:

Rev 12:17 And **the dragon was enraged with the woman**, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, **who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.** (NKJV)

**NB. We obey God and have a covenant relationship with Christ:**

After God commences the message to the seven churches with Ephesus, He makes this profound Statement:

- **Tree of life:**

Rev 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life**, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

Gods great desire is that all mankind be saved or resurrected to eternal life.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

17 "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Eph 2:4 ¶ But God, who is rich in mercy, **because of His great love** with which He loved us,  
5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),  
6 and raised us up together, and made us **sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus**,  
7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.  
8 For by grace **you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God**,  
9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.  
10 For we are His workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus** for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- **Salvation to all Israel:**

Rom 11:26 And **so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:** "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;  
27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

Romans 10:9-10 "That if you **confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord,"** and **believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, **you will be saved**. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

- **Salvation for all mankind:**

1Tim 2:1 ¶ I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and **giving of thanks, be made for all men;**

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

**4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

6 Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

**NB. Right in the middle of the Day of The Lord prophecies Timothy says this:**

2Pe 3:9 ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

- **How do we access Salvation and the Tree of Life or the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth?**

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and **my reward is with me**, to give every man according as his work shall be.

**13 I am Alpha and Omega**, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

- **Tree of Life-Water of Life and Bread of Life:**

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.**

17 And the **Spirit and the bride** say, Come. And let him that heareth say, **Come**. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, **let him take the water of life freely.**

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. **{out of the book...: or, from the tree of life}**

20 ¶ He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, **come, Lord Jesus.**

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. (KJV)

### **The Samaritan Woman**

Jonh 4:7 There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink.

9 Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and **he would have given thee living water.**

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

**14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.**

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

- **The Holy Days tell of Christ the first fruit – the Weave Sheaf Offering:**

1Cor 15:16 **For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:**

17 And if **Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.**

18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ **are perished.**

19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of **all men most miserable.**

20 ¶ But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

**KJV**

1Cor 15:20 ¶ But, in reality, **Christ \*has\* risen from among the dead, being the first to do so of those who are asleep.**

21 For seeing that death came through man, through man comes also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For just as through Adam all die, so also through Christ all will be made alive again.

23 But this will happen to each in the right order--**Christ having been the first to rise, and afterwards Christ's people rising at His return. WNT**

Jas 1:18 Of his purpose he gave us being, by his true word, so that **we might be, in a sense, the first-fruits of all the things which he had made. BBE**

- **The Days of Unleavened Bread Tell Us How We Can Take of The Tree of Life:**

John 6:31 "**Our fathers ate the manna** in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave **them bread from heaven** to eat.'"

32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but **My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.**

33 "For the **bread of God** is He who comes down from heaven and **gives life to the world.**"

#### **ETERNAL LIFE!**

34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

35 And Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life.** He who comes to Me shall **never hunger**, and he who believes in Me shall **never thirst.**

John 6:39 "This is the **will of the Father** who sent Me, that **of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.**

40 "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that **everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.**"

John 6:45 "It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

47 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life.

**48 "I am the bread of life.**

49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

**50 "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.**

51 "**I am the living bread** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is **My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.**"

- **Unleavened Bread is all about eating bread. Have you had your fill to overflowing, of the Bread of Life, this week?**

Christ and God the Father are not tyrants who want our worship, adoration or crave power and control over us, just to make them feel good. The Great God or King of the universe and our Saviour want to share for eternity a way of life that works. This way of life brings peace, harmony, saneness, spiritual prosperity, comfort and love that works eternally.

2Cor 5:17 Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**

18 Now all things are of **God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,**

19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then, **we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.**

21 For He made **Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (NKJV)**

- **Unleavened Bread is about us submitting to God's work within us.**

2Tim 1:6 ¶ Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7 For **God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.**

8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

9 who has saved us and called us with a **holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace** which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,

10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, **who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,**

- **Unleavened Bread is about victory:**

I had a positive e-mail from someone, last year, when I said that God has destroyed death through Jesus Christ. That is exactly what Timothy is saying. Inevitably we will all die even if we are alive at Christ's return, our change is a death of the corruptible or physical body and a resurrection to eternal life,

1Cor 15:26 *The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.*

1Cor 15:49 *And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.*

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

51 ¶ Behold, I tell you a mystery: **We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--**

52 in 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.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this **mortal must put on immortality.**

54 So 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."**

55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

**57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Barbara has a saying and I do not know if it is her original: "let go let God". This typifies what ULB is all about. The only way we can achieve what God has set out for us is to willingly and voluntarily allow Christ to work in our lives.

**NB. Inside a prophecy about Zion and Jerusalem God says this:**

*Isa 64:6 ¶ But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.*

*7 And there is **no one who calls on Your name**, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities.*

**8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.**

***9 Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor remember iniquity forever; Indeed, please look-we all are Your people!***

- **We are Gods spiritual people – spiritual Jerusalem. God is not overwhelmed by the work He has commenced in us. Look at this marvellous scripture:**

*Philip 1:2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*3 ¶ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,*

*4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy,*

*5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,*

***6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;***

- **Should we question the commitment of the Eternal God.**

**The Days of Unleavened Bread are about Christ fulfilling His and the Father's promise to provide us with a 24/7 advocate. We are not alone.**

*John 14:12 ¶ "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*

*13 "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

***14 "If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.***

*15 ¶ "If you love Me, keep My commandments.*

*16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--*

*17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

***18 ¶ "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.***

*19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. **Because I live, you will live also***

**Prophecy of Eternal Life for us!**

*20 "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.*

***21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."***

Stephen and I were talking last Sabbath about the peace and confidence we have that Eternal Life awaits us.

**Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. No doubt in Gods eyes. 15 For you *did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."***

**16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,**

17 ¶ and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the **earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.**

20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;

21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22 For we know that the **whole creation groans** and labors with birth pangs together until now.

23 Not only that, but **we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.**

24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

**26 ¶ Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.**

27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, **because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.**

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

29 ¶ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, **that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.**

30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

31 ¶ What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?**

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

**33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.**

34 **Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.**

**35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?**

**37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.**

38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.** (NKJV)

#### **Conclusion:**

Yes, we are quarantined from eternal life by death, however the Days of Unleavened Bread demonstrate that God has the answer and the WAY out from under the slavery of death!

2Cor 3:4 *And we have such trust through Christ toward God.*

5 **Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,**

6 ¶ **who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**

#### **\* Christ Gives This Fabulous Promise:**

John 14:2 **"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

4 ¶ "And where I go you know, and the way you know."

5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.** NKJV