The Everlasting Covenant Bible Sermon Study Notes Cary Rodgers, Jr., pastor

"Satan works through the elements also to garner his harvest of unprepared souls. He has studied the secrets of the laboratories of nature, and he uses all his power to control the elements as far as God allows. When he was suffered to afflict Job, how quickly flocks and herds, servants, houses, children, were swept away, one trouble succeeding another as in a moment."

"In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast." - Great Controversy p. 589

# Why? Is it "climate change" a global warming of the earth? Isaiah 24:3-5

3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word.

4 The earth mourneth *and* fadeth away, the world languisheth *and* fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, **broken the everlasting covenant**.

# What is the everlasting covenant?

**Covenant** (Hebrew), b<sup>e</sup>rîyth [*ber-eeth'*](*Strong's Reference* #H1285)

From **H1262** (<u>in the sense of *cutting* (like H1254)); a *compact* (because made by passing between *pieces* of flesh): - **confederacy**, [con-]feder[-ate], covenant, **league**.</u>

Compact = agreement

Confederacy = alliance

Alliance = "a union or association formed for mutual benefit, especially between countries or organizations." - Google Dictionary

League = "a collection of people, countries, or groups that combine for a particular purpose, typically mutual protection or cooperation." - Google Dictionary

A covenant in general is an agreement in which a union or league between at least two people are made for the benefit of each other.

# What makes God's everlasting covenant revealed in the Bible have a deeper meaning?

1) God's covenant is an agreement which forms a union between God and us for our benefit.

- 2) God's covenant is "everlasting." It is perpetual or eternal with no end.
- 3) God's covenant involves cutting flesh blood

"Covenant" in Hebrew comes from word "barah" [baw-raw] = to eat, consume – Strong's reference #H1262.

# 4) God's covenant involves the eating and drinking of what has been cut

# When did God reveal His everlasting covenant to man for the benefit of man?

# After Adam and Eve rebelled and sinned against God... The payment for sin is death... Sin is the trangression of God's 10 Commandments

# Genesis 3:15

15 And I will put enmity (hatred) between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

This is the Bible's first Revelation prophecy in Genesis. Revelation = revealing. The message of Genesis 3:15 is the Revelation of the everlasting covenant that reveals that God will have a people that are clearly distinct from Satan's rebellious people. It also reveals how God will have people through His church, the woman. Jesus is the "it" that comes from his seed, the woman, His pure church.

# When did God reveal to Adam and Eve that the everlasting covenant will involve the cuttting of flesh?

# Genesis 3:21

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

This was not the wool or fur of the animal but the skin. In order to get the skin the animal flesh has to be cut and blood was spilled as a result. This is first time Adam and Eve saw blood!

Genesis 3:21 is the cutting revealed in the everlasting covenant of how God will restore and reunify man back to God in order to reflect the pure image of God to glorify Him. The everlasting covenant reveals that the payment for sin is death. Life is in the blood and spilled blood represents death.

Genesis 3:21 is a prophecy of the everlasting covenant that pointed to the sacrifical Lamb, Jesus Christ. Jesus (Greek) = Yshua (Hebrew) = Joshua: meaning Jehovah (Lord self existing one) is our salvation.

Christ (Greek) = Messiah (Hebrew) = "The annointed one"

#### John 1:29

29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Flesh had to be cut and blood had to be spilled in order to activate and ratify the everlasting covenant.

# John 1:14

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Jesus is 100% divine and became 100% human flesh. His cut flesh and spilled blood was payment for our sins and ratified and sealed the deal of the everlasting covenant.

The everlasting covenant reunifies us with Heaven through the blood and flesh of Jesus and gives everlasting life for those who believe in the covenant and are obedient to it.

# Jesus, the Word in the FLESH and the author of the everlasting covenant demonstrated to us how to live by the everlasting covenant.

# 1 Peter 2:21-25

21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

# The Holy Bible is a "living" book with detailed instructions of the everlasting covenant.

# 2 Timothy 3:16

16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**Remember God's covenant involves the eating and drinking of what has been cut!** Those who agree with the everlasting covenant must eat of the flesh and blood of Christ daily in order to stay in compliance with the covenant. This is NOT an option.

# John 6:53-58

53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are

# dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

The Flesh represents the written WORD of GOD. The Word in the FLESH also left the Holy written Word of the everlasting covenant in black and white. The Word of God is the flesh of Christ that must be consumed everyday through prayer and study.

The blood represents the righteousness of Jesus Christ that has the power to cleanse us from all sin and unrighteousness. Daily our faith MUST connect with Christ's righteousness. Are you covered by the blood by faith?

### What is the official contract that sums up the everlasting covenant?

### Exodus 34:27-28

27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

### What is the promise of the everlasting covenant that is found in the ten commandments?

#### Exodus 20:5-6

5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me;

6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

#### The Seal of the Living God

God's seal of the ten commandments, the official contract of the everlasting covenant, is the fourth commandment, the seventh day sabbath.

#### Seven

Seven is one of God's favorite numbers, but it is extremely important when it comes to understanding the everlasting covenant.

#### Revelation is a book of sevens

Seven churches, seven candlesticks, seven stars, seven lamps of fire, a book with seven seals, the Lamb with seven horns and seven eyes, the seven angels with seven trumpets, seven thunders, a dragon with seven heads and seven crowns, a beast with seven heads, and seven angels having seven vials containing the seven last plagues. Also as we just learned Jesus repeats seven times His promise to come again!

Seven is a number of completeness and promise. Seven is a sign or monument of God's everlasting covenant that Jesus swears unto Himself to the world.

#### Daniel 12:6-7

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it

be to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and **sware** by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

Timelines for the faithful 1290, 1260, 1335... literal days

Jesus also swares by himself in Revelation 10:5-6.

# Revelation 10:5, 6

5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer:

### Sware (Hebrew) shâba'[shaw-bah']

A primitive root; properly to be complete, but used only as a denominative from H7651; **to seven oneself**, that is, swear (as if by <u>repeating a declaration seven times</u>): - adjure, charge (by an oath, with an oath), <u>feed to the full</u> [by mistake for H7646], take an oath, X straitly, (cause to, make to) swear

# Did you know that Jesus himself repeats this declaration of his second coming seven times in Revelation? (The words are in red)

# (1) Revelation 2:25

25 But that which ye have already hold fast till **I come**.

#### (2) Revelation 3:3

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, **I will come** on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

#### (3) Revelation 3:11

11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

#### (4) Revelation 16:15

15 Behold, **I come** as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

#### (5) Revelation 22:7

7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

#### (6) Revelation 22:12

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

#### (7) Revelation 22:20

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

Seven times! Jesus personally said He is coming again in the book of Revelation! This oath! He swears! He sevened it! Notice again that at the end of the book of Revelation "I come quickly" three times. He ended the book of Revelation with "Surely, I come quickly."

Endure Soldiers of Jesus, that day is guaranteed to come. **Jesus swore it seven times in Revelation!** 

# Also Sware means – "Feed to the FULL"!

### Matthew 5:6 (Jesus says)

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Did you also know that Seventh-day Sabbath stands as a monument of God's oath of the everlasting covanent?

# The seventh day Sabbath is a reminder of God's oath and everlasting covenant!

# Oath = **shaba' - H7650**

shabbath [shab-bawth'] Intensive from H7673; **intermission**, that is, (specifically) the Sabbath: - (+ every) sabbath.

Ab (Hebrew) = Father / Abba (Greek) = Father The seventh day Sabbath is the Father's oath to all the world of his everlasting covenant.

Leviticus 24:8

8 **Every sabbath** he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an **everlasting covenant**.

# The true rainbow in the sky stands as a monument of God's everlasting covanent.

Genesis 9:16

16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that *is* upon the earth.

The LGBTQ rainbow is a counterfeit and an abomination! When I see the real rainbow in the sky I don't think about that movement I think about the promises of God and His everlasting covenant.

The Passover stands in commemoration of the Passover of Lamb, Jesus Christ, and His everlasting covenant.

The Passover has a direct link with the genuine everlasting covenant that God made with Abraham and his seed. (read Genesis 17). It is a symbol of the Lamb that God would provide to take away the sins of the world. (read Genesis 22:8).The Passover involved the death and blood of an innocent lamb that commemorated Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage and wonderfully taught the lessons of God's Plan of Salvation that delivers sinners from the bondage of sin through the death and blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

Leviticus 23:5

5 In the fourteenth *day* of the first month at even *is* the LORD'S passover.

Passover is on the fourteen day of the first month, known as the month of Nisan on the Hebrew Calendar. (March/April according to the Gregorian calendar that is used by most internationally)

Did you know that according to Exodus 12:41 and Galatians 3:16, 17 on the exact same day the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan, 430 years before the first Passover, God made the covenant with Abraham in Genesis 17?

# Summary - Passover (14th of Nisan) is the "selfsame day":

- 1) Covenant made with Abraham (Genesis 17:1-7; Exodus 12:40 & 41; Galatians 3:16-18)
- 2) The children of Israel left Egypt (Exodus 12:51)
- 3) Sanctuary service began in the wilderness (Numbers 9:1-5, 15, 16)
- 4) Israel entered into the Canaan land (Joshua 5:10-12)
- 5) Jesus was crucified (Matthew 26:2)

# It was at the time of Passover that Jerusalem was destroyed by Rome because of the Jewish leaders and others that rejected the covenant and the real Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ!

"Terrible were the calamities that fell upon Jerusalem when the siege was resumed by Titus. The city was invested at the time of the **Passover**, when millions of Jews were assembled within its walls."-Ellen White, Great Controversy, p. 31

It was on Passover that the nations of this world officially broke (rejected) the true everlasting covenant of Jesus of Christ and made an agreement with the beast, Papal Rome through the Paris Agreement. Paris is the same land during the French revolution that rejected God. Agreement is a Covenant. So, in other words, the Paris Agreement is really the Paris Covenant.

The Paris Agreement is a product of Papal Rome based on Pope Francis' encyclical entitled Laudato Si, Care for Our Home that mainly pushes for Sunday sacredness and the Eucharist (Catholic Mass) as a solution to climate change.

It was on Passover, April 22, 2016, on a Friday that over 170 nations around the world officially signed the Paris Agreement at the UN during a signing ceremony to commemorate "Earth day." On this day nations around the world agreed to "lay aside" their power and give it over to an international governing body led by the papacy.

It was the exact same day, 1985 years ago, that the Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ, ratified the true covenant with His blood. The Paris Agreement led by the papacy, the abomination of desolation, was "covenanted", officially agreed upon, on a ceremonially consecrated day, Passover. Former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told all the nations during the signing ceremony, "Today we are signing a new covenant for the future." This "new covenant" was an official agreement in which the whole world agreed to wonder after and worship the beast. It was a total rejection of the true covenant of Jesus Christ and His law, and the official worldwide reception of commandments of men and false worship.

The whole world is wondering after the beast! The Paris Agreement went into force on November 4, 2016.

The Lamb-Like Beast has been forming the image of the beast. The iron wall separating church and state has been broken down.

The Papacy has been lifted up as "moral" leader of the world to bring in world peace. Several propaganda videos and movies on Francis.

Mark of the Beast – Papacy seal cnn video series...

See video time 21 seconds and 1:23 - In 2015 in his visit to the United States, Francis did something the pope has never done on American soil - not only did Francis speak to US congress but he stepped on the balcony of the capital facing the washington monument, the oblisk, as if he was introduced to the US as their new leader that is in charge. This was a reflection of the time Francis was introduced as the new pope at the Vatican.

God has invited the whole world to sign His everlasting covenant but they signed the fake, broken, man-made covenant via the Paris Agreement.

Hebrews 13:20-21

20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen