hears before Jesus Christ. They should carefully plan their sermon so that their focus is upon the great Biblical themes of this Holy Festival. Both Ministers and the congregation should be sanctified (Exod. 19:10, Joel 2:16) at the beginning of this celebration. Plans to help the widows, orphans, and the poor observe this Festival should be made. Great Bible lessons, hymns of the faith, prayers, worship, and fellowship of the saints should be featured priorities of this holy festival.

PLAN AND PREPARE NOW FOR PASSOVER 1989

This Great Festival will be celebrated at the CHURCH OF ISRAEL in western Missouri this coming April 4-10, 1989, with the Passover Memorial Communion service taking place on the evening of April 3rd after sunset. If you have no appointed place to celebrate this great Festival, write or call us at once for information: Church of Israel, P.O. Box 62-B3, Schell City, Mo. 64783 (1-417-432-3119). Attendance is by invitation and reservations only.

FEATURED EVENTS FOR PASSOVER 1989

1) Celebration of the Passover Memorial Communion Supper on the evening of Monday, April 3rd, 1989, at 6:00 P.M. Passover Banquet will follow this service.

2) High holy convocation and sanctification of Ministers and congregation on the first day of Unleavened Bread, Tuesday, April 4, 1989.

3) Celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on Sunday morning, April 9, 1989.

4) All males twenty and over will appear in public convocation before Yahweh at the evening service of Sunday, April 9, 1989.

5) The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered at 2:00 P.M. Monday, April 3, 1989, for Israelites prepared to receive this sacrament.

6) A day of repentance and confession of sin for Ministers and congregation will take place on Wednesday, April 5, at the morning service.

70) Trade With A Kinsman Day, fellowship, and home-crafted exhibits will take place on Friday, April 7, 1989.

8) A sacred and fun-time talent show will be held on the evening of Friday, April 7, 1989.

9) A foot washing ceremony will take place at 3:30 P.M. on the afternoon of Monday, April 3, 1989.

10) Special seminars of wide-ranging interest will be held during the Passover week.

11) High holy convocation will take place on the last day of the Feast, Monday, April 10, 1989.

12) Passover farewell fellowship dinner following the April 10th morning service will formally close the 1989 celebration of Passover and Unleavened Bread.

FIXING THE PASSOVER DATE

Israelites should work together to build unity in the Bible Calendar. The CHURCH OF ISRAEL at Schell City has established the Passover dates for 1989 as April 4-10 on the following criteria:

1) The Vernal Equinox falls on Monday, March 20, 1989. This day is marked by the sun and has remained fixed from creation as part of Yahweh's Big Ben in the sky (Genesis 1:14).

2) The first day of Abib falls the day following the Vernal Equinox, Monday, March 20, which makes Tuesday, March 21, Abib 1. Passover is then established by counting forward 14 days from March 21, and Monday, April 3, becomes Abib 14 or the Day of Passover.

3) Penetcost for 1989 will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28, 1989, and is established as per Leviticus 23:11 and Lev. 23:15, 16, and 21: you count ***fifty days*** beginning with the day that follows the weekly Sabbath of Passover week, and by counting 50 days, you come to Sunday, May 28, 1989.

ONE OTHER ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE

Some Bible Scholars establish Passover date by marking Passover Day on the first full moon that follows the Vernal Equinox. Counting backward 14 Days from this full month would mark Abib 1 on your Calendar. To establish Pentecost under this system, you would count fifty days beginning with the day that follows the weekly Sabbath of the Passover week, and this would bring you to a Sunday Pentecost.

COME NOW, and LET US REASON TOGETHER - Isaiah 1:18

SYLLOGISM: A form of reasoning or argument, consisting of three propositions, of which the two first are called the premises, and the last the conclusion. In this argument, the conclusion necessarily follows from the premises; so that if the two first propositions are true, the conclusion must be true, and the agrument amounts to demonstration. Thus,

A plant has not the power of locomotion;
An oak is a plant;
Therefore an oak has not the power of locomotion.
These propositions are denominated the major, the minor and the conclusion. ***(The American Dictionary of the English Language*** by Noah Webster, 1828)
Another example of a syllogism:
Major Premise: All mammals are warm blooded.
Minor Premise: Whales are mammals.
Conclusion: Therefore, whales are warm blooded.

Syllogism is reasoning from the general to the particular, deductive logic.

NOW FOR THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE SYLLOGISM

Scriptural Syllogism on why we have oppressionand tryants in the U.S. Government:

Major Premise: Religion rules politics.
Minor Premise: Humanism is the religion of America.
Conclusion: Therefore, humanism rules American politics.

This syllogism will help us to understand why tyranny and oppression is manifested in the United States Government. Politics is religion in action. Since humanism is now enthroned as the religion of the national populace, our government leaders have followed the people in running after sin. Sin in politics is reflective of sin in the people. Immorality in politics is a reflection of immorality in the people. Sin and wickedness is the choice of the populace, therefore our leaders have followed the people by elevating sin in national, state, and local governments. There will be no improvement in government until the populace reforms its religious beliefs and turns from humanism and sin to Jesus Christ and His law. Tyranny and oppression in government are the means by which God ministers judgment upon the people for living in sin. When the people turn from sin, God will judge unrighteous and wicked tyrant rulers and restore His blessings upon the land.

The solution is to treat the cause and not the effect. The people and their false religious tenets are the cause of our national problems. The response by government is the effect which is God's way of punishing an evil and wicked people. To strike against civil government is not addressing the root problem. the solution is for the root of the problem, the wickedness of the people, to repent and turn from their wicked ways. Repent from sin and return to Jesus Christ and His shed blood; obedience to His law is the means by which a cure for tyranny and oppression can be found. Any other attempt to resist tyranny in government is to resist God.

"But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also" (Matt. 5:39).

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation" (Romans 13:1-2)

If ***resistance to evil*** in government is the answer, if striking at government is the answer, why does the ***solution*** not come? The current tax protest movement in America is now more than seventy years old (1914), and in 1986, the most sweeping income tax legislation in American history was passed by a Congress elected and placed in office ***by the people***. What are the fruits of "patriotic resistance" to oppression in government? Could it be that sin in the lives of the general populace may be the root of our national problems? Our leaders have followed the people into sin. Government serves as a mirror reflecting the moral and spiritual condition of a nation.

Could it be that there is a relationship between tryanny and oppression in government and the departure from Jesus Christ and the Bible? Politics is religion in action. Humanism is the religion of the American people. Humanism is sin, and sin is now enthroned in government. ***The solution is repentance not rebellion.*** Therefore, the CHURCH OF ISRAEL is pushing for a National Repentance Movement, for repentance among the called out remnant, and particularly for personal repentance in the lives of the preachers and fathers of our land. "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" (Jeremiah 5:31).

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