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God can be found throughout the Bible if you know what you are looking for. Most people miss God because they fail to recognize His pattern. If you can find God's pattern, then you can see Him in His work.

In order to refresh your minds I want to point out again how we arrive at finding the names of the messengers to the various ages. God in His sovereign will has seen to it that the history of the New Testament church was not lost, even as He saw to it that the history of Israel would not be lost by placing it in the Bible and corroborating it today from multitudes of scrolls, earthen vessels and other artifacts that archaeologists have discovered and interpreted. We actually have a running commentary of Bible history from the first page up to now. Thus by reading history we can find out what man or men in the various ages were the closest to God's original pattern, the Apostle Paul. The ones that God used to bring His people back to the Word of Truth would be the ones to examine. Then out of those there would be one for every age who would stand out the clearest as the closest in Word pattern and power. That one would be the messenger. The ages also are found by a study of history. One simply needs to read the ages as found in Revelation and it all patterns perfectly with history as INDEED IT MUST. Since the church ages were foretold by God and their very conditions revealed, then of necessity, the history that would follow would be as the Bible sets forth. It is that simple — but then simplicity is the key to the Word.

An Exposition Of The Seven Church Ages – 4 – The Smyrnaean Church Age

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So, to see what God has done through history, we can go back to Exodus to see How God dwelt with the children of Israel in the wilderness with Moses as they journeyed to the promised land. They had left Egypt under the leadership of God and were complaining in the wilderness about the lack of food and provisions needed.

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Children in the wilderness – Fresh manna

Exodus

Chapter 16

11And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
12I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God.
13And it came to pass, that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning the dew lay round about the host.
14And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness *there lay* a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground.
15And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said one to another, It *is* manna: for they wist not what it *was*. And Moses said unto them, This *is* the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat.
16This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, *according to the number of your persons*; take ye every man for *them* which *are* in his tents.
17And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.
18And when they did mete *it* with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.
19And Moses said, Let no man leave of it till the morning.
20Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them.
21And they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.
22And it came to pass, *that* on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one *man*: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses.
23And he said unto them, This *is that* which the LORD hath said, To morrow *is* the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake *that* which ye will bake *to day*, and seethe that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning.
24And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein.
25And Moses said, Eat that to day; for to day *is* a sabbath unto the LORD: to day ye shall not find it in the field.

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26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

The following are the points in the reading of Exodus 16:

- At evening ye shall eat flesh meat (the messenger comes at the end of the age)
- There was bread every day
- Gather every man according to his eating (each age)
- Each had just enough for the day and nothing left over
- Yesterday's manna had worms and stank
- The sun melted anything left over in the day
- Six days they gathered but at the 6th day they gathered enough to cover the sabbath
- The 7th day is a sabbath (Holy Convocation – no serval work)
- If you try to gather anything on the 7th, there will be nothing to get.
- On the 7th day no man can go out (as a tree falls)
- 7th day is a day of rest

God wanted to prove that He was with the children of Israel and the proof that God is with man is that He always feeds His people as he stated in verse 12:

Exodus

Chapter 16

12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God.

God feeding His people is always a sign that He is present. We will follow this pattern throughout the old and new testament and see how God has been present always taking care of His people.

God always provided everything that was needed to prove that He was with them. They had a vindicated light, prophet, manna, and water. Showing His presence.

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They left Egypt campgrounds to see God

67 Notice, as they went out into the wilderness, there were miracles, signs, when they moved into this camp. Now remember, they left Egypt's camp and moved out into the wilderness with God's camp. How do you know it was? God said, "Your people shall sojourn for four hundred years, but I'll bring them out with a mighty hand, and I'll give them this land here." **And they were on their road, by a vindicated Light, a vindicated prophet, with signs, wonders, that God was in the camp, and they were on their road. They had a Pillar of Fire. They had a prophet. They had manna. They had living waters. Amen! They had changed, changed campgrounds. They had to do it. They couldn't see those things in Egypt. They had to change the campgrounds, in order to see the supernatural.**

64-0719E - Going Beyond The Camp

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Moving into the New Testament, we can see that the Bread moved from a natural to a spiritual gift from God. Jesus knew that he had to be broken just like the bread so that the people could live forever.

I am the bread of life

John

Chapter 6

48 I am that bread of life.

49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

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Jesus knew that eating His bread was the only way to have eternal life.

Jesus said he is the Bread

244 In John 16 or...Beg your pardon. John 6, when they was taking the communion, or whatever it was, breaking the bread and having the great time there at the jubilee. Jesus said, "I'm the Bread of Life that come from God out of Heaven. He that eats My flesh has Eternal Life, and I'll raise him up the day of the—the last days." He knowed He would do it. He said He was the Bread of Life.

63-0428 - Look

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In another show that God was present, you can see Him feeding the children, but it was not just feeding them that was a miracle, the fish and bread were broken by Jesus to feed the multitude, but the fish and bread were not just given, but the miracle was that the fish was cooked!

Jesus created fried fish to feed the 5000

60 His—His Word exactly showed that...He and His works proved that He was nothing less than the Creator. He took a piece of bread and broke it, and kept breaking that one piece of bread, and fed five thousand people out of it; and took up seven basketfuls of pieces left over, and everybody there had a—a—a complete filling of bread.

61 He took a fish and broke that fish off. Now if we realize that He did create that fish in the beginning. He did create that bread in the beginning. But He took that fish and broke that fish off. A live fish had been, and was then boiled or—or fried; and whenever He broke it off, whatever it was (broiled or fried), it growed back (the same minute that He broke it) another boiled or fried fish. Isn't that wonderful? That showed that He was nothing less than Jehovah.

63-1222 - God's Gifts Always Find Their Places

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Watching God's pattern, Jesus knew and shared with the disciples that the pattern of God was present throughout the Old Testament. It was the same God and you do not have to fear but believe that the same God that took care of the children in the wilderness, will also make sure that we are fed as well.

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Jesus is the one who feed the children

132 Remember, in a few minutes, He said, "Oh, ye of little faith. Couldn't you understand about breaking the bread and feeding five thousand? Don't you know I'm the same Jehovah that fed them for forty years out there in the wilderness, out of ovens, out of Heaven, when I poured it out every night? What you so scared about? Don't you know I dried up the Red Sea, one day? Don't you know I opened up the earth and swallowed the unbeliever? One day I measured the earth and spurt it off, out into space yonder." And He's in the ship. Now, that's not mythical. That's truth. Yes.

63-0117 - Awakening Jesus
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Again, at the last supper, you can see God placing his finger print on the sacrificial bread that He was about to break for the sins of the world.

This is my bread

Matthew

Chapter 26

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

It's important to see how God always left a fingerprint to show that it is He that is taking care and feeding His people. Remember God always feeds his people. Like he told Moses, that they will know that it is God doing this thing.

There is a reason that Jesus had to be born in Bethlehem. Bethlehem was the Bread center of Eternal life. It was the same bread that God had sent to the Children of Israel and had to come from the house of God's Bread to again show what God was doing. When you know God's finger print, then you can see Him at work throughout every move that God made.

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Jesus was the Bread of life

79 And the name Bethlehem means “the house of God’s Bread.” Now, how fitting that is to Jesus, the Bread of Eternal Life. Christ is the Bread of Life. We all believe that, don’t we? How fitting Bethlehem there, the bread center of the world, was the bread center of Eternal Life. That’s why the King had to be born there. He said, in Saint John 6:35, “I am the Bread of Life that come from God out of Heaven. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and all dead. But this Bread, if a man eats this Bread, he shall live forever.” Then, Jesus is the Bread of Life, so the Bread of Life had to come at Bethlehem. He is our Bread of Life for the journey, like Israel. God gave Israel bread out of the skies, for their journey, as they journeyed from where they left Egypt unto the promised land. Bread, nightly, rained down from the skies. And God gave us the Bread of Life for our journey, come at Bethlehem, God’s house of Bread. See how it had to be? It must be where that name is called, Bethlehem, “the house of God’s Bread.” Then how could He be born in Jerusalem? How could He be born in Ramoth-Gilead? See, He come to where His Name was, “house of God’s Bread.”

63-1214 - Why Little Bethlehem

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God used the breaking of the bread for a sign that God was there and when the bread is broken, then the eyes of the people are opened. Until the bread was broken for us at Calvary, we were not able to see God. The veil of the Temple was rent to show us that the Bread of God had been broken and was now in plain view.

The veil was rent

Matthew

Chapter 27

50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus joined himself to them and started discussing the word of God. But it wasn’t until the bread was broken that the two had their eyes opened. It takes the breaking of the bread to show the finger print of God and allow us to see (understand) what God is doing.

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Jesus broke bread with the disciples and their eyes were opened

Luke

Chapter 24

19And he said unto them, **What things?** And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

20And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

21But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

22Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;

23And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.

24And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.

25Then he said unto them, **O fools,** and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?

27And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.

29But they constrained him, saying, **Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.**

30And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to them.

31And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.

32And they said one to another, **Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?**

Jesus was able to reveal Himself to the disciples by doing for them what He had done previously. Thus showing that God's fingerprint can be found whenever God breaks bread and feed it to His people.

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God revealed himself by doing the same thing before the crucifixion

71 Now when the Word comes into you, when you accept God's Word and It comes into you, then the promise (of that promise that you've accepted) manifests itself, and then you know Who it is.

72 By what did He do, how did He make Himself known to them? Because He did the same things that He did before His crucifixion. Then they knewed that that was Him, because He had raised from the dead. All the preaching, all the teaching, and everything else He had done, had failed. But when He revealed Himself, doing the same thing He did before His crucifixion, they knew it was Him. It opened their eyes.

64-0212 - When Their Eyes Were Opened, They Knew Him

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Jesus was aware that God will give bread each day just as He had done the children in the wilderness. There must be fresh bread given each day because any bread leftover would be spoiled by the next day. We need bread for each day of the 7 ages.

Give us this day our daily bread

Luke

Chapter 11

1And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3Give us day by day our daily bread.

The church has been fed the Bread of Life every age. God brought fresh manna for the overcomer in each age. According to God's directions, the bread was gathered each day for 6 days, but at the 7th day, there was no more gathering of the bread for there was none in the fields at the last day. That was a day of rest and God expected us to eat on what He had sent and not go out gathering on the last day.

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People are still trying to have big revivals when the day of gathering is over and on the last day, there was stored food for us to eat on for the entire day. The word of the Lord was different for that day, where you were warned not to keep the bread for the next day, on the 6th day you were to store up the food and that food was going to be enough to last the entire day. In this 7th day, we have food stored up and it does not get old, but is available for the Bride to eat on for the whole day and it will not spoil. Just as the manna was placed in the Ark of the Covenant, it was reserved for the priest to go in and take a piece but it remained fresh.

God gave bread for every age

204 The Word Bread always means to be fed on. “And man shall not live by bread, like this bread, alone, but by every Word.” So that’s the Word Bread, keep that in mind, this is this Bread that the church through every age has fed on, has been the hidden Manna just for the overcomer only. Revelation said so. Now I don’t have time to break this whole thing down, because I probably got another thirty minutes. But, look, when the holy—when the holy manna fell from Heaven, which was a type of the Holy Ghost. You’ll agree on that.

205 God told Moses to go out and get an omer full of it, and put it in the Holiest of holies. Cause, if they didn’t put it in the Holiest of holies, it become stagnant. Is that right? The worms got into it. Now He said, “But put it in the Holiest of holies, in this omer, that every generation;” coming up, after that priesthood, when a man becomes to go to be a priest, to minister the Word, the first thing he gets to do, after he is ordained, is go in and get a handful of that original manna and eat it.

206 That was to represent that Light in His hand, in the new church age, reflecting His Light, the Manna; and only the man that perfectly overcome, the man that really sets down and throws aside everything else besides the Word. And the Word is that Manna. Oh, my, it’s Jesus! “Man shall live by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” That’s the hidden Manna for the overcomer, oh, that was laid up each—each, for each priesthood a following it.

64-1212 - The Harvest Time

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The fingerprint of God can be seen throughout the 7 church ages by the manna that was reserved and served by God’s messenger in the ages. Remember, the proof that it is God is that His people were always fed. When the rest of the world was starving, God’s elected always had bread to eat.

God’s order was for Jesus to break the bread and hand it to the disciples to hand out to the people.

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Jesus handed out the loaves as He wanted

The last supper

Matthew

Chapter 14

15And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

17And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18He said, Bring them hither to me.

19And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to *his* disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

21And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

The manna is hidden from the people until the messenger receive their portion of the hidden truth and handed it to the people. Jesus was the one responsible to break the bread during the 7 ages and hand it to the messenger to distribute to the people. Still the fingerprint of God was present because the children of God was fed in every age. They were not turning down the word of God but was receiving all that was handed to them to eat in every age.

The children of God never turn down the word of God. They can only walk on the light that was given to them by Jesus Christ in the ages.

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God broke the hidden truth like bread to each age

His Word was bread. It was the perfect manna, which, if a man live by, he shall never die. But right after the death of the fathers, no one seemed to know the exact truth and in a short while this manna seemed to have become hidden to the people. But in every age God began to give back by revelation that which was hidden until in this last day according to Revelation 10:7, a prophet will come and reveal all the mysteries and then the Lord will come. Now in each age, I say, the messengers received hidden truth. But they did not receive it for themselves only. But it is as it was when the disciples were asked to serve the multitudes loaves and fishes; Jesus gave them the broken food, but they in turn gave it to the people. God gives His hidden manna to the overcomer. It cannot be otherwise. He would not open His treasures to those who spurn what is already revealed.

What I have been saying about the messenger of each age receiving from God some of the original truth of Pentecost is typed out in the Old Testament where Moses was commanded to take up three and one half pints of manna and place it in a golden vessel behind the veil of the holy of holies. There the high priest of every generation could enter with sacrificial blood. Then he could take a small portion of this manna (for it did not corrupt) which was part of the original and eat it. Now in every age the messenger of the Lord to that age was given the revelation of God for that specific period. Once the messenger was enlightened by truth, he would bring that truth to the people. And they whose ears had been opened by the Spirit would hear that truth, believe it, and live it.

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This whole plan of redemption was a part of God's plan from the beginning, and He would hand out the bread in the Church Ages until he had distributed the full loaf. Then God would gather all of His people who received his Bread together.

In the fulness he will gather all things in Christ

Ephesians Chapter 1

9Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

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God has been working on this church the whole time. He had been breaking bread to the bride throughout the old and New Testament. Both in earth and heaven, the fingerprint of God can be seen as He has always fed his people and everything is happening according to God's plan.

Everything is happening according to His big time clock

10 God knowed the end from the beginning, therefore He could plan everything, that it would work out just to His glory. And that gives us courage, to know that no matter what comes or goes, God is making everything, the clock is ticking just exactly on time.

11 Sometimes we get weary, upset. We get hastily. We think, "Oh, we must do this, or do that."

12 But, remember, God's clock will be just exactly on time. All these things has to be this way. It has to all be done according to His great knowledge, His foreknowledge, for by foreknowledge He could predestinate; not by His desire, but by His knowledge. God doesn't predestinate by His desire. He is not willing that any should perish, but by His foreknowledge He knew who would accept it and who would not. Therefore He can make everything work according to His big time clock that's ticking away, for He could foretell the end from the beginning. And, therefore, He knew that we would live in this day. He knew that this would be our day. He had plans for this day. He has had plans for every day. And never has one of His plans ever failed. He is always on time.

63-1129 - The Super Sign

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God has always fed his people. We just need to see who is eating in the time of drought and you will be able to see where God is. When the world was in Darkness, there was light in Goshen. Where was a famine in the days of Joseph, God had him store up enough food to last the 7 years of the famine.

This Bride has always been fed by God and we have been breaking bread the entire time while the rest of the world misses what God is doing with His people.

Thank God that He has been feeding us and we are now in the day when we are eating on the stored manna which God warned us would come in this day. He said that there would be no manna in the field on the 7th day and we can see that the only people eating in this hour are the elected children of God.