

Timeline of Truth – The Table of Showbread (Exodus 25:23-30)

<p>Ex 25:8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. ⁹ "According to all that I show you, <i>that is</i>, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make <i>it</i>.</p>	
<p>Ex 25:23 "You shall also make a table of acacia wood; two cubits <i>shall be</i> its length, a cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its height. ²⁴ "And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make a molding of gold all around. ²⁵ "You shall make for it a frame of a handbreadth all around, and you shall make a gold molding for the frame all around. ²⁶ "And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that <i>are</i> at its four legs. ²⁷ "The rings shall be close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table. ²⁸ "And you shall make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be carried with them. ²⁹ "You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold. ³⁰ "And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always.</p>	<p>1. The <u>Plans</u> for the Table</p>
<p>Ex 31:1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ² "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. ³ "And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all <i>manner of</i> workmanship, ⁴ "to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, ⁵ "in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all <i>manner of</i> workmanship. ⁶ "And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all who are gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you: ⁷ "the tabernacle of meeting, the ark of the Testimony and the mercy seat that <i>is</i> on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle-- ⁸ "the table and its utensils, the pure <i>gold</i> lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense,</p>	<p>2. The <u>Making</u> of the Table</p> <p>Ex 37:10 He made the table of acacia wood; two cubits <i>was</i> its length (36"), a cubit its width (18"), and a cubit and a half its height (27"). ¹¹ And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made a molding of gold all around it. ¹² Also he made a frame of a handbreadth all around it, and made a molding of gold for the frame all around it. ¹³ And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that <i>were</i> at its four legs. ¹⁴ The rings were close to the frame, as holders for the poles to bear the table. ¹⁵ And he made the poles of acacia wood to bear the table, and overlaid them with gold.</p>
<p>Lev 24:5 "And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths <i>of an ephah</i> shall be in each cake. ⁶ "You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure <i>gold</i> table before the LORD. ⁷ "And you shall put pure frankincense on <i>each</i> row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the LORD. ⁸ "Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, <i>being taken</i> from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. ⁹ "And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it <i>is</i> most holy to him from the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual statute." (= to about 1 bushel = app 32 quarts)</p>	<p>3. The <u>Bread</u> of the Table</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The number: <u>12</u></i> • <i>The size: 2 – 10ths of an <u>ephah</u> each</i> • <i>The arrangement: 2 rows of <u>6</u></i> • <i>The frequency: <u>Weekly</u></i> • <i>The usage: <u>Eaten</u> by priests & sons</i>
<p>Ex 40:22 He put the table in the tabernacle of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil; ²³ and he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD, as the LORD had commanded Moses.</p>	<p>4. The <u>Location</u> of the Table</p>
<p>Num 3:29 The families of the children of Kohath were to camp on the south side of the tabernacle. ³⁰ And the leader of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites <i>was</i> Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. ³¹ Their duty <i>included</i> the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the utensils of the sanctuary with which they ministered, the screen, and all the work relating to them.</p>	<p>5. The <u>Care</u> of the Table</p>
<p>Matt 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"</p> <p>Matt 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.</p> <p>Matt 15:32 Now Jesus called His disciples to <i>Himself</i> and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way." ³³ Then His disciples said to Him, "Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few little fish." ³⁵ So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. ³⁶ And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke <i>them</i> and gave <i>them</i> to His disciples; and the disciples <i>gave</i> to the multitude. ³⁷ So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left. ³⁸ Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.</p>	<p>6. General Ongoing <u>Lessons</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>God Is the <u>Ultimate</u> Provider (Mt 4:4; Lu 4:4)</i> • <i>God as <u>Daily</u> Provider (Mt 6:11)</i> • <i>God as <u>Miraculous</u> Provider (Mt 15:32-38)</i>
<p>Matt 26:17 Now on the first <i>day</i> of the <i>Feast of</i> the Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You want us to prepare for You to eat the Passover?"</p> <p>Luke 22:19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke <i>it</i>, and gave <i>it</i> to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." (cf. 1 Cor 11:17-34)</p>	<p>7. The <u>Direct Connection</u> to Jesus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jesus <u>Body</u> Is God's Bread (Mt 26; Lu 22)</i> • <i>Jesus Is the <u>Spiritual Source</u> of Eternal Life</i> • <i>Jesus Is the <u>Resurrector</u> of Life (40, 44,54)</i> • <i>Jesus Is the <u>Purchaser</u> of Life (51)</i> • <i>Jesus Is the <u>Provider</u> for Service (Jn 21)</i>

John 6:31-40 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." 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. ³⁶ "But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. ³⁸ "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 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 6:41-51 ⁴¹ The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which came down from heaven." ⁴² And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves. ⁴⁴ "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. 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. ⁴⁶ "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. 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."

John 6:52-58 The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this *Man* give us *His* flesh to eat?" ⁵³ Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ "For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ "This is the bread which came down from heaven-- not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

John 21:5-13 Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any **food**?" They answered Him, "No." ⁶ And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find *some*." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. ⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. ⁹ Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and **bread**. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish which you have just caught." ¹¹ Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come *and* eat **breakfast**." Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, "Who are You?"-- knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus then came and took the **bread** and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

Acts 2:42-47 ⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ⁴⁵ and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. ⁴⁶ So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved. (Acts 20:7-11)

1 Cor 5:1-13 It is actually reported *that there is* sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles-- that a man has his father's wife! ² And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. ³ For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. ⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁵ deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷ Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. ⁸ Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth. ⁹ I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. ¹⁰ Yet I certainly *did not mean* with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. ¹¹ But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner-- not even to eat with such a person. ¹² For what *have I to do* with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? ¹³ But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person."

2 Thes 3:6-12 But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, ⁹ not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. ¹¹ For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. ¹² Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

1 Cor 10:16-17 ¹⁶ The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? ¹⁷ For we, *though* many, are one bread *and* one body; for we all partake of that one bread.

8. The Connection to the Church

- *The Practice of Fellowship (Acts 2; 20)*
- *The Purity of Fellowship (1 Cor 5; 2 Th 2)*
- *The Reality of Fellowship (1 Cor 10)*