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My Commentary on: "The Lamb's Supper" By Scott Hahn

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Dr. Scott Hahn explains the liturgy of the Mass, as revealed in the book of Revelation.

The Mass of Revelation

The Mass and the Book of Revelation, are they related? The Book of Revelation has become a big topic of discussion in today's information age. Subjects like the end of the world, the Rapture, Tribulation, "Left Behind" and Israel are all discussed on the Internet today with great enthusiasm. What should we make of all of this? Well in my commentary for February, I would like to highlight a different perspective on the Book of Revelation. And it is not a new interpretation, but a very old one.

I have chosen a video by Scott Hahn called, "The Lamb's Supper." In this video, he describes his conversion to the Catholic faith. Dr. Hahn relates how his in-depth study of scripture ultimately led to his conversion. Quoting St. Augustine, he recognizes that, "The New Testament is concealed in the Old, and the Old is revealed in the New." Therefore, as Christians, are we New Testament people only, or are we both Old and New?

The Old Testament tells us about Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses and the Exodus, mosaic laws, Israelites, the Promised Land, Temple worship, wars, kings, high priests, prophets, Covenants and much more. The Old Testament is also referred to as the "Old Covenant" that God made with His chosen people, the Jews.

The New Testament (or New Covenant) is what was promised in the Old Covenant. It is a much better covenant and is everlasting. Jesus said that He will not abolish the Old Covenant, but it will be fulfilled in the New Covenant: a new heaven and a new earth. The gentiles (pagans) are also included in the New Covenant. In other words, the new chosen people include all who live and die in the world to the end of time when Christ returns. Then a new heaven and a new earth will be established where death is no more. It will be like going back to the Garden of Eden once again. God transcends space and time, and we will also.

In order to fully understand what the New Covenant is about, we need to fully understand what the Old Covenant was about. We need to put on our Jewish, first-century glasses in order to understand the New Covenant revealed to us by Christ and His Church.

This brings me to the video I have chosen for this month's commentary, "The Lamb's Supper," by Scott Hahn. Scott points out the typology between the Old and New Testaments, which gives us insight and understanding of the interpretation of the writings of the New Testament.

The Book of Revelation is filled with symbolism, and bewilders many Bible readers to this day. Many different interpretations have surfaced, especially in the last two centuries, which are quite different from the interpretations of the Church Fathers.

The supper of the lamb was key in the Exodus to free Israel from the bondage of Egypt. Similarly, it is also key in the New Exodus (the persecution of the first Christians) to free the chosen people from the bondage of the Roman Empire. History tells us this happened and the Christian era ensued. A new heaven and a new earth began.

Revelation also tells us that God's New Covenant people will be challenged once more before the final Exodus occurs at the end of this age. If history repeats itself, then the symbolism of the Old and New Testaments will mirror the Book of Revelation's final battle between good and evil. The outcome will be the same. God's enemies will be made a footstool. Heaven is His throne and earth is His footstool. Life is everlasting for those faithful to the New Covenant.

The souls of the saints gone on before us have already realized the Beatific Vision, although they are not yet fully glorified. The resurrection at the end of this Christian era will reunite their bodies with their souls. Those still living will also receive glorified bodies. Final Judgement will be realized at this point, the separation of the sheep from the goats (culling the herd so to speak).

Heaven and earth will be renewed once again and God's holy city will sustain us forever. The Apostle's Creed lays it out quite clear. God's plan of Salvation appears to be very simple, don't you think?

I now invite you to watch Scott Hahn's video. Scott connects the dots between the Old and New Testament, revealing God's plan of salvation available for all if we so choose. There is also a link to another related video by Brant Pitre called, "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist," which can be found on our website under, *The Holy Eucharist*. This will give you additional insight into Dr. Hahn's talk. Thanks for reading, and if you find *FreeTruth.ca* and our commentaries helpful in your spiritual journey, then we would like to hear from you. Contact us to let us know your thoughts.

Kindest regards,

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