

# "Easter" A Pagan Festival, Not Holy!



**Prayer:** Psalms 107:1-6, 8 O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is good*: for his mercy *endureth* for ever. (2) Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; (3) And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. (4) They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. (5) Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. (6) Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, *and* he delivered them out of their distresses. ☞ Oh that *men* would praise the LORD *for* his goodness, and *for* his wonderful works to the children of men!

**Matthew 15:1-8** Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, (2) **Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.** (3) But he answered and said unto them, **Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?** (4) For God commanded, saying, **Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.** (5) **But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, *It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;*** (6) **And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free.* Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.** (7) **Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,** (8) **This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their lips;* but their heart is far from me.**

## Notes:

- God's word says to honor your mother and father [without conditions], but man says as long as you are taking care of them, you don't have to honor them or if they are bad parents you don't have to. It's best to keep the commandments of God rather than the traditions of men
- Tradition = folklore, customs, ritual
- Heart = Mind

**Isaiah 29:9** **Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.**

## Notes:

- They are spiritually drunk with false doctrine.



**Revelation 17:1-9** And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, **Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:** (2) With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. (3) So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. (4) And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: (5) **And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.** (6) And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. (7) And the angel said unto me, **Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.** (8) **The beast that thou sawest was, and is not;**

and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. (9) **And here [is] the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.**

**Notes:**

- The great whore = the false religion (Catholicism)
- Many waters = People
- Wine of her fornication = false doctrine
- Mother = Roman Catholic Church
- Harlots = Protestant Churches
- She is built on 7 mountains (hills), this is Vatican City in Rome, Italy
- The Beast with 7 heads and 10 horns = The Revived Roman Empire
- The 10 horns are the European Union
- The beast that was and is not is the last rise of the Roman empire, the European Union.

**Hx. Book: Pictorial History of the Italian Peoples: Pages 18, 28 & 31** *Rome is built on Seven Hills. In 1929 Vatican City became independent from Rome. It sits in the center of Italy and is the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church.*



**Isaiah 29:10-18** For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. (11) **And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:** (12) And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. (13) **Wherefore the Lord said, **Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:**** (14) Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hid. (15) Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? (16) **Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?** (17) Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest? (18) **And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.**

**Notes:**

- Spirit of deep sleep = strong delusion/(a reprobate mind)
- Precepts of men =
  - God loves everyone
  - Teaching love and not the fear of God
  - The Commandments are done away with, etc.
- Upside down = Contrary to the Word of God

**Matthew 15:8-9** **This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me.** (9) **But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.**

**Notes:**

- Vain = futile, worthless, ineffective

**Matthew 12:38-40** Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. (39) But he answered and said unto them, **An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:** (40) For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.



**Daniel 9:25-27** Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. (26) **And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.** (27) And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

**Notes:**

- He = Jesus
- Midst of the week = Wednesday
- Cut off = killed
- Not for himself = he died for us
- People of the prince (Satan) = Romans
- When Jesus died, animal sacrifice ended. This is the law that was nailed to the cross, not the 10 Commandments.

**Hx. Book: Last 2 Mil. Years Pg 87 "Faith survives the dispersion" (Jerusalem enslaved)**

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**Notes:**

- Confirm = to bring to pass, verify, corroborate, prove, back up, validate
- Jesus caused the sacrifice and oblations to cease at his death, which signaled the END of Animal sacrifice, not the Commandments.

**Galatians 3:6-8, 15-17** **Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.** (7) Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. (8) And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, **In thee shall all nations be blessed.** **15** Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. (16) Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, **And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.** (17) And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

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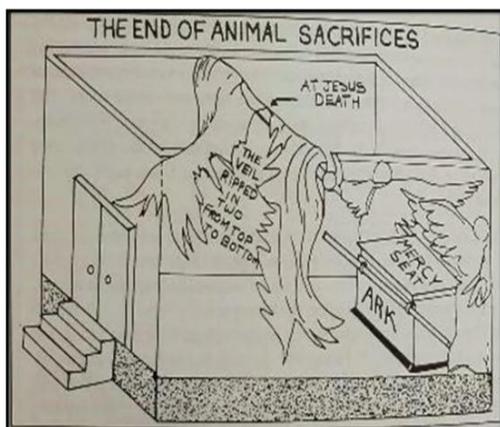
- The law that was 430 years after = Animal Sacrifice
- Jesus confirmed the covenant made with Abraham.

**Romans 15:8** **Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:**

**Notes:**

- Circumcision = Israel
- Promise = In thy seed shall all of the nations be blessed
- Fathers = Abraham, Isaac & Jacob

<b>FALSE TEACHING:</b>		<b>TRUE TEACHING:</b>			
<b>"HE DIED GOOD FRIDAY &amp; ROSE EASTER SUNDAY MORNING"</b>		<b>"THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAH: 3 DAYS &amp; 3 NIGHTS"</b>			
	FRI	SAT	WED	THU	FRI
<b>NIGHTS</b>	1	1	1	1	1
		SAT	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>MORNINGS (DAY)</b>		1	1	1	1
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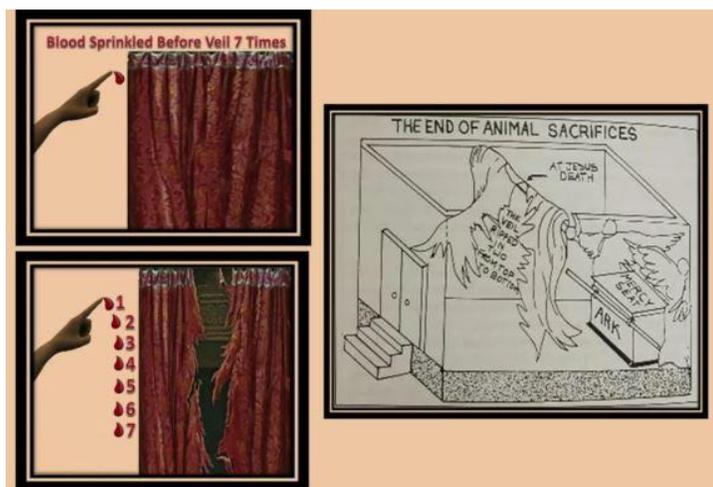


**Matthew 27:35-37, 45-46, 50-51** And they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. (36) And sitting down they watched him there; (37) And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. **45** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. (46) And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? **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;

**Notes:**

- 6th hour = 12 PM
- 9th hour = 3 PM
- From 12 Noon to 3PM it was dark on the Earth
- Yielded up the ghost = died
- Veil of the temple rent in twain (ripped in two from top to bottom) = end of animal sacrifice



**Leviticus 4:1-6, 13-20** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (2) **Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD [concerning things] which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them: (3) If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering. (4) And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the**

bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD. (5) **And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation:** (6) **And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary.** **13** **And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance,** and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done [somewhat against] any of the commandments of the LORD [concerning things] which should not be done, and are guilty; (14) **When the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation.** (15) **And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed before the LORD.** (16) **And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation:** (17) **And the priest shall dip his finger [in some] of the blood, and sprinkle [it] seven times before the LORD, [even] before the vail.** (18) **And he shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the LORD, that is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.** (19) **And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn it upon the altar.** (20) **And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the bullock for a sin offering, so shall he do with this: and the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them.**

#### Notes:

- Due to the termination of the Animal Sacrifice Law there was nowhere to sprinkle the blood and no need to kill animals anymore for sin. This is the law that was nailed to the cross.
- Why was the blood sprinkled 7 times? Because God gave mankind 7 days (7000 years) to get it right and repent.
- Jesus (the LAMB) was our sacrifice and he died for all of mankind.



**Eternal Death or Eternal Life: The choice is ours!**

**Hebrews 10:1-10, 18-20** For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. (2) **For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.** (3) But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. (4) **For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.** (5) Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, **Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:** (6) In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. (7) **Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.** (8) Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; (9) Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. (10) By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **18** **Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.** (19) Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, (20) By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

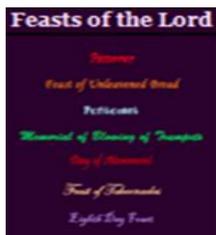
#### Note:

- Law = Animal Sacrifice (this law ended when Jesus died).
- He rose on the weekly Sabbath.
- Perfection = To become God
- Sanctified = Set apart
- No man is good, only God is good.
- The 1st Covenant was by the blood of bulls and goats.
- The 2nd Covenant is by the blood of Jesus.

**John 19:30-31** When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. (31) **The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.**

#### Notes:

- Preparation = to get ready for the high Sabbath day
- The high Sabbath day was the 1st of Day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (which fell on Thursday at that time), not the weekly Sabbath.



**Leviticus 23:1-8, 15-16, 21-39** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (2) **Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts.** (3) Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings. (4) **These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons.** (5) In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the **LORD'S passover.** (6) And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the **feast of unleavened bread** unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. (7) In the **first day** ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. (8) **But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.** **15** And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: (16) **Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.** **21** And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations. (22) **And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.** (23) And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (24) **Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation.** (25) Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. (26) And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (27) **Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.** (28) And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. (29) **For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.** (30) **And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.** (31) **Ye shall do no manner of work: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.** (32) It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath. (33) And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (34) **Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.** (35) On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. (36) Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on the **eighth day** shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile work therein. (37) **These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:** (38) Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside

all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD. (39) **Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath.**

#### Notes:

- **There are 7 annual Sabbath Days;**
  1. Feast of Unleavened Bread-Day 1
  2. Feast of Unleavened Bread-Day 7
  3. Pentecost
  4. Memorial of Blowing of Trumpets
  5. Day of Atonement
  6. Feast of Tabernacles
  7. 8<sup>th</sup> Day Feast



**Luke 23:50-56** And, behold, there was a man named Joseph, a counsellor; and he was a good man, and a just: (51) (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) he was of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. (52) This man went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. (53) And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. (54) And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. (55) And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. (56) And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

#### Notes:

- Passover = Jesus death (Wednesday – Thursday)
- The Preparation = 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Unleavened Bread an annual Sabbath Day (Thurs – Friday)
- Weekly Sabbath (Friday – Saturday) the women rested.



**Luke 24:1-7** Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. (2) And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. (3) And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. (4) And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: (5) And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, **Why seek ye the living among the dead?** (6) **He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,** (7) **Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.**

#### Notes:

- First day of the week = Sunday
- Sepulchre = Grave
- When Jesus rose from the dead, his whole body rose and he went to be accepted by God, the Father.
- Crucified = Put to death
- Jesus was already gone and had risen from the dead before the end of the Sabbath day (7<sup>th</sup> day/Saturday).



**Hx. Book: Last 2Mil Yrs. Pg 216 & 84 "Pagan Rites Absorbed"** *The Catholic Church established churches where temples to pagan gods use to be. Easter/Eastra- heathen festival – easter – hot cross buns. (A Belief that made a nation).*

*The celebration of Eastr/Astarte demanded sacred temple prostitutes, orgiastic rites (orgies), music and incense (weed).*

**John 20:1-2** The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene **early**, when it was **yet dark**, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre. (2) **Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.**

**Notes:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Day of the Week = Sunday
- Yet = Still
- When Mary got there, Jesus was already gone because he rose just before the end of the Sabbath (7th Day/Saturday).

**Hx Book: World Scope Encyclopedia Vol. 11 "Sun Worship"** Mithra (Persians), Helios (Greeks) and Ra (Egyptians) are three of many "sun gods" that were born on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> and are among the chief worship among the Caucasian tribes (White people).

**Hx Book: Grolier Ency. Vol. 9, pg 553 "Sunday Day of the Sun"** Sunidad, 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week. Sun's day: For Christians; Sunday replaced the Sabbath Day as their day of rest.

**Hx Book: World Scope Encyclopedia Vol. 11 "Sunday"** Emperor Constantine made Sunday the official day of worship for the Roman world.



**Ezekiel 8:1-6, 15-16** And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me. (2) **Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the colour of amber.** (3) And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. (4) **And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.** (5) Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. (6) He said furthermore unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel committeth here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations. **15** Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations than these. (16) And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

**Notes:**

- Sunrise service is re-enacting the worship of the SUN.
  - Watching the SUN 'rise' is an old Pagan custom for sun worshippers.
- Tammuz = Nimrod's son
  - He is the origin of the Madonna & Child statues along with Semiramis as Madonna.
    - "Semiramis became known as the "queen of heaven," and was the prototype from which all other pagan goddesses came." --World Religions by David Terrell

- "Semiramis, in particular was the model and original of every goddess and female cult figure in the ancient and modern worlds." --SEMIRAMIS, QUEEN OF BABYLON by Bryce Self
- The Children of Israel got caught up in worshipping the sun also to their detriment.



**2 Kings 23:1, 5, 7, 11-12** And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. [5] And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. [7] And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove. [11] And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire. (12) And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

#### Notes:

- Even Israel became caught up in paganism and sun worship.
- Sodomites = Homosexuals

**Luke 11:29-32** And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, **This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.** (30) **For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.** (31) The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here. (32) **The men of Nineve shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.**

#### Notes:

- Queen of the South = Queen of Sheba
- Jesus is greater than Jonah and Solomon and yet the world will not hear him. The Ninevites and the Queen of Sheba will rise in the resurrection and condemn the children of Israel who refused to hear the Word of God and keep it.

**Isaiah 30:8-11** Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: (9) **That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD:** (10) Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: (11) **Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.**

#### Notes:

- Holy One of Israel = JESUS



**Matthew 7:13-16, 21-23** Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: (14) **Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.** (15) **Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.** (16) **Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?** [21] **Not every one**

**that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. (22) Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

**Notes:**

- Life = Immortality
- Kingdom of heaven = Kingdom from heaven (New Jerusalem)
- Iniquity = Sin

**Additional Scriptures**

**2 Timothy 4:1-4 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; (2) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. (3) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; (4) And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.**

**Notes:**

- Quick = Living
- No one will be judged until Jesus returns, therefore no one is hell or in heaven, which no one is going to anyway because that is not our domain, Earth is and God will be with us.
- Fables = lies, make believe, allegory

**Hebrews 10:26-27 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, (27) But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.**

**Isaiah 53:1-6, 10 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? (2) For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him. (3) He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. (4) Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. (5) But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (6) All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. **10** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.**

**Mark 14:1, 12 After two days was *the feast of* the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put *him* to death. **12** And the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare that thou mayest eat the passover?**

**Previous Lessons:** 4/17/04 Ps.3:1-8, 11/01/08 Ps. 100, 4/07/12 Ps. 81:1-10

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