

## What About...



## What About Easter?

Does 'Good Friday' really have Scriptural significance, or is it another invention from the mind of man, passed on by tradition from generation to generation like its sister day, 'Christ-Mass'? If the Jews were a stiff-necked and hard-hearted people, and we know they were, so we Gentiles are much the same in departing from the words of the true and living God. How long will we continue to worship our God in myth and tradition and not in Spirit and in truth? Do we not realize that there is a subtle force at work that has caused us to err from the way of truth in our worship of the Almighty God? Gentiles, Christians, please take heed to the words of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who declared, *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the TRUE WORSHIPPERS shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit: and they that worship him MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH (John 4:23-24)."*

Why call Jesus our Lord and do not the things that He has said? Do we not believe? Do we not care? Are we going to continue to walk blindly in tradition and myth and

*to cease...*" Surely every Christian accepts the fact that Jesus was the true Passover Lamb sacrificed for the sins of the whole world. In John 1:29, John the Baptist declared, *"...Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world."* We know, too, that under the Law, the Jews offered daily sacrifice for sin and transgression to be justified before God. Now, Daniel made it very clear above that the daily sacrifice would cease in the midst of the week. A week, of course, consists of seven days beginning with Sunday, the first day, and ending with Saturday, the seventh day. Reconciling the week of Passover in the Bible with our present day reckoning of time, we find it thus:

DAY	TODAY	BIBLE
1st	Sunday	Sat. 6 p.m.—Sun. 6 p.m.
2nd	Monday	Sun. 6 p.m.—Mon. 6 p.m.
3rd	Tuesday	Mon. 6 p.m.—Tues. 6 p.m.
4th	Wednesday	Tues. 6 p.m.—Weds. 6 p.m.
5th	Thursday	Weds. 6 p.m.—Thurs. 6 p.m.
6th	Friday	Thurs. 6 p.m.—Fri. 6 p.m.
7th	Saturday	Fri. 6 p.m.—Sat. 6 p.m.

According to Genesis 1:5, a Bible day consists of evening and morning in that order.)

Please continue to refer to the above reconciliation as we now relate the truth of how Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us (I Corinthians 5:7).

In Leviticus 23:5 we read, *"In the fourteenth day of the month at even is the Lord's Passover."* In other words, on this fourteenth day, the Passover Lamb was to be slain in preparation for the Feast of Passover or Unleavened Bread beginning on the fifteenth day (Leviticus 23:6-7). This fifteenth day which began the seven-day Passover celebration was a holy convocation or SABBATH day unto the Lord. It was not the regular Sabbath day which was always the seventh day of the calendar week, or Saturday as we know it. Jesus, in order to fulfill the Passover, or the day of Jesus' crucifixion began Tuesday at 6 p.m. Jesus ate the Passover that evening with the Twelve Apostles, and after concluding His instructions and words of comfort to them, went over the brook Cedron where He entered into the garden to pray. He was taken from this garden, and we know the story of His trial that night before the Jews and the Romans. The following morning, the trial was completed and Jesus was taken out and crucified that WEDNESDAY MORNING—the day of Passover which had

ignore TRUTH? How do we know that Jesus Christ ever lived or came to this earth as the Son of God? We know it and believe it because we accept the Word of God as recorded in the Holy Scriptures. Can we not also Accept the truth that He spoke when He was here on earth? Christians, Gentiles, let us rise up and cast off the errors and false traditions that Satan has so cunningly placed in our midst. Let us do as the Apostle Paul directed us in II Corinthians 10:5, *"Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ"*.

The powers of evil in this present world have succeeded in falsifying facts concerning both the birth and death of Jesus Christ. If truth really does matter, and we do desire to know the truth, let us examine the Scriptural facts as they pertain to the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Lord, Himself, made a very clear and concise statement about His impending death and burial in Matthew 12:39-40, *"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: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; SO SHALL THE SON OF MAN BE THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH."*

begun the previous evening at 6:00 p.m. This was the preparation day referred to in John 19:31, or the day of the slaying of the Passover Lamb under the Law in preparation for the Feast of Unleavened Bread the following day. The following day is the day spoken of in Leviticus 23:7 as a holy convocation or a SABBATH DAY, even though it was only Thursday, the fifth day of the week. Jesus gave up the ghost at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon (Passover) fulfilling the prophecy of Daniel 9:27 concerning the sacrifice ceasing in the midst of the week.

Jesus was taken off the cross before sundown that evening according to the Law of the Jews (John 19:31) and was laid in the grave that Wednesday evening according to present-day reckoning of time. He was in the heart of the earth Wednesday night, Thursday, Thursday night, Friday, Friday night, and Saturday, making three days and three nights as He told the people. He was resurrected from the grave sometime Saturday after 6 p.m. which hour ended the Sabbath or seventh day and began the first day of the new week (Sunday). We read in John 20:1 that Mary Magdalene came the first day of the week when it was dark unto the sepulchre, and the stone was taken away. Jesus had already come forth in this writing.

Now how can we call Jesus our Lord and then make Him a liar in our manner of worship?

We very piously observe 'Good Friday' as the day of the crucifixion of the Son of God, and then TWO DAYS LATER rejoice on Easter Sunday Morning as the morning of His resurrection. Some BODY or POWER has by their tradition covered up the truth. Jesus once rebuked the scribes and Pharisees thus: *"And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God that ye may keep your own tradition (Mark 7:9)"*. He continued in Mark 7:13, *"MAKING THE WORD OF GOD OF NONE EFFECT THROUGH YOUR TRADITION..."* God was certainly not pleased with this situation and referred to people who worshipped thus as HYP-OCRITES. Gentiles, why should we continue to let the false teaching of men lead us into this hypocritical state? Will we not be obedient to our Lord Jesus Christ and worship the Father in Spirit and in truth?

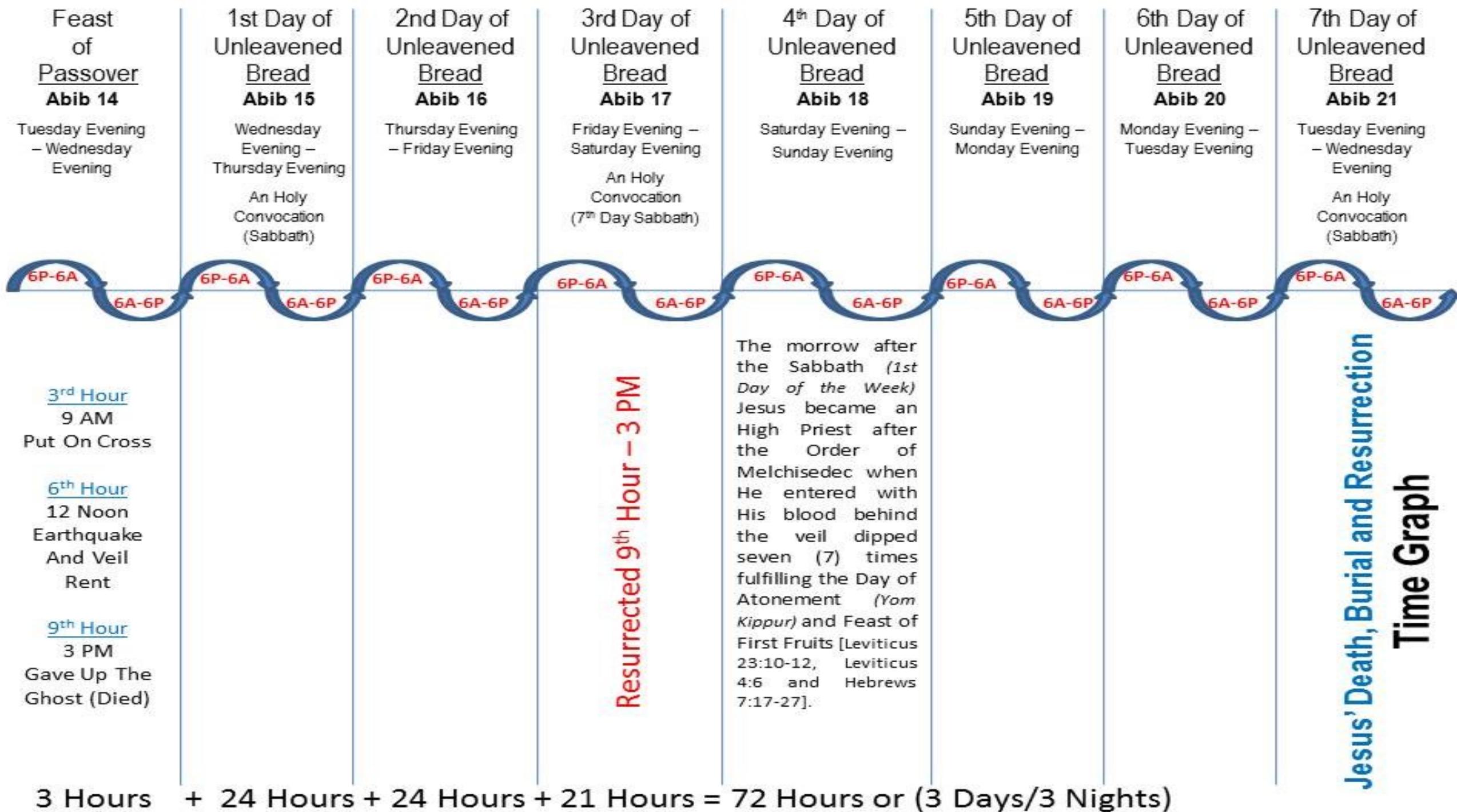
Without proceeding into a long and detailed dissertation on the facts of what is commonly referred to as 'Easter Season', let us simply and briefly relate the truth which not only confirms the words of the Lord, as stated above, but also confirms the words of the prophets. Daniel said in Daniel 9:27, *"...and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation*

Christian friends, why do we continue on in vain tradition and not consider the truth? Who has caused us to err from the light of God's Holy Word concerning Easter, Christmas, and so many truths about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and the prophecies about this day in which we live.

Let us shake ourselves from the lethargy and unconcern that the adversary has cunningly put upon us. Let us cast off traditions that make the Word of God of 'none effect (Mark 7:13)'. Let us obey the words of our Lord who declared emphatically in John 5:39, *"Search the scriptures: for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me."*

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