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"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price," Isa. 55:1.

"...freely ye have received, freely give," Mat. 10:8.

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By Jerry Healan

Yahshua said that the only sign that he would give the generation that He came to was that He would be in the grave for a period of three days and three nights. Yet so many, even today, do not get the impact of His words. Can you count three days and three nights from Friday at sunset to Sunday morning? For that matter, can you count three full days and nights from a Thursday evening burial to a Sunday morning resurrection? Hopefully, this treatise will properly explain the truth to you.

Certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees came to Yahshua saying, "Master, we would see a sign from Thee." 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 three nights in the heart of the earth," Mt. 12:38-40.

The modern day Christian world observes a Friday (sixth day of the week) sacrifice with a resurrection on Sunday morning (the first day of the week). Is this accurate? Notice carefully the Messiah's own words, "So shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

If His burial occurred on Friday afternoon, as "tradition" has it, with His resurrection on Sunday morning, then how can we get three days and three nights? Even if we count, as some do, Friday, Saturday and Sunday as the days (which is erroneous as we shall find out), how can we count three nights since only Friday night and Saturday night fall in this period?

YAHSHUA WAS ELOHIM

Let us consider, first of all, Who Yahshua was in order to get the record straight. He was the Son of the Father in heaven. He told the Jews of His day, "I and My Father are one." Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. Yahshua answered them, "Many good works have I shewed you from My Father; for which of those works do ye stone Me?" The Jews answered Him, saying, "For a good work we stone Thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that Thou, being a man, makest Thyself Elohim," Jn. 10:30-33.

Yahshua said in relation to the manna of the wilderness, "Verily, verily I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of Elohim (Yahweh) is He Which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.....The Jews murmured at Him, because He said, 'I am the bread which came down from heaven.' And they said, 'Is not this Yahshua, the son of Joseph, whose mother and father we know? How is it then that He saith 'I came down from heaven?'" Jn. 6:32-33, 41-42.

Yahshua specifically stated that He came down from heaven. He made Himself equal to the Heavenly Father (Yahweh, Elohim). His statements as well as the scriptures testify that He pre-existed before His human birth. He told the Jews of His day, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I Am," Jn. 8:58.

He made another statement that predates Genesis 1:2 for He said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven," Lk. 10:18.

We find in John, chapter one that He is the Word. He was with Elohim in the beginning and was Elohim. He made all things and without Him was not anything made that was made. (This scripture not only establishes Him as Elohim, but also as Creator which pre-dates Gen. 1:1). This Word became (was made) flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and TRUTH!!!

TRUTH

Yahshua was full of truth. He was the Word of Elohim, and stated Himself, “Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy WORD is TRUTH,” Jn. 17:17. Yahshua is Elohim's (Yahweh's) Word. The Word is Truth.

When appearing before Pilate, he asked Yahshua, “Art thou a king then?” Yahshua answered, “Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth My voice.” Pilate saith unto Him, “What is truth?” Jn. 18:37-38. Had Pilate been a seeker of truth, He would have recognized Who and What Yahshua was. Yahshua was the Word of Elohim, the truth living in the flesh. Pilate did not hear Yahshua's voice nor understand that the truth was actually right before his eyes.

Yahshua, the Word, the Truth never told a lie for no lie is of the truth. All that He ever said or did was TRUTH! Do we believe Him, therefore, when He said, “So shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth?”

JONAH

Yahshua said that the sign He would give that generation would be the sign of Jonas (Jonah). He stated that Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights, Mt. 12:38-40. Let us look at the account of Jonah to glean the TRUTH of the situation.

We know the story of Jonah. Yahweh told him to go to Nineveh and warn them of their impending destruction because of their great wickedness, Jonah 1:1-2.

Jonah tried to flee from Yahweh's presence taking a ship bound for Tarshish, v.3. Yahweh caused a great wind to stir up the seas so that the ship was in danger of sinking, v.4. The mariners finally discovered that Jonah was the cause of their danger and upon casting Jonah into the sea, the sea ceased her raging, v.v. 5

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Yahweh had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights, Jonah 1:17.

“Then Jonah prayed to Yahweh his Elohim out of the fish's belly, and said, ‘I cried by reason of mine affliction unto Yahweh, and He heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and Thou heardest my voice’,” Jonah 2:1.

The Hebrew word for hell used here is “sheol.” It means; the world of the dead (as if a subterranean retreat), including its accessories and inmates, and is translated:-GRAVE, hell, PIT.

Jonah further reveals, “For Thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about; all Thy billows and Thy waves passed over me,” Jonah 2:3.

The Hebrew word for deep is “metsulah.” It means, a deep place (of water or mud), and is translated:- bottom, deep, depth. “Metsulah” comes from “tsuwlah” meaning, to sink; an abyss (of the sea):- deep.

The Hebrew word for “midst” (of the sea) is “lebab” and means the heart (as the most interior organ).

“The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth (tehowm; an abyss [as a surging mass of water], espec. the deep) closed me round about, the weeds wrapped about my head. I went down to the bottoms (base, root) of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast Thou brought up my life from corruption (shachath; a pit [espec. as a trap]; fig. destruction:-corruption, destruction, ditch, GRAVE, PIT), O Yahweh my Elohim,” v.v. 5-6.

The metaphors, types, or parables used here speak of a watery grave that Jonah was in, similar to the earthly grave we will be buried in, for a hole is dug, we are interred in the bottom of the pit and then enclosed, compassed about with earth.

That Jonah was in a watery grave having died and then been revived there can be no doubt for he says, "When my soul fainted (ataph; to cover or involve in darkness) within me I remembered Yahweh: and my prayer came in unto Thee, into Thine holy temple," v. 7.

Jonah was thrown into the sea. He sank out of sight, the waters encompassing him until he was lifeless. A great fish, prepared beforehand, swallowed Jonah receiving him out of the sight of any light at all. There was nothing but total darkness just like a grave. He was in the belly (heart, midst) of the whale for three days and three nights. At the end of the time, Yahweh revived Jonah's spirit. He then prayed unto Yahweh crying out for His mercy and salvation (deliverance). Yahweh spoke unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land. Thus Jonah is resurrected and delivered from the grave.

THE PARABLE

What happened to Jonah was a parable, a type, a sign, a forerunner, a prophecy of what would happen to the Messiah Yahshua. Yahshua told the Jews of His day, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify (witness) of Me," Jn. 5:39.

He told His disciples, "These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning Me.' Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and said unto them, 'Thus it is written and thus it behooved Messiah to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day (doesn't this say that He was dead three days? He rose from the dead the third day): and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things','" Lk. 24:44-48.

Notice again what Yahshua said. He said that the Law, Prophets and Psalms wrote, witnessed, testified of Him and what He

would do beforehand. The disciples were constantly with Him observing all that He said and did. They did not understand what was happening until after His death and resurrection when He opened their eyes. They were then to go to all the world witnessing, testifying to His fulfillment of the scriptures and urging men everywhere to repent and believe the “good news” about Him.

The book of Hebrews states that the first covenant, had ordinances of divine service, the worldly sanctuary, tabernacle, vessels, priesthood, sacrifices, etc. which were a figure (Gk. “parabole“; parable) for the time then present.....imposed until the time of reformation, Heb. 9:1-10.

Yahshua spoke in parables to hide the meanings of His words, the mysteries of the kingdom, not to reveal, Mt. 13:10-17. The scriptures reveal that Israel was blinded through the parables they had been given (the tabernacle, priesthood, offerings, etc.), Ro. 11:7, 25.

Jonah was a parable of Yahshua's death, burial and resurrection. It was a sign to those of Yahshua's day, yet many were blinded to and rejected it even as many today are still blinded to and reject it in its fullness.

A DAY

Yahshua, the Elohim from heaven, the Word, the Truth, Eternal life made flesh, said that as Jonah was in the belly (heart, midst) of the fish three days and three nights (out of sight in total darkness) so He also would be three days and three nights in the heart (midst, belly) of the earth.

How long is a day? Let's let Yahshua, the Master, the Teacher tell us. Let's not figure it out for ourselves for we may cut it short or extend it. “Yahshua answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world’,” Jn. 11:9. Yahshua is speaking of the day portion, the portion when the sun, the light

of this world, is shining so that people may see how to move about. He continues, “But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him,” Jn. 11:10.

Yahshua, the One through Whom the Father made all things in the beginning, called the light day and the darkness night, Gen. 1:4-5.

He specifies in John that there are 12 hours in a day, the light portion. It doesn't take much knowledge in math to figure that if He is to be in the grave for three days, then $3 \times 12 = 36$ hours for the day portion, the period of light. But He also included three nights.

Now it is no mystery that our solar day (light and darkness, day and night) is a 24 hour period. If there are 12 hours in the day, the light portion then there are 12 hours for the night, the dark portion. Applying simple math again we get $3 \times 12 = 36$ hours for the night portion. Yahshua said 3 days (36 hours) and 3 nights (36 hours) so we must combine our figures; $36 \text{ hours (day)} + 36 \text{ hours (night)} = 72 \text{ hours}$. Yahshua would be in the grave for a total of 72 hours, 3 days and 3 nights.

If He was interred on Friday afternoon at 6:00 p.m. (about sunset) and resurrected on Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m. (about sunrise) then that is only a period of about 36 hours total! It doesn't compute. But let's say that it would have begun on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. (to be liberal). That's another 24 hours. $24 + 36 = 60$ hours. It doesn't compute. It falls short by 12 hours.

The Friday death and Sunday resurrection cannot be true. People are being misled, following a false savior who observes the Friday death (called good Friday. What was good about it?) and the Sunday morning (Easter, Ishtar [what does a pagan teutonic goddess have to do with it?]) resurrection.

Yahshua said that Jonah was in the whale's belly three days and three nights. The book of Jonah says that Jonah was in the belly

of the fish three days and three nights (Jonah 1:17). The *Companion Bible* comments concerning this, “**three days and three nights**. The Heb. Idiom ‘three days’ can be used for parts of three days (and even of years): but not when the word ‘nights’ is added.”

Jonah called the whale’s belly hell (the grave), Jonah 2:1. He said that he was cast out of Yahweh’s sight, 2:4. Yahshua, Himself, could not have been cast out of His Father’s sight until also interred in the grave.

ANOTHER LESSON OF JONAH

Let’s take a closer look at Jonah for there are many vital lessons that we may learn from him.

Jonah begins, “Now the word of Yahweh came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,” 1:1. The first thing to notice is the “word of Yahweh.” Yahshua is the Word, Jn. 1:1,14, therefore, Yahshua is the One Who spoke to Jonah.

The name Jonah means, a “dove” or “pigeon” from the warmth of their mating. (One of the characteristics of the dove and pigeon is that they mate for life.) The dove and pigeon were the only two birds acceptable as sacrifices on Yahweh’s altar.

The dove is a symbol of peace. When associated with a person, it means, one who is gentle, innocent, beloved (*Webster’s Dictionary*). The Holy Spirit descended on Yahshua in the form of a dove denoting His gentleness, innocence and endearment to His Heavenly Father. The voice from heaven witnessed at His baptism, “This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased,” Mt. 3:17.

The pigeon, well known for its homing instincts, was used in ages past (before modern day communications) to carry messages. Yahshua was a messenger, sent by His Father with the message of the kingdom. When the message was faithfully delivered, He was freed from His fleshly burden and returned to His home in heaven from whence He came. He, as the pigeon,

never forgot where His true home was.

Jonah was the son of Amittai. Amittai means, “veracity,” “truth.” Amattai comes from the Hebrew word “emeth” which means, stability, certainty, truth, trustworthiness, faithful, right, sure, all characteristics of Yahshua, the beloved Son, the messenger from heaven, the Word of Truth.

We find an additional description of Jonah in 2 Ki. 14:25 for it names him, Jonah, the son of Amittai the prophet, which was of “Gath-hepher.”

Gath means, treading on, to tread, or winepress, winefat. Hopher means, a “pit” or shame. The significance of this description is that it reveals Yahshua as the One Who treads on or has power over the pit or grave. Hosea records, “I will redeem them from death: O death I will by thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction,” Hos. 13:14.

We find, therefore, that Jonah was a parable, a type of Yahshua the beloved Son, the Word, the Truth sent with a message (a prophet) Who has power over the grave.

NINEVEH

Jonah was to carry Yahweh's message to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before Me, Jonah 1:2.

Nineveh is also a parable of something that we need to look into for the warning to the Ninevites was, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown,” Jonah 3:4. What is Nineveh a parable of? What were the wicked works of Nineveh?

The name Nineveh itself is very revealing for it is a combination of two Hebrew words “niyn” and “naveh” or “navah.” “Niyn” means, progeny, son. “Naveh” means, a home, of G-d (temple), residence, dwelling place, habitation, sheepcote, stable.

Nineveh’s primary meaning is “habitation of the son” or “child

(son) of the stable.” Alexander Hislop verifies this in his book “*The Two Babylons*,” p.p. 25,44. Hislop records the history of Nimrod and his wife establishing the ancient pagan worship of Bel, Baal (Nimrod) the sun-god, who became the mighty hunter before Yahweh, Gen. 10:8-9.

Nimrod means, “rebel” according to Hislop, p.p. 44, the Hebrew words for rebel and rebellion being “marad” and “merad” respectively. Nimrod includes “marad” or “merad” (Nimmarad). Nimrod and his wife led the people in rebellion against or “apostasy” from Yahweh in the early world after the flood.

Nimrod was eventually slain by Shem but his wife Semiramis, being found pregnant, presented her child, “Tammuz,” as the resurrected Nimrod. Thus the religious worship of the Madonna and child was born.

The historical facts prove that a mother and child were worshipped long before Luke, chapter 2 was recorded or the event that Luke witnesses to took place. Ancient Babylon, Assyria, Sumeria, Egypt, Greece, Rome, China, Japan, Tibet, etc. all worshipped a mother child combination. Nineveh, by its very name, witnesses to this fact.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 14th Ed., Vol. 21 has this to say about Tammuz and his mother-sister Ishtar, "Tammuz, Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian god, who died and rose annually with dying and reviving vegetation, originally Dumu-zi, “the son who rises, goes forth (from the nether world,)” but generally interpreted “faithful son.” It is clear that the main principle of this cult is the resurrection of the dying god.

There are many titles of the youthful god, loved by his sister, the earth and heaven goddess, Innini (Ishtar), who descends yearly into Aralu (under-world) at the time of his death to bring him back to earth in her bosom.

“It is obvious that a cult which is based upon the death and resurrection of a propitiating god, and upon the love of a divine

mother who wails for her son, has direct connection with the facts and the theological views based upon them, which gave birth to Christianity. But the form of the cult which apparently most directly affected the origins of Christianity is that in which Marduk of Babylon was identified with Tammuz. At the Nisan or new year festival at Babylon, Bel (Marduk) was said to have been imprisoned in the lower world, and a priestess weeps at his sepulchre. A malefactor was slain with Bel and they descend together to the land of darkness. Beltis, his wife, descends to hell to seek him, and Bel's garments are given Ishtar (mother of Tammuz). Bel is laid in a sepulchre from which he soon comes forth. This Marduk transformation of the national Tammuz cult is only another effort of the priesthood of the capital to enlarge the worship and importance of the local cult. It obtained nowhere else in Babylonia and Assyria, and may be regarded as a true interpretation of what transpired regularly in the Tammuz cult itself. That the cult had direct influence upon the origins of Christianity cannot be denied, and the Greek cult of Adonis owes its essential content to the Sumerian Tammuz," (p.p. 776-777).

We have found that the worship of Tammuz and Ishtar (Easter) preceded Yahshua's resurrection and that it actually gave birth to Christianity. When Christianity observes Easter it is following paganism, a lie, not the real truth of the Saviour.

Notice that only one malefactor is slain with Bel while two were slain with Yahshua. Paganism falls short. Only half of the story is there while in Yahshua, the full truth is evident.

The Easter tradition, steeped in paganism (Easter, Ishtar is a pagan goddess. Rabbits and eggs are pagan fertility symbols) observes a Friday death and burial with a Sunday morning resurrection which is only half of the time Yahshua said that He would be in the grave. He said that just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the fish (Jonah called it hell, sheol, the grave), He would be in the heart (kardia = heart, midst) of the earth.

EASTER CONDEMNED

Yahweh condemned Easter worship in the book of Ezekiel, chapter 8, “He said also unto me, ‘Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.’ Then He brought me to the door of the gate of Yahweh's house which was toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz,” verses 13-14.

Here we find Israel, Yahweh's people, observing the pagan Babylonian, Assyrian and Sumerian rites of weeping and wailing for the death of Tammuz, the dying god, that we just read about from the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

Yahweh continues, “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.’ And He brought me into the inner court of Yahweh's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of Yahweh, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of Yahweh, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east,” v.v. 15-16. Easter (Ishtar) sunrise services! The sun has risen. Ishtar has brought the dead god, Tammuz, back from the nether world, the world of death, represented by the rising sun.

Yahweh proclaims that this type of worship is an abomination to Him. How is it, then, that Christianity can observe Easter, Easter sun-rise services and it be counted acceptable to Yahweh when He says, “I am Yahweh, I change not?” Mal. 3:6.

THE DECEPTION

The answer is that modern-day Christianity (supposedly spiritual Israel) has become just as deceived as ancient Israel was. The *Britannica* article said that the worship of the Tammuz and Ishtar cult gave birth to modern day Christianity, witnessing to the FACT that modern-day Christianity comes from ancient paganism and not the true worship of Yahweh.

Yahweh commanded Israel, "When Yahweh thy Elohim shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their elohim, saying, 'How did these nations serve their elohim? Even so will I do likewise.' Thou shalt not do so unto Yahweh Thy Elohim: for every abomination to Yahweh, which He hateth, have they done to their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto nor diminish from it," Dt. 12:29-32.

Notice it! We are to worship Yahweh in the way He commanded not adding to it nor taking from it. Where is it commanded in Yahweh's word to observe His Son's birthday? Search the Bible out from cover to cover. You will never find it! Where is it commanded to observe Easter or even His resurrection annually? The proclamation goes forth every day that He is risen, not annually. Where is it commanded to observe Sunday rather than the Sabbath. Search from cover to cover, the authority cannot be found.

Modern-day Christianity has been deceived into adding things to Yahweh's worship that have never been commanded and they have taken away, stolen away, robbed Yahweh of His commanded worship which was for His glory.

Yahshua obeyed His Father Yahweh. He fulfilled His commands, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil," Mt. 5:17.

Yahshua worshipped Yahweh in the commanded way, not adding thereto nor taking from. He set an example that we should follow His steps, 2 Pet. 2:21. He said, "Elohim is Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth," Jn. 4:24. He furthermore said, "Thy word is truth," Jn. 17:17.

Aside from the fact that Yahshua is the Word, Jn. 1:1, 14, the

holy scriptures also are His word. The only scriptures extant at that time were the Old Testament scriptures. The scriptures are also the truth. They not only reveal to us, witness to us what Yahshua would do and did, but they reveal to us the way in which Yahweh is to be worshipped and how He is not to be worshipped.

Yahweh commanded us to observe the Sabbath, the Passover and the annual holy days, Lev. 23, as well as His commandments, Ex. 20, statutes, ordinances and judgments, Ex. 20, 21, 22, 23, etc.

We are not commanded to observe Christmas, Lent, Easter, All Saints Day (Halloween), St. John's Day, Sunday or any other saint's day. These are all added by a modern-day Christianity that has been deceived.

Paul, himself, wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup (Passover), ye do shew the Master's death till He come," 1 Cor. 11:26.

We are annually to observe the Passover, signifying the death of Yahshua till He come, according to Yahshua's institution in the New Testament, not an Easter resurrection, which is not only steeped in paganism and is an abomination, but cuts the time of Yahshua's death, burial and resurrection in half, failing, falling short of, missing the mark of the truth.

THE PROOF OF THE TIME

In order to accurately pinpoint the times of Yahshua's death, burial and resurrection, therefore, we must first believe His words when He said that He would be in the heart of the earth for three days (36 hours) and three nights (36 hours), a total of 72 hours.

John reveals that when Yahshua died on the stake that, "The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the stake 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,” Jn. 19:31.

It is common knowledge, as well as according to the scriptures, that Yahshua died on the Passover, the 14th of Nisan or Abib which was an annual observance (Lev. 23:5) and that the day that followed, the fifteenth day of the month, was an annual sabbath, not a weekly sabbath. The annual sabbaths (most of them) fell on various days of the week.

John's statement that the day after the Passover, being an high day, clues us in to the fact that this annual sabbath could have occurred on any day of the week.

Luke states that Joseph of Arimathaea begged His body from Pilate, taking it down, wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And that day was the preparation and the sabbath drew on (was beginning). Lk. 23:50-54.

The Hebrews began their 24 hour day at evening, the night portion of the 24 hour day, the daylight portion followed according to the Genesis account, Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31. This is also historically accurate for such is still practiced by the modern-day Jewish people and many other peoples who have turned to the truth of the Scriptures.

Notice in Luke's account that the women which came with him from Galilee, beheld the sepulchre, and how His body was laid. And they returned and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment (Lk. 23:55-56).

Mark 16:1 says, “And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him.”

The high sabbath was drawing quickly on when Yahshua was laid in the tomb. It was growing dark and the women would not have been able to purchase spices at the time for the Jews were very strict concerning the sabbaths. Yahshua died at about 3:00

p.m. on the preparation. He wasn't taken down immediately but when time began to press toward the sabbath the Jews, getting anxious about the approaching sabbath, requested their legs be broken. The legs of the malefactors were broken but when they came to Yahshua He was already dead.

Joseph of Arimathaea had to go back into the city and receive audience before Pilate requesting the body. Pilate, surprised that He was already dead, sent for the centurion to verify Mk. 15:44-45. All of this took time.

When He was taken down, He was hastily covered with a mixture of myrrh and aloes, wrapped in a linen cloth and interred in a new tomb because the sun was setting and the sabbath, the annual high day drew on.

The women beheld where the body was laid but with the sabbath so near (all shops closed early on preparation days), they would not have had time to prepare spices and ointments, much less purchase them. They waited for the annual sabbath to pass and then went and bought and prepared the spices. Mark says, "They had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him," 16:1. Luke says, "And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment," Lk. 23:56.

This sabbath day is according to the commandment, that's the fourth commandment, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," Ex. 20:8. This sabbath was the weekly sabbath in the commandment, not the annual high day that is according to Lev. 23.

THE PURCHASE OF OINTMENTS

Those who advocate a Thursday death and burial claim that the women bought ointments after the 7th day Sabbath to add to other ointments that they had prepared on the 15th day in order to go and anoint Yahshua's body.

Their claim is that the 14th was an High Day for Yahshua and

His disciples, while the 15th was an High Day for the Jews. If Thursday, the 14th, was an High Day for the disciples, and the 15th was an High Day for the Jews, while the 16th was the regular Sabbath Day, it would only have to be concluded that the women waited until after sunset of the regular Sabbath day (the 16th) in order to purchase their ointments to add to what they already had in their possession. However, there is a problem in this scenario. In our modern day convenient world shops and malls are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Such was not the case even 45 years ago, nor was such the case in ancient Israel.

For example, even in my day I remember when all shopping ceased and stores closed on Saturday at 6:00 p.m. and none of them opened again until Monday morning. Such was the case in Israel's day. All shops closed before the sun set on the sixth day of the week (Friday [in this scenario, the 15th.]) and simply did not reopen until the morning of the next regular business day, which in this case, would have Sunday, the first day of the week

Mark writes, "And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where He was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Him," Mk. 15:47, 16:1.

Here is the Greek of Mark 16:1 with the corresponding English translation underneath it:

Καὶ διαγενομένου τοῦ σαββάτου Μαρία ἡ

And having passed the sabbaton Maria of

Μαγδαληνῆ καὶ Μαρία ἡ [τοῦ] Ἰακώβου

Magdanene and Maria of the Jacob

καὶ Σαλώμη ἠγόρασαν ἀρώματα ἵνα ἐλθοῦσαι

and Salome bought aromas so that coming

ἀλείψωσιν αὐτόν.

they anoint Him.

The word bought (ἡγόρασαν) in linear morphology is shown to be a 3rd person plural verb. It also means to buy, purchase, do business in the marketplace. This means that they went to purchase the goods together and that they bought them in the marketplace. However, the marketplaces would all have been closed fairly early on the afternoon of the 14th in preparation for the Passover and the first High Day of Unleavened Bread (according to the Jews), and would not have been reopened again for business until Sunday morning, the first day of the week, since, under this system of thought, Friday is a High Annual Sabbath and the next day is the regular weekly Sabbath.

If Yahshua was resurrected three days and three nights (72 hours) after His burial as He said, then He would have been resurrected at the time of the setting of the sun between the sabbath and the first day of the week. When the women arrived at the sepulchre very early on the first day of the week, Yahshua had already been resurrected and was not there, Mk. 1:2-6; Mt. 28:1-6. He had been resurrected the evening before at the period of time of sunset when the sabbath was ending and the first day of the week was beginning.

If we count back 72 hours from this time we find that the time of His burial was on Wednesday evening, the fourth day of the week. Thursday was the high day, the annual sabbath, the fifth day of the week and the first day of His interment. Friday was the sixth day of the week, a day in which work could be done as well as the preparation for the weekly sabbath. It was the second day of His interment, the day the women bought and prepared the spices and ointments. They rested the sabbath day according to the commandment, the seventh day, which was the third day of His interment.

If we truly believe the Saviour's words, the truth ("If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," Jn. 8:31-32.

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me,” Jn.10:27. “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of Elohim [Yahweh] abideth on him,” Jn. 3:346.) then we will believe that He was in the grave for three days and three nights as He said!

Jonah was a sign to a wicked city, Nineveh, the habitation of the son or child (the false saviour) of the son god. When Yahweh’s word came to that wicked generation, they believed, repented, fasted and were spared (see Jonah, chapter 3).

Yahshua was a sign to a wicked and adulterous generation in His day. They did not believe, nor repent, but generated lies about Yahshua, Mt. 28:11-15, calling Him a deceiver, Mt. 27:63. That generation suffered the wrath of Yahweh. Jerusalem was destroyed in 69-70 CE. by the Romans. The things that those people suffered are horrible. They are recorded in the book of Josephus. They did not repent and believe.

We live in a wicked, evil, corrupt, perverse generation today. Most of our generation has turned from the sign of Jonah to the sign of the pagan Tammuz which cuts the time of interment in the grave in half also being deceived about the time of the resurrection.

Jonah and Yahshua cry out to every wicked generation to repent and believe the TRUTH! Those that repent and believe will find everlasting life. Those that do not repent and believe will suffer the wrath of Yahweh.

INTERCHANGING DAYS AND NIGHTS

Some get extremely technical by proclaiming that Yahshua said 3 days and 3 nights, not 3 nights and 3 days. Yahshua’s statement was an idiom. We all have a tendency to put the day before the night when we explain a period of time, even if the period of time we are speaking of began with night. Such as, if we go on a trip beginning with the evening and lasting through let

us say four whole days to arrive at our destination, we have a tendency to proclaim that we drove for four days and four nights, even though it was four nights and four days. Even Yahweh's word, the written Scriptures, which we certainly declare to be the truth, has a tendency to interchange day and night, night and day.

The creation account in Genesis begins describing a day as even and morning (Gen. 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31). Now we all know that the Hebrew day began at even (after sunset) which commenced with bringing on the night and then the day which followed and continued until after sunset (erev/even) the next day.

But in Gen. 8:22 we read, "While earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and DAY AND NIGHT shall not cease." Why did Yahweh put the day before the night here since the night to the Hebrew comes before the day? Some people have read this Scripture and have determined that the 24 hour day should begin at sunrise.

Jacob, when speaking to Laban, said, "That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether stolen BY DAY, OR stolen BY NIGHT," Gen. 31:39.

"And Yahweh went before them BY DAY in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and BY NIGHT in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go BY DAY AND NIGHT. He took not away the pillar of the cloud BY DAY, nor the pillar of fire BY NIGHT, from before the People," Ex. 13:21-22.

Why is the day being put before the night in these Scriptures? Especially since the day begins after sunset and the night time is the first part of the day?

Let's look at another Scripture, "And so it was, when the cloud abode FROM EVEN UNTO THE MORNING, and that the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed:

whether it was BY DAY or BY NIGHT that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed,” Num. 9:21. What a contrast we have here! He speaks first of the even and then the morning, yet toward the end of the Scripture He puts the day before the night.

In fact, when the Old Testament Scriptures speak in combination of day and night, the overwhelming majority of the Scriptures present the day BEFORE the night. Get out your concordances and prove it to yourself, don't just take my word for it. Yet, in the normal observance of the 24 hour day, the night comes before the day.

In Isaiah we read, “I Yahweh do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it NIGHT AND DAY,” 27:3...From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you: for MORNING BY MORNING shall it pass over, BY DAY AND BY NIGHT: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report,” 28:19... “It shall not be quenched NIGHT NOR DAY; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever,” 34:10... “Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: He will cut me off with pining sickness: FROM DAY EVEN TO NIGHT wilt Thou make an end of me. I reckoned till morning, that, as a lion, so will He break all my bones: FROM DAY EVEN TO NIGHT wilt Thou make an end of me,” 38:12-13... “Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut DAY NOR NIGHT; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought,” 60:11... “I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace DAY NOR NIGHT: ye that make mention of Yahweh, keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth,” 62:6-7.

Do you notice the interchange between day and night/night and day in these Scriptures? Jeremiah does the same thing, “Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears,

that I might weep DAY AND NIGHT for the slain of the daughter of my People!” 9:1... “Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them; ‘Let mine eyes run down with tears NIGHT AND DAY, and let them not cease: for the virgin daughter of My People is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow,” 13:17... “Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other elohim DAY AND NIGHT; where I will not shew you favour,” 16:13... “Thus saith Yahweh; ‘If ye can break MY COVENANT OF THE DAY, AND MY COVENANT OF THE NIGHT, and that there should not be DAY AND NIGHT in their season...Thus saith Yahweh; ‘If My covenant be not with DAY AND NIGHT, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth,” 33:20, 25.

Notice that Jeremiah interchanged day and night and night and day, but as in Isaiah and other Scriptures the usage of day before the night far outweighs the usage of night before the day. What does Yahweh also say about His covenant? Doesn’t He say that it is of the day and night even though the observance of a 24 hour day is even (night) and day?

The same situation exists in the New Testament also. Mk. 4:27, 5:5, Lk. 2:37, Acts 20:31, 2 Cor. 11:25, 1 Thes. 2:9 and 3:10 all render the night before the day. Lk. 18:7, Acts 9:24, 26:7, Rev. 4:8, 7:15, 12:10, 14:11 and 20:10 all render the day before the night.

These Scriptures should be proof enough that day and night/night and day are interchangeable.

THE THIRD DAY

Much of the confusion that has caused this “new look” into the 3 days and 3 nights has come from Lk. 24:21, “But 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.” This comment has been taken to mean that

it is the third day since the impalement. Is this the case?

Let's look at what is said here and at all the circumstances in order to get a clearer understanding of what is meant.

Luke writes, "And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which had happened. And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Yahshua Himself drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they should not know Him. And He said unto them, 'What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?' And one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto Him, 'Art Thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?' And He said unto them, 'What things?' And they said unto Him, 'Concerning Yahshua of Nazareth, Which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before Elohim and all the People: And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and have impaled Him. But 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," vv. 24:13-21.

Notice that they are talking about the things that had come to pass in verse 18. *The Interlinear Bible* renders verse 21 as, "But with all these things third this day comes today since these things occurred." Notice that it says ALL THESE THINGS! What things? Yahshua's delivery to the chief priests and rulers, His judgment, His impalement, yes, most definitely, but what else? On the day after His impalement the chief priest and Pharisees went in unto Pilate and requested that a guard be posted outside the grave (Mt. 27:62-64).

The question to ask is does every evangel cover everything about Yahshua's ministry and His death? The answer is an emphatic NO! Matthew is the only who records the actions of the

chief priest and Pharisees on the day after His burial. Only John reveals that Nicodemus assisted Joseph of Arimathea in the burial. Only Luke reveals the truth about the two Sabbaths. Only Mark reveals that the women bought the spices. Only Luke reveals that they had to prepare them. ALL evangel accounts must be used to get to the truth of the matter.

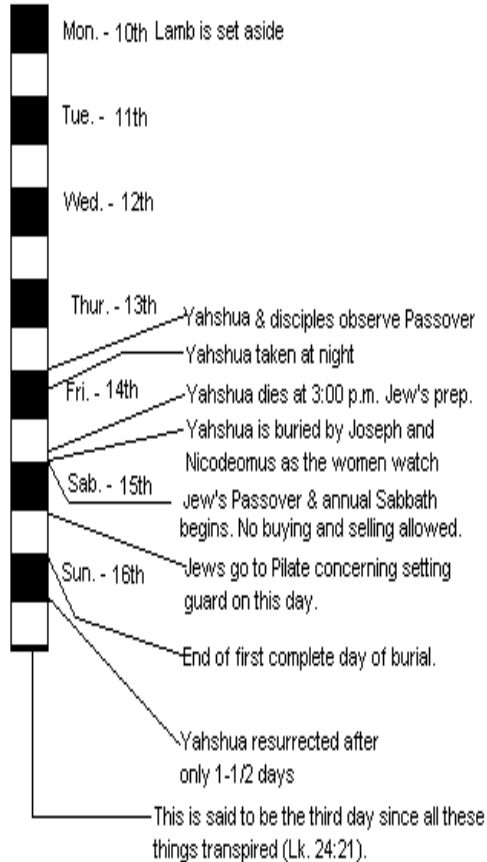
If it were not for Luke's account about the two Sabbaths the majority of the Christian world that observes the Friday impalement and Sunday morning resurrection would have every right to stand on its assumption. Matthew, Mark and John end their accounts with the impalement and the ensuing Sabbath day (High Sabbath) and go directly into the first of the week.

FALLING SHORT

The Friday sunset burial to Sunday morning resurrection falls short of the time specified by Yahshua. Even a Thursday burial with a Sunday morning resurrection falls short by at least 12 hours (one day time period). To fall short is to miss the mark. The only period that has a full complement of 3 days and 3 nights is the period that begins with a Wednesday evening burial and a Sabbath evening resurrection. That was the only sign that he gave to that generation. They understood what He meant for they said, "Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while He was yet alive, 'AFTER three days I will rise again,'" Mt. 27:63. Upon the fulfillment of the 3 days and 3 night Yahshua rose to life everlasting. HalleluYah!

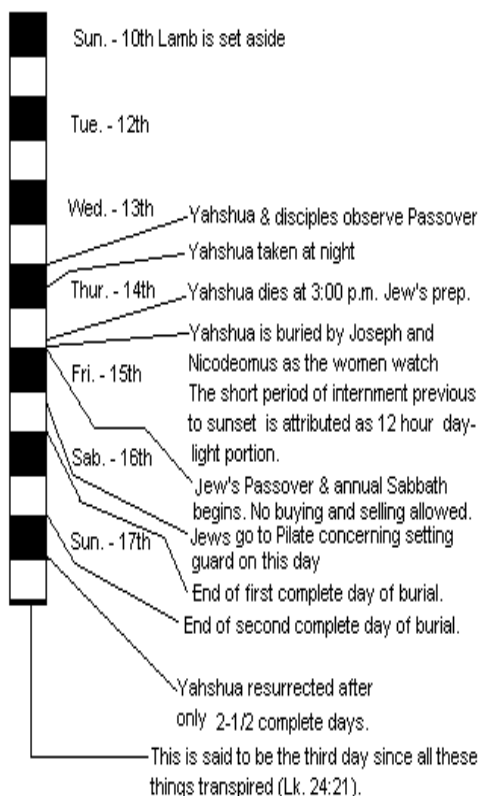
FRIDAY DEATH

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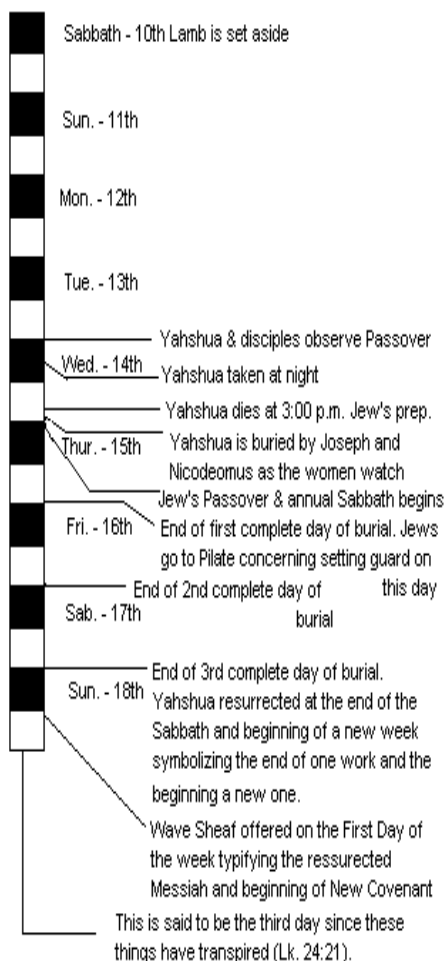
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