



COLLEGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

Greater Christ Temple APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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Wednesday Evening Bible Study 04/17/2019 6:00 PM

“Concerning Easter”

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Deuteronomy 12:29-32

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“You shall not worship the LORD YOUR GOD IN THAT WAY”

- What is “that way” in which the pagans worshipped their gods?
- The story of the mystery gods of Babylon, Ishtar in particular, will teach us much:
"Ishtar", which is alternatively pronounced "Easter", was a day that commemorated the resurrection of one of their gods that they called "Tammuz", who was believed to be the only begotten son of the moon-goddess (Easter / Ishtar) and the sun-god (Baal / Marduk).

- In those ancient times, there was a man named Nimrod, who was the grandson of one of Noah's sons named Ham. Ham had a son named Cush (Ethiop). Cush then had a son named him "Nimrod."
"After the death of his father, Nimrod married Semiramis and became a powerful King.
- The Bible tells of this man, Nimrod, in Genesis 10:8-10 as follows:
8 "And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one (Heb. "gibor") in the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord. 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar." (*clarification mine*)

- Nimrod became a god-man (gibor) to the people and Semiramis, his wife (and mother?), became the powerful Queen of ancient Babylon.
- Nimrod was eventually killed by an enemy (Righteous King Shem?), and his body was cut in pieces and sent to various parts of his kingdom as a warning against the worship of false gods and idols.
- Semiramis had all of the parts gathered, except for one part that could not be found. That missing part was his reproductive organ.
- For this reason the ancient world has given us the worship of his “part”.



Obelisk in Egypt



Obelisk in
The Vatican
(Rome)



Obelisk in Washington D.C.
(The Washington Monument)



Obelisk in Indianapolis
(Circle City)
(With Ishtar on top)

- Semiramis claimed that Nimrod could not come back to life without his missing “part” and told the people of Babylon that Nimrod had ascended to the sun and was now to be called "Baal", the sun god.
- Queen Semiramis also proclaimed that Baal would be present on earth in the form of a flame, whether candle or lamp, when used in worship.
- Semiramis was creating a mystery religion (Mystery Babylon), and with the help of Satan, she set herself up as a goddess.
- Semiramis claimed that she was immaculately conceived. She taught that the moon was a goddess that went through a 28 day cycle and ovulated when full.

- She further claimed that she came down from the moon in a giant moon egg that fell into the Euphrates River. Her myth states that a rabbit was sent by the gods and it sat on the moon egg until Semiramis emerged from the egg.
- This was to have happened at the time of the first full moon after the spring equinox.
- Semiramis became known as "Ishtar" which is alternatively pronounced "Easter", and her moon egg became known as "Ishtar's" egg.
- Ishtar, being engrossed in the sacred prostitution of the pagan temple, soon became pregnant and claimed that it was the rays of the sun-god, Baal (Nimrod), that caused her to conceive.
- (In the Egyptian version, Isis {Ishtar/Semaramis} put the body of Osiris

- {Nimrod} back together, but his phallus had been thrown in the Nile River and swallowed by a fish, so she erected a golden magical phallus attached it to His dead body, brought him back to life (temporarily) and was impregnated by him. This is why they worship the “sacred pillar” all over the world).
- The son that she brought forth was named Tammuz. Tammuz was noted to be especially fond of rabbits, and they became sacred in the ancient religion, because Tammuz was believed to be the son of the sun-god, Baal. Tammuz, like his supposed father, became a hunter.
- The day came when Tammuz was killed by a wild pig. Queen Ishtar told the people that Tammuz was now ascended to his father, Baal.

- Ishtar, who was now worshipped as the "Mother of God" and "**Queen of Heaven**" (Jeremiah 7:18), continued to build her mystery religion.
- The queen told the worshippers that when Tammuz was killed by the wild pig, some of his blood fell on the stump of an evergreen tree, and the stump grew into a full new tree overnight. This made the evergreen tree (Christmas tree) sacred by the blood of Tammuz.
- She also proclaimed a forty day period of time of sorrow, weeping, and fasting each year prior to the anniversary of the death of Tammuz (Ezekiel 8:13-14). During this time, no meat was to be eaten. (Lent)
- When the Tower of Babel event occurred, God divided the nations by confusing their languages.
- The people separated into the groups who could understand each other and spread out over the known world.

- Each language group (nation) carried the story of “the gods” and their mystery religion (Mystery Babylon) with them. Hence these same characters became known by a thousand different names:
- Nimrod = Baal, Bel, Bell, Bon, Marduk, Merodach, Molech, Milcom, Ninus, Nebo, Osiris, Ra, Zeus, Jupiter, Odin, Anu, Brahma, Father Time, Hubal (Allah), etc.
- Semiramis = Ishtar, Easter, Astarte, Ashtoreth, Asherah, Asterisk, Isis, Hera, Venus, Frigg, Vishnu, Diana, Liberty, Columbia, Queen of Heaven, Mother Nature, etc.
- Tammuz = Dammuzi, Heru, Horus, Hercules, Heracles, Thor, Saturn, Apollo (Apollyon/Abaddon/The Destroyer), Sol, Krishna, Mithra, Kali, etc.

- Within this story we have the origin of the feast named after “Easter”, who is none other than Ishtar, the origin of Ishtar eggs (Easter eggs), the origin of the Ishtar bunny (Easter bunny), the origin of eating ham during the feast of Easter, the reason why it is celebrated at the time of the first full moon following the Spring equinox, the origin of the veneration of the Christmas tree, and many other things.
- What does God say to these things?

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- God has commanded us not to follow the worshipping ways of the heathen. We are not to worship Jehovah in those ways. He is appalled and disgusted by the practices of the heathens. This is easy to understand seeing that their worship is centered around sex magic.

Deuteronomy 7:1-6 NKJV

1 "When the LORD your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, **2** and when the LORD your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them *and* utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. **3** Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. **4** For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the LORD will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly. **5** But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their *sacred* pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved

images with fire.

6 "For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

- **Destroy every altar, every form of devotion to other gods**
- **Break every sacred Pillar, remove every impurity**
- **Cut down the wooden images, Put away every attachment or point of contact to false gods.**

CONSECRATION REVIVAL

April 18th-20th

-6PM NIGHTLY-

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2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Friday

7PM

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Friday April 19, 2019

Noon – 3 p.m.

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REMEMBERING GOOD FRIDAY

THE SON OF MAN MUST SUFFER MANY THINGS,
....AND BE KILLED

Passover 2019

Saturday • April 20, 2019 @ 5:00 PM



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And Still I Rise!



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Plotted against

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