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**Astarte**



**Tammuz (Bacchus)**

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We are living in the last days of this earth's history and notwithstanding this, Satan has used a gigantic religious organization – the Roman Catholic Church, to preserve the paganism of the ancient world which God has so strongly condemned. Some of this paganism that wears grabs of Christianity is **Lent** and **Easter**.

The facts are that the early Christian Church NEVER had such festivals as a part of their worship. They were wholesale transported from paganism into Christianity and have helped to make up the image of Roman Catholicism. What does the word “Lent” means? It simply means “spring” from the Saxon word “Lenden”.

“Whence, then came this observance? The forty days abstinence of Lent was directly borrowed from the worshippers of the Babylonian goddess. Such a Lent of forty days in the spring of the year....” Alexander Hislop, **The Two Babylons**, p. 104.

The same can also be said for Easter. The very word itself is the name of the pagan goddess “Ishtar” (pronounced Easter). “It is well known that the word Easter is not a Christian expression – not in its original meaning. The word comes from the name of a pagan goddess – the goddess of the rising light of day and spring. “Easter” is but a more modern form of Eostre, Oстера, Astarte, or Ishtar, the latter according to Hislop, being pronounced as we pronounce “Easter” today.” Ralph Woodrow, **Babylon Mystery Religion**, p. 135.

What is the real pagan history behind Easter and Lent? Observe: “Legend has it that Tammuz was killed by a wild boar when he was forty years old. Hislop points out that forty days – a day for each year Tammuz had lived on earth – were set aside to “weep for Tammuz”. In olden times these forty days were observed with weeping, fasting and self-chastisement – to fain anew his favor – so he would come forth from the underworld and cause spring to begin. This observance was known not only at Babylon, but also among the Phoenicians, Egyptians, Mexicans, and for a time, even among the Israelites. ‘Among this pagans’ says Hislop, ‘this Lent seems to have been an indispensable preliminary to the great annual festival in commemoration of the death and resurrection of Tammuz.’” **Ibid**, p. 139.

Also we are told, “According to the old legends, after Tammuz was slain, he descended into the underworld. But through the weeping of his “mother” Ishtar (Easter), he was mystically revived in spring. The resurrection of Tammuz through Ishtar’s grief was dramatically represented annually in order to insure the success of the crops and the fertility of the people. Each year men and women had to grieve with Ishtar over the death of Tammuz and celebrate the god’s return in order to win anew her favor and benefits.” **Ibid**, p. 139.

It is all these “old wives’ fables” that have been preserved by Roman Catholicism in garbs of Christianity. “To conciliate the Pagans to nominal Christianity, Rome, pursuing its usual policy, took measures to get the Christian and Pagan festivals amalgamated...” **The Two Babylons**, p. 105.

“But at last, when the worship of Astarte (Easter) was rising into the ascendant, steps were taken to get the whole Chaldean Lent of six weeks, or forty days, made imperative on all within the Roman Empire of the West. The way was prepared for this by a Council held at Aurelia in the time of Hormisdas, Bishop of Rome, about the year 519, which decreed that Lent should be solemnly kept before Easter.” **Ibid**, p. 106-107.

Despite all this mixture of paganism and the forms of Christianity, God had already shown His utter disgust for this “Lent” calling it a “greater abomination” (Eze 8:13), He said: “Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD’s house which was towards the north; and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.” (Eze 8:14). For this and other crimes God said He would destroy Judah (Eze 8:18). But not only did God condemn this Lent-Easter superstition, He was against the very worship of the goddess “Easter” by the practice of all her rites. “The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.” (Jer 7:18. (See also Jer 44:15-23).

These cakes to the queen of heaven were “hot cross buns” made to Easter. God has demonstrated why He hates paganism; it is because it is godless and separates the soul from God, thus the person is left without the moral presence and protection of Christ and falls easily a prey to sin. (Rom 1:18-32).

Friends, you can NEVER be saved with sin in your life, you cannot be saved in the religions that destroy your soul. You must come out of them (Rev 18:1-5). Leave paganism in all its forms and accept the true Christ (2Jn 9, 10), that God may dwell in you and be your God (2Cor 6:16-18).

May God bless you all. Amen

