



# FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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## HOLY DAYS #1

### KEEPING PURE & UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD



### GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME

**ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY  
AND GET SPOTTED WITH SIN WHEN WE WANDER AWAY;  
STAY NEAR TO THE SHEPHERD WASHED HOLY & CLEAN,  
AND KEEP SAFE FROM DECEPTION, BY ABIDING IN HIM.**

#### SCRIPTURE READING:

*James 1:27 "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."*

*Deuteronomy 12:29-30 "When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their land; <sup>30</sup>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 gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise."*

**1. INTRODUCTION:** God gave his people Holy Days along with the weekly Sabbath, to identify us as his own people. This last week many observed Ash Wednesday that began 40 days of fasting, called Lent. Why? Should we keep Passover as Jesus said, or should we call the Lord's Crucifixion and Resurrection 'Easter'? While we respect the heartfelt beliefs of others, we will explore the roots of these traditions, to find how we can keep ourselves unspotted from worldly heathen practices, that have become the Christian standard.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE:

1. Light Candles & Pray
2. Children's Songs & Story
3. Intro Gospel Craft/Coloring
4. Dismiss Kids to Noah's Ark with 'Animals Go Marching Song'
5. Adult Fellowship Break
6. Worship Song Set
7. Bible Lesson & Group Prayer
8. Blessing Songs & Benediction

## 2. HEATHEN WAYS & IDOL WORSHIP CAME WITH THE HEBREWS FROM UR WHERE GOD CALLED ABRAHAM: DESCENDENTS OF THE SUMERIANS WERE HEBREW.

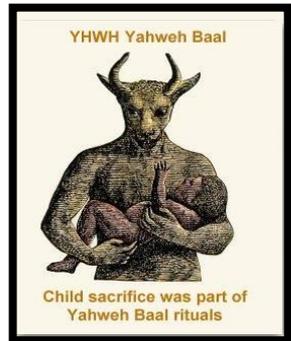


*Joshua 24:2 “And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and **THEY SERVED OTHER GODS.**”*

Abraham was faithful to serve only the living God of Heaven and preached the Gospel to his people, who carried the seed of Jesus Christ until the Savior was born in Bethlehem, but most of the Israelites continued to worship their idols, alongside the living God.

*Psalm 106:37-38 “Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, <sup>38</sup> And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.”*

**“The false Baal god Yahweh was adopted by the disobedient Israelites; who incorporated the worship of Semiramis and Tamuz, and continued to worship ‘Yahweh and his Asherah’ by fertility festivals and child sacrifice while in Egypt. The Israelites were warned not to adopt these gods, nor their worship and rituals, and not to intermarry with the heathens. But the Old Testament reveals they went after Baal (Yahweh) and the sexual rituals associated therewith, with such enthusiasm, the nation was finally morally destroyed and God evicted them to Babylon as punishment.”** [www.yahwehism.com/yahweh-samaria](http://www.yahwehism.com/yahweh-samaria)



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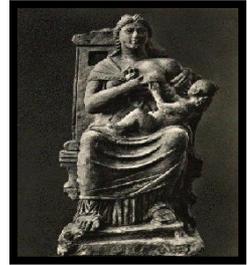
God’s word warns us still, that we are not to follow the ways of heathen nations where many of our customs have come.

### 3. THE MYSTERY RELIGION OF BABYLON WAS DEVELOPED BY SEMIRAMIS & HER SON NIMROD.



Nimrod King of Samaria

Noah's son Cush and his wife Semiramis, had a son named Nimrod who became king of Samaria. After Cush was killed, **Nimrod married his own mother and declared himself to be God.**



Semiramis & Tammuz

Nimrod declared himself to be god, and built the Tower of Babel. **Nimrod was killed by Shem** for his sins against the God of heaven. Semiramis told the people that Nimrod had ascended to the sun and **they were now to worship him as the sun god Baal.**

Ancient Israel worshipped the idols, **Yahweh** and **the Queen of Heaven** alongside God. Where do these names come from?

**“Semiramis declared herself to be Queen of Heaven and developed the mystery religion of Babylon. Semiramis claimed that she was immaculately conceived by the Baal moon god, Yahreah (also spelled Yahweh); and came down from the moon in a giant moon egg that fell into the Euphrates River at the rise of the first full moon after the spring equinox on Sunday (Easter is always on this day). Semiramis was worshipped as "Ishtar" pronounced "Easter". Ishtar is spelled Ashtoreth and Asherah in scripture, and in the New Testament of the King James Bible is written “Easter”.**

The Queen of Heaven was also known as Inanna or Nina for whom the wicked city of Nineveh was named, and Venus, Diana (the cult of Diana worshipped Diana in Corinth) and Beltis. **Her moon egg was "Ishtar's" egg."** As Ishtar, the Queen of Heaven; **HER FERTILITY SYMBOLS WERE THE RABBIT AND THE EGG.** Semiramis became pregnant and claimed it was the rays of the sun-god Baal (the ascended Nimrod) that caused her to conceive her son Tammuz. **Tammuz was killed by a wild boar when he was 40 years old, thus there are 40 days of lent searching and weeping for Tammuz.** The Chaldeans **Terah and his family, were known to worship the idol goddess Ishtar.”** [www.wikibooks/HebrewRoots](http://www.wikibooks/HebrewRoots)

#### **4. ANCIENT APOSTATE ISRAEL WORSHIPPED the GODS OF BAAL NAMED YAHWEH & ASHERAH (ISHTAR)**

The living God of Heaven, Ehyeh-Ashur-Ehyeh, Yeshua in Hebrew, Iehsoos in Greek, JESUS in English, **was never an idol.** Baal gods never were the mythological character, Zeus, but **BAAL GODS WERE VERY SPECIFICALLY THE GODS OF UR.** The gods of Canaan had several names for the same idol. The Yahweh and Asherah (Ishtar) idols **came from Ur of Babylon.**



**Thousands of Asherah figurines have been dug up by archeologists in Israel:** “Among the many objects discovered at Kuntillet Ajrud were two large, splintered, pithol or storage jars. Each pithos contained drawings in red and black ink accompanied by religious inscriptions written in Hebrew, which scholars have translated with reasonable consistency.

Pithos A seems to be a dedicatory inscription and reads, in Part: **“I/bless you by Yahweh, our guardian, and by his Asherah.”** A second pithos is nearly identical, including: “Amaryau says: Say to my lord X: I bless you by **Yahweh** (our guardian), and **by his Asherah.**” [www.wiki.answers.com](http://www.wiki.answers.com)

Yahweh/Yahweh was the Lunar Bull idol worshipped in Babylon and also in Egypt. We can know with certainty that Yahweh cannot be the name of God, because when God spoke His name to Moses, He said no one had known Him by that name before He spoke it.

**Exodus 6:1-2** “*And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the LORD: <sup>3</sup> And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, **but by my name JEHOVAH (YHWH YESHUA) was I not known to them.**” (Bible warns that scribes also will change God’s name)  
Scribes interpolated God’s name YHWH, with the vowel points of Adonai.*

**Jeremiah 7:17-18** “*Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? <sup>18</sup> 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.”*

Though Christians do not worship idols, many are deceived to accept the name of Baal gods Yahweh & Easter, and cling to ways they were worshipped, because it has been accepted for so long.

**5. ISHTAR (pronounced Easter) the QUEEN OF HEAVEN, WAS the MOST IMPORTANT GODDESS in ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIA.**

Each person in our church is free to decide for themselves, but we teach that no matter how long ago it was - God commanded Abraham to **leave behind the idols and ways of Babylon.** **God's word still warns His people not to copy** the ways of heathen worship, yet **the Christian church carries on their ways of worship to this day without question, because it is tradition.**

It is common knowledge that Constantine married the customs of heathen idol worship with Christian holy days, changing the dates of Christian holy days to the dates of fertility festivals already being observed by the Yahweh/Easter cults of Rome. Christian converts were reluctant to give up their old ways, so Constantine simply relabeled heathen customs as Christian, and brought them into the Christian church. The traditions of **putting a T of ashes on your forehead and fasting for 40 days of Lent, coloring and hiding Easter Eggs, and the sacred Easter bunnies** all come from the fertility festivals of Ishtar and Tammuz carried from Babylon.

*Ezekiel 8:13-14* “*He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.* <sup>14</sup> *Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house...and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.*”

How did the Passover observed by Jesus come to be called Easter?

*Ishtar (pronounced Easter) was worshipped with lascivious fertility rite ceremonies during the Ishtar Festival. This resulted in many babies being born near the December 25<sup>th</sup> feast for Tammuz' birthday, then these babies were sacrificed the following Spring at the Ishtar Festival (at the rise of the first full moon after the spring equinox on Sunday) observing the resurrection of Ishtar's son/lover Tammuz.* As



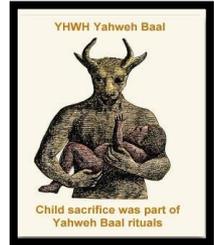
*part of the sacrifice ritual, incense was burned and women sat 40 days weeping for Tammuz. ISHTAR EGGS were dyed in the blood of sacrificed infants, gathered and hidden from evil spirits in a rabbit nest to hatch on December 25<sup>th</sup>.* [Inancientfootsteps.com](http://Inancientfootsteps.com)

Satan imitated prophecies of the Savior's resurrection fulfilled by actual historical events, with fabricated stories of Semiramis. The devil even got Christians to replace the Lord's Passover with Easter!

## 6. OBSERVING OUR HOLIDAY CUSTOMS, IT APPEARS THAT ISHTAR, THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN, IS STILL THE MOST IMPORTANT GODDESS IN AMERICA TODAY.

We have seen that the traditions of Easter (held so sacred by most Christians that it feels like blasphemy if you do not color eggs and teach your children to believe in the Easter Bunny) are Babylonian. What of the other heathen customs of Semiramis and Tammuz worship - have Christians been deceived into keeping those as well? We have also seen how the idol Yahweh worshipped by Israel, was tied to the Easter festival as the god to whom babies were sacrificed:

*Ezekiel 16:20-21* *“Moreover **thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne** unto me, and **these hast thou sacrificed** unto them **to be devoured**. Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter, <sup>21</sup> That thou hast slain my children, and **delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?**”*



We also see that the date of the Ishtar fertility festival replacing the Lord's Passover is determined by the spring equinox, and that December 25<sup>th</sup> is not the date of the birth of our Lord Jesus who was born much earlier during the Feast of Tabernacles, but is the birth date of Ishtar's son Tammuz. What of other holiday traditions? Why is it a mandatory custom to purchase a **green fir tree** for **December 25<sup>th</sup>**, to decorate it with shiny ornaments, **and offer our gifts to the tree?** Why is it tradition to eat ham for both Easter and Christmas?

*(1) THE SACRED TREE* *A tablet in the British Museum, Western Asia Inscriptions, vol. iv. P. 32, states that the **sacred dark fir tree**, which grew in the city of Eridu, was the couch of the mother goddess, **the sacred tree** having been **cut at the annual festival and carried into the idol temple**, then there came the **search for Tammuz**, when the devotees ran wildly about weeping and wailing for the lost one...**His wife was Ishtar (Ashtoreth/Easter) who is often represented as the wife of Baal.** (2) **Descent of Ishtar:** *Ishtar descended to the lower world to search for Tammuz the sun god of Babylonia and Assyria, who had been slain by the boar's tusk of winter.....(this is the reason why HAM**



*(not to be eaten by God's people) **is served on Christmas and Easter!***  
Popular and Critical Bible Encyclopaedia Scriptura, Vol. 3, by Bp. Fallows & Zenos



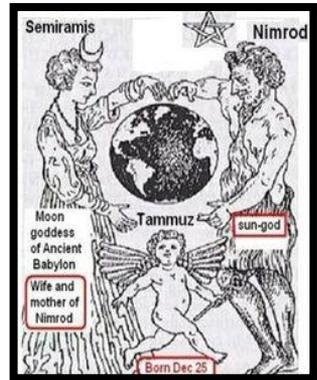
## 7. THE MYSTERY RELIGION OF BABYLON DECIEVES GOD’S PEOPLE TO FOLLOW THE GODS OF BABYLON.

Revelation 19:20 “And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.”

Why is our loving God, who wants us to know Him, **presented by the counterfeit church as a mystery** not possible to understand?

For the first 300 years after the crucifixion Christians kept the Feast of Passover as they were commanded in Leviticus 23. History Channel. “For the first 300 years after Christ, Christians observed the Passover.” Jewish Encyclopedia, V. 9, p. 309.

Heathen “Christians” “converted” by Constantine, **kept the mystery religion of Babylon.** Constantine simply relabeled and adopted the **Trinity of Nimrod, Ishtar and Tammuz, worshipped on the Dec 25<sup>th</sup> feast of Tammuz,** and **kept the fertility festival of Easter Sunday.**

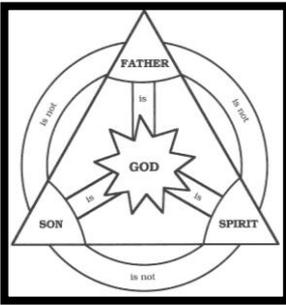


Revelation 17:1-5 “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: <sup>2</sup> With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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: <sup>5</sup> And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”

## 8. THE MYSTERY RELIGION OF BABYLON CONTINUES IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TODAY.

Most churches are unaware that some of their beliefs, are not from the Bible but **from Babylon, and Greek philosophy**. Christians unwittingly continue to copy Babylonian and Greek traditions.

*2 Kings 17:7-10 “So it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt...  
8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel ... 9 And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God...”*



**“In the unity of that one Only God of the Babylonians (Baal), there were three persons, to symbolise that doctrine of the Trinity, they employed the same equilateral triangle of Astrology and the occult, as the discoveries of Layard prove, just as the Romish Church does at this day.”** Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*

*Revelation 13:16-18 “And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man and his number is six hundred threescore and six.”*

**Constantine**, the first Emperor of Rome to profess Christianity, incorporated the **trinity of images from Babylon** into Christian worship in 325 AD. Constantine decreed all to be killed if they did not worship **the false image named ‘Trinity’**, the number of the name reflecting the false image of 3 man-like gods ‘666’ being the number of man x3, and **exchange God’s Sabbath Day for the false Sabbath ‘Day of the Sun’**. Christians endured torture and death before accepting the false image, the number, or the false Sabbath.

Dear Christian brethren in our Lord Jesus Christ, dare we to continue in the same traditions that caused the Israelites to carried into slavery? **May we finally leave behind the ways of Babylon, and be unspotted by the world, as we worship our Lord Jesus alone!**

## **9. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU AND ME:**

1. God wants his people to be pure and holy, and unspotted from the world who keep traditions of the mystery religion of Babylon.
2. The Hebrew people whom God chose Abraham to lead, brought heathen gods & customs to Samaria
3. Semiramis, who married her son Nimrod & their baby Tammuz developed the idols of Ur into the Mystery religion of Babylon.
4. Though Christians do not worship idols, many are deceived to accept the name of Baal gods Yahweh & Easter & cling to ways they were worshipped, because it has been accepted for so long.
5. By copying ways that the heathen worshipped their idols for our own holiday traditions, we may be continuing the sins of Israel.
6. Observing our holiday customs, it appears that Ishtar, the queen of heaven, is still the most important goddess in America today.
7. Revelation describes the beast of the end time Christian church, as having 'MYSTERY' on her forehead, because she gets Christians drunk with false spirits, that our loving God is a trinity who cannot be understood, and keeps the traditions of Babylon.
8. May we finally leave behind the ways of Babylon, and be unspotted by the world, as we worship our Lord Jesus alone!

**Our Father, in our Lord Jesus Christ,** we worship you as God alone, and pray that your word preached to us each week, will wash and sanctify us as a pure and holy people, set apart for you. Jesus, we want to be ready, when you come like those who are found keeping your commandments because they love you. Help us to love one another as we learn to be like Jesus together. We pray that you will open our eyes to see every false way that does not belong, and burn a passionate desire into our hearts to serve only you. Help us to let go of every personal habit and tradition that does not bring glory to you, our soon coming King, LORD and Savior. Cleanse our hearts Lord Jesus, and draw close in to be immersed in your Spirit, because only in your presence, will we find fulness of joy! I commit my whole heart, all my ways, my life, and all my love to you, my LORD and my God, **in Jesus name, Amen.**



## 10. CHILDREN'S STORY: She'll Never Be Clean Again!

Tim had been Katie's very best friend, but since her birthday, Katie only loved her new Doll and didn't have time for Tim anymore. Now when Katie went outside to play Timmy called her names, and she called him names right back! One afternoon, Katie heard the ice cream truck, and forgot all about her doll sitting in the swing.



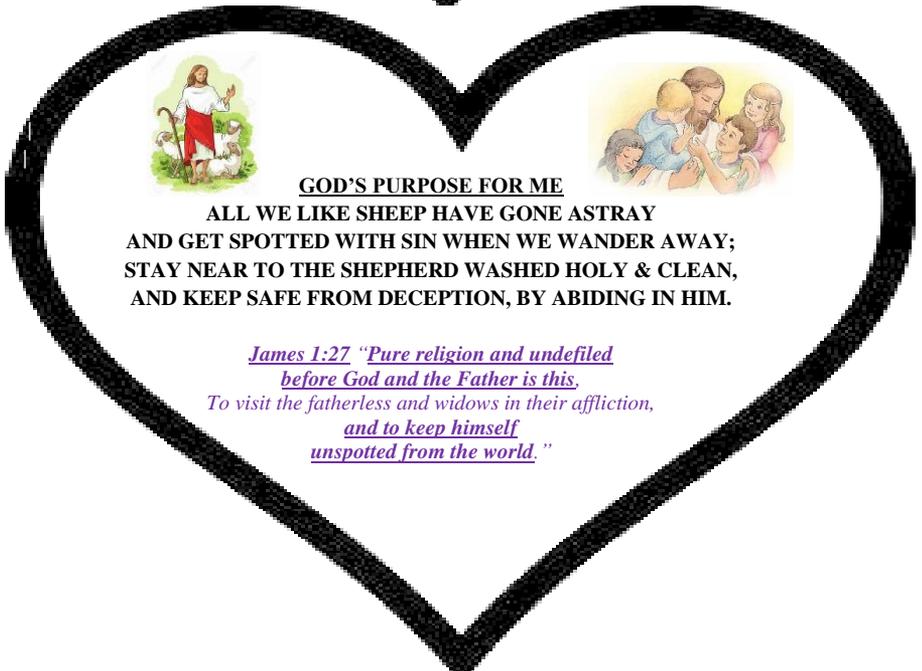
When Katie got her ice-cream and went back to check the swing, her new doll was gone! Katie told her mother and they went back outside to look again. Katie could not believe her eyes! There was her new doll, sitting in the swing with black marking pen smeared all over her face! Katie was so angry! Mother went inside the house to try and clean the marking pen off the doll's face. She tried soap, and even toothpaste, but it didn't work. Katie knew who had done this awful thing and she cried, **"Oh mother, she'll never be clean again! I'll fix that Tim!"** Katie's mother asked, "Why would your best friend do such a terrible thing?" Suddenly Katie understood. When she had gotten the new doll, she was so happy that she didn't play with Tim anymore. **Katie confessed her sin, "Mom, I'm so sorry, it's all my fault. I hurt Tim's feelings and that's why he hurt my doll."** Mother and Katie prayed that Jesus would forgive Katie and Tim, and show her what to do. Suddenly Mother remembered a spot remover that could take out marking ink, so she tried, and it worked! Mother gave the doll back to Katie and said, **"You know Katie, just like there is only one spot remover that can remove this ugly stain, only the blood of Jesus can remove our sin from us, and make us whole again! Then by staying close to Jesus, while we stay away from selfishness, and anger, and every false way, we keep those ugly spots from getting on OUR face. God's word says that pure religion is helping others who need us to love them, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Katie could not wait to find Tim to talk about the wonderful love of Jesus, who cleans away every spot!"**



# 11. CRAFT PAGE: Pure and Unspotted from The World

## Directions:

1. Enlarge and copy to 8 1/2 x 11" white paper & use larger pattern to make a third heart.
2. Staple edges of large heart to third paper heart leaving open above staple marks at top.
3. Put heart spotted with sins of the world inside the Jesus and Me heart and hold up to light.
4. Pray to commit our way to the Lord Jesus, confess and remove sins & live holy for God.



**12. COLORING PAGE: GOD'S WORD KEEPS ME SAFE!**



**God's word keeps me safe from following Heathen ways.**

*Psalm 12:6-7 "The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. <sup>7</sup>Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."*