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It's Resurrection, not Easter!

by Barbara Carmack

This year, on April 16th, many people in the world take opportunity to cover over, by any means, the true meaning of this holiday (holy day). There are huge lay-outs in the newspapers promoting the "must-have" new fashions for their Easter parties and Sunday church "fashion" Easter parade, and then there are those Easter egg hunts. Easter activities are such a reproach to the LORD, and the fact that it's been going on for so long, in the church, makes it so much worse. This article is to inform you about the evils of the holiday called Easter, and to describe its lurid history to you to encourage you to remove the word forever from your vocabulary.

Easter began during the Babylonian reign on this earth, thousands of years before Christ was born. Legend has it that Nimrod married his mother, whose name was Semiramis. After Nimrod died, Queen Semiramis created a religion where she would be worshipped as a goddess. Her name was changed to "Ishtar" which is pronounced "Easter." The Babylonians worshipped the sunrise, therefore they had a goddess to reign over the celebration: Queen Easter. Queen Easter became pregnant by the sun-god, Baal, and when her son was born, she named him Tammuz. As you recall Tammuz was mentioned in Ezekiel 8:14, which shows you how far this heathen worship was carried out: **"Then He brought me to the entrance of the gate of the LORD's house; and behold, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz."** Worship of Tammuz was carried on by GOD's own people, Israel! The Easter legend goes on to tell of Tammuz being killed by a wild pig and his death being celebrated on the 1st Sunday after the full moon where pig was served as the main course. Because her son had loved rabbits, legend tells of Queen Easter changing a bird into an "egg-laying rabbit", thus you have the Easter bunny. Queen Easter was also called the goddess of fertility and depicted as a bare-breasted queen of sexual desire. The priests of her temple would impregnate young virgins at sun rise on Easter Sunday; the babies from these unions would be sacrificed on the altar and eggs would be dyed in the blood of the babies and given as offerings to the queen of Easter.

The truth is that Easter has nothing whatsoever to do with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And some have wondered why the word "Easter" is in the King James Bible. Acts 12:4 tells us that the evil King Herod was planning to celebrate Easter: **"And when he had seized [John the Baptist] he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after Easter to bring him out before the people."** The truth is that eggs, rabbits and Easter ham have everything to do with the ancient Babylonian religion. Because satan is a master deceiver, he has filled the lives of well-meaning, professing Christians with idolatry through celebrating this pagan holiday. In reading this unbelievably macabre legend of Easter, you will realize that paganism has infiltrated the contemporary Christian churches.

As the days of our Lord Jesus' crucifixion draws ever closer, please be mindful of the glorious resurrection of our Savior and Redeemer, and work on removing the name of Easter from your holiday celebrations.