

## **Ash Wednesday, St. Valentine's Day, Pagan Holidays in February Full sermon transcript. February 11, 2023**

Praise Jesus. Amen. Praise God. Let's go to the book of Deuteronomy chapter 12.

And for the people who are listening for the first time, we're reading out of the Alpha and Omega Bible, which is a restoration of the original Scriptures using the oldest Bible manuscripts available to mankind today, including the dead, seas, crows, and different manuscripts older than the manuscripts that the King James Version is based upon.

Deuteronomy 12. Those last few verses in this chapter we have read over and over and over, but we always have a new people. And it's very important for these new people to discover these verses that are never read in the traditional churches. Amen. As you listen today, some of you, especially if it's your first time listening, you will hear things you never heard before because there are a lot of Scriptures that are never read nor discussed in the traditional churches and religions and denominations of modern Western time.

In chapter 12, starting in verse 29, And if Jesus your Theos shall utterly destroy the nations... Now, why does it say Jesus there in the Old Testament? If you have a King James Version, you would notice the word the Lord in all capital letters, whereas everything else in that sentence is small case letters, small letters, not capital letters.

And there's a reason why they put the word the Lord in capital letters is so that you would know that that is not just the Lord, but there's a reason why it's all capital letters. And all you've got to do is do very simple research. Sometimes it's written in the first pages of the Bible that explains to you that actually the true name of God originally appeared there and not the words the Lord. The words the Lord replaced the name of God. There was an actual name there at one time originally. So the words the Lord right there was not there. The Bible has been corrupted. This is undeniable, absolutely undeniable. We know this for a fact.

So all these people that are saying that the Scriptures are perfect and without any error and without any alterations, they're sadly arrogant of this undeniable fact.

And then the question begs, well, how the end of the Bible has been corrupted, how do we know it's true? Well, the reality is we know for the most part what has been changed. That's why it's in all capital letters, to let you know that that was changed. Amen?

And sometimes you see words in italics. And again, that is to let you know that that's been added in for clarity of the English language because it's very extremely difficult to translate from one language to another without adding words to explain what it's saying.

So you've got to ad-lib a little bit. You have to alter words a little bit when you're translating anything. That's just the fact of translation. That's unavoidable.

And then you've got all the other translations. There are so many different translations of the Bible. So how can you say that the Scripture doesn't have any mistakes or any errors or any altercations when in fact you have 100 translations, 200 translations?

So they've all got to be wrong but one, or else they're all wrong, or whatever. There are errors. Amen. Some people say, well, the name of God is Jehovah. Some people say Yahweh, and some people say Allah. And there's different people's private interpretations of which we are not supposed to have. Only the truth is the truth. And everything else is a lie. Amen.

In the New Testament we read that Jesus came in the flesh, that God came to dwell in the flesh. We only have one God. The Bible says this repeatedly, that the Lord is one, that God is one.

We don't have two lords, or three lords, or four lords, or a million lords. We only have one Lord. And God came to dwell in the flesh, and His name was Jesus.

And even when you look at what was originally written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and Paul, they did not write Yeshua. They simply didn't. And that's a simple search.

A simple, simple, simple search. Even Strong's requirements tell you they did not write Yeshua. It says that what they wrote originated from Yeshua, but they didn't write Yeshua.

They didn't write Yeshua. Moses didn't write Yeshua. Paul didn't. Matthew didn't. Mark, Luke. These are facts. These are undeniable facts. Absolutely undeniable facts. Amen.

So, we put here that if Jesus, your Theos, and Theos is the Greek word, even the paleo Hebrew, original Hebrew word, for the word God. People say "The-us", but my research has shown me that it's "The-o's", meaning the Alpha and the Omega.

And that's why we call this the Alpha and the Omega Bible.

So, if Jesus, your Theos, shall utterly destroy the nations to whom you go in there to inherit their land from before you, and you shall inherit it and dwell in

their land, take heed to yourself that you seek not to follow them after they have been destroyed before you, saying, How do these nations act toward their gods? I would do likewise. It says, don't do that. Take heed. That word, take heed, means to be careful not to do this, and to make sure that you listen to what I'm saying and obey. Take heed. Listen to what I'm saying. This is what God says.

Listen to what I'm saying and be careful to obey what I am saying. That is what God is saying here by saying that.

This word nations can also be translated as Gentiles, and even in the context of Israel versus the heathen nations, the Gentile nations that was worshipping all kinds of false gods. It is talking about Gentiles.

So, we have seen repeatedly throughout history the war between the races, the war between tribes and nations throughout history, and to this very, very, very day, that is what we're seeing occurring in the Middle East, the Arab Islamic nations against Israel.

Amen? It's the same thing. It's the same thing we see today as what was written thousands of years ago, the same reality. Amen?

And it says, don't look at how they worship their gods and say, I'm going to do it the same way. Now, there's a reason he said don't do this, because people were doing it already, and he knew that people would continue to do this.

There's a reason why it is written. A lot of people don't like it when you read any verse at all from the Old Testament, unless there's a verse that they agree with, of course. They're very selective, aren't they? Amen?

If they agree with it, and if it doesn't step on their toes, and if it doesn't identify their sins, then they're fine with you reading from the Old Testament. But if it identifies their sins and exposes them as a sinner, then, oh, all of a sudden, all of a sudden, you're not supposed to read from the Old Testament.

That's done away with. We're now under grace. We're under grace now, not under the law. So, they're very hypocritical. Your traditional, average, everyday Christian is very hypocritical about this. Amen?

The Bible tells us that God is the same today and tomorrow and forever, but He does not change. So, this same God of thousands of years ago, if He didn't want you to worship false gods, amen, if He did not want you to worship false gods, then He still don't want you to worship false gods today.

The first commandment, have no other gods before Me. Amen? Have no other gods at all. Amen? Only one Lord, only one God. That's the greatest commandment right there, is only serve God. Amen? Only worship God, and have no other gods.

And that is really the foundation, the number one commandment, the first commandment. Amen? And that was the primary thing about good versus evil, God versus Satan, Satan versus God, is that Satan wanted to be God. That Satan presented a false god to the world, and that the world follows false gods. That is as foundational as you can get, and that has never changed.

So, this is still true for us today. The spirit of the law, which is what we're the most concerned about, other than the letter of the law, we're most concerned about the spirit of the law, and the spirit of this law has not changed at all. It is as important today as it was then. And not only to not have the false gods, but to not specifically, even more specifically, do not worship the true God in the same way that they, the heathens, the sinners, the blasphemers, was worshipping the false gods.

And yet, that is what exactly, also, the same thing we're experiencing today in your average, everyday religious person of any religion, not just Christianity, but all religions across the world following false gods and worshipping gods in a way of the heathen tribes. Amen?

Worshipping their gods in a way of the heathen, uncivilized gods of the heathen people in pagan, that's what it all boils down to, pagan practices. Amen?

And we continue to read in the next verse, here in Deuteronomy 12, in the Alpha and Omega Bible, for the people who are now tuning in, a restoration of the original scriptures using the oldest manuscripts available to mankind, and it says here in Deuteronomy 12:31, You shall not do so to your God, to your Theos, the true God, for they have sacrificed to their gods the abominations of the Lord, which is Jesus, which He hates. He hates this.

He does not honor this. He does not respect this. But rather, He hates this. Amen. He hates this practice of people trying to worship Him, the true God of Israel, in the same manner as the heathen, pagan religions.

He hates this. Now, should we not want to honor and respect what He likes and what He doesn't like? If we say that we serve God, if we say that we love God, if we say that we love the truth, that we like the truth, that we love the truth, that we are truth lovers, that we are truth seekers, then shouldn't we care about what He hates and what He loves? Amen.

"For they burn their sons and their daughters in fire to their gods. In every word that I command you this day, it shall you observe to do, and you shall not add to it nor diminish or take away from it."

Plain and simple, this is not difficult to understand. Amen.

It's not difficult to understand. And neither would it be difficult to apply into our lives. It's very foundational, basic stuff. Do not worship the true God with pagan practices in the way that the heathens had worshipped the false gods. Amen.

So today, I'm going to give a list of several religious holidays of the month of February. This month of February, and reveal even why it's called February. Very interesting.

Please bear with me as we go through this list, and why these days are pagan, and why you should not observe these days. Because, although you may initially disagree with me, if you give me time to go over all the points, all the principles, then I believe that your eyes will be opened to the reality of the truth. Of what's been hidden from you. Amen.

And the first one that comes up this month, that I'm going to talk about, is February the 14th, and that is called Saint Valentine's Day. And of course, you average person would think that Valentine's Day is not religious, and there's nothing pagan about it, and there's nothing harmful or evil or demonic about it. It's just a day that you show your love to your husband, to your wife, to your girlfriend, that the children, that they draw cards at school of who's going to be their boyfriend or girlfriend. Just harmless child's play and candy.

But notice, I did mention the children, and so did this Bible verse. Amen. Of course, they're not burning children today, literally, as far as a religious ritual to their pagan gods, but children are involved. Amen. And that is something to think about.

Now, Valentine's Day was originally under a different name. The name was changed around the time frame of 498 A.D. by a Roman Catholic pope. That was when the name was changed to Saint Valentine's Day.

But before then, it was known, and I'm probably not pronouncing this totally correct, but it was known as Lupercalia, something similar to that.

And it was an ancient pagan festival, held even as far back as the 6th century B.C. and earlier, way, way, way back there in the B.C. years. Way back.

And it celebrated the fertility goddess under the name of Lupercus. Lupercus. And that's why it was called Lupercalia.

Now, Lupercus was a pagan goddess, a woman, female, false god. That is your origin of Valentine's Day. It has a origin, a beginning, in pagan religion.

What did we just say? But what God Himself said, what does the Holy Scriptures say? Don't worship the true God in the way that the pagans did. And people are like, well, but we're not worshipping God on Valentine's Day at

all. We're not even worshipping God.

But guess what? Who changed the name? The Roman Catholic pope changed the name and promoted the observance of the holiday without any changes to it other than the name.

He promoted the observance of this day. And it is called, not Valentine's Day, no, that's not the name of it today, but rather Saint Valentine's Day is the true name today after the change of names by the Roman Catholic pope.

Saint Valentine's Day. So the word saint gives it a religious connection in addition to the original origin. So here you've got three religious connections.

The original origin, being a pagan goddess, and the name change by a Roman Catholic pope, and the fact that the name is Saint Valentine's Day. Three connections already in this short time period that we're already talking about, of speaking, short time of speaking, already identified three connections to religion. It is a religious holiday, and it is more important among the Lutherans and the Catholic Church and divisions of the Catholic Church, such as the Roman capitalism and the Eastern capitalism, the Orthodox churches.

It's more important to those groups of people than what it is to perhaps, like you say, the Pentecostals or people like that. It's more important to them, not just more observed, but more important.

They actually add importance to it as a religious day to honor the Saint Valentine that lived back around 200 or 300 or 400 or 500 AD, depending on which Valentine, because there was quite a few men named Valentine in those first five centuries.

But the Roman Catholic Church says that it honors a Roman Catholic priest. They say that's what it's about. Well, if that is true and it honors a Roman Catholic priest, and if you are even half awake to the reality of the corruption in this world, amen, then why would you want to honor a Roman Catholic priest? Why would you want to honor such a pagan? Those Roman Catholic priests, both in our current generation and back in that time zone, both, they are people that have sowed their soul to the devil through many pagan practices.

I have on the website at [isawthelightministries.com/falseprophet.html](http://isawthelightministries.com/falseprophet.html) an article that shows 19 ways that the Catholic Church and Islam are the same. 19 ways that they are actually the same and have the same origin as well.

We could go way more than 19, but have 19 basic, easy ways of proving that they are the same. I encourage you to check that out someday.

We can look at a lot of different facts, but that's a whole different sermon. Why would you want to honor a Roman Catholic priest? That's actually a fourth, other than the name of it, but that's a fourth religious connection. It is a religious holiday.

Now, the main person named Valentine that they think that it's named after, his skull, they claim that his skull is on display in Rome for people to see.

It's more than just a museum artifact of people being curious, much more than that. If you think about it, I've been to a lot of museums, quite a few different museums. Some of you have as well. Have you ever seen a human skull in one of those museums? No.

It is not even a museum. It's a church. It's not in a museum. It's in a church, the Basilica of Santa Maria in Rome. It's in a church.

Why would you have a human skull in a church building? It's obviously of religious importance. Amen. People say, well, that's just honoring a saint. Bull-crap. Bull-crap!

I've seen a lot of evidence of Roman Catholic priests drinking blood and even kissing vows of blood of saints that was killed or died hundreds, many hundreds of years ago.

This is not conspiracy theory, but very easily proven, kissing vows of blood and kissing bonds. When you go to that extent, it's more than honor. I have no problem with honoring if it's a person deserving of honor, but these people were not even deserving of honor to be fair, to be realistic.

But even if they were deserving of honor, this goes beyond honor. This goes beyond respect. When you start kissing people's bones and kissing people's blood, that goes into the arena of a death cult. Amen. A death cult.

And that is one of those 19 points of how it is the same as Islam. It's a death cult. It is. Amen.

And not only the skull in that one Catholic church, but also other bits and pieces of his body. The Roman Catholic Church claims that other parts and bits and pieces of the saint's body have been distributed to other Catholic churches around the world so that everybody can worship his bones and honor and kiss his bones and bow down and pray to his bones.

It's a death cult.

And what about Cupid? That little so-called cute little infant baby in a diaper with the bow and arrow that people today call the Cupid. And they, yeah, with angel wings.

And there's another religious connection. Just having a symbol, a symbol very directly connected to Saint Valentine's Day, a symbol of an angel type of creature. There's good angels and there's bad angels. Amen.

And this particular baby angel with wings shoots people with bow and arrows and he would shoot like a male and a female and they'd fall in love, whatever. But he was originally known as, and I'm probably not pronouncing it correctly, but Eros, the god of love.

So this was a pagan god. This ain't conspiracy theory, this is fact. This is historical fact. He was actually known as Eros, the god of love, so he's a false god.

So here you actually have two false gods connected with Saint Valentine's Day. Lupercus was a female false god, heathen, pagan god, and now Cupid, Eros. So now you've got two false gods connected with Saint Valentine's Day. Why would you want anything, once you know this, once you have heard this, even if it's your first time hearing it, why would you want anything at all to do with Saint Valentine's Day?

Why would you want to say it's child's play and harmless when there are two demons? What is a false god but a demon, a fallen angel? Especially when you have the symbolism of an angel with wings.

It doesn't matter if it does look like an infant. It originally did not look like an infant. The original image of the Cupid was a young man, muscular and handsome and sexy, and then over time they drew it down to an infant.

It doesn't matter the age. It's an angel. It ain't no good angel. There's no good angel connected with the Roman Catholic Church.

The observance of Valentine's Day is breaking the first commandment, and it is breaking also the commandment of God that we read in Deuteronomy 12:29-32 to not worship the true God in the way that the pagans worshiped the pagan gods.

This is simple stuff, foundational, easy, easy, easy, easy, easy, easy. You can do your own research, but these very basic foundational facts that I have presented in this short period of time is enough for any person that truly cares, truly, truly, truly cares about what the truth is and how they worship God and how God wants to be worshipped.

Because we should care about what He hates and what He loves. Amen.

This is enough information for any true truth seeker. And a lot of people call them truth seekers. A lot of people claim to be truth seekers and lovers of truth. But

they hear what I just said and just blow all of it out the window without any consideration, thinking they were just being legalistic or whatever. But this is so foundational. We have Bible verses and don't do these things.

I give you the proof. The undeniable proof is connected with demons, with false



gods, with religion, with the Roman Catholic Church, with Roman Catholic popes. And they're like, none of this matters to me. I don't care. I would just continue to do it and I'd continue to teach my children to do it. I don't care. Oh, but I'm a truth lover. But I still don't give a shit what you just said, pastor. Let's just say it the way it is. I know that my choice of words will offend some people, but this is such a serious matter I need to use some tough words to help get some of these skulls broken open. Amen. Hardheadedness and hardheartedness. It takes a little bit of strong language and some yelling to wake up some of these blind, ignorant, deaf, hardheaded, stubborn people. Amen.

Next on the list of pagan religious holidays of February is Ash Wednesday. And this year it falls on February the 22nd. Oh, by the way, the St. Valentine's Day was originally three days. It was three days, not just one day.

Let's keep on talking about that. I've got a few more facts about Valentine's Day. I think I'm forgetting some stuff, I think. So originally, the celebration of Lupercus, as it was originally known, what they did on those three days, a festival of sex is what it was. A festival of sex. Fertility goddess. Lupercus was a fertility goddess. That means that she's all about making women fertile to reproduce, to have babies. You can't have babies unless you have sex. It was connected to sex.

And the pagan priests would perform animal sacrifices during these three days. Animal sacrifices. So it's a counterfeit of God's true holy days. And they would take the animal sacrifices, the skin of the goats, to make whips. And these whips were called februa, which is where we get the word February from. The month February is named after the whips that was made out of the skin of the goats that were sacrificed for Valentine's Day. That's how we get the word February. And these whips, called februa, were used to hit naked women that had lined up to volunteer for men to hit them, to whip them, so that they would be fertile. So that they would be more likely to have babies and successful childbirth by being whipped by men.

Also during this festival, men would draw names of women, pull a woman's name from a jar, to be matched with that woman, either for the three-day festival or sometimes for a year. It depends on the person, the situation. Sometimes they would draw names. Who would be your Valentine's for three days, and other times it would be who would be your Valentine, who would be your mate, your sexual lover, for an entire year.

That is the origin of the St. Valentine's custom of what the children do in the public school system right now, or they did back when I was a child, how we would draw names of who you would trade Valentine's cards with, and stuff like this.

They do that even today, and some of the churches do this. And that is the origin of it. It's all paganism.

Okay, now let's talk about Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Now, it also, surprisingly, is not really a one-day festival. It's connected with other days surrounding.

Actually, it's connected with 40 days of Lent, as well as two days of feasting before Ash Wednesday. So you have Monday and Tuesday, right directly before that Wednesday, two days of feasting on Monday and Tuesday.

And then on Wednesday, they start fasting from whatever they want to fast from. Some of them will fast from meat for 40 days, or smoking, or chewing gum, or whatever that they want to fast from.

It's individually a choice of fasting for 40 days from something. And then that leads up to Easter. So it's directly connected with Easter. It's also directly connected with Christmas as well.

Because, and I'll get to that in a minute, a lot of different points, one point at a time. But it's connected with both Christmas and Easter. And so it's really sort of a three-day festival since you have Monday and Tuesday as being days of feasting, and then the third day beginning to fast.

Now, Ash Wednesday, supposedly, their claim is 40 days of mourning, 40 days of abstaining or fasting from something, leading up to Easter. So they try to claim that it is humbling yourself, that it's a good thing to do, that it is something that God will want you to do.

That Jesus fasted 40 days and it's pointing up to Easter. So these are all good things would be the points that they would make. However, this all goes back to paganism. And that really cannot be denied when you look at the facts. It really cannot be denied if you're willing to consider the facts.

So on Ash Wednesday, they mark their forehead with ashes from the priests in the Lutheran church and Catholic church and some of the other churches, Orthodox and so forth.

And we know that Easter, the last of the 40 days of Lent, Lent means that they are 40 days of fasting, but the word Lent means spring. And so there's a connection with the spring fertility goddess. The spring pagan festival is about spring.

So the pagans, without worshipping the true God, the pagans would be worshipping the planets and the stars and recognizing the transition of the

weather from winter to spring.

And when they saw spring come, then they would see the rabbits and all the different animals beginning to mate in mating season and having babies. And so the symbolism of greenery, coming of new life, a symbolism of resurrection, not the resurrection of Christ, but the resurrection of grass, trees coming back to life, different things like this.

Because this has to do with the worship of creation rather than the worship of the creator. Amen. It is heathen pagan tribalism. Amen.

When you look at all the facts, none of this can be really denied. Easter has an origin in the Assyrian pagan religions with Esther and Ishtar. It's all connected. The ash on the forehead is supposed to symbolize mourning for 40 days, so it's supposed to be a symbolism of fasting and mourning.

But what did Jesus himself say about this? Of displaying yourself in public and proclaiming and altering your facial appearance so that others may know that you are fasting and mourning.

What did Jesus say about that? That's an easy question. Let's look at it in Matthew chapter 6. Amen.

For the people that don't know or don't remember what Jesus said about this,

Matthew 6:16 Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do. Amen.

For they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed. So that they will be noticed by mankind when they are fasting.

Let me tell you the truth. They have their reward in full already. Amen. That people may see them is their reward already. Amen.

Why would you want to put ash on your forehead? That people know that you're fasting. That people know that you're mourning.

And your facial appearance that people may see your good works is against, directly against this commandment of Jesus. Amen.

And while we're here, let's look at Chapter 15 verse 8. This people honors me with their lips or with their mouth, but their heart is far away from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of mankind.

Is the ash on your forehead, is that not a commandment of man? Is that not a commandment of the Catholic or Lutheran priests or Presbyterian or Episcopal or whoever else does it?

I'm sure more than just the Lutherans and the Catholics. I'm sure. Is it a commandment of a human priest? It's not the commandment of God.

It's a tradition, a religious tradition with pagan origins. Even the putting of the ashes on the forehead. Amen.

Yeah, they can say it all day long. Oh, we do it for this reason. We do it for that reason.

They can make claims all day long with their lips that they're honoring God. But God sees the true heart, and they can say my heart as well, and you can say their heart as well.

But God sees the true heart, that it is obedience to a pagan priest rather than obedience to God. Amen.

That's their true heart. And their true heart is more concerned with tradition rather than what the Scriptures declare.

That is their true heart. People would try to say I'm taking this out of context because Jesus was talking about food or washing dishes.

But the reality is that the spiritual principle, the spirit of the law, of what he was saying is regardless of whether you're talking about food, regardless of whether you're talking about washing hands or washing dishes, people actually do try to worship God using pagan customs and the commandments of men as if it was the commandment of God.

So it don't matter about the context because the spirit of what he's saying applies toward any area of life in which you are breaking the commandment of God of the first commandment, or even Deuteronomy 12, to not even worship Him in the way that the pagans worship their false gods. Amen.

Jesus here is basically in a way pointing back to Deuteronomy 12. Amen.

And did not Deuteronomy 12 say don't even add to it? Amen. Don't add to what God has commanded of how you are to worship Him.

So where do we read in the Bible? Matthew, or Mark, or Luke, or Paul, or Peter, or any of the disciples or followers, or even Jeremiah, Ezekiel, or any of them? Anyone in the Bible. Do we read of any true person of God in the Bible putting ashes on their forehead on Ash Wednesday, or a commandment that you must fast from 40 days leading up to Easter, or that you must observe Easter, or St. Valentine's Day?

None of this. None of it. Absolutely none of it is a commandment of God. But their commandments  
are priests.

Now God has used true men of God, and true people of God, like the Maccabee family, and Esther and Mordecai, to bring to us additional holidays of religious observance. But we can read about those in the Bible.

Amen. We can read about those in the Bible as being good and holy, and that we would be blessed if we do the same.

But we don't read that about Valentine's. Amen. We don't read that about Easter or Ash Wednesday. Amen.

Now look at 1 Timothy 4:1

But the Spirit says that in the latter times, some will fall away from the faith. Paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, fallen angels. By means of the hypocrisy, amen, of lives seared in their own conscience with a branding iron.

Oh, get this, get this, praise the Lord Almighty, get this. Branding in their conscience.

You know where your conscience is symbolized? Your forehead.

As a branding iron, as if somebody is branding letters or symbols in your conscience, in your forehead.

Come on now. Men who forbid marriage, that's the Catholic Church. Amen.

Abstaining from food, which Theos has created to be gratefully shared again by those who believe and know the truth.

In the context, a religious group forbidding marriage and abstaining from food, that's fasting. Amen.

There were people already in that day and time of Paul and Timothy that was already practicing the 40 days of Lent.

They go all the way back, way back into the BC years of fasting 40 days from meats or 40 days from this or that and fasting as religious observance.

Not for the true God of Israel unless they only claimed it with their lips, but not truly for the God of Israel, but paganism and forbidding marriage.

That sure sounds like the Catholic Church. Amen. I'm not against fasting, but you've got to be careful how you fast, when you fast, and why and how. Amen.

Paul would agree on that. I'm sure Paul was not against fasting when he's talking to Timothy right here, but it's how and when you are fasting. Amen.

In the pagan Nordic religion, putting ashes on the forehead, specifically above the eyebrow, was believed to ensure the protection of the Norse god Odin.

This practice spread to Europe during the Vikings' conquest. This was done on a Wednesday, on what was known as Odin's Day.

So you see, in pagan religion in Europe, that it was a practice on a Wednesday, specifically on a Wednesday, to put ashes on the forehead to worship a false god called Odin. Putting ashes on the forehead on Wednesday as a pagan practice.

One version of the Babylonian celebration of Easter and Lent declared that

Tammuz, a false god, was the husband of Ishtar, or Easter. And he was slain. He was killed while he was hunting a wild boar, a pig. They mourned for him by weeping ceremonies for forty days. Forty days. During the lifetime of Ezekiel, this pagan ritual of forty days of Lent was found among the Hebrew people, and that's why we read in Ezekiel a warning against it.

Let's go to the book of Ezekiel. Ezekiel 8, verse 13.

Give everybody time to get there. I appreciate everybody that continues to listen, that's good. Willing to hear out all the points and principles. How can a person make a true decision, accurately, without hearing all the points? Amen.

In Ezekiel 8, starting in verse 13, he said to me, You shall see yet even greater sin, greater iniquities than these. You've already seen sin, but here's something even worse.

Verse 14. He brought me into the porch of the house of Jesus that looks to the north, and behold, there were women sitting there, crying, mourning, lamenting for Tammuz. It actually says they were mourning for Tammuz, and we know from history that they did that for forty days.

This you cannot deny. It's fact, it's undeniable fact, that they lamented for Tammuz for forty days leading up to Easter, which was the wife of the man God called Tammuz.

You can't deny any of this. Tammuz and Easter were husband and wife, pagan gods, demons, fallen angels, creatures with wings, forty days of Lent, ending on specifically Easter, the holiday of his wife Easter.

You can't deny that this is talking about Easter and the forty days of Lent. You can't.

Unless you're a liar, you cannot deny that Ezekiel chapter 8 literally talks about Easter and the forty days of Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday.

Hello? You can't deny this because it tells you the name of the false goddess, or false god, and you can't deny by looking at history and archaeological evidence, you can't deny that it has connection with Easter because that was his wife, and forty days of Lent because that's how long they mourned.

You can't deny this, and yet people still keep Ash Wednesday and people still keep Easter because they don't care what the truth is.

And they are blatant liars when they say that they actually appreciate truth.

Liars. Liars, liars, liars.

Hypocrites, as Jesus himself said. And look, they're doing this in the house of God, in the temple.

So very clearly, they claimed to be doing it as a way of worshipping the true God. Very clearly, you don't have to have it say that, because where was they doing it?

They were doing this in the house of God. Very clearly, they were making the claim that they were doing it for God.

Even when Moses came down from the mountain, and they had the goat and calf, and they said that we were doing this for God.

They said we had made a festival for God. We were doing this for God. We were honoring God with all these different claims.

Paganism, hypocrisy, and lies, and stubbornness, and hard-headedness.

In verse 15, he said to me, Son of humans, or Son of humankind, you have seen that you shall yet see evil practices even greater than these, even worse than these.

And he brought me into the inner court of the house of Jesus, and at the entrance of the temple of Jesus, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty men, with their backs, toward the temple of God, toward the temple of Jesus, the temple back was, and their faces, were the east, and they were worshiping the sun. Now when is the sun in the east? In the northern hemisphere, in Jerusalem.

When, what time of day, is the sun in the east? Only in the morning. The sun rises in the east. Amen?

So as morning time, as a religious observance, at the true house of God, they're claiming they're doing it for God, at the true house of God.

It's not even a pagan church. It's at the true house of God, defiling the sanctuary.

In the morning time, that is sunrise, worshiping the sun.

This is Easter sunrise service. You can't deny it.

There was weeping for Tammuz, that's the forty days of Lent, we know that for a fact, leading up to the final day of people outside, at the house of God, but outside, because their backs were turned toward the temple, so they're outside, facing the east, facing the sun, that's in the morning, this is Easter sunrise service, you cannot deny this. And yet, how many people have read this on the website, I saw the light ministries, for the past fourteen or sixteen years, or however many years I've had it on there, and just left the website without changing their habits, without changing their religion, without stopping doing this, even though they read it, even though you can't deny it, even though it's clear as day, even though a five year old could understand this, it's so simple. They don't care what the truth is, and they're liars when they say they do.

Verse seventeen, he said to me, son of humans, you have seen this, is it a little thing to the house of Judah to practice the iniquities which they have practiced here?

For they have filled the land with sin, and returned to provoke to anger, they're provoking God to anger, because he hates this, he does not honor this, he does not respect this, and this is not any way to worship the true God of Israel.

They're provoking God to anger, and behold, these stretch out the vine branch as mockers, they're mocking God, therefore I would deal with them in wrath, I would deal with them in anger, my eyes shall not spare, nor will I have mercy. So they can claim all day long that they're not under the law, but they're under mercy, they're under grace.

God will have the final word. Amen.

God will deal with them when it comes the time of great tribulation, God will deal with them when it comes the day of wrath, but God will also deal with them in how slow that they die, how much dementia they're going to have, what kind of health problems they're going to have, what kind of problems in life they're going to have.

There's many different ways that God will deal with those people, and they deserve it all.

God's judgments are fair and righteous and true. Amen.

You don't read about any of the apostles putting ashes on their forehead. People try to say, well, there's scriptures in the Bible of putting on sackcloth and ashes. Yes, there is.

But when they did that, it wasn't a cross or a plus sign on their forehead.

And it wasn't to display to people that there was fasting, but rather they went in the privacy of their own house and put on the sackcloth and ashes, and the ashes were all over them, not just a nice little neat mark.

No, it wasn't. To try to use those verses to validate their paganism is twisting scripture.

Because when they did the sackcloth and ashes, it was not a neat little tiny plus sign on their forehead. It was not.

They put ashes all over their head, all over their bodies, and in their own privacy.

They didn't walk around displaying it to everybody in the public store. They did not.

And they definitely did not do the 40 days of Lent.

So you want to talk about things out of context?

Sackcloth and ashes, trying to compare that with Ash Wednesday, is way out of context.



Next thing we're going to talk about is Mardi Gras.

Mardi Gras, that's coming up this year on February the 21st, the day before Ash Wednesday.

One more point I want to make about Ash Wednesday is, like I said, it's actually three days, Monday and Tuesday, to actually eat extra before they begin fasting. That's not what you're really supposed to do, is it? But yet they make a holiday out of it, Monday and Tuesday both, of making gluttons out of themselves in a religious manner.

Let's see the words for this, called collop, I'm sure I'm pronouncing that wrong, collop Monday and shrove Tuesday. Shrove is from the older English word shrive, which means to confess all sins. So they're even calling this day of gluttons, of professing sins. So it's religious gluttony of eating extra for two days before you begin fasting.

That's not how you fast. It's hypocrisy.

All of this is connected, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, it's all connected, really, they're all connected. The word Mardi Gras, some people say Mardi Gras, but it's Mardi Gras, it technically refers only to what is called Fat Tuesday, and they call it Fat Tuesday because it's the day before Ash Wednesday.

It's a day of gluttony leading up to fasting the next day. They call it Fat Tuesday. Mardi Gras is also called Fat Tuesday. Fat Tuesday because it's a day of gluttony.

It's a day of eating extra. So it's directly connected to Ash Wednesday.

You cannot separate Ash Wednesday from Mardi Gras. You can't. They're directly connected.

They're both observed mostly only by Catholics and Lutherans, and those other churches' denominations are directly very closely related in practice to the Catholic Church, how the Catholic Church practices. So you cannot separate these days, but yet when I think of Mardi Gras, I do not think of honoring God. When I think of Mardi Gras, I think of Satanism, sex, and gluttony. Amen. Lasciviousness. Thinking that you have a license to do whatever you want to do. Homosexuality. These things are what come into my mind.

When I think of Mardi Gras, I don't think of honor and respect and obedience to God.

Complete opposites. Complete opposites.

And even though Mardi Gras technically refers only to Fat Tuesday, but actually

Mardi Gras is a season of time, not one day.

It actually begins on January the 6th, which is also called the 12th day of Christmas.

Mardi Gras season begins on the 12th day of Christmas.

So again, yes, there is a connection with Christmas and Easter both with Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday.

You cannot separate Mardi Gras, Ash Wednesday, Christmas, and Easter.

You cannot separate these four days because the 12th day of Christmas, January 6th, begins Mardi Gras season, which is Fat Tuesday, followed by the 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter.

It's all directly, not even indirectly, but rather directly connected.

They're all directly connected.

If you don't observe Christmas, then you have to not observe any of these.

If you don't observe Easter, then you cannot observe any of these. They're all directly, directly, directly connected.

In Brazil and many other nations, this period of time of Mardi Gras season and Fat Tuesday is known as Carnival.

They call that season Carnival.

It's also celebrated in England, Mexico, Spain, Trinidad, France, Germany, and other nations, anywhere that you can find Catholics and Lutherans.

Not just New Orleans.

You may think of Mardi Gras as being something that they only do in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the United States.

But actually, Mardi Gras is celebrated worldwide wherever Catholics and Lutherans are present.

There's a lot of Catholics in Mexico.

There's a lot of Catholics in England and Spain.

So is a worldwide religious pagan season.

The word Carnival means farewell to the flesh from the Latin, a Latin connection to this season.

Even though it's farewell to the flesh, it's not farewell to the flesh at all.

It's gluttony, leading up to 40 days of fasting, but it's not a total fast.

It's only fasting from one little thing, either fish or chewing gum or cursing or whatever they choose.

It doesn't even have to be a very serious, tough, demanding, difficult fast.

They don't even teach you that it should be something difficult or meaningful.

It can be something as simple as, I'm not going to chew gum for 40 days, but after the 40 days, I'm going to chew gum again.

It don't even have to be serious to where you're going to change your life.

It can be as simple and as easy as you want it.

They don't put any test or trial to it.

How in the world can you call that fasting?

That's not fasting.

That's pretending like you're fasting while pretending you're mourning, putting ashes on your head, and you're not even mourning because your trial, your fasting, is not even difficult in the least.

You're not even suffering any type of hunger pains the whole time you're doing this.

How can you call that fasting or mourning?

It's ridiculous.

And Brother Kareem said that the carnival is also celebrated throughout the Caribbean.

So, it is a problem.

It's not just people in one town doing this.

It's a worldwide problem.

You sure don't read about the apostles and prophets of God celebrating Mardi Gras or carnival.

You don't read about them celebrating these days or Lent.

When did Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Jesus, Peter, Paul, when did they do any of these?

No, absolutely not. Amen.

Well, that's very simple, very easy. Amen.

Even a child could understand.

People try to say if they have children that they feel sorry for their children if they can't celebrate Valentine's day or Halloween or Christmas or Easter.

But the truth is children appreciate the truth more than most adults.

Children typically care about the truth and want the truth.

They don't want the fairy tales and the lies.

They want the truth.

Children really do want the truth.

So, instead of feeling sorry for them of being left out and different from the rest of the kids, we should give them the truth, which is what they really, really want.

And when children hear the truth and learn the truth, they are very adamant, extremely adamant about observing the truth and abstaining from demonic things.

Amen.

The children would be more serious than you are about it.

The children would be the one calling you out about what you bring in the house.

The children are more adamant, more serious about the truth than most adults.

They respect truth. They honor truth. They love truth. They want truth.

But most adults, they're just using their children as an excuse to continue their idolatry.

It's just an excuse.

If they care about their children, they will teach them the truth.

The Bible says to teach your children the law, the commandments of God.

They are basically sacrificing their children to the devil and selling their children's souls to the devil by continuing the pagan practices.

If you care about your children, tell them the truth.

Don't expect them to go along with the corrupt, sinful world just to get along and just to fit in.

Fitting in is not what Christians are supposed to do.

Fitting in is not what you're supposed to teach your children about religious paganism.

But rather, you should teach your children, even what the Heavenly Father teaches all of us, to come out and be different and be separate from the world and touch not the unclean and come out from among them and be not partakers with them and even expose them and even rebuke them.

That's what the Bible teaches us to do and that we are to teach our children these things.

Amen. Praise God.

Now that's all I have to say about the pagan holidays of February, but there are some non-religious days in February that I want to just briefly mention.

These are not religious holidays like the ones I was talking about, but we do have Abraham Lincoln's birthday coming up on February the 12th, so that's tomorrow.

Abraham Lincoln's birthday, most states don't observe it, most people don't observe it since it's on Sunday.

And then President's Day coming up February the 20th, President Washington, his birthday on February the 22nd.

So Lincoln was born in February, Washington was born in February.

Now, of course, in the church, the true church, true Christians that care about the truth, we do not observe annual birthdays for ourselves, our families and our friends because birthdays, if you do your research and if you just take time to think and to examine reality, to examine life, take time, slow down, think about it, what God likes, what God doesn't like, what God tells us to do to humble ourselves, to not lift ourselves up.

A birthday, an annual birthday celebration of self is self-glory, lifting yourself up, pride, and demanding people to show you love by bribing you, by giving you gifts, having a party for you or whatever, or demanding that they use the phrase happy birthday is a demand for self-worship.

It is self-glorification, puffing up yourself, your pride, yourself, yourself, yourself. It's a very selfish day. It's a day of honor for yourself.

If you look at the Bible, there's no true person of God in any of the Scriptures that celebrated their own annual birthday or even the annual birthday of any of the other saints, apostles, or prophets, or even Jesus. You cannot find any verse in the entire Bible where they observed the birthday of Jesus annually every year or even once.

People try to point toward the shepherds and the wise men that came to Jesus when He was an infant, but the reality is that was not an annual birthday, and it wasn't even a birthday celebration, but rather the celebration of God coming in the flesh, the coming of the King, the appearance of the King, the appearance of the Messiah.

The Messiah had come. Prophecy had been fulfilled.

That's what that was about. It had nothing to do with your traditional annual birthday celebrations.

The Jews and the Hebrews and the Israelites, they considered annual birthdays as a pagan practice, and that's well documented. That's fact, absolute fact, undeniable fact.

If you're willing to examine the facts and actually care about what the truth is, they considered annual birthday celebrations as a pagan practice, and none of the apostles did it ever. None of the prophets of old did it ever.

So why should we do it? Ain't that?

Now, I don't think there's anything wrong with acknowledging the birth date of a historical figure that is dead and gone, as long as we don't turn it into a birthday celebration where we have cakes and a party and all this crap.

But there's nothing wrong with acknowledging that a historical figure came onto the earth in a particular year on a particular date.

There's nothing wrong with acknowledging these facts. There's nothing wrong with acknowledging facts.

It's when you go into a pagan celebration that you go into error.

Now, dealing with Lincoln, specifically, is he truly a man of honor?

Is he a truly man to give honor to? Like I had mentioned briefly in passing earlier today, I had said that I have no problem with respecting and giving honor to a person if they deserve it, as long as you don't blend in paganism and pagan practices.

Was Lincoln truly deserving of honor and respect and celebration?

Most people would automatically say yes because they have been taught by the schools, the public school system and the religious school and the private schools and the colleges and universities and books, TV, magazines, newspapers and society have all brainwashed and programmed the people into believing that Abraham Lincoln was a man of honor and a person worthy of honor and respect and celebration and memorial.

But the fact is that history has been rewritten to fit the narrative, the story, that they want you to believe. What they want you to believe is what they're going to teach you in the schools, newspapers and mainstream media.

But when you care about the truth and care about the facts, you can look up the resources yourself, do your own research, but we're going to be coming out pretty soon here with a brand new article on the website at I Saw the Light Ministries that will expose Abraham Lincoln as anti-Christ, being against Jesus.

You cannot find in any of his letters, in any of his speeches, in any of his historical artifacts of Abraham Lincoln, you cannot find any where, any time in his lifetime he ever, ever, ever publicly used the name Jesus, not even once. Yet we're taught that he was a religious man that honored God and the Bible, was a man that delivered the slaves and freed the black people, a man of great honor, a man of God, a Christian. Yet he never, ever once, ever used the name Jesus. Ever.

Why would that be? Why would that be? That's something to think about. Amen.

He did use the word God many times in his letters and speeches, but what God?

If you're not saying specifically Jesus, then what God was he really talking

about? Amen.

There is evidence that he did not believe that Jesus was God and that he did not believe that Christ was the Messiah, or that Christ Jesus was God in the flesh, or any of these things.

There is documentation that he was actually against Jesus, which is why he never did use the name of Jesus in public.

There's also documentation that Abraham Lincoln and his administration, those that he appointed in his administration, were actually very socialists, which means communists. We've always been taught that Abraham Lincoln and the founding of the Republican Party was all about freedom, and that the Civil War was about freedom, and the Civil War was about ending slavery, and all this stuff we've been taught. But the reality, when you start digging into who was his assistants, who was his advisors, what did he actually believe, what did he actually say, who did he appoint into the different offices of his administration, who was his affiliates and his friends, who did he associate with?

When you start looking at all these details, you start seeing a completely different picture from what we have been spoon-fed all of our lives.

It was actually a very communist, dictatorship, totalitarian regime.

There was actually socialist communist revolutions spreading throughout Europe in the mid-1800s, and actually the Civil War was one more of those. Socialist revolutions. Even Abraham Lincoln himself said, on record, actually said out of his own mouth that the Civil War, that his purpose in the Civil War was not the abolition of slavery, the removal of slavery, that that was not his goal, that was not his reasoning for the Civil War, but rather to preserve the union of all 50 states together, to not allow the southern states to secede, to separate themselves from the union.

But the Constitution of the United States of America gave the right to the states to secede, meaning remove themselves from the union. I will say that again.

The Constitution of the United States gave the legal right for any of the states that wanted to remove themselves from the union, and yet when they tried to do that, Abraham Lincoln (basically) said, "no, I'm not going to allow you to do that. Even though you have the constitutional right to do it, I will not allow you to do it, and I will even kill you in order to prevent you from doing this.

I will even invade your towns and burn your cities down and kill your children to prevent you from doing what you have the constitutional right to do."

And there was a problem with taxation, and there was a problem with too many laws and too many regulations. The government had become too big, too powerful, and the people in the south did not like being overtaxed and overruled in the dictatorship of the socialist regime of Abraham Lincoln.

We'll have this new article finished pretty soon, hopefully, God willing, and we'll

give you the facts to examine yourself with your own eyes.  
Many, many, many, many other facts. That's just a very slight introduction.  
So no, he was not a man to be honored.

Okay, but however, there are some true holy days coming up, despite all these pagan days and false days of worship and false days or wrong days of commemoration, there are some true holy days of God coming up.

This month, the first day of the 12th biblical month, is February the 21st.  
February the 21st, only a week and a half away, less than a week and a half.  
On a Tuesday, February 21st would be the first day of the 12th biblical month.

The Bible does talk about that even after Jesus returns, that his people will be gathering together for worship on the first day of each month, what we call the new moon.

And that's something actually biblical.

And even though people say, we're not under the law anymore, as I just said, the Bible actually says that when Jesus returns, during that time, during the millennium, during the millennium plus the hundred years that follows that, his people will be gathered together on the first day of the month, the new moons. So if they did it back then, as commanded by God, and if we're going to be doing that when Jesus returns, then of course we should be doing it now. It doesn't take much logic to figure that out. Even a five-year-old could understand that.

It's not about law versus grace.

It's about that God's people always did this and will continue to do this. Amen.

So we will have worship services that morning, February 21st, on a Tuesday.  
And then next month, March the 6th and March 7th, Monday and Tuesday, will be Purim.

And most people think of Purim as only a Jewish holiday, but the Bible never says that.

Jesus even kept Hanukkah, which people think of as a Jewish holiday, but the Bible never says that.

People just make these assumptions without even looking into these things.

Amen.

But the days of Purim, they commemorate the fact that God gave Israel the victory over a very demonic people, and that God will again, in the future, give us victory over anti-Christ type of people, very demonic type of people.

The Purim also foreshadows, and eventually will be fulfilled, on that specific day of Purim of some future year, the abomination of desolation.

And this is very easily proven in Scripture.



So if the date of Purim of some future year will indeed be the fulfillment of the abomination of desolation in our day and time, in our generation, then that is of importance to everybody, and not just only the Jews, but to everyone on earth. So it's very, very extremely important for people to learn the lessons of Purim and how it foreshadows prophetic future. Amen.

So we'll have special worship services one of those two days.

We'll announce that later on.

Brother Jared, what do you have to share?

I'm just thinking about Josiah, one of the few righteous kings of Israel. Was it Judah? Yeah, it was Judah.

One of the few righteous kings.

He burnt the bones of the man out of the tombs. Cut down the groves. This would have been like the trees, those places of worship. Then, I think it was him [it was Asa, not

Josias], he removed his mother from being the priestess of the Easter.

Amen.

He was eight years old when he became king and sixteen when he started doing all that.

Cool.

Yeah, you look at the men and women of God in the Bible,

the brave, courageous actions that they took against pagan practices.

And you look at Christians today, Christians in comparison today, the modern day Western type of Christians all around the world, even in the East, they have this Western, modern mentality of "we can't do nothing, we're not supposed to do nothing, God doesn't want us to do anything".

Compare that in the Bible with the men of God and women of God that was passionate about what the truth is and what God wants and what God hates.

They were passionate and obedient to God, brave and courageous, but modern day Christians are wimps, very weak people.

They get upset if I just use strong language, anything upsets them, anything, everything upsets them.

They're so easy to flee and run away from the truth and to be honest with you, the only ministry that they have found in their entire lives to give them this much truth and I say one little thing that they disagree with or don't like and they are gone forever.

They've never even come back.

Very childish. It's actually very childish.

It really is.

Thank you for listening.

I'll see you all everybody next Saturday on the 18th and then for New Moon on the 21st.

I'll see you soon.

Thank you for your prayers and let's continue to pray for everybody in the ministry and if you have been listening and want to continue to listen, I also encourage you to contact me on the website and let me know that you're listening.

Introduce yourself so that we can become family, true brothers and sisters because we're not seeking an audience or even numbers, but we're seeking brothers and sisters, true family, and that's what God wants us to be and then He doesn't want the church to be.

It's just an audience listening on the internet.

The Bible, the Scriptures are clear that we're supposed to be a body of Christ, a body of Christ, all being members of one another and working together, being a team, being a family.

This is what God wants.

That's what God wants rather than an audience, just a listening audience.

Amen.

I'll see you all next week.

God bless all of this.

In Jesus' name, so be it.

Amen.

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