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Good Friday? or should it be Good Thursday (Ken Walston – Kenna Outreach Ministries)

My Dearest Brethren, from Ken who is an Elder and Teacher in the Church of Yeshua ADONAI. I was a practicing Jew at one time and know what the foundations of Judaism are and of the Law, but found my way to the Truth, the Way and the Life through a personal conviction and revelation from ADONAI Himself. I pray that in your reading of this letter, you find awareness to what God the Father (YAHAWAH) is revealing to the Church of the Way and to correct any misconception about what dogmatic tradition and truth really are.

The cornerstone of God's Forgiveness and the Propitiation of all Sin, as well as His Gift to us of Salvation and Everlasting Life, is the Gospel of Yeshua ADONAI. Tradition and Religious Order are the worst enemy of the Truth and have imposed false and inaccurate doctrine to be ordained within our Christian Fellowship and Assembly. By order and decree of Church Dogma from many different religions throughout the centuries and millennium, and through mis-transliterations of the original Gospel text and language, many of the actual dates, events and translation of phrases and words that Yeshua was expounding are inaccurate and wrongfully understood.

Since after the Apostolic Age when the Apostles died away and Dogma began to divide the New Christian Church into Religious Orders, the original passing of the Truth by mouth regarding "The Way" (Gospel of Yeshua) became broken. It became written down as Testimonies and Eye-Witnessed accounts from various sources which was hard to collaborate. This is why Fables engulf the Bible between the Old and New Testaments. This is why peoples and Sects divide into Religious Denominations and fight among themselves to be recognized as the true Christian Order. The Heathen Nations and peoples (Gentiles) are coming into the "Born Again" Church experience and Christianity as a religious order from many different cultural and life-style perspectives (being raised outside of Judaism) and are totally misguided in understanding the culture of the Bible from its original life-style and historic perspective. The format and protocols for converting Gentiles into Christians are not being taught the proper context of the nature in which God is purposing His Creation and the interaction He is working through it. It is being taught from a Renewed Gentile perspective, as a Christian in the cultural setting of modern times and not from a Hebrew perspective in which it was written and lived in those times. Christians are not being taught about the Jewish Jesus (Yeshua), only the Saviour Jesus, but in order to properly understand how and why Yeshua became our Saviour, we must first understand the full context and perspective of Him being a Jew and why He had to be both Prophet and Redeemer of the Law and Fulfil all Righteousness under the Law in order to free us from it and in doing so in a Jewish way (God's Hebrew Perspective), in order to free us (Jews and Gentiles) from all Sin and open the door to Everlasting and Eternal Life. The Forgiveness and Salvation of all Mankind came about because Yeshua, during His visitation, Fulfilled the entire Law, and in particular The Law of Atonement.

It is absolutely imperative that what we are reading in the translated Bibles and being taught by our Church Leadership (Pastors, Evangelists, Teachers, etc.) out of Seminary are the actual words and terms which were used in the original Hebrew and Greek Text, so that the language in which we are transliterating them into is exactly what was being said; and most importantly, that

the expressions of the phrasing of these words are interpreted properly in accordance with the way they were being used at the time and generation they were being spoken from. We must also be in-tune to the dialect and synonyms involved from the writer's language and cultural perspective, we cannot always interpret what the Gospels or any referenced biblical writings have to say at face value to our current language and dialect, especially the English Language.

One such mistranslated event of extreme importance, is the Good Friday Scenario, which has been accepted through tradition as the day in which Yeshua was Executed (Crucified) prior to the Shabbat Passover. This has been wrongfully accepted and misguided by Church Dogma, tradition and mis-transliteration. Part of this is due to the Interpreters lack of knowing the common language and associated terms commonly used with the dialect of that time; and the chronological events in association with the actual Jewish Passover Festival and Special Shabbat that was occurring in the Passover cycle. It's not that the writer was wrong in how they wrote down the events taking place, but rather, the translation of Hebrew Aramaic and Greek was misinterpreted in the transliteration between languages as well as the cultural dialect being used in phrasing at the time.

It is important to be knowledgeable of the fact that the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were written in Greek, yet spoken through people who were Hebrew. Matthew gives the accurate chronological account of the Crucifixion leading from the week prior to the two festivals in which the first is where Yeshua held the Passover Meal (Last Supper), on Wednesday sundown and the evening before and after, leading into the Special Shabbat (Festival of Unleavened Bread), which began on Thursday sundown and lasted through Friday, then the Weekly Shabbat which began on Friday sundown.

The Gospel of John however, gives the beginning day to Matthews chronological timeline of the events. In John 12:1, he states, "Six days before the Passover, Yeshua came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Yeshua had raised from the dead." This was the Saturday before the Passover. Then in John 12:12-15 it states, "The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Yeshua was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hoshana!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!" The Disciples of Yeshua found a young donkey for him to sit on while entering the city to fulfill the prophecy, as it is written: "Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your King is coming, seated on a donkey's colt." This was Sunday, or what is considered to be Palm Sunday (Day 2), which means that four (4) days hence would be Thursday which was the beginning of the Special Shabbat at sundown that year.

According to the Gospel accounts, Yeshua was arrested after the Passover Meal sometime in the late evening on Wednesday, and brought before the Sanhedrin for trial and pronounced guilty of blasphemy for claiming to be the Son of God (Equal to God), then routed to Pilate for questioning about sedition and a declaration of disturbing the peace of the Empire, then routed to King Herod sometime in the early morning (AM) Thursday before sunrise, for questioning of His claim of blasphemy, then back to Pilate again to address the crime of sedition (claiming to be the King of the Jews), where He was assaulted and brutally beaten after sunrise, then sentenced to death by Pilate for the crime of sedition. He was forced to carry His own Crucifixion Cross through the streets of Jerusalem to the outer city, a place called the Skull-Golgotha (Calvary), and was nailed to the Cross, then upright erected and suffered Crucifixion from 9am until 3pm Thursday afternoon, when He cried out "It is Finished", then gave up His Spirit and died. He had to be taken down from the Cross and placed in burial before sundown on Thursday because of the start of the Special Shabbat (Festival of Unleavened Bread), which followed the Passover <u>that year</u>.

Now, for you non-Jewish people, which is about 99% of all Born Again Christians in the United States, the Meal associated to the Festival of Unleavened Bread was called the Seder. In modern times, after the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem (70AD), the Seder started being associated to the Passover Meal (continuing in these modern times today), because of the disruption of all the Rituals and Festivals according to the Law of Moses not being fulfilled any longer without the Temple in Jerusalem. It was this Festival and Meal which has been mistranslated into the English Bible account of this Passover Meal (Last Supper), one day later (after) the Passover of that year was actually held. This means that the traditional Crucifixion Day of Yeshua (Friday) was actually Thursday in conjunction to the Passover of that year, and not Friday which would have put it a day later into the Shabbat of the Festival of Unleavened Bread (Seder), and then rolling right into the Weekly Shabbat (back-to-back Shabbats).

It's not that the Gospel account is wrong, but the transliteration of language and script translation is inaccurate with certain aspects of the Gospel accounts; it's like that throughout many areas of the English Bible. But it is critical that the account to its proper chronology is accurate, because of the prophecy that Yeshua had given about His resurrection occurring in three days and three nights, according to the Miracle of Jonah (Matthew 12:40). Scholars have been at odds in trying to justify the Gospels timeline for the three days and three nights that Yeshua was supposed to be in the grave before He rose from the dead (as the prophecy that Yeshua had predicted). I mean, how do you get three days and nights from late afternoon on Friday to sunrise on Sunday. Well, the answer is, "YOU DON'T". But, in order to try and keep the chronological timeframe from Friday at 3pm to Sunday at 6am (Sunrise) 37 hours of death and in the grave, which has been the order within the biblical account, then the scholars and teachers have surmised and agreed upon a way to make it so. Some claims that the Hebrews of those days considered a day as both day and evening to be 12 hours, while others claim that they counted what ever time it was on Friday as a full day into evening and the same for Saturday and Sunday making it 3 full days. This is contradicting what Yeshua claimed as 3 Days and 3 Nights according to His prophecy in accordance with the Miracle of Jonah. There is no wiggle-room here.

Historical fact and Biblical account do not match, and the reason is, Church tradition and dogma do not want to give way to mis-transliteration and translation in order to give a proper account, which exceeds what is considered the unwavering authority of every word within the Bible as being "The Infallible Word of God". The label of "Holy Bible" seals that perception and aggregates preponderance of its fact to the world-wide consortium of the "Holy Church" and places it above ALL other religious truths and revelation. Anything other than it being considered as "Infallible" would mean that it comes from man rather than God; and thus, could not emphatically be used to rule over Empirical Church Doctrine and Evangelical Teaching, and could not be claimed by the masses of Seminary Institutions and Christian Assemblies as the "Word of God". Notwithstanding, this would be considered to invalidate any Ordained Appointment of Pastoral Decree and remove the "Holy Order" of the Christian Church.

The Bible is the written account and references (Testimony) to the identity and workings of the Holy God and His relationship with His Creation. It was written by men and most definitely inspired by God, The Holy Spirit (Ruach HaKodesh). It speaks of many truths and relates references to many accounts (stories and parables) of the outcome between God's Purpose with mankind in their fallen state (sin) and how He (God) will bring Man back to a perfect and redemptive state with Him. But, more than anything, it tells us and speaks to the "Word of God", who and what that is.

All through the Bible, it leads up to and finally identifies who the "Word of God" is. It is not the words within the Bible (the written word), but rather, the Living Word (Yeshua ADONAI) the Son of the Living God (John 1:1-14). This is the Infallible Word of God and is Life Eternal! (1John 5:19)

Brethren, we need to be mindful that Christianity has its beginnings and is rooted in the Jewish Faith with all of its Laws, Festivals and Traditions, which Yeshua of Nazareth was upholding and expounding upon in both His Rabbinical and Prophetic quest to fulfil all Righteousness as the Son of God.

What the Old Testament identified and promised through prophecy regarding the Messiah and His Coming, was being fulfilled through the witness and testimony of Yeshua of Nazareth during His Visitation on earth. He was establishing and bringing forth the Kingdom of God and pronouncing that our "Captivity from Sin was over". His Purpose was not going to coincide with the traditional Jewish understanding of what Messiah was going to achieve, in that He would be proclaimed as the King of Israel and restore the Throne of David; and thus, defeat all of His enemies and establish His Earthly Kingdom and rule from Jerusalem forever.

Under no condition of either misinformation, teaching or ignorance, should any of us in the Body of ADONAI not understand the true meaning of the Lord God's Visitation through Yeshua of Nazareth almost 2000 years ago. In fulfillment of all the writings of the Prophets, of Moses and the Psalms, the appointed time had come for God to reveal Himself to His People (Israel) as their Messiah, and to fulfill the Fathers Will to the Children, of releasing their Captivity from Sin and Renew what Adam had separated by his disobedience and blasphemy in the Garden of God. God was now, at this time in our human history, bringing all of His human creation back to where they were in the Garden of God before Adam became sin. He (Yeshua) came as the Incarnate God, as the Son of God, to replace what Adam had destroyed and fulfill all Righteousness under the Law of Moses and become the Final Atonement - Lamb of God, to be the human sacrifice for all of mankind and take upon Himself all of the Sins of the Atonement through the Law and give complete Propitiation through His Death to all mankind and establish a permanent way for Salvation through being the First Born (Son of God) Resurrected from the Dead.

It must also be understood that God never intended (Purposed) for man to be separated from Himself as a Living Being. Once the Lord God breathed the Spirit of Life (Holy Spirit) into Adam, he became a Living Being and the gateway to Eternal Life had been established between God and His Creation in this universe here on earth.

Out of all the preparation that Yeshua did during His Earthly Ministry to reveal and demonstrate to Israel that He was indeed the Messiah, the Son of God, the final and most important event was His Crucifixion and Resurrection Three Days later. This was to be Three Full days and Three Full nights in order for the Prophecy of the Miracle of Jonah to be fulfilled (Matthew 12:39-42). During the infancy of the Church of Rome after the 1st Century AD and into the 3rd Century AD (that's 3 hundred years after the Apostolic Age), Canon Law was being established in order to form the Rules and Order of a future Orthodox Religion; and to establish the manner in which the Dogma related to the Gospel should be defined and expounded to the Universal (Catholic) Church through the Masses. The control and execution of this would be through the Catholic Priesthood and ordained by what the Catholic Order would pronounce as their "God on Earth" Representative, the Pope, who would become the unholy extension of ADONAI (Christ) from Heaven and execute power from the Vatican as the Ruler of the World. They (Catholics) consider themselves to be the only true Christian Order of Religion in the entire world by sanctity through the Priestly Order of the Apostle Peter, whom they claim endowed by holy proclamation as the

First Pope of Rome. This means that the Pope, along with the Priestly Order would have divine intervention between God and Man; and the Pope to be the physical evidence of God in both Power and in Word, to the extension of being identified as “the Holy Father”. This of course is utter blasphemy, considering Yeshua said that you are to call no man on earth Father, except God Himself (Matthew 23:9). He was referencing to the titles that men gave themselves in order for prestige and honour. However, the word “Father” an offset of the “IAM” (YAHAWAH) and would be an offset of the Hebrew word *HaElohim*, meaning God in His Three-Fold manner (Father, Son and Holy Spirit). So, Yeshua was pointing to Himself as the extension of the Godhead with this reference, and warning against that title being used by any man.

Even though the books of the Canon of the New Testament were written before 300 AD, it is viewed that the four Gospels which were chosen to represent that Canon were finally assembled and available to the Church in the 3rd Century AD. The first three Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) are called the "synoptics", from a Greek phrase meaning "seen together", because they put the events of Yeshua's life in the same order and have many of the same stories and sayings, often in the same or very similar words. The fourth Gospel (The Gospel according to the Apostle John) is set aside as being different from the synoptics and even classified as anonymous. Unlike the first three Gospels, John relates that Yeshua is the Word of God and shows His Complete Divinity and Deity as God. It also relates a different timeline and reference to the Passover Shabbat and the Last Supper (John 13:1 and 19:31), and even before that time, the Apostles and early Church Fathers (who were Jewish), lived and witnessed the times of these events and the manner in which they were written down reflected it in respect to their religious traditions and laws.

Up until the Protestant Reformation and Separatist Movement from the Roman Catholic Church was initiated by Martin Luther and continued by John Calvin, Huldrych Zwingli, and other early Protestant Reformers in 16th century Europe, Canon Law had imposed brutal punishment to anyone who opposed it. No one read anything, the Bible was not available to the Masses and not even too many of the officials within the Roman Catholic Church, only the Priesthood and the Church Hierarchy above it could interpret and expound upon the Written Word of God (through Canon Law) to the Masses. This is a practice that is still carried on to this day.

Therefore, we must be mindful, that with our walk in Yeshua, we are bold in proclaiming the Truth and set on righteousness towards seeking what the “Truth” is. The Truth is, that evil will not stand in the Presence of God except through Judgement and then Eternal Damnation. The Truth is, that ALL Righteousness is found in Yeshua ADONAI, who is the Judge of All mankind and the Redeemer of All mankind, and that no one goes to the Holy Father (YaHaWah) except by way of Yeshua.

Children, the Beloved of God, keep your Faith set on Him, who gives Eternal Life to all that call upon His Holy Name and that all knowledge, wisdom and teaching of truth comes only through the Holy Spirit and is given to every believer who claims and believes in Faith, that Yeshua is ADONAI and Elohim to the Glory of God the Father (YAHWEH) (Amen).