

# THE RESURRECTION PROMISED AND DECLARED

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Rom 1:1-4

- (1) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,
- (2) (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
- (3) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
- (4) And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

## Resurrection

### *Promised*

The gospel was not a novel doctrine or notion, but rather according to a plan which was in the mind of God from eternity and promised beforehand by his prophets.

Over 300 prophecies concerning the life of Jesus Christ are found in the Old Testament.

We find in Luke 16 the discourse between Abraham and the rich man that had died. He asked Abraham to send Lazarus to come warn his five brothers.

(Luk 16:29) Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

(Luk 16:30) And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

Abraham was stating that the words of Moses and the prophets are altogether sufficient.

Prophecy is not only to predict future events, but also to validate the events as they unfold.

(Mat 5:17) Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

### *Declared*

God declared Jesus to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead. That was the theme of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost.

(Act 2:29) Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

(Act 2:30) Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

(Act 2:31) He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

(Act 2:32) This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

(Act 2:33) Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

(Act 2:34) For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

(Act 2:35) Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

(Act 2:36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Our Lord also declares in Revelations 1:17-18:

(Rev 1:17) And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, **Fear not; I am the first and the last:**

(Rev 1:18) *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

It states in Acts 1:3:

(Act 1:3) To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

### **Aim of this Lesson**

(Php 3:10) That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

*The aim is that we may have a greater understanding of the power of his resurrection thru the promises in the Old Testament which is declared and revealed in the New Testament.*

Someone once wrote, and I agree, "In the Old Testament the New Testament is concealed; in the New Testament the Old Testament is revealed."

"...the key persons, actions, and events in the Old Testament are viewed as "figurae" (Latin for "figures") which are historically real themselves, but also "prefigure" those persons, actions and events in the New Testament that are similar to them in some aspect, function, or relationship. Often the Old Testament figures are called types and their later correlatives in the

New Testament are called antitypes. The Old Testament figure or type is held to be a prophecy or promise of the higher truth that is "fulfilled" in the New Testament, according to a plan which is eternally present in the mind of God, but manifests itself to human beings only in the two scriptural revelations separated by a span of time." (from Abrams 1999)

*The focus of this lesson is specifically upon events that prefigure the resurrection and the power thereof; not that we can comprehend the sheer power of God to be raised from the dead, but rather the virtues that flow from it.*

We can find in Exodus 12:

The Lord instructs Moses and Aaron on how to prepare and observe the first Passover.

#### Exo 12:1-14

- (1) And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,
- (2) This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you.
- (3) Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth *day* of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house:
- (4) And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.
- (5) Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats:
- (6) And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.
- (7) And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.
- (8) And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it.
- (9) Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.
- (10) And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.
- (11) And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it *is* the LORD'S passover.
- (12) For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD.
- (13) And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt.
- (14) And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

#### **Limited List of Instructions Given:**

1. They were to establish a new calendar system.  
(*They were presently in the 7th month of the civil calendar as used*

*previously. They were to begin a new dating system with the first month being Nisan.)*

2. On the 10th day of the month, they were instructed to take a lamb without blemish; a male lamb, of the first year, for a house.
3. On the 14th day of the same month, the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel was instructed to take each lamb and kill it in the evening.

**Note:** *Their day started at 6:00 pm (sunset).*

4. They were to take the blood of the slain lamb and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door posts of the houses.
5. They were to eat of the lamb and let none of it remain until the next morning.
6. They were to stay in their homes to be spared the death of every first born man and beast in Egypt.

*The question is, "How much of this event prefigures the redemptive work of Christ?"*

God gave very specific instructions to Moses and Aaron and were to be carried out to the letter. Everything that was done here was of great significance and ordained of God.

Paul states in I Corinthians 5:7:

**(1Co 5:7)** Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

We know that Christ observed the Passover with his disciples after 6:00 pm (sunset) and was crucified and buried before 6:00 pm the following day.

The 10th day of the month of Nisan (when they were to select a lamb) must prefigure the triumphal entry into Jerusalem prior to his crucifixion.

The 14th day of the month of Nisan is definitely the day of the observance of the Passover and the date of the crucifixion.

*On what date should we place the resurrection?*

I look to the greatest authority we have, who cannot lie.

**(Mat 12:38)** Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

**(Mat 12:39)** But he answered and said unto them, **An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:**

**(Mat 12:40)** **For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

We must conclude that our Lord came forth from the tomb on the 17th day of Nisan.

The Bible records many miracles on this same day. No other day except

Passover is mentioned as many times in the Bible.

**There are at least six monumental events recorded in the Old Testament that occurred on Nisan 17.**

They are as follows:

**1. Noah's ark rested on Mt. Ararat.**

(Gen 8:1) And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged;

(Gen 8:2) The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

(Gen 8:3) And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

(Gen 8:4) And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

**Note:** *The 7th month was designated as the first month at the time of Exodus.*

**2. The Hebrews entered Egypt 430 years before the Exodus.**

(Exo 12:40) Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, *was* four hundred and thirty years.

(Exo 12:41) And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

**3. Moses led the Israelites thru the parting of the Red Sea.**

(Num 33:1) These *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron.

(Num 33:2) And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these *are* their journeys according to their goings out.

(Num 33:3) And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians.

(Num 33:4) For the Egyptians buried all *their* firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments.

(Num 33:5) And the children of Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.

(Num 33:6) And they departed from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which *is* in the edge of the wilderness.

(Num 33:7) And they removed from Etham, and turned again unto Pihahiroth, which *is* before Baalzephon: and they pitched before Migdol.

(Num 33:8) And they departed from before Pihahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah.

(Exo 3:18) And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

(Exo 3:19) And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.

(Exo 3:20) And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.

#### **4. Israel ate the first fruit of the promised land.**

(Jos 5:10) And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.

(Jos 5:11) And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn* in the selfsame day.

(Jos 5:12) And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

**Note:** *It also appears this is the first day they marched around Jericho. If it was not that day, the day immediately following.*

#### **5. The cleaning of the temple of Hezekiah.**

(2Ch 29:1) Hezekiah began to reign *when he was* five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah.

(2Ch 29:2) And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

(2Ch 29:3) He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them.

(2Ch 29:4) And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street,

(2Ch 29:5) And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy *place*.

(2Ch 29:6) For our fathers have trespassed, and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of the

LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned *their* backs.

(2Ch 29:7) Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy *place* unto the God of Israel.

(2Ch 29:8) Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

(2Ch 29:9) For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in captivity for this.

(2Ch 29:10) Now *it is* in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us.

(2Ch 29:11) My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense.

(2Ch 29:12) Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah:

(2Ch 29:13) And of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah:

(2Ch 29:14) And of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel.

(2Ch 29:15) And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD.

(2Ch 29:16) And the priests went into the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron.

(2Ch 29:17) Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

(2Ch 29:18) Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread table, with all the vessels thereof.

(2Ch 29:19) Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.

(2Ch 29:20) Then Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

(2Ch 29:21) And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he

goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD.

(2Ch 29:22) So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar.

(2Ch 29:23) And they brought forth the he goats *for* the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:

(2Ch 29:24) And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded *that* the burnt offering and the sin offering *should be made* for all Israel.

(2Ch 29:25) And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for *so was* the commandment of the LORD by his prophets.

(2Ch 29:26) And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets.

(2Ch 29:27) And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets, and with the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel.

(2Ch 29:28) And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and all this continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

## 6. Queen Esther saved the Jews.

(Est 3:12) Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that *were* over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province according to the writing thereof, and *to* every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring.

(Est 5:1) Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on *her* royal *apparel*, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house.

**Note:** *According to traditional Jewish interpretation, Haman was hanged on Nisan 17.*

**Note:** *All these events occurred on Nisan 17, the same day our Lord rose from the tomb.*

"The odds of just two of these events both happening accidentally on the same day of the Hebrew year (360 days) are one in 129,000. The odds of these events all happening coincidentally on the same day of the Hebrew year are one in 783 quadrillion, 864 trillion, 876 billion, 960 million (783,864,876,960,000,000)."

These statistics are from **A Scientific Approach to Biblical Mysteries** by Robert W. Faid.

Faid was a former nuclear engineer holding a Masters degree in theology. He was an agnostic in his early life, who after recovering from cancer, converted to Christianity. Awarded the Ig Nobel prize for Mathematics, he is listed as the inventor on two 1977 US patents relating to improvements in the construction of concrete structures such as containment buildings for nuclear power plants.

*These are some of the greatest events and miracles performed by the hand of God in the history of mankind. If they are only figures, then they must pale in comparison to what they represent.*

*We cannot fathom the sheer power that was demonstrated on that day!*

**(Eph 1:19)** And what **is** the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who **believe**, according to the working of his mighty power,

**(Eph 1:20)** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,

**(Eph 1:21)** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

*Ephesians 1:19 is not speaking of the power of God in creation or the great power performed in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It speaks concerning the power of God as being the author and finisher of our faith; our salvation, continuance of our faith, and the finishing of that work. In all these things He has mighty power to save.*

*Each miraculous event shows different aspects of the great work of redemption that God has performed in the heart and life of everyone that has ever been saved.*

*This is not an exhaustive list of verses or meanings concerning these events. Rather it is an effort to show how God, thru his infinite wisdom and power, had a plan for the redemption of man throughout the antiquities of time.*

## **1. Hebrews entered Egypt - Hungered and Filled**

**(Mat 5:6)** Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

**(Psa 34:8)** O taste and see that the LORD *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

## **2. Hezekiah cleansing the Temple - The cleansing blood of Jesus Christ**

**(1Jn 1:7)** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

**(Rom 4:25)** Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

### 3. Parting of the Red Sea - Deliverance from bondage

(Rom 8:21) Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

(Rom 8:15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

(Rom 8:1) *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

(Rom 8:2) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

(Joh 8:36) *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*

### 4. Haman totally defeated - Jesus the Victor

(1Co 15:53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

(1Co 15:54) So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

(1Co 15:55) O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave, where *is* thy victory?

(1Co 15:56) The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

(1Co 15:57) But thanks *be* to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

(1Co 15:58) Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

(Heb 2:14) Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

### 5. Noah's Ark - Newness of life

(1Pe 3:20) Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

(1Pe 3:21) The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

(1Pe 3:22) Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

(Col 2:12) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

(Col 2:13) And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

(Col 2:14) Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

(Col 2:15) *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

(2Co 5:17) Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

## **6. Israel entered - Ate the firstfruits of the Promised Land**

(1Co 15:20) But now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the firstfruits of them that slept.

(1Co 15:21) For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

(1Co 15:22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

(1Co 15:23) But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

## **7. March around Jericho - More than conquerors**

(Rom 8:31) What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

(Rom 8:32) He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

(Rom 8:33) Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

(Rom 8:34) Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

(Rom 8:35) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

(Rom 8:36) As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

(Rom 8:37) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

(Rom 8:38) For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

(Rom 8:39) Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Exodus 15, Moses and God's people rejoiced over their deliverance from the enemy and the liberty in which they stood. Do we not have more reason than they to sing?

**"...for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him."**