

CHURCH HISTORY LITERACY

Easter Origins and Early Church Practice

Lesson 14

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First... Remember Irenaeus?

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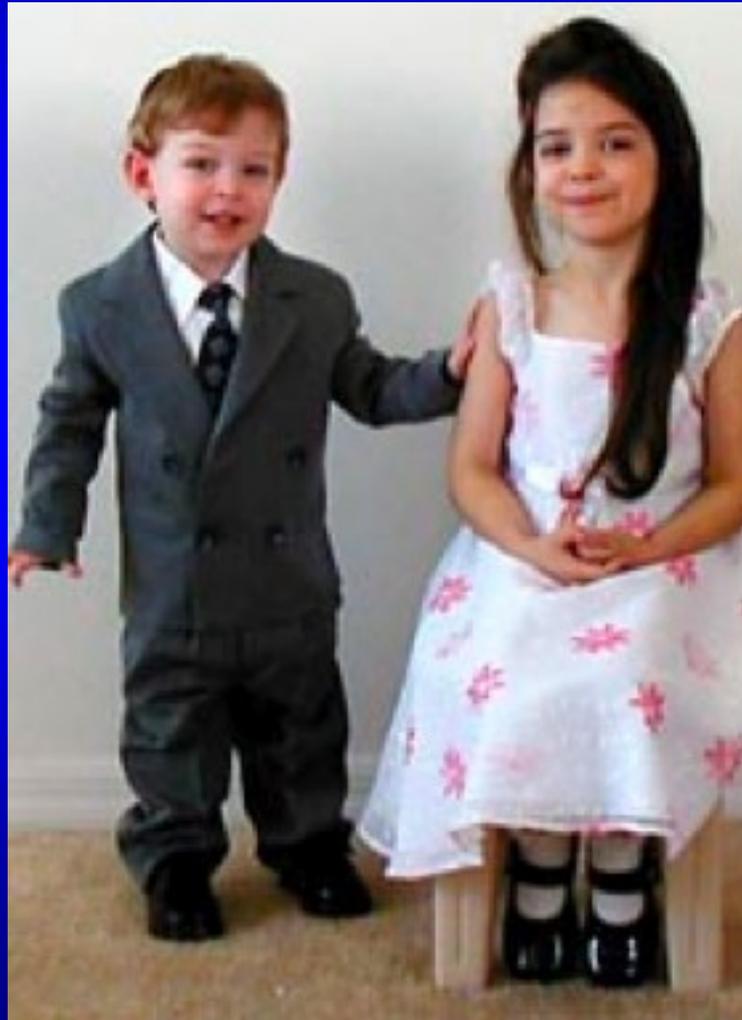
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Easter in the Old Testament!

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Nisan 14



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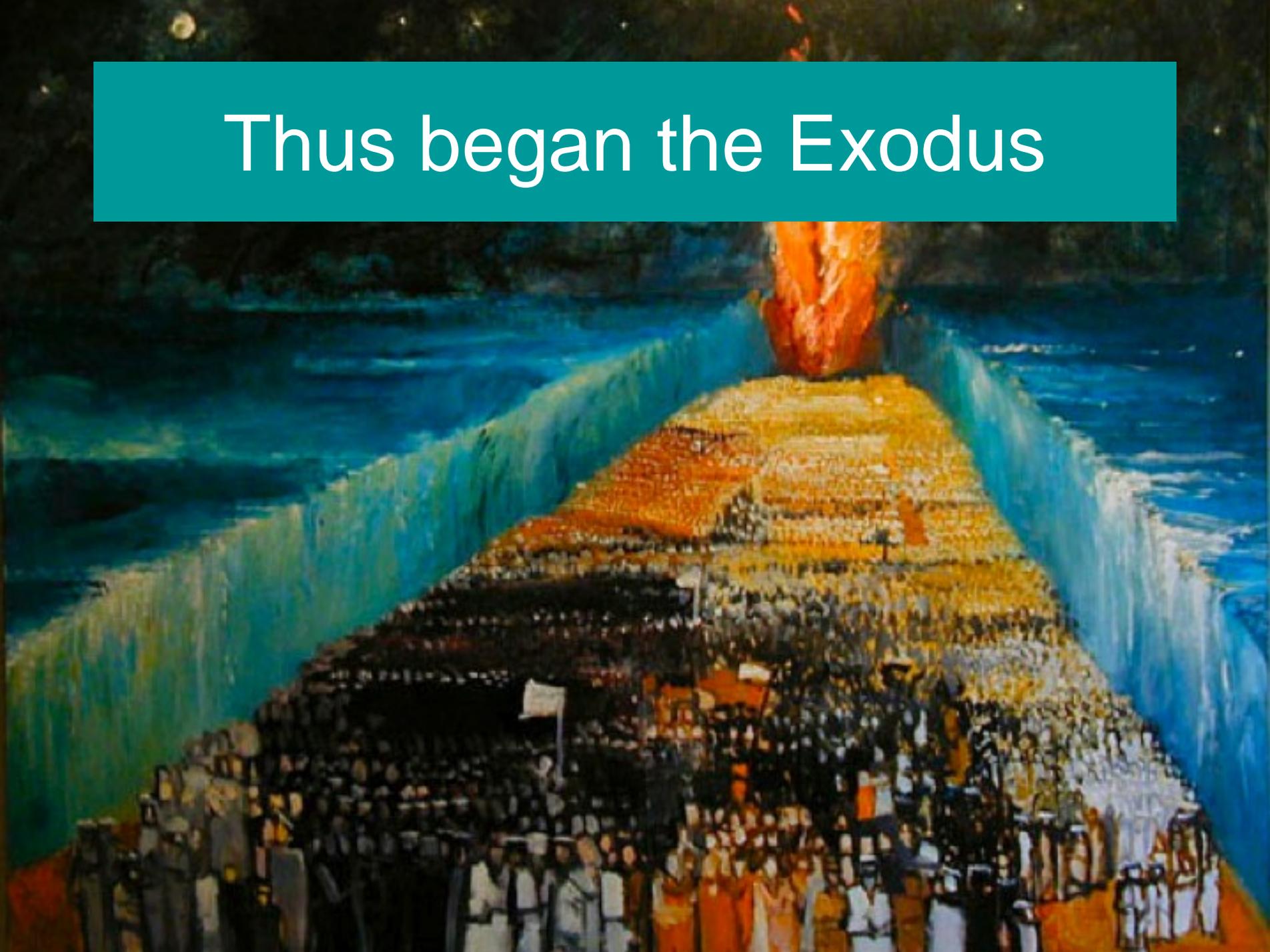
Pesakh/Hag HaMatzot
Passover/Unleavened Bread

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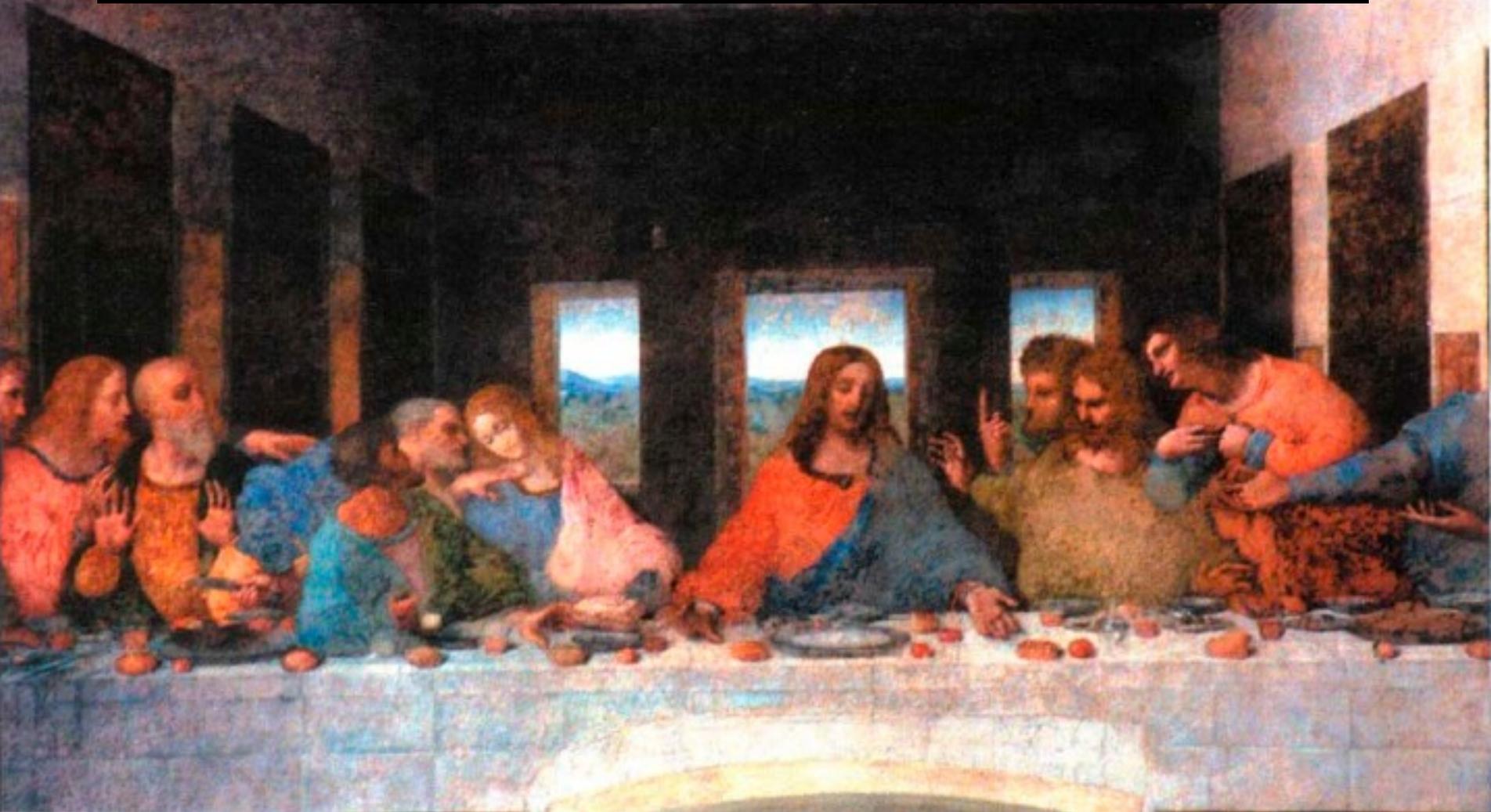


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Thus began the Exodus



Christ Celebrated the *Pescha*



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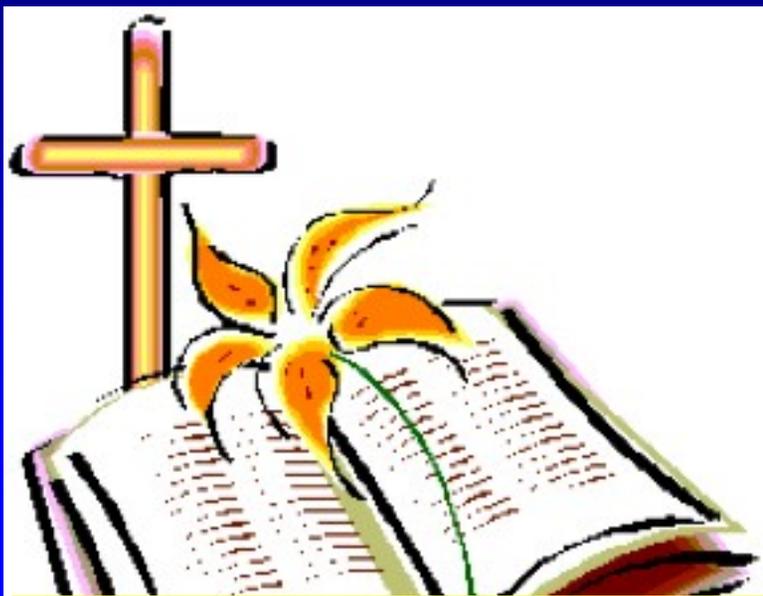
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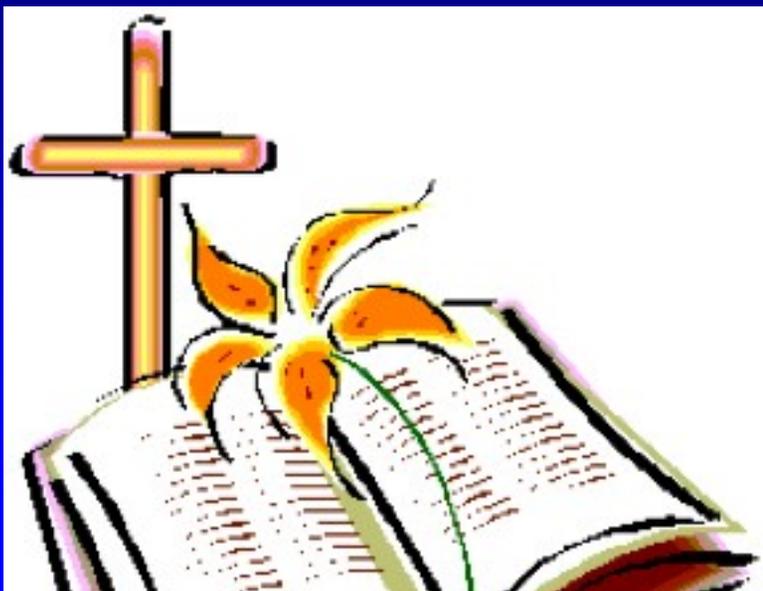


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And arresting him [Peter] ... Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover”
Acts 12:4 - NIV

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“On the first day of the week, we came together to
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“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income” 1 Cor. 16:2

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“On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit...”
Rev. 1:10

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“The eighth day ... the beginning of another world”
(Epistle of Barnabas 15:8)

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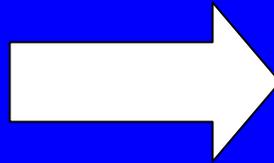
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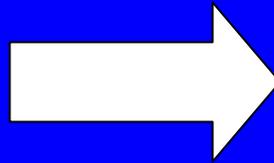
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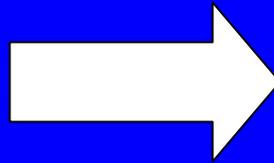


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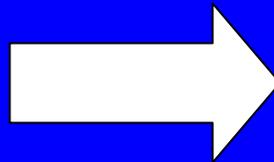
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“But do not forget ... The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise ... He is patient ... But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.” (2 Pet 3:8-10)

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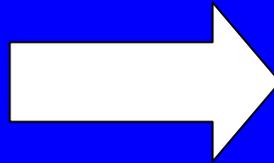


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“Christ, our Passover [*Pascha*] lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the festival ... with sincerity and truth.” (1 Cor. 5:7-8)

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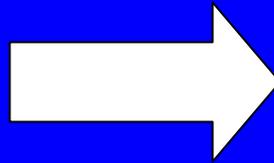
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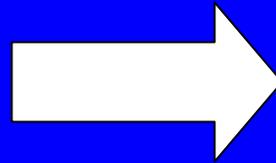
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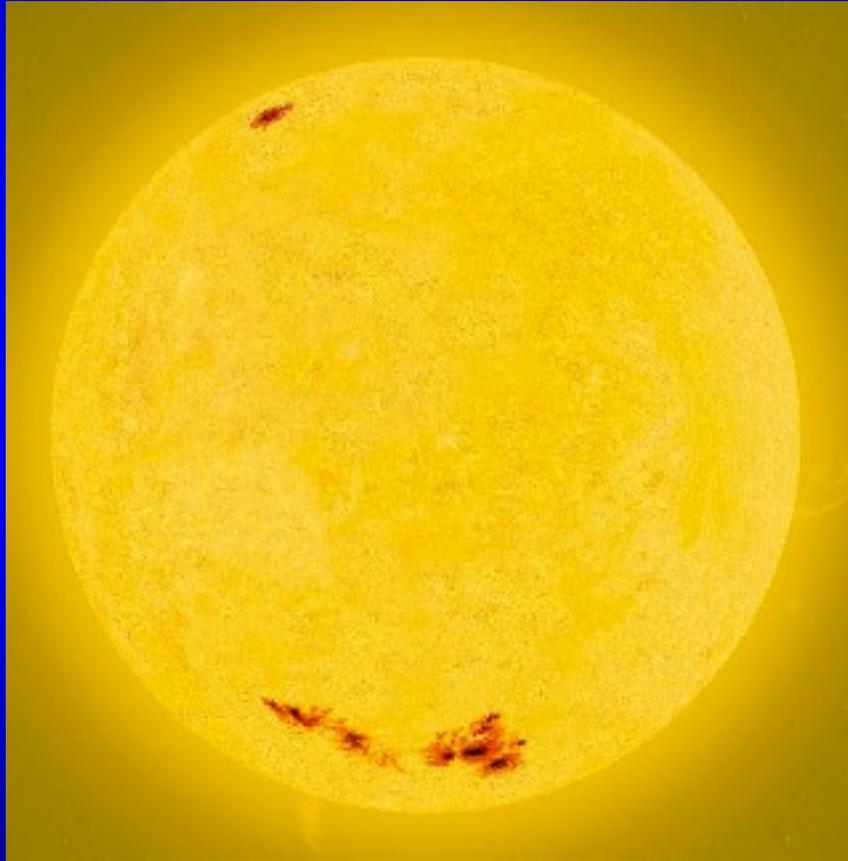
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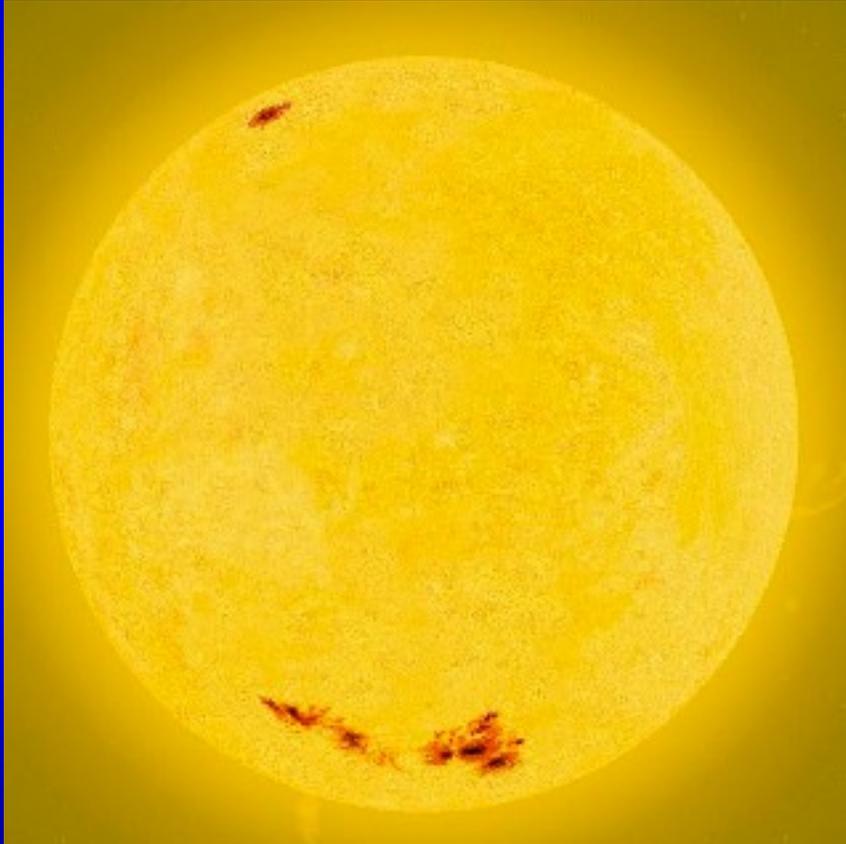
Of these were Philip, one of the twelve apostles ... his daughters; and, moreover, John, who reclined on the Lord's bosom, who was both a witness and a teacher; he fell asleep at Ephesus; and, further, Polycarp in Smyrna, both a bishop and a martyr.... All these observed the fourteenth day of the Passover, according to the gospel, deviating in no respect, but following the rule of faith.

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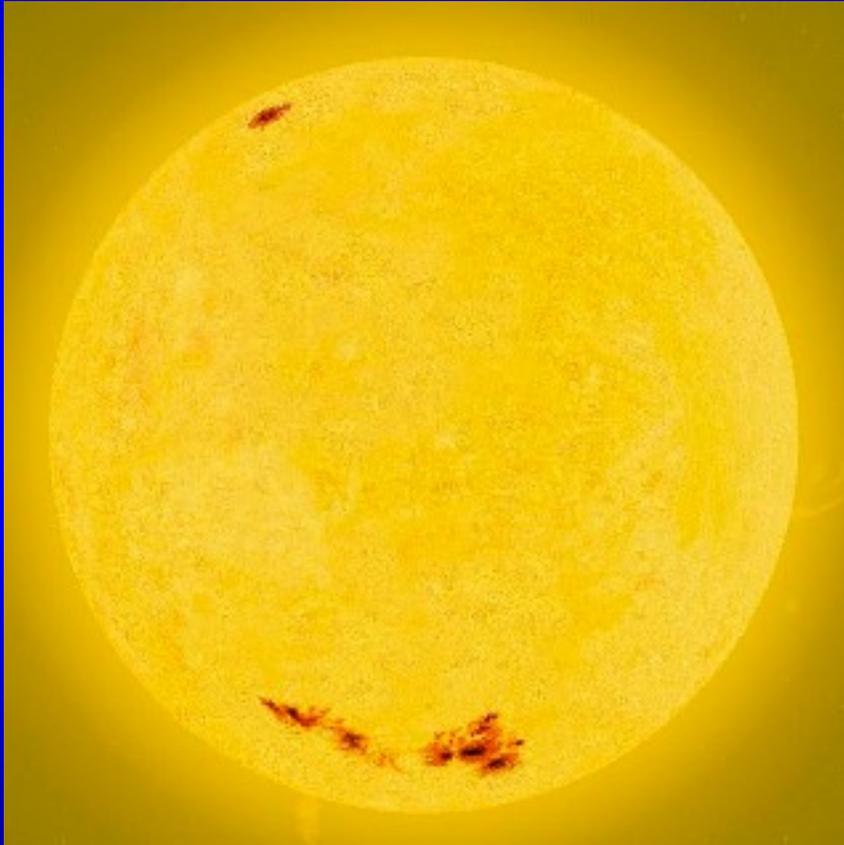


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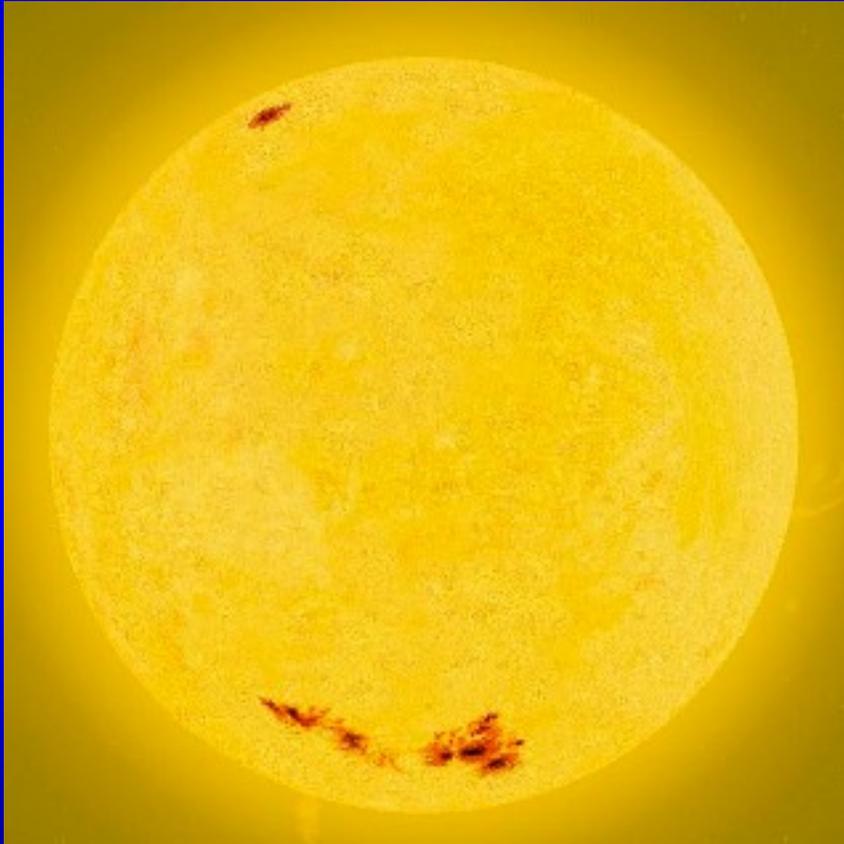
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Jewish Lunar
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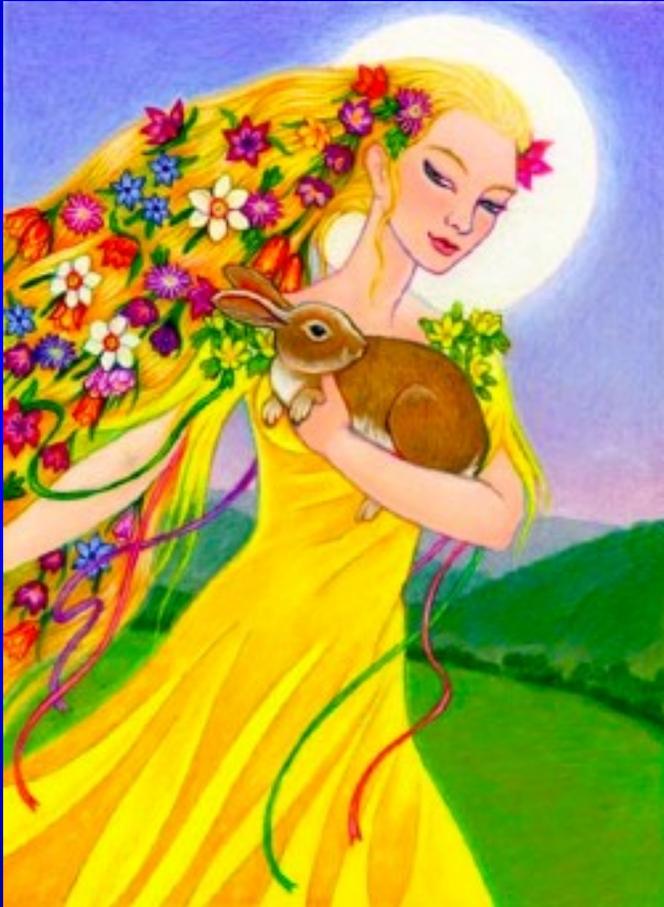
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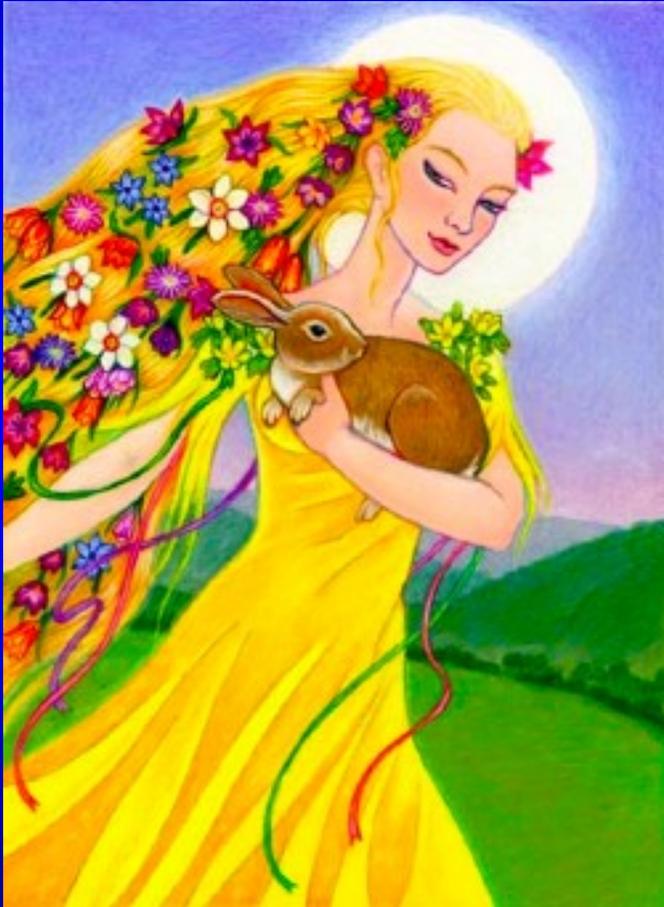


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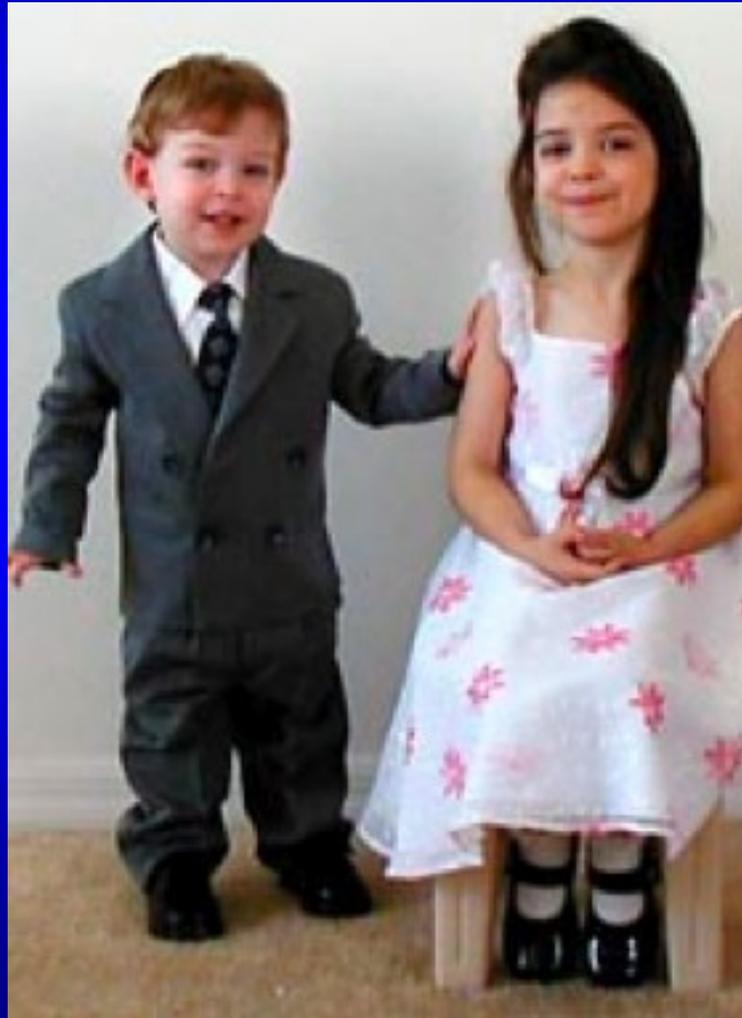
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