

**12:5 Then, indeed, Peter was kept in prison. But earnest prayer was made to יהוה for him by the KAHAL.6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains. Also guards were keeping the prison before the door.**

יהוה is in the darkness, He is the Elohim that transcends *my* darkness, transcends *your* darkness and transcends *this present darkness*. When it is darkest, most desperate, and we're bound on all sides.....then.....we feel his presence because יהוה מְנִיָּהּ minnêy presence IS thick darkness! MEM-NUN-YOD

- Gen 15:12 - the cove between the pieces....
- Exo. 14:19 - Red Sea
- Exo. 20 - the BoC
- 2 Sam 22 - King David called to יהוה and יהוה answered
- Ezek 34 - the scattered sheep are delivered in a day of darkness
- Joel 2 - the Day of יהוה is darkness
  
- יהוה presence/minney/Mem-Nun-Yod, is thick darkness.
- יהוה is a judge but also a deliverer
- His presence can sometimes bring judgment
- But His deliverance is never far behind

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Because the lesson here is that arrogance and actions of men against יהוה will always receive their just reward.

**Acts 12:1 And at that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to oppress some of those of the KAHAL.2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword.3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he went further to seize Peter also. (And they were days of Unleavened Bread.)**

What happens when you've had peace and growth in your life and it comes to an abrupt end?

It was *James the brother of John*; so called to distinguish him from the other James the brother of Joses. He was *Jacobus major - James the greater*; that, *minor - the less*. Here crowned with martyrdom, one of the first three of Yahusha's disciples, one of those that were *the witnesses of his transfiguration and agony*, whereby he was prepared for martyrdom; he was one of those whom

Yahusha called *Boanerges - Sons of thunder*; and because of his fire and his powerful awakening he had provoked Herod, just as John Baptist did the other Herod, and that's what brought about his final trouble.

Herod's stretching forth his hands intimates that his hands had been tied up by restraints which perhaps his own conscience or political climate restrained him under in this matter; but now he broke through them, and stretched forth his hands deliberately, and of malice.

***Act 12:4 And capturing him, he put him in prison,***

*Herod laid hands upon some of the KAHAL to afflict them, so some read it; he employed his officers and agents to seize the outspoken ones.*

Herod Agrippa I, grandson of Herod the Great. He'd just been named king of his grandfathers former realm by the emperor Caligula in 41CE.

Build the support base, Agrippa with the Jews, same today - the secret synagogue sect - Agrippa was actually fairly popular with the Jews and by killing James and a few others he was testing the waters to see the general reaction.....well that was 2020 and will continue to be 2021 testing the waters to see what the general reaction will be.

***.....4 and delivered him to four sets of four soldiers to keep him; intending to bring him out to the people after (EASTER) /G3957 pascha - total LXX***

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Easter, Ishtar, Eostre, Astara, Easter mother earth, Ishta the name adopted from the pagans the phonology of the word reveals the truth before we even start digging.

Artemis (Diana) of Ephesus - Great Mother Gaia, Ishtar, Easter

Easter was celebrated by the Assyrians, the Phoenicians, and the Philistines This festival involved the "Rites of Spring" near the Equinox of Venus, when Pagans believed the Earth Mother was impregnated by the sun.

***Jer 7:18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.***

“Easter” is the name of the Babylonian “Mother of Harlots”, Rev. 17, and her image stands as the sun-goddess “Lady Liberty” in New York Harbor. This Colossus statue even has the “tower” headpiece, as seen worn by Artemis.

The 7 horns or sun rays reveal her true identity. Her emblem is the flower of the lily - the fleur-de-lis. Now you know why churches decorate with the lilies on Easter morning.

The Britannica Encyclopedia (1934) states:  
*“EASTER (es'ter). Ostara, or Eastre, was the goddess of Spring in the religion of the ancient Angles and Saxons. Every April a festival was celebrated in her honor. With the beginnings of Christianity, the old gods were put aside. From then on the festival was celebrated in honor of the resurrection of Christ, but was still known as Easter after the old goddess.”*

יהוה says in contrast in **Deu 12**:

***“Break down their altars, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah (Easter) poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places. You must not worship יהוה your Elohim in their way.***

**In:** Ecclesiastical History to the Twentieth Year of the Reign of Constantine, 4th ed. Oxford Univ. Press, 1847:

*“The word Easter is of Saxon origin, the name is eastre, the goddess of spring in whose honor sacrifices were offered about Passover time each year. By the eighth century Anglo-Saxons had adopted the name to designate the celebration of Christ's resurrection.”*