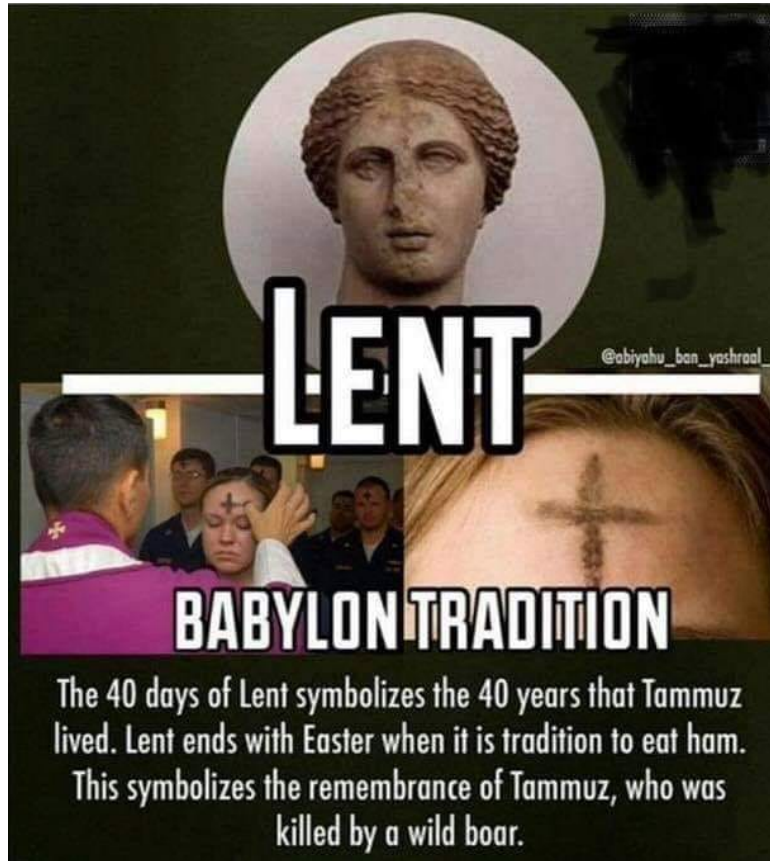


# LENT



Lent has a pagan origin. Legend has it that Tammuz was killed by a wild boar when he was 40 years old. Because of this, 40 days and nights were set aside to “weep for Tammuz,” as his mother Astarte/Ishtar, Semiramis did. The 40 days of Lent symbolizes the 40 years that Tammuz lived. Lent ends with Easter when it is tradition to eat ham. This symbolizes the remembrance of Tammuz, who was killed by a wild boar.

In ancient times these 40 days were observed with weeping, fasting, and self-chastisement, so as to gain the favor from the underworld of this little Sun god, causing spring to happen. This observance was known by Babylonians, Mexicans, Phoenicians, Egyptians, etc., and even among the Israelites at one time. This Lent observance was a prelude to the annual festival in commemoration of the death and resurrection of Tammuz. This pagan lentil practice is to this day observed by the Yezidis devil worshippers of Koordistan. Because the churches observed this 40 day fast and pagan Lent tradition anyway, the Catholic church decided to cover the heathen tradition by calling it a “sacred fast,” which sounded Biblical to the ignorant Believers. They proclaimed it to be a sacred fast time, a period of mourning during which people were to abstain from meat and various other foods (Ezek. 8:14).

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