

## Three Days and Three Nights

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Some would have us believe, contrary to Scripture, that the period of YaHuWSHuWaH's internment in the tomb was from the evening of the sixth day of the week (friday), to the morning of the first day of the week (sunday). When questioned as to why their mathematics do not line up with Scripture, they claim that time was not counted in twenty-four hour periods back then, or that a half-day counted as a whole day, but cannot give Scriptural evidence to their claim.

Before we continue, please keep two things of importance in mind: One - In and before YaHuWSHuWaH's day, what was the punishment for a false prophet, and those who follow him? Answer: Debarim (Deut.) 13:1-5, *"If there arise in the midst of you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he give you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, "Let us go after other mighty ones" (which you have not known) "and let us serve them;" you shall not listen to the words of that prophet, or to that dreamer of dreams: for YaHuWaH your Aluahiym proves you, to know whether you love YaHuWaH your Aluahiym with all your heart and with all your being. You shall walk after YaHuWaH your Aluahiym, and hold Him in awe, and keep His That prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death, because he has spoken rebellion against YaHuWaH your Aluahiym, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to draw you aside out of the way which YaHuWaH your Aluahiym commanded you to walk in. So you shall put away the evil from the midst of you."*

*YirmeYahuw (Jer.) 14:13-16, "Then said I, Ah, Master YaHuWaH! Behold, the prophets tell them, "You shall not see the sword, neither shall you have famine; but I shall give you assured peace in this place." Then YaHuWaH said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in My Name; I didn't send them, neither have I commanded them. I never even spoke to them! They prophesy to you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nothing, and the deceit of their own heart. Therefore thus says YaHuWaH concerning the prophets who prophesy in My Name, and I didn't send them, yet they say, sword and famine shall not be in this Land: By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed. The people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Yahrushalayim because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them—they, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I shall pour their wickedness on them."*

*ZecharYahuw (Zech.) 13:3, "It will happen that, when anyone still prophesies [falsely], then **his** father and his mother who bore **him** will tell him, 'You must die, because you speak lies in the Name of YaHuWaH;' and **his** father and **his** mother who bore **him** will stab **him** [injure him] when **he** prophesies.*

Other example texts are: Acts 13:6-12; 1 Kepha (Peter) 2:1-12; Revelation 16:13, 19:20, and 20:10.

Two: Was the Messiah the one prophesying in MattithYahuw 12:39-40?

I mention this these two questions to show the gravity of prophecy, that the prophet's very life depended upon his accuracy; and because the people who depended upon the prophet also held him to a high standard of accuracy; since they also were punished by YaHuWaH for listening to and following after a false prophet.

Please keep in mind that the Messiah, Himself is the one who gave us this prophecy of "three days and three nights in the heart of the earth". And He was precise about everything - for not one Word did He speak on His Own but spoke only what He heard His Father speak.

YaHuWSHuWaH's prophecy: Matt. 12:39-40, " *An evil and adulterous stock seeks after a sign, but no sign shall be given it but the sign of Yahnah (Jonah) the nabi. 12:40 For as Yahnah was three (3) days and three (3) nights in the belly of the huge gaping fish, so shall the Ben of Adam be three (3) days and three (3) nights in the heart of the earth. "*

The best source to prove a Scriptural concept are the Scriptures, themselves. To define the the exact words used for any particular Scripture, Strong's is also a good source of confirmation. By using both of these resources, we should be able to prove that the three (3) days and three (3) nights in question are, in fact, seventy-two hours.

Yahuwchanan 11:9-10, " *YaHuWSHuWaH answered, are there not twelve (12) hours in the day (day time)?" If a man walk in the day, he stumbles not, because he sees the light of world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbles, because there is no light in him."*

Since, according to YaHuWSHuWaH, there are twelve (12) hours in the day (day time), wouldn't there also be twelve (12) hours in the night? He said twelve (12) hours in the day - not twelve hours "in a day."

Using Strong's Exhaustive Hebrew and Greek Dictionary for the words "days" and "nights" in Matt. 12:4 and Yahnah 1:17, I hope to prove that YaHuWSHuWaH was in the heart of the earth three (3) days and three (3) nights - no more - no less.

Day, i.e. (literally) the time and space between dawn and dark or the whole 24 hours (always defined more or less clearly by the context.)

**Strong's # 2250**

**Original Word:** ἡμέρα, ας, ἡ  
**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine  
**Transliteration:** hémera  
**Phonetic Spelling:** (hay-mer'-ah)  
**Short Definition:** a day  
**Definition:** a day, the period from sunrise to sunset.

Thus: Three (3) twelve (12) hour periods = 36 hours.

**Strong's # 3571**

**Original Word:** νύξ, νυκτός, ἡ  
**Part of Speech:** Noun, Feminine  
**Transliteration:** nux  
**Phonetic Spelling:** (noox)  
**Short Definition:** the night, night-time  
**Definition:** the night, night-time.

The definition for "nights" doesn't seem as clear as that defined for "days" but the definition given in 2 Cor.. 11:25 [*Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea.*] or "a night and a day" corresponds perfectly.

"A night" and "A day": both are from # 3571 and #2250, a day and a night, i.e., A full day of 24 hours = night and day.

Not convinced? *"Now YaHuWaH had prepared a great fish to swallow up Yahnah. And Yahnah was in the belly of the fish three (3) days and three (3) nights."*

Hebrew: Days = #3117; to be hot, a day as the warm hours - (from sunrise to sunset or from one sunset to the next.)

**Original Word:** יוֹם  
**Transliteration:** yom  
**Phonetic Spelling:** (yome)  
**Short Definition:** day

Three 12 hour periods = 36 hours.

Hebrew: Night = # 3915 a twist (away of the light), i.e., night

**Original Word:** לַיְלָה  
**Transliteration:** layil or lel or layelah  
**Phonetic Spelling:** (lah'-yil)  
**Short Definition:** night

Three 12 hour periods = 36 hours.

Total Hours = 72 or  
Three full days and nights.

The reason for this study is to prove that YaHuWSHuWaH foretold exactly how long He would be in th heart of the earth - and to disprove the two nights and one day theory taught by christianity (churchanity).

I hope and pry that this short and simple study has done exactly that.

I pray that YaHuWaH bless your understanding,  
so that truth over-rides the traditions of men.  
In YaHuWSHuWaH,  
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