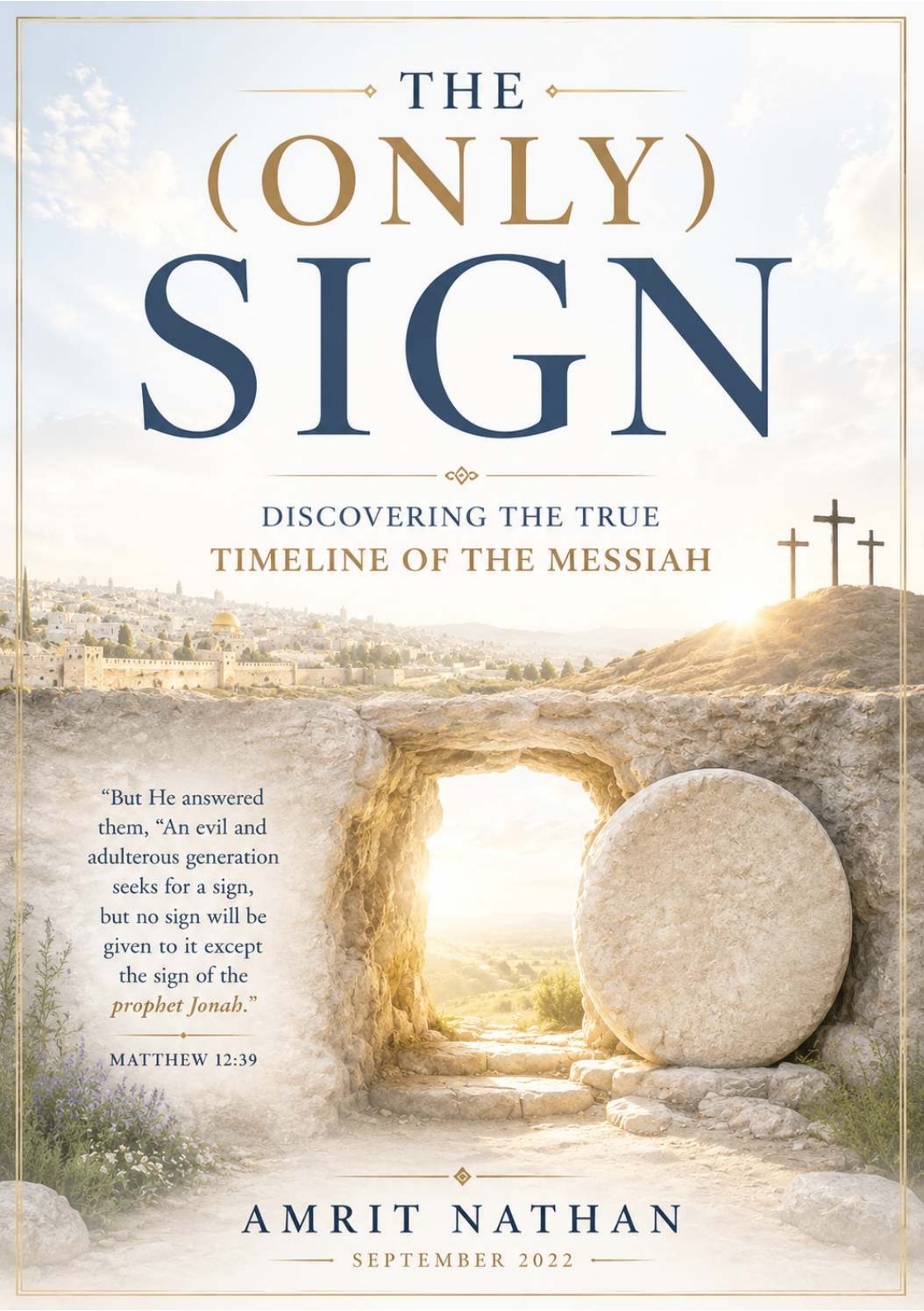




THE (ONLY) SIGN

DISCOVERING THE TRUE
TIMELINE OF THE MESSIAH

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*“Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying,
‘Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.’
But He answered and said to them,
‘An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign,
and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.’”*

MATTHEW 12:38–39 (NKJV)

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THE ONLY SIGN



“Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.”

— MATTHEW 12:38 (NKJV) —

Thousands witnessed Yahshua's miracles.

The blind received sight.

The lame walked.

The dead were raised.

Yet His critics demanded one final proof.

Their request received an unexpected answer.

Yahshua declined to perform another miracle for them.

Instead, He pointed to one future event that would authenticate everything He claimed.

He called it . . .

The Only Sign.

What is this only sign? Turn the page and find out. ➔

YAHSHUA'S ANSWER

He did not perform another miracle.
Instead, He revealed...

“*An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.*”

MATTHEW 12:39 (NKJV)

THE SIGN OF JONAH

Centuries before, the prophet Jonah was swallowed by a great fish.

He was in its belly three days and three nights, then delivered.

Yahshua said that His own death and resurrection would be the greater Jonah.

This would be the divine confirmation of who He is and what He came to do.

Not another miracle.

The Sign of Jonah.

JONAH 1:17 (NKJV)

“Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.”

TYPICAL EVENT

Jonah in the fish — 3 days and 3 nights

GREATER FULFILLMENT

Yahshua in the heart of the earth —
3 days and 3 nights

THE PURPOSE

To authenticate the Messiah and confirm God's plan of salvation.



THIS IS NOT JUST A STORY.

It is a divine sign written into time, given to a skeptical generation, recorded in Scripture, and fulfilled in history.

Let us now follow the trail of this sign and uncover its true timeline. ➔



WHY JONAH?

*“Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah.
And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.”*

JONAH 1:17 (NKJV)

Of all the miracles recorded in Scripture, Yahshua chose only one as the sign that would authenticate His ministry.

He did *not* point to Moses crossing the Red Sea.
He did *not* point to Elijah calling down fire from heaven.
He did *not* point to Lazarus being raised from the dead.

Instead, He pointed to Jonah.

Why?

Because Jonah’s experience was not merely a miracle.
It was a prophetic pattern.

Jonah descended into the depths.

After three days and three nights, he emerged alive.

Yahshua declared that Jonah’s experience foreshadowed His own death, burial, and resurrection.

The sign was not simply that He would rise again.

It was *how long* He would remain in the heart of the earth.

THE SIGN OF JONAH



A GREAT FISH
Came to swallow Jonah.



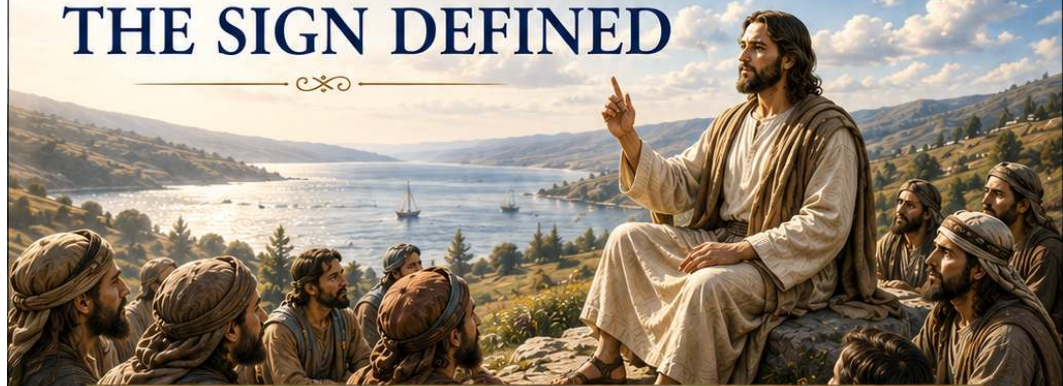
THREE DAYS
He remained in the fish.



THREE NIGHTS
He reënted the darkness.

Every detail of the sign matters.

THE SIGN DEFINED



“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

MATTHEW 12:40 (NKJV)

Notice what Yahshua **did not** say.



He did not simply predict that He would die.



He did not merely foretell His resurrection.



He gave a measurable sign.

A comparison.

As Jonah... So shall the Son of Man...

The comparison contains two essential elements:

- 1 Jonah remained in the fish.
- 2 The Son of Man would remain in the heart of the earth.

Both would remain there for the same period—

three days and three nights.

JONAH		YAHSHUA	
	Belly of the great fish	Heart of the earth	
	Three days	Three days	
	Three nights	Three nights	
	Emerged alive	Rose from the dead	



The duration was not incidental.

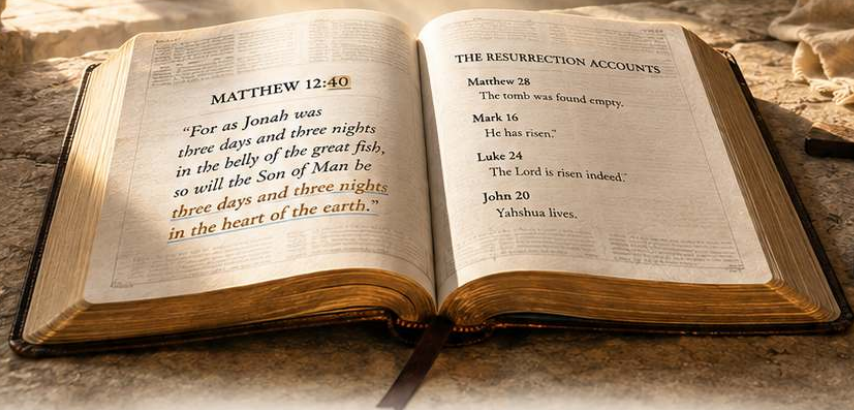
It was the sign.

Does the traditional chronology satisfy Yahshua's own sign?

Turn the page and let us investigate.



THE QUESTION WE MUST ASK



Did the events of Passion Week
fulfil Yahshua's own sign exactly?

- ◆ If the sign was intended to authenticate the Messiah, then *every detail matters*.
- ◆ A sign loses its value if its defining feature is altered.
- ◆ Suppose a king announced,
*"When you see three stars appear together,
you will know my messenger has arrived."*
If only two stars appeared,
would the sign have been fulfilled?
- ◆ The question is not whether Yahshua died.
The question is not whether He rose again.
The question is whether *His own description
of the sign was fulfilled exactly* as He declared it.
- ◆ Scripture deserves to be examined carefully,
*without assumptions,
without traditions,
and without prejudice.*

THE QUESTION BEFORE US

- ✓ Three days
- ✓ Three nights
- ✓ Heart of the earth

Did the traditional
chronology satisfy
all three?



TURN THE PAGE.

Let us examine the timeline. →

THE TRADITIONAL TIMELINE

Can three days and three nights
fit within this period?



TRADITIONAL UNDERSTANDING



Friday afternoon —
Crucifixion



Friday before sunset —
Burial



Saturday —
Sabbath



Sunday before sunrise —
Resurrection

OBSERVATION

REQUIREMENT
THREE DAYS

TRADITIONAL
TIMELINE

?

REQUIREMENT
THREE NIGHTS

TRADITIONAL
TIMELINE

?

THE SIGN GIVEN BY YAHSHUA



Three Days



Three Nights



Heart of
the Earth

Before drawing any conclusion,
let us count the days and the nights exactly as Scripture records them.

COUNTING THE DAYS

Let us count only what the Gospel accounts record.



What do we actually find?

PERIOD		COUNT
	Friday daylight	<i>Partial Day</i>
	Friday night	<i>Night 1</i>
	Saturday daylight	<i>Day 2</i>
	Saturday night	<i>Night 2</i>
	Sunday daylight	<i>Not included</i> (the tomb was already empty before sunrise)



KEY OBSERVATION

Even allowing the partial Friday afternoon to count as one day,

the record still presents only **TWO NIGHTS.**

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES



MATTHEW 27



MARK 15–16



LUKE 23–24



JOHN 19–20

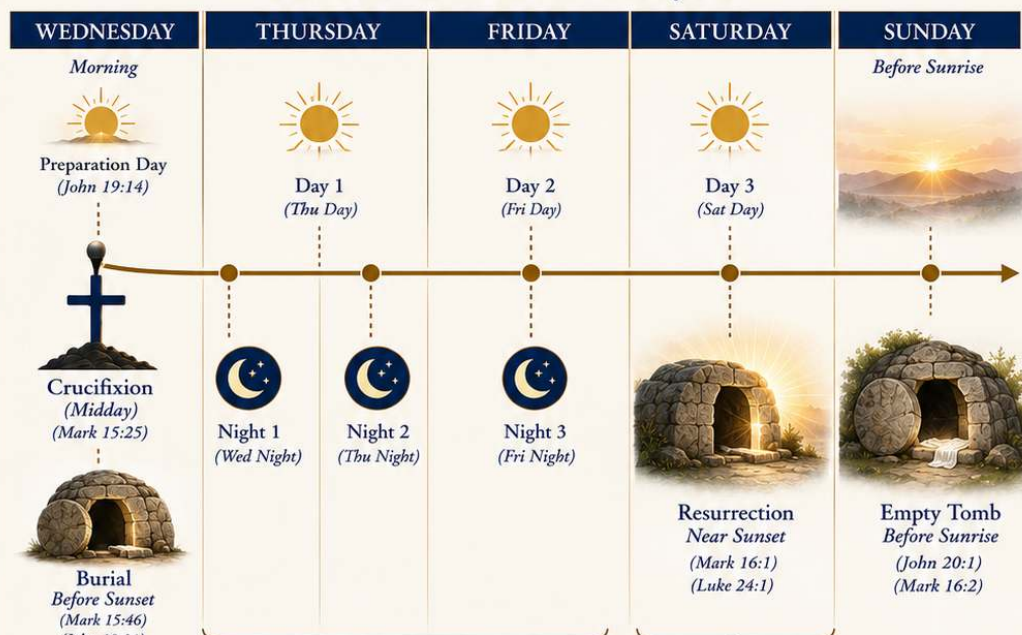


This is not a conclusion.

It is simply an observation drawn from the Gospel accounts.

A TIMELINE THAT FITS THE SIGN

*Yahshua gave only one sign.
Let us examine a timeline that satisfies it.*



Three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

When the Gospel accounts are read alongside the annual Passover observances, *a different chronology emerges.*

This sequence allows the sign given by Yahshua to be understood exactly as He described it.

The question is not whether this timeline is unusual.
The question is whether it satisfies
three days
and
three nights.

THE SIGN



Three Days



Three Nights



Heart of the Earth

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES



MATTHEW 12:40



JOHN 19:31



LEVITICUS 23



MARK 16



LUKE 23



JOHN 20



Rather than forcing the sign to fit a tradition,
let the Scriptures explain one another.

WHY THE SIGN MATTERS

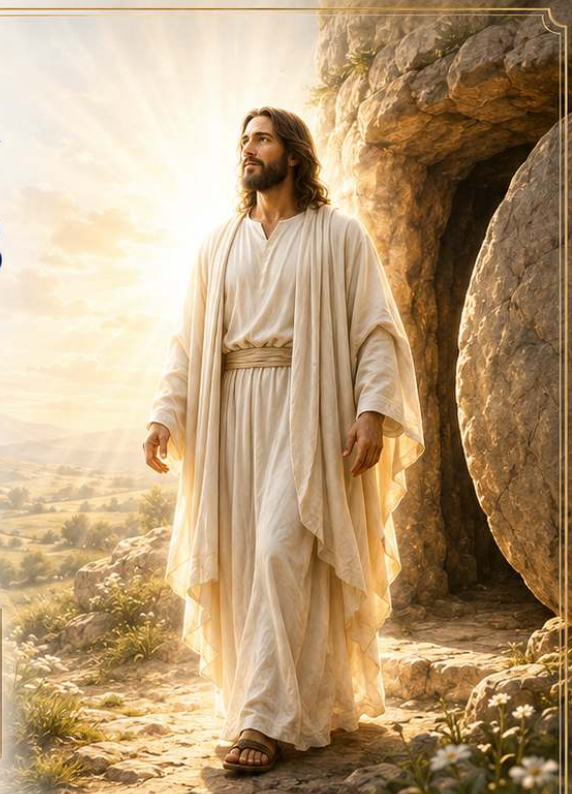
Yahshua did not choose this sign by accident.

He chose it because it would authenticate His identity.

If the sign was fulfilled exactly, then *His words* can be trusted completely.

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”

MATTHEW 24:35 (NKJV)



REFLECTION



The purpose of this booklet is not to win an argument. It is to encourage every reader to return to Scripture, to examine it carefully, and to allow *God's Word to interpret itself*.

Whether this study confirms what you already believe, or challenges you to look again, let the Scriptures remain the final authority.

FINAL INVITATION



The Bereans were commended because they *“...searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.”*

ACTS 17:11 (NKJV)

May we follow their example.



THE SIGN POINTED TO THE MESSIAH.

THE SCRIPTURES POINT TO THE TRUTH.

MAY WE FAITHFULLY FOLLOW BOTH.

