



The Prophetic Clockwork of Easter

Easter is often presented in popular Christian language as the remembrance of a heartbreaking tragedy followed by a triumphant reversal. While that language captures the emotional weight of the crucifixion, it is insufficient as a biblical framework. Scripture does not present the cross as an unexpected collapse of messianic hopes. It presents the cross as the center of God's eternal redemptive purpose. Paul's formulation in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 is decisive: "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus are not isolated events to be appreciated merely devotionally. They are covenantal, prophetic, and judicial acts that unfold exactly as the Scriptures had anticipated.