

# What is Easter really about?

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All doctrines must be based on the Word of **Yahweh** (YHWH), our One and Only Holy Creator, not on traditions. It is traditions that are memorized, treasured & embellished. These must often & always be weighed carefully to see if they agree with the spirit and intent of the scriptures.

This was a whole year after the church assembly at Antioch, (Acts 11:26)

These were the days of Claudius Caesar (Acts 11:28)

King Herod (Agrippa) attacked individuals of the Church and killed James with a sword **during Passover** (the days of unleavened bread). He saw that it pleased the Jews, so he planned to take Peter also. (Acts 12:1-3)

Herod put Peter in prison intending to publicly execute him **after Easter**. (Acts 12:4)

Note that this is the **only** passage in the entire KJV Bible that mentions **Easter**. The **original script word is "pescha,"** the **Passover meal, & pescha spelling is used 29 times.**

Easter is a celebration of the Goddess of fertility Eshtar or Ashter (of the Edomite city of Ashteroth), and King Og of the Giants. (Joshua 12:4, Kings 11:33) Easter is a sacrificial fertility ceremony celebrated by Herod the Idomean (Edom), and adopted by the Romans and Caesar. Herod Agrippa was raised in Rome with Caligula, by Caesar Tiberius's Queen Agrippina.

Peter was rescued from prison by an Angel at night (early morning) on the day he would have been brought forth to Herod (Agrippa). That morning, Herod examined (interrogated) the keepers, and had them put to death. (Acts 12:5-19)

## Yahshua's Passover Sacrifice...

The true celebration of the Resurrection of the Messiah is during Passover. Yahshua celebrated the feast of Passover at sundown Thursday the first evening of Pesach and announced his sacrifice. He was arrested that night or early morning. Accusations and trials, crucifixion and burial were on Friday the first day of Passover. The stone was sealed and watch was set on the second day (Sabbath). He then arose that night and was seen that morning of the third day Sunday the same third day of Passover. His feast, to death, to resurrection, was entirely a Passover event! (note: a full day is evening, night, morning, then day)

**Yahshua celebrated his Passover feast two days before the Pharisees started their feast.** He knew the correct time, but it was different from the Pharisees **tradition**. One event that alters the count of the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the month is a different method of starting the month. **Traditional** Pharisee and modern Jews start the month at **first sighting of the moon** after it has been dark for three days. This is equivalent to a sunrise starting a day. We are taught in Genesis, that a day starts and ends at sundown. Directly opposite of a full moon is the end and start of a month. Yahshua's Passover started two days earlier than the Traditional Pharisees! (& the Arabs)

Yahshua made arrangements to acquire an upper room for his feast, and a donkey tied and ready for his entrance to the city. How and when did he make those arrangements? Recall that a certain rich man **Zacchaeus** climbed a tree to see Yahshua arrive in Jericho, and he was called by name to join for that evening's dinner. This was his preparation before going to Jerusalem. **Zacchaeus** the publican, had the means and the influence to prepare all the arrangements as specified by Yahshua. (Luke 19)

Passover (Pesach - the feast of unleavened bread) is the 7-day celebration of Exodus chapter 12. Pesach is one of the three holiday feasts commanded by **Yahweh**, for the **Jews and strangers** to observe every year.

What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: Thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it. (Deuteronomy 12: 32)

**Take care that your traditions do not rewrite the commanded Holy Days.**

You can have your own traditions & holidays, but never add them to, or call them a religious event. **Do not seek to alter or improve upon the defined events of the commanded feasts.**

Matthew 26

Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified. And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

Mark 14

And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?

Luke 22

And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

John 13

Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

This is entirely a Passover event, from the **feast**, to the **arrest**, to the **trial**, to the **sacrifice**, to the **burial**, to the **resurrection**, and to his **first ascension** (he then returned for a period of days and was seen by hundreds). Why are establishments (Churches) insistent on relating this to Ashtar?

You have turned your ears from the truth, and turned to fables. (adapted 2 Tim 4:4)

Judges 6

Gideon was commanded to --throw down the altar of Baal, and cut down the grove that is by it: the grove was a fertility symbol for Ashtar.

1-Kings 11

For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after **Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians**, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. Wherefore **Yahweh** said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

In all cases of any country, if people served **Yahweh** His way, they were blessed and prospered. In all cases of any country, where the people turned to fables and shunned the laws, the true God turned his face from them and allowed their fears to come upon them.

Isaiah 66

Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations. I will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spoke, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

Rev 22:14

Blessed are **they that do his commandments**, that **they** may **have right to the tree of life**, and **may enter in through the gates** into the city.

**Yahshua did not come to remove any portion of the Law of Moses, only the traditions taught by the Pharisees.** All laws and statutes are still in effect and we are to follow them and teach them as an act of righteousness. **Only those who repent their errors, and follow the commandments, will have the right and the access to the Tree of Life!** (Follow the three feasts)

Matthew 5

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. (**Fulfill the Prophecies of the Messiah**) For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. (**All is fulfilled at end of Revelation**) Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. (**Commandments are still in effect till end of Revelation or end of heaven and earth**) For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. (**Righteousness is following Gods Laws, not perverted laws**)

And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before **Yahweh** our God, as he has commanded us. (Deut 6:25)

**Yahweh** removed his protection from Israel every time that they adopted the Baal following. In each case, they were celebrating a god in their own way. This is a very dangerous position for any person, group, or nation to invent traditions to their holy ways. This is **repulsive to Yahweh**.

The **three holidays commanded by God** to observe each year, are for the **Jews and the Strangers** that honor the laws. (Leviticus 23) (**In appointed times, Angels will visit you**)

Appointed times are the **Three Feasts**, when we receive the mark of Yahweh & His blessings.

1<sup>st</sup> Lunar month occurs when our 4<sup>th</sup> brightest star Arcturus, which the Big-Dipper handle points to, will be directly between Polaris-North Star, and Full Moon, on or after the Spring Equinox.

**Pesach - Passover** – 1<sup>st</sup> month, 7 days of unleavened bread observing the time that the first born were passed over, the night before the exodus.

**Shavuot - Feast of Weeks** - 3<sup>rd</sup> month, 7 weeks (49 days) **from the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Pesach**, 50<sup>th</sup> day honors the giving of the laws at Sinai. (**Pentecost** celebrates **Shavuot**, but date is distorted by the Pharisee method counting from the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday during Passover)

**Rosh Hashanah** - Feast of Trumpets - 7<sup>th</sup> month, 1<sup>st</sup> day, to announce 9 days of repentance.

The 9<sup>th</sup> day requires **fast & repentance** before the 10<sup>th</sup> **Day of Atonement** prayer & vows.

**Sukkot - Tabernacles** - starting 15<sup>th</sup> day - camping in booths or tents with your observing congregation for a week, in study of the commandments and statutes in the Torah.

## A Few Spices of History

The holiday of Christmas and its traditions have the origin of Baal worship. December 25<sup>th</sup> is the birthday of Antiochus Epiphanies. He defiled the Altar of the Jerusalem Temple, with a Sacrifice of Transgression that continued 2300 years. (to 2017AD) (Dan 8:12, Antiq 10.11.7, 12.5.3-4, 1-Macc 1.20) His tradition was following the Persians & Greeks from the time of Mithridates & Alexander the Great in 337BC.

The Nicene Council perpetuated the rituals & modern day merchandising elaborated the fables into mysterious fascination. Macy's & Gimble's stores in New York introduced new fantasies with a traditional parade & elaborate images. **Everything that Yahweh warned us to avoid.**

These are abominable pagan misdirections in the eyes of **Yahweh** throughout the scriptures.

### Agrippa's Death

After his 3<sup>rd</sup> year, on a set day (**Atonement**), Herod Agrippa was arrayed in royal apparel and made a speech. After his speech, the crowd shouted, "It is the voice of a god, and not of a man." The Angel that freed Peter, had Agrippa eaten by worms for not giving glory to the true God. (Acts 12:21-23)

Agrippa had been informed by his interpreter **Simon Barnabas**, there was a certain festival celebrated to make vows for his safety. After the Fast, on the Day of Atonement, the silver of his garment being illuminated by sun's rays in a surprising manner, was so resplendent as to spread horror over those that looked intently upon him, and his flatterers cried out that he was a god. The king neither rebuked them, nor rejected their impious flattery. "And I, who was by you called immortal, am immediately to be hurried away by death." He died of worms after 5 days of pain. (Antiq 19.8.1-2)

Take these Holy feasts seriously. They are to be followed as close to script as we can discover. We are visited in those times, and measured by what we do and say during those feast weeks.

This author has never found a group that does not embellish the time, to add their own special ceremonies & traditions.

There is a proper way to do the essentials that are not described in the feast. Treat them as preparation, & never ceremonially. And never invade the specified times of events with chores or arrangements. Have everything ready, or do without.

These are times of communication with others in the group, & especially those with whom you rarely or have never met. This is the time where you are identified as a personable or vile person. Your ego, anger, & knowledge is tested & measured as a servant. Some of the most honorable & homely & passive & irrational & repulsive persons are in these gatherings. (This is your test)

Controlling your thoughts & deeds in these times is nearly like a Boot Camp. Yet some of the most pleasant memories can be in the enlightenment of learning in unexpected associations.

If you can ever find true to script followers in a group, then count me in, & send an invitation...

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