

Easter

If you were to ask most people this question, ***Do you celebrate Easter or Passover***, you would probably hear this answer, ***We celebrate Easter; Passover is a Jewish holiday.***

If you were to ask someone of Jewish origin, ***Do you celebrate Easter or the Resurrection of Jesus Christ***, they would answer ***No*** to both questions.

Most people assume that Passover is the Jewish celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is not. It is the celebration of the Exodus of our Father's people out of Egypt.

Most people think that the Passover is the Jewish celebration of Easter. It is not.

Alright, what's going on here? Here are two statements of truth:

Passover is the celebration of the ***angel of the Lord*** passing over every house that had lambs blood on its door post. The ***angel of the Lord*** is a personification of the Spirit of our Father that many times, in the Old Testament, manifested itself in what appeared to be human form. Remember, the spiritual body appears to look just like an earthly body.

Hebrews 13:2 Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. KJV

Easter is the celebration of pagan rituals no matter how you look at it. The celebration of Easter is nowhere to be found in the Scriptures.

Many people don't even know that there is some controversy concerning Easter and Passover because if you are a Christian you celebrate Easter without question.

You go to church on Easter Sunday and the pastor talks about the Resurrection of Christ; everybody is suited up in their ***new Easter clothing***. After the service some go outside to have the little kiddies look for hidden eggs, all painted up and looking pretty. Great fun, isn't it?

It's an abomination, is what it is.

How did all of this come about on the most sacred day of Christianity?

Let me start at the beginning;

In the summer of 1603, King James I was on his way to London to receive the English crown. During this time, he was presented with a petition of grievances by those clergy with Puritan convictions.

The King held a conference ***for hearing and for determining of things pretended to be amiss in the church***. This meeting took place over a three day period, January 14-16, 1604, and is known as the Hampton Court Conference.

It was decided that the Bishop's Bible, currently in use by the Church, would be replaced by a newer translation. Fifty-four learned men, enlisting the help of all competent persons, would do the translation.

By 1610 the translations were complete and in 1611 the Bible was ready to be given to the general public.

In the King James Bible, 1611, A.V. the Greek word, **pascha**, found 86 times throughout the various books of the New Testament, was consistently, and correctly, translated into the English word **Passover** 85 times. The 86th time it was translated as the English word **Easter**.

*Acts 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people. KJV*

Is this just a mistranslation of the King James Bible? I don't think so. I checked with the Interlinear Bible and it says **Easter**. I checked with the Aramaic English Bible Translation and its **Easter** there as well.

I also have a copy of the original 1611 King James, a little difficult to find since it has been out of print for some years now, but it has **Easter instead of Passover** in it. Many of your **newer translations** have **substituted Passover for the word Easter**. Too bad that's not a plus for these bibles.

Some of the first translations of the Jewish Torah began during the first exile in Babylonia, when Aramaic became the **lingua franca** of the Jews.

With most people speaking only Aramaic and not understanding Hebrew, the Targums were created to allow the common person to understand the Torah as it was read in ancient synagogues.

(The **Targum** is an Aramaic translation or paraphrase of a portion of the Old Testament.)

(The **lingua franca** is called a bridge language, or vehicular language, a language systematically (as opposed to occasionally, or casually) used to make communication possible between people not sharing a mother tongue, in particular when it is a third language, distinct from both mother tongues.)

One cannot suppose that the early Jews would use the term **Easter** because it's not associated with Hebrew in the slightest. **Easter is not in the Torah**.

The word **Easter**, Old English **ēastre**; is of Germanic origin and related to German **Ostern** and East. According to Bede the word is derived from **Ēastre, the name of a goddess associated with spring**.

Although some state emphatically that **Easter** is not a mistranslation, I have to agree to the extent that the 85 times that the translators termed **pascha** as Passover, and only once as Easter, is a deliberate act.

And guess who may be behind the reason that hundreds of millions of unknowing Christians celebrate this pagan ritual at our most sacred festival. Let me answer that for you: **Satan. The Prince of the Air**. This is his territory, people, and his most successful work comes from the churches and the pulpit.

There is no question that Easter was a pagan, spring-time custom and over the centuries became a tradition that was totally accepted by Christians and heathens alike because the church fathers told them that it was true.

Christ warned of these abominations and the Apostle Paul spoke about them;

*Galatians 2:4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into **bondage**: KJV*

Bondage under the false teachings of Satan, sanctioned by the church itself. And also;

*Galatians 4:9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in **bondage**? KJV*

Galatians 4:10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. KJV

The Founding Fathers of this great country were just a little bit leery of bringing traditions, such as Easter and Christmas, with them from England therefore Easter was never celebrated in this country until after the Civil War, in the late 1800's.

(Another abomination, other than Easter, came into Christianity during this period. Remember that the rapture theory also originated and became popular during the 1830's; thanks to the Brethren).

A lot of churches today, recognizing that **Easter is based on pagan rituals**, have renamed it **Resurrection Day** but if you continue to practice the same customs, what difference does it make? **A rose by any other name is still a rose.**

Did the churches come up with this name, **Resurrection Day**, all by themselves? Not hardly.

"In 196 C.E. there was a council in Caesarea, the first council without Messianic Jewish Believers in attendance. The Council ruled that "resurrection day" would thereafter be observed on the pagan holiday of "Easter". (Mike Short, Rabbi).

The word **Easter** comes from **Isthar**, a Babylonian goddess, and it was pronounced pretty much like Easter. There were other gods and different spellings of **Isthar**, such as, **Ashera** and **Esatre**, but they all mean the same thing.

Pagan rites by heathen countries that, during Biblical times, surrounded Israel. And, of course, Israel was quick to pick up on a lot of the practices because of the drinking and partying and orgy aspects of these festivals. Think that we, today, are any different than they were? Not on your life. Some of us just hide these parts of us better than others.

We also have laws prohibiting these sorts of activities out in the public eye so much of what goes on is kept behind closed doors. Makes us all look a little more civilized, doesn't it? Too bad that we're not.

Alright, how did all the other practices come to be? The **Easter bunny and egg rolling**. Both of these are **symbols of fertility**; the symbols of the **Norse Goddess Ostara were the hare and the egg**. The **hare** being overtaken in favor of the bunny rabbit.

How about **Easter lilies**? They were associated with the **reproductive organs, a phallic symbol of sorts**.

What about **Easter candles**? Some think that they can be related to **the custom of lighting bonfires during the springtime to celebrate the rebirth of some sun god**.

What about churches offering **sunrise services**? Is that Biblical? This is how Wikipedia defines it;

"Sunrise service is a worship service on Easter practiced by some Protestant churches, replacing the traditional, ancient Easter Vigil preserved by the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and Lutheran churches."

Some churches are so proud of this practice that they have even incorporated it into the name of their church; **Rialto Sunrise Church**. (I won't say where.) "Live streaming sermons! Bring your laptop, iPad or iPhone and watch it live!"

Nothing sacred going on there.

I particularly like this one from south Florida;

*"Resurrection services by New Birth Baptist Church Cathedral of Faith International, 5:30 and 11 a.m. at Bayfront Park, with message by Bishop Victor T. Curry and music by Keith "Wonderboy" Johnson. **Admission free!!**"*

Free admission. That'll bring 'em in. And then they throw in **Wonderboy** to boot and it's all free? Get outta here! Don't you tell me no story!

When did sunrise services begin and where, at least, in modern times?

*"The first Easter Sunrise Service recorded took place in 1732 in the Moravian congregation at Herrnhut in the Upper Lusatian hills of Saxony. After an all-night prayer vigil, the Single **Brethren**, the unmarried men, of the community, went to the town graveyard, **God's Acre, on the Hill** above the town, to sing hymns of praise to the Risen Saviour.*

*The following year, the whole Congregation joined in the service. Thereafter the "**Easter Morning**" or "**Sunrise Service**" spread around the world with the Moravian missionaries. The procession to the graveyard is accompanied by the antiphonal playing of chorales by brass choirs."*

If we go back to the Old Testament we will find that it was happening even in the days of Ezekiel;

*Ezekiel 8:16 And he brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, **between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.** KJV*

*Ezekiel 8:17 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, **they put the branch to their nose.** KJV*

*Ezekiel 8:18 Therefore will I also **deal in fury**: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them. KJV*

Are you ready for our Father to **deal in fury** with you for attending sunrise services as well?

The **branch to the nose** is a Hebraism and it refers to the **Asherah** and it means **to be straight, erect or upright**. It could be a topped-out tree or something carved out of wood or even a wooden pole that the Canaanites would place in the ground, in an upright and erect position, next to the altar of the god Baal. It was the practice of **grove worshipping**. In most cases, **the wood pole was carved to resemble the male penis**.

This abomination of a sculpture was even brought into the Tabernacle and placed next to the altar of God. The women would cover it with a sheet when they weren't worshipping it.

One of the last traditional rites of the pagans was the baking of **Easter cakes** or **hot-cross buns**.

These buns or cakes used to be made especially for Good Friday and they had some pastry on top that was shaped to resemble a cross. Most of them that were offered to the god Zeus were in the shape of a bull and the cross on top was to represent horns.

Some said that they had miraculous powers and were hung from the ceiling in their kitchen, to prevent evil from entering the house. The story was that they would never get moldy but that was probably because they were baked without sugar and yeast. Similar to the unleavened bread that the Israelites made before the Exodus; they didn't have time to wait for the dough to rise.

Little cakes to the **queen**;

Jeremiah 7:18 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. KJV

*Jeremiah 44:19 And when we burned incense to the **queen of heaven**, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men? KJV*

Who is this **queen of heaven**? Sounds pretty religious to me.

From Nelson's Bible dictionary;

"A fertility goddess to whom the Israelites, especially the women, offered sacrifice and worship in the days before the fall of the southern kingdom of Judah.

*In the time of Jeremiah, many people in Jerusalem and other cities of Judah worshiped the **queen of heaven**. Their worship included burning incense and pouring out drink offerings to her. This was obviously a form of idolatry, but it is not clear exactly which pagan god was worshiped.*

*The phrase **queen of heaven** may be a title for the goddess **Ishtar**, perhaps the same goddess as the biblical **Ashtoreth**; or it may refer to the Canaanite goddess Anat. Cakes were also baked in honor of the "queen of heaven". These cakes may have been in the shape of stars, crescent moons, or the female figure. **The worship of this goddess was one of the evils that brought God's judgment upon Judah.**"*

Customs and traditions. Supported by churches of all denominations. Not one being better than the rest.

People who attend a church probably had their beliefs in Easter reinforced there. Oh, there was a lot of sermons on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and it all got very religious at times but when the service was over they still went out on the church grounds and hid Easter eggs for the little ones to find.

What was it that our Father said about our young ones?

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. KJV

Make them believe that the pagan traditions of Easter are the Lord's way and maybe they'll never understand the real truth of it all. And Satan says: "Well done, people!"

And it's probably quite true that some preachers/pastors find it offensive to allow these practices to go on but then again, they couldn't put their pensions at risk by objecting to it. The **elders and aldermen** and the **board of deacons** had control over any power play that a self-righteous preacher might want to get started but to throw the Word of God into the gutter with the bunny rabbits for the few dollars of their pension....was it really worth it?

One of the biggest spiritual mistakes a person can make is to put the life of your soul into the hands of another. And that's exactly what you are doing when you go to church and take what they tell you as gospel.

Is it just a coincidence that our Lord was crucified one day before the Passover?

Just as the Angel of the Lord **passed over** the Hebrew children and the blood of a pure lamb was put on the door posts, our Lord was pure from the beginning and the shedding of His blood allows all of us to have our sins **passed over** onto Him for only will His blood cleanse the sin from our soul.

Quite the reason that He is called the Lamb of God;

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. KJV

John 1:36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! KJV

These are the only two places in Scripture where this phrase is used.

Stop making your children believe in the lies of Easter

The **Christians** celebrate **Easter**, the **Hebrew nation** celebrates **Passover**, both for two different reasons at the same time of the year.

We can't stop the world from celebrating the holiday of Easter but we can stop participating in the pagan activities that go along with it.

STOP HANGING PLASTIC EGGS FROM WAL-MART ON BUSHES IN YOUR FRONT YARD!

Don't make our Father **deal in fury** with you.

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