

### The Holidays-Where did they come from?

It seems each year that the holidays become more numerous and commercialized. Millions of people partake in the revelry of New Year's, the services of Easter, the scary celebrations of Halloween, and the merry-making of Christmas. The holidays have become such a tradition that few know where the traditions originated and most do not even question the celebrations of the days that, if done at another time of year would be seen insane. Just exactly what do eggs have to do with the Resurrection of Christ?

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on the names of the goddesses Ishtar, or, Eastre. Ishtar was known as the queen of heaven. God warned against worshipping the queen of heaven.

**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.*

This is the origin of Hot cross buns and also putting candles on a birthday cake (done in honor of the moon goddess).

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*own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words.*

So God's holy day or holiday is the Sabbath. God does not mention any of the modern holidays as being His holy days. This should lead us to the question, "Whose holy days are they?" The truth is these are the same days and the same traditions that the ancient people kept in honor of the pagan gods. The only reason they are kept today is because the early backsliding Christians mixed Christianity with Paganism in order to be more popular among

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check out our DVD *Holidays Exposed*.

The Bible warns us, **Deuteronomy 12:30,31a** *Take heed to thyself that thou be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God...*

And as we "learn to do well" let's remember the holy day of the true God and the custom that Christ followed while he was here on earth.

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of the True God's son, Jesus Christ. But December 25 falls directly in the middle of the winter and even in Israel it would have been too cold for sheep and shepherds to be out in the fields. This can be seen in the fact that Christ said: *But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter...* (Matthew 24:20).

It appears that some of the Christmas traditions resemble strongly ancient idolatrous traditions that went on in Bible times.

**Jeremiah 10:2-4** *Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at*

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Mother, and Child god. The Father was Nimrod, who after his death, was said to have ascended to the sun to become the sun-god. The Mother, his wife, Semiramis, was represented as the Moon-goddess, or Earth-goddess. And the Son, Tammuz, was also represented by the Sun. To each the people dedicated various days in their honor.

These days called holy days are the origin of the modern word holidays. According to *Webster's Dictionary*, The word Holiday comes from a Middle English word which comes from the Old English word *Haligdaeg* made from two

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done a long time ago, people today celebrate those days unaware of their origin. Despite the sincere beliefs of many people, that these days are in honor of Jesus Christ, it does not change the origin of these days, nor God's opinion of false worship. Notice that in the story found in Exodus 32 when the Israelites worshipped the golden calf, it was proclaimed a feast to the Lord, nevertheless, this did not turn aside God's wrath.

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words halig and daeg, Halig meaning Holy and Daeg meaning Day. So every holiday is a day of worship, to someone, but who is the one that these days are to worship? Is it the True God or is it a pagan god? God's Holy Day is plainly stated in the Bible.

**Exodus 20:8** Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**Isaiah 58:13** If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine

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### Learn to do Well

**Isaiah 1:16,17** ... cease to do evil...

*Learn to do well...*

The Bible tells us to not only quit doing the evil things, but start doing good things. You can replace the pagan holidays and their traditions for your kids with something educational and fun. For a more comprehensive view on both the pagan holidays and for some ideas on replacements visit both our website [biblepicturepathways.com](http://biblepicturepathways.com) and

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### Halloween-Worship of Death

October 31<sup>st</sup> is a day of the works of darkness. No truly intelligent being could say this holiday is a day of lovely things (Philippians 4:8).

But is this day, known as the day of the dead, worship of Jesus Christ? The Bible tells us,

**Luke 20:38** For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.

The true God is not the god of the dead. Worship of the dead is part of Paganism not Christianity. When the Israelites backslid at Baal-peor, it is written;

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**Psalms 106:28** They joined themselves also unto Baalpeor, and ate the sacrifices of the dead.

And in the story of Saul with the Witch of Endor, Saul bowed down to the demon personating the dead Samuel. Thus things to do with the worship of the dead have always been connected to false worship and apostasy.

### Christmas- The Sun- god's Birthday

December 25 is the birthday of Tammuz the son of the sun-god, the original Satan Claus, however many credit to being the birthday

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And what does Santa have to do with Christ? If we do something shouldn't we know where it comes from? So, where did the Holidays and their traditions come from?

### The Origin of Paganism

Not too long after the flood, the world united at the Tower of Babel, in rebellion against God. (Gen. 11) This rebellion was dispersed when the people were scattered over the earth. Thus all the pagan religions came from the paganism at Babel. The pagan Babel or Babylonian worship consisted in a worship of a Father,

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the heathens. Paul gave a warning to the Galatians about this.

**Galatians 4:8-11** Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. 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? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

The Galatians were returning to their heathen ways by celebrating the days of their former idols. Unfortunately, because this was

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**Mark 2:28** Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

**Luke 4:16** And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

Let us in all we do "Fear God and give glory to him..."(Rev.14:7)

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*the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.*

God says not to learn the way of the heathen. Shouldn't we listen to him?

### Easter

Originally, Easter was the day of the Mother Goddess. The word Easter is actually just a variation

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