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To keep Easter appeal to freedom of worship on holidays is often made: "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an **holyday**, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*:" **Colossians 2.16** An holyday is one of the Jewish feasts (not Easter): Passover, Unleavened Bread, Firstfruits, Weeks, Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles.¹⁴ The net for making Easter a special Christian day can be cast a little wider: "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." **Romans 14.5** The context of this scripture is the sensitivity of new Christians (especially from a Jewish background) in keeping the food laws of Moses. To keep or not is likened with Christian freedom to keep or ignore **Jewish** feast days (above).

REAL HOPE



Celebrating 'Easter' has nothing to do with the most important time in history, the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God made flesh. Jesus gave himself up as the Passover lamb, to make a way for your sins to be forgiven. The Bible makes two things clear to every man:

"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed *it* unto them...*even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:" **Romans 1.19a,20c-d**

"For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law." **Romans 2.12**

God exists and you have broken His laws, the sentence for which is hell upon death. By repenting and trusting in Christ's sacrifice alone you can escape this terrible fate and celebrate a new birth, everlasting life beginning today.

"and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out:" **John 6.37b**

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#1 Jesus rose during sunrise: The first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, **when it was yet dark**, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre." **John 20.1, AV**

#2 Jesus was crucified on Friday: For as Jonas was **three days and three nights** in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." **Matthew 12.40**



A Biblical day is 24 hrs, beginning and ending at *dusk* (not midnight)¹. Friday dusk² to Sunday dawn is only ~35½ hrs³. Entombment Wednesday at dusk, with resurrection at Saturday dusk/Sunday morning is 72 hrs. This is the full duration required by Jesus' prophecy. The festival called Easter *is* mentioned in the Bible, in the book of Acts [12.1-3,4d]: "Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth *his* hands to vex certain of the Church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also, (Then were the days of unleavened bread)...intending after **Easter** to bring him forth..."

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The Greek word *Pascha* (Πασχα), is translated exactly as *Easter* (not *Passover*) by Greeks⁷. This is the Greek word used in the Bible. The Jewish Passover observance is a one-day holyday, beginning the evening of the 14th day of the first Jewish month, called Nissan: "In the fourteenth *day* of the first month at even *is* the LORD's passover." After Passover comes the seven days of unleavened bread, beginning the 15th:

"And on the fifteenth day of the same month *is* the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread."⁸ Since Passover had elapsed and Herod was a pagan, Easter cannot be either Passover or the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Herod was waiting till his **pagan** festivities in honour of the ancient and universal Goddess were over.

In Herod's time the Goddess Easter was known as Diana, a many-breasted devil worshipped in Asia and **all the world**⁹. The same Goddess can be traced back in time through Greece (Aphrodite), Persia (Astarte) and Egypt (Isis). The line ends c2300 BC with Cush's legendary wife Semiramis, mother (and wife!) of Nimrod, the wicked King of Babel. She began the Babylonian Mystery Religion (i.e. witchcraft).



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OBSERVING TIMES

God has this commandment against astrology:

"There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an **observer of times**, or an enchanter, or a witch," **Deuteronomy 18.10**

In 325 AD, the First Council of Nicaea established the date of Easter as the Sunday following the **full moon** on or after the March equinox.¹⁰

This equinox¹¹ in the northern hemisphere is the witches sabbat Ostara/Easter, and in the southern hemisphere Mabon (named after the Goddess as the Dark Mother). These are ancient satanic days to which the modern holiday calendar pays homage.

Christ's resurrection however is the same day every year, the 17th of Nissan, and has nothing to do with the phase of the moon or a witches' sabbat.

TRADITIONS OF MEN

Easter traditions are simply pagan rituals co-opted by the Catholic Church from the 4th century to increase membership. Jesus likened this unnatural and destructive growth to a strange woman adding leaven into the pure meal of Christ's church:

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." **Matthew 13.33b**

Hot cross buns: The Hebrews worshipped the queen of heaven (Semiramis) by making her cake offerings: "and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven," **Jeremiah 7.18b-c**

Easter eggs: The Easter Goddess was reborn from a giant multi-coloured moon **egg** As the sun rose it dropped into the river Euphrates and washed ashore. The first person who found it received a special blessing. Today, eating chocolate eggs, egg dyeing, egg painting, egg rolling, egg dancing, egg tapping, and the egg hunt are all traditions honouring the goddess.

Easter basket: Semiramis' egg washed ashore onto **wicker reeds**, from which these baskets are woven today, also effigies of the druidic Wicker Man are made.

Easter bunny: An ancient and fitting fertility symbol for obvious reasons.

Easter clothes: New clothes were for welcoming the goddess. White Easter clothes for newly baptised Catholics are symbolic of their sins being forgiven by water.

Easter ham: Nimrod was reincarnated as Tammuz, God of vegetation. Tammuz was killed prematurely at age 40 by a wild boar while hunting. Hebrew women would weep for him on the steps of God's Temple, to provoke Him to anger.¹² Eating pig was a way to avenge the untimely death of Tammuz.

Lent: Worshippers mourned 40 days, one for each year of Tammuz' life. Like today, during this time eating meat was forbidden.



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