

“Easter” vs “Passover”

Unfortunately, many people, Christians and non Christians don't realize there is a big difference between the time of the Bible based Passover Feast and the time of the pagan non Christian festival called “Easter”. The word “Easter” is never mentioned in the original Bible Languages of Hebrew, Greek or Aramaic.

“Easter” is a pagan feast. It is not a Christian, or a Jewish festival. It is a feast to the goddess called “Ishtar”, the false goddess of fertility, and to the false queen of heaven. That is why hot cross buns, eggs and baby rabbits are used at Easter time..

Unfortunately, hundreds of years ago the Roman Catholic church, which call themselves Christians, wanted more people in their organization so they made changes to their beliefs to include these pagans from other religions.

True Christianity doesn't include anything that is not in the Bible. Some of the pagan beliefs were even spoken against by The God of the Christians and Israelites over 3000 years ago. Examples of these false customs are the Christmas tree and cakes to the queen of heaven. The prophet Jeremiah speaks against them in Jeremiah Chapter ten.

Easter, celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church and other churches is a counterfeit or false feast that is trying to be a Passover celebration connected to true Christianity and Judaism.

The times of Easter and Passover are often close and sometimes they are a month apart. Passover is always in the middle of a moon(lunar) month on a full moon, sometimes in March and sometimes in April. This year 2014, Passover was on Tuesday 15 April at the time of a blood moon and an eclipse, but tradition always has Easter beginning on a Friday which they call “Good

Friday” .They also have an “Easter Sunday” and an “Easter Monday”.

Unfortunately, tradition has overshadowed truth, so we won't continue to discuss this non Christian tradition.

We will now but show what is the truth from Yahweh/God's Word, the Bible.

YHWH(Yahweh) is the Name of the God of the Christian and Jewish people. This God is invisible, knows everything, is everywhere and can do anything. He is Spirit without any beginning or end. He cannot die.

The Jewish people only believe the first five books of the Bible, which Moses their prophet wrote. They call them the Torah.

True Christians believe all of the Bible which has 66 different books written by 40 authors or writers..

Jewish people believe there is a Messiah(a person powered by YHWH's Spirit) coming who will deliver them from their enemies and be the King of the world and rule on their old King David's throne. Christians believe this too.

Jews **do** believe there was a man named Yahshua(Jesus) who lived just over 2000 years ago but they asked the Romans to kill Him because **they thought** that He believed that He was God and **Jews know there is only one God. But Yahshua never said He was God.** He said His Father was greater than Him.

Jews believe that Yahshua, whom they killed, is **still dead.**

True Bible believing Christians believe Yahshua is more than a prophet, but NOT God, nor equal to YHWH God. True Bible believing Christians believe Yahshua Jesus is the only begotten

Son of YHWH God and He is also the Anointed Messiah the Jews are waiting for.

YHWH God is Love and mercy. His Book called the Bible teaches us YHWH's thoughts and plans. It is God's love story.

It is a love story of His Son whom He birthed first in spirit form before anything was made. Later His Son was sent to earth as a baby, born through a young lady Miriam(Mary). She had never married or been close to a man. She was a virgin.

The second part of the love story is about YHWH's love for this creation that He designed which includes you.

Since the first man and woman and satan's evil works, this creation and people have become separated from YHWH. But, YHWH has planned to put things right again through His Son and for His Son.

Even if we don't know the 10 special laws or rules that YHWH God gave to Moses we know them inside our conscience. We know we should not have other gods. We should not steal, nor tell lie. We shouldn't hate or kill anyone. We are wrong if we want to keep something that belongs to someone else. If we have idols or think or do bad things with other peoples bodies they are sins too.

Even for just breaking one of YHWH's laws someone must be punished and be separated from God. They receive everlasting punishment in the Lake of Fire and terror.

Because YHWH God is love, do you think He is happy sending everyone to the Lake of Fire? No, He is not. And if He didn't do anything about our problem of sin and disobedience **everybody would be going to the Lake of Fire when they die.**

This Passover story, which is wrongly called Easter and

celebrated at the wrong time, is a story of YHWH's love for you and me. It is the Story of the love of His Son and Himself for us.

YHWH showed His Son that there was no perfect man on earth who could die and be a blood sacrifice for people's sins and disobedience. His Son Yahshua/Jesus agreed to be the blood sacrifice that would satisfy His Father for the sins of the whole world.

Two scriptures that show this love for us are

John 3:16 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believes on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Romans 5:8 But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ(the Messiah Yahshua/Jesus) died for us.

So, the Passover story really began when Adam and Eve, the first two people on earth, sinned and YHWH had to accept the blood of lamb's or goats. This happened when He provided skins to cover these two people. The killing of the animals and their spilt blood was a type or reminder of what He really had to do in future with His Son.

Another reminder of the Son of YHWH's sacrifice was over 3000 years ago when the people of Israel were about to escape from Egypt from a very bad king called Pharaoh. You can read about that in the second book in the Bible, called Exodus.

YHWH God told His servant/prophet Moses to tell His people Israel that He was going to send the angel of death through all the land of Egypt to kill all the oldest(firstborn) child in each family. That included the Pharoah's oldest child too.

So that the firstborn of the people of Israel in Egypt, didn't die that night when the angel of death passed by, YHWH told Moses what to do. All the people who believed YHWH's message to Moses had to take a perfect lamb out of the flock on the 10th day of the first month. At the time it was the first month. They were to keep the lamb apart for sacrificing on the 14th day of that month in the afternoon before sunset, the day of the full moon..

The sacrifice and the blood of the lamb was reminding people of what YHWH was going to do to His Lamb(His Son) when He came to the earth as Yahshua Jesus to save people from their sins and the very bad king of devils called satan.

The people of Israel had to put the blood of the lamb in a bowl and paint the blood over the doorway and down the door posts with a hissop plant. They were to stay inside that night and have a feast of roast lamb. The angel of death passed by without hurting any of the families who had the blood sign over the door.

Finally the time came when YHWH decided it was time for His Son ,the Lamb of YHWH, to be the saviour of the world.

People trying to be good after they had sinned is not good enough for YHWH. Our hearts and thoughts are not always good. They are wicked and terrible. Sometimes we hate and don't forgive. We don't always love and we tell lies. We cheat and steal and do and think bad things to people we know. We need a new heart that doesn't disobey YHWH.

If we tried to be good to save ourselves we would be proud horrible people and say we got to heaven because we did

something good and we would think we deserved a good place in heaven. No, none of us deserve anything good. We have all been bad at some time or will be bad.

This Passover story of YHWH's Son, the Sacrificial Lamb of YHWH, is the story of the free gift of salvation and forgiveness for our sins, if we will believe in and trust His Son.

After Yahshua's Birth through Miriam(Mary) she had children to Joseph so Yahshua had half brothers and sisters that grew up with Him.

When Yahshua was 30 years old He was baptised in the river Jordan by John, his older cousin and prophet. YHWH's Spirit and power came on Him to do miracles and show people YHWH's love and forgiveness. For three and a half years He did this until the religious leaders decided they had to kill Yahshua.

Yahshua told His follows and friends before he was captured that He would be killed and be buried for three days and three nights. He said that He would come back to life again and then go back to be with YHWH in Heaven.

Because Yahshua was the Passover Lamb and firstborn of YHWH His being chosen from the people as the perfect one had to be according to **the same timings as the Passover.**

On the Saturday or Sabbath of the 10th day of the first Hebrew Lunar (moon) was the day Yahshua was chosen by the crowds and honoured with palm branches and coats as he rode into the gates of Jerusalem on a donkey(ass). This was the same date as the Passover lamb was chosen to be sacrificed.

On Wednesday 14th of the first lunar month(not Good Friday) between 9 in the morning to 3 oclock in the afternoon, Yahshua

the Lamb of YHWH was nailed up on a wooden post by His hands and feet beside two bad men.

This was the same date as the Passover lamb was killed more than a thousand years before.

The night before Yahshua was sold and captured by a friend Judas, He prayed to God that He might find another way to save the believers. However, Yahshua only wanted to do what pleased His Father. For a moment He could imagine how horrible it would be without His Father who had always been with Him and in Him.

Before the Romans killed Yahshua, they tortured Him and began to spill His blood by whipping, punching, pulling His beard and putting a crown of thorns or prickles on His head. The rest of His blood was drained when they hammered nails through His hands and feet onto a wooden post.

Just as He died, He cried out, "My God! My God! Why have you left Me!" There was an earthquake and darkness. A Roman soldier stuck the point of a spear in His side to make sure He was dead.

Soon that after a rich man called Joseph of Aramathia, asked for the body and wound him up in a grave cloth and wound a smaller cloth about His head.

Before sunset Joseph placed Yahshua's body in his new unused tomb and rolled a large stone wheel in front of the cave entrance.

Before three days were up the religious leaders asked for the tomb to be guarded. They had heard that Yahshua had said He would spend three days and three nights in the tomb and then come back to life. They thought his friends would steal the body and hide it and say that Yahshua Messiah rose from the dead.

Well, according to prophecy Yahshua would be out of the tomb before Saturday sunset so He could be a wave offering on the day of the feast of first fruits. This next feast day began on the first day of the week after the Passover.

That also fulfilled a total of 3 days and three nights from Wednesday afternoon to Saturday afternoon.

The true Prophet Jonah was the example of Yahshua's death..

*Matthew 12:40 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.***

It makes Yahshua look like a liar when they say he died on Good Friday afternoon and came back to life on Sunday morning. That is not 3 days and 3 nights!

When Yahshua Messiah did rise from the dead He had flesh and bones but no blood. He had a body that could not be killed again. He is still a man that could eat and drink but could pass through walls and doors when they were closed yet he could still be touched. He asked his friend Thomas to check that it was Him by putting his finger into the nail holes in His hands His feet and His side.

Angels were present when Yahshua's friends arrived at the empty tomb. The Soldiers were so frightened when they saw the Stone rolled away and the empty tomb. They were paid to say Yahshua's friends stole the body.

After Yahshua Messiah rose from the dead, He showed Himself to about 500 people who listened or spoke with Him.

Forty days later he walked with some of His disciples or friends to the top of a small Hill called the mount of Olives where He was taken up to Heaven in a cloud, to sit at YHWH God's right hand side to pray for us. He talks to His Father about us. He is now high priest in Heaven waiting to come back to rule this world as King of Kings.

The Bible says Lord Yahsua Messiah/ Lord Jesus Christ is the way ,the truth and the life. No one can come to YHWH except through Him.