





## **SAY NO TO EASTER!**

## Let's Study to Shew Thyself Approved

- The name "Easter" and some associated traditions, like the <u>Easter bunny</u> and eggs, have roots in pre-Christian pagan celebrations of the spring equinox, particularly the goddess Eostre or Ostara, who was associated with spring, fertility, and rebirth.
- Here's a more detailed look at the pagan origins of Easter:
- <u>Eostre/Ostara</u>: The name "Easter" is linked to the Anglo-Saxon goddess Eostre, a deity of spring and fertility, whose festival coincided with the spring equinox.
- **Spring Equinox Celebration:** The spring equinox, a time of renewal and rebirth in nature, was a significant period for pagan celebrations, and Eostre/Ostara was often honored during this time.
- **Symbols of Fertility:** The symbols associated with Easter, such as eggs and the hare/bunny, are also ancient symbols of fertility, birth, and creation, which align with the themes of spring and the goddess Eostre.
- Hot Cross Buns: Traditional Easter hot cross buns may also have ties to the goddess Eostre.
- Christian Influence: As Christianity spread, it adopted and adapted some pagan traditions, including the timing of the spring equinox celebration, eventually establishing Easter as a Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Yeshua.
  - Daniel 9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the <u>midst</u> of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

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# What is a "Christian"?

Strongs Definition for:

G5546 Χριστιανός/ Christianos /khris-tee-an-os'

From G5547; a Christian, that is, <u>follower of Christ</u>: - Christian.

G5547 Χριστός /Christos /khris-tos'

From G5548; anointed, that is, the Messiah, an epithet of Yeshua: - Christ.

G5548 χρίω /chriō/ khree'-o

Probably akin to G5530 through the idea of contact; to smear or rub with oil, that is, (by implication) to consecrate to an office or religious service: - anoint.

Romans 5:9-10 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. (10) For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

Let's look at some scriptures and see how many, who call themselves
Christians today, are not listening to GOD

**Romans 1:22-23** Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

**Exodus 20:3** Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

**Deuteronomy 6:14-15** Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you; (15) (For the LORD thy God is a jealous God among you) lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

**Romans 1:25** Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

**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.

**Deuteronomy 4:19** And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

**Ezekiel 22:26** Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

How are the dates of Easter determined?
Do you see how "Easter" is determined by the cycle of the moon like the spring equinox?

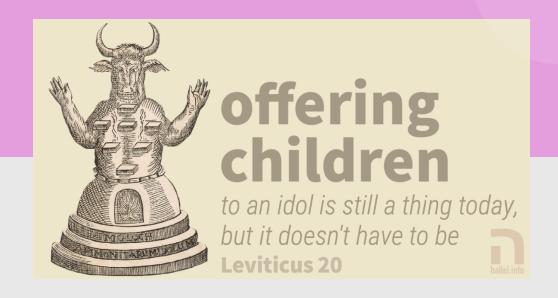
- Easter's date is determined as the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon, which is the first full moon occurring on or after the <u>vernal equinox</u> (March 21st), making it a movable feast that can fall between March 22 and April 25.
- Here's a more detailed explanation:
- **Vernal Equinox:** The vernal equinox, also known as the spring equinox, marks the beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and is, by convention, considered to fall on March 21st.
- Paschal Full Moon: The Paschal Full Moon is the first full moon that occurs on or after the vernal equinox.
- Easter Sunday: Easter Sunday is then defined as the first Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon.
- <u>Council of Nicaea</u>: In 325 AD, the Council of Nicaea, a gathering of Christian bishops, established this method for determining the date of Easter, aiming to unify its observance among different Christian communities.
- Gregorian Calendar: While the calculation is based on astronomical events, the Gregorian calendar (used by the majority of the world) is used to determine the actual date, which can vary from year to year.
- Julian Calendar: Some Eastern Orthodox churches use the Julian calendar, which can result in a different date for Easter compared to those using the Gregorian calendar.

#### Matthew 4:4

But he answered and said, It is written,
Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

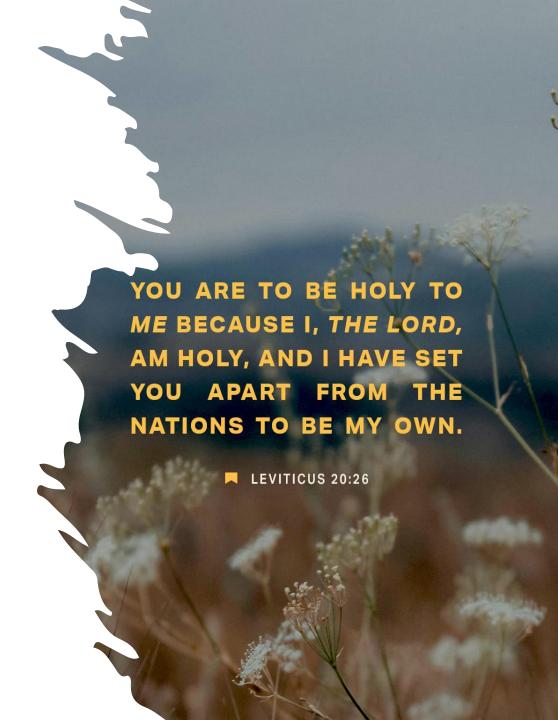
- **Jeremiah 10:2-3** Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. (3) For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe.
- Leviticus 20:23 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.
- **Deuteronomy 12:30-32** 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. (31) Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire to their gods. (32) What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.
- Isaiah 1:13-14 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. (14) Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.
- **Ezekiel 20:31-32** For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day: and shall I be enquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be enquired of by you. (32) And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, that ye say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

- Deuteronomy 18:9-14 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. (10) 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, (11) Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. (12) For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. (13) Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. (14) For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.
- Psalms 106:35-38 But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. (36) And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. (37) Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, (38) And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood.



### Let's keep the Covenants of Promise & Not Partake in Heathen/Pagan Traditions

- **Deuteronomy 11:26-28** Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; (27) A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: (28) And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.
- Deuteronomy 30:15-18 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; (16) In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. (17) But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; (18) I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.
- **1 Samuel 15:23** For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.
- Revelation 22:14-15 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. (15) For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.



## The Way, The Truth & The Life

- John 1:9-14 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. (10) He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. (11) He came unto his own, and his own received him not. (12) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: (13) Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (14) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- John 3:16-21 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth 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 believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (20) For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. (21) But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.
- John 12:49-50 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. (50) And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

