

# *Acceptable Worship?*

## *comparing Christian holidays to the Bible*

Christianity as a whole realizes that they are losing the “churched” as well as the “un-churched” proselytes to seventh day commandment keeping groups, Sacred Name groups, Islam and Judaism.

The exodus is being made in response to the exposure of the pagan roots connected to every Christian holiday. The question is, “which came first, the pagan holiday or the Christian holiday?” In every case the pagan day came first, unless Christianity introduced it.

Examples are as follows:

- October 31 – the most High Holy Day of witchcraft. The Christian version of October 31<sup>st</sup> is labeled All Saints Day, which was moved from November 2 to November 1 and then to October 31 in the evening.

- Feast of Saturnalia – This High Sabbath according to the encyclopedia is in honor of the sun god to start his course back to warm the earth. This day was December 25.

The Christian version of this festival i.e. Christmas was adapted to honor the trinity (another pagan symbol) and welcome without offense the pagans to honor Miriam, Joseph and the child in lieu of Tammuz from Babylon, Bacchus from the Greeks and Isis or Horus from Egypt. Other civilizations honored their deities from the same sun god, except by other names. The point is, they all gave honor to the day, December 25. Satan in his cunningness has set his mowed or appointed day to worship on. He wants you to worship an elohim on an appointed day and the day provided is his day, not Yahweh’s. Thus, he has taken worship away from Yahweh and diverted it to himself! According to the Catholic Church in their book, *The Feasts Of The LORD*, under the header, “The date of Christmas,” it says, “The reason for the choice of this date was not the claim that Jesus was born on

December 25. It was influenced by the fact that the pagan Romans celebrated the feast of the Sun-god on that day. December 25 was called the ‘Birthday of the Unconquered Sun’ in honor of the winter solstice, and the great pagan festivals were held all through the empire. What was more natural than that the Christians celebrate the birth of Him Who was the ‘Light of the World’ and the true ‘Sun of Justice’ on this very day? The Popes seem to have chosen December 25 precisely for the purpose of inspiring the people to turn away from the worship of a material sun to the adoration of Christ the Lord. This thought is indicated in the writings of various contemporary authors (Cf. Weiser, *The Christmas Book*, 31 ff.)”

- New Year’s Day – according to the *The World Book Encyclopedia* many nations observed New Year’s Day honoring one of their gods. These events happened thousands of years before the Christian church was established. In the Catholic book, *The Feasts of the Lord*, under the header, “The Octave Day (New Year’s Day),” it says, “The liturgy of the Church does not celebrate the beginning of the civic year, but keeps January 1 as a holyday in honor of the Nativity, the solemn closing of the Christmas octave. It is interesting to note that the liturgical texts, dating from the sixth century, pay special honor and tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In a certain sense, this was the earliest feast of Our Lady in the Latin Church (the Oriental Churches had a feast of Mary much earlier). Since Christ was circumcised on the eighth day after His birth, January 1 was also celebrated as the feast of the Circumcision from the ninth century on. The present liturgical practice, however, returned to the original title of the day (Octave of the Nativity), but the circumcision of the Lord is still commemorated in the Gospel of the Mass.”

- Easter - is the next major pagan holiday. According to *Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, "Easter was originally a pagan festival honoring Eostre, a Teutonic (Germanic) goddess of light and spring. At the time of the vernal equinox (the day in the spring when the sun crosses the equator and day and night are of equal length), sacrifices were offered in her honor. As early as the eighth century the name was used to designate the annual Christian celebration of the resurrection of Christ." Christianity Christianizes this custom again by tying this festival to the Savior. Concerning the Easter vigil, *The Feasts Of The LORD* states, "The custom of spending the Easter vigil in prayer dates from apostolic times. Tertullian (third century) mentions this 'night of prayer' (*Ad Uxores*, II, 5), and even earlier writings indicate the practice of devoting the night before Easter to common prayer. The recent reform of the liturgy (1955) restored the original structure of the ancient Easter vigil service; only the part of prayer and readings is shorter now, so that the vigil Mass starts at midnight while in ancient Christianity it was held at dawn. . . . In the early days of Christianity all of Easter week was one continuous feast. Most people abstained from their usual work and attended church services every day. For the last thousand years (until 1911) Easter Monday, too, was a holyday of obligation. At present, only the Sunday is a prescribed feast, though Monday remains a legal holiday in most European countries, both Catholic and Protestant."
- Pentecost – nothing is pagan about this feast. It was at that time that Yahweh gave the 10 commandments to Moses (Exodus 19) and it is one of the three pilgrimage feasts to Yahweh, which are to be observed forever (Exodus 23:14-17; Lev. 23:21; Acts 2). The Christian response to this feast traces back to Acts 2 (approx. 30 C.E.) The other festivals can only be traced back to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> century (300-400 C.E.). This festival, however, can be traced back to before Yahweh even made man kind (Gen. 1:14) because Yahweh named it as a mowed or festival (translated season #4150). In Exodus 23:15 the word mowed is #4150 and is translated, "in the time appointed," which applies to all three pilgrimage feasts i.e. Passover, Pentecost (Feast of Weeks) and Feast of Tabernacles.

Sad to say, most of the time, this feast is only mentioned in Christianity as "the day that the New Testament church started on," and it is observed as just another Sunday in Christian circles today.

- Sunday - the Day of the Sun festival is shown by many sources to be Sunday or the first day of the week and is in honor of the sun. Even in the book, *The Feasts Of The LORD*, it is stated under the header, THE OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY, "The day of the Lord, the day of the Resurrection, the day of the Christians is our day. And if the pagans call it Sun-Day, we willingly accept this name. For on this day arose the light, on this day shone forth the sun of justice, Jesus Christ" (St. Jerome)." The Christian response to Sunday is that the Messiah rose on Sunday, therefore, Christian believers should celebrate His resurrection each Sunday in lieu of the Jewish Sabbath. Other lesser-known Christian Feasts are: The Holy Sacrifice; The Feast of Epiphany; Feast of Corpus Christi; and other Feasts of Christ.

#### THE NEW DEFENSE

As stated before in defense of countering the unmasking of the Christian Holy Days as pagan customs, shows such as the Bible Answer Man describe pagan holidays (such as Halloween and xmas) as "redesigned days to honor Christ."

Their argument is, "have you ever heard of Isis, Rhea or Cycele? And do you worship them? Of course not! And do you worship a sun god named Baal on Sunday? Of course not! You worship our Lord on the day He arose don't you?" And of course the caller is in full agreement.

Christianity goes on to tell that it was the Christian fathers who took a pagan holy day and transformed it into a day to honor the Messiah, thus overcoming paganism and promoting the Messiah!

This scenario sounds good, especially if the one explaining it is fluent in speech. This sounds reasonable, logical and seems to support a good cause to worship honoring the Messiah, but what's wrong with this Christian theory?

Remember Uzzah who tried to keep the Arc of the Covenant upright on a cart when Yahweh's word stated em-

phatically to “carry the Arc with poles inserted in the staff holes?” He died for not following Yahweh’s instructions (2 Samuel 6:3-8).

Remember Balaam who went against Yahweh and prophesied for money and turned Israel’s heart to whoredom? In turn he was slaughtered along with other corrupt leaders; Yahweh remembers. Jude 11-12 says, “Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gain-saying of Core. 12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are* without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;”

Remember Jezebel? She was so wicked that she killed over four hundred of Yahweh’s prophets and in turn Yahweh prophesied through EliYahu that she would die for her transgression. Years later Yahweh rose up a man after His own name Yahu (Jehu KJV), which was not of the royal line of kings, and anointed him king (2 Kings 9:1-2, 30-36). Yahu fulfilled EliYahu’s prophecy.

Yahweh’s word tells that He wants worshiped in spirit and in truth (John 17:17; 4:24). His words say not to add “worship” to His words or subtract “worship” from His words (Rev. 22:19). Deuteronomy 12:32 states, “What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.”

Almighty Yahweh tells us not to follow the customs of heathen worship. Jeremiah 10:2-6 says, “Thus saith Yahweh, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at 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. They *are* upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also *is it* in them to do good. Forasmuch as *there is* none like unto thee, O Yahweh; thou *art* great, and thy name *is* great in might.” Christians argue that this passage is not pertaining to tree worship (Dt. 12:1-3; 2 Kings 16:4), but when the xmas tree lights are turned on in the town square, who gets the oooos and aaaahs, Yahweh or the tree? This practice is added wor-

ship, if not tree worship.

Yahweh is very particular in accepting worship (spirit and truth). He simply does not accept foreign worship; no matter how sincere one is.

Concerning the feast days, (no matter how sincere and dedicated man is in his attempt to offer worship to Yahweh in man’s way) Yahweh says in Isaiah 1:14, “Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear *them*. 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.”

This rule also applies to those of His people who worship on His right *mowed* days. If one has a bad attitude or unworthy praise his worship will be in vain. Isaiah 1:13 says, “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.”

In reference to worthless worship, whether intended for worship on days man sets or on His days and man is not in the right spirit, Yahweh says in Proverbs 1:28-29, “Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me. For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of Yahweh:.”

Yahweh wants people like Ezra and Nehemiah who found Yahweh’s law and read the words and obeyed. In every case in the Bible when a person, king, leader, woman or prophet found the Bible message (Torah) what did they do? In every case the *mowed* days of Leviticus 23 were followed.

In the New Testament these same days were being observed. From the mid 30’s C.E. to 70’s C.E. all that was available was the Hebrew Scriptures. For example, the Bereans searched the Scriptures to prove the Messiah and followed the example of Paul (Acts 17:11).

The Apostle Paul kept the feast days of Leviticus 23. In Leviticus 23:2-3 it shows that the Sabbath is a feast (*mowed*); it is the fourth commandment (Ex. 20:8-11); it is a sign that you are one of Yahweh’s chosen ones (Ex. 31:17); it is a day of rest and not a day of “works;” it is holy unto

Yahweh (Ex. 31:18); a holy day (Ex. 35:2); the Messiah kept it (Lk. 4:16; Mk. 1:21); Paul kept it (Acts 15:21; 16:3; 17:2); and the saints (His people) will be keeping the commandments in these last days (Rev. 14:12; 12:17).

The Apostle Paul tells us it is important to keep His *moweds*; not the sacrificial system for salvation. 1 Timothy 4:11-16 states this fact quite clear, "These things command and teach. 12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. 15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. 16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." Feast days are NOT sacrifice days: they are two different observances.

For the life of me I can't understand why our Christian friends don't grab onto the Sabbath, this restful day that Yahweh gave mankind, and rejoice in it!

Sunday on the other hand is not mentioned once as a *mowed* (past, present or future). Yes, the Feast of Weeks falls on the first day of the week after the 7th complete Sabbath (The count to Feast of Weeks began after the Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread.); but there is no command to worship on the day that He arose. The Passover on the other hand is a commanded feast/*mowed* day (Ex. 12:14; Lev. 23:5-6) and is set specifically on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the turn of the moon. This places the Passover on various days of the week and not on a certain day of the week. The Feast of Passover reminds us each year to unleaven i.e. to purge our thoughts of false doctrine that we may have picked up throughout the year. Matthew 16:6,12 shows this fact, "6 Then Yahushua said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. 12 Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."

#### PASSOVER

At this feast brethren look into the Scriptures and see a command to observe Yahushua's death. (He became the perfect sacrifice for you and me.) His words tell us to do

this until He will do so with us in the Kingdom after He comes back to this earth (Mk. 14:25). Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 to keep the feast! Ezekiel 45:21 shows that when the Kingdom is established a Passover feast of 7 days will still be observed.

In Ancient Israel the blood of the lamb protected Israel from the destroyer (Ex. 12), in like manner, keeping Yahweh's Passover in spirit and truth (not the works of killing the lamb) the shed blood of Yahushua protects us spiritually (because we are gathered in His name at the appointed time) from the plague of spiritual death.

I cannot understand why any Christian would let this most Sacred day go by and not grab onto it. It is not "of works," but a free gift from Yahweh.

Easter or Resurrection Sunday on the other hand is merely a feel good day and is never called a *mowed* of Yahweh!

#### PENTECOST OR FEAST OF FIRST FRUITS

The perfect law (Ps. 19:7), which is Yahweh's perfect plan for man was actually instituted before mankind was made on the sixth day of creation.

His *moweds* (festival days #4150) were designed on the fourth day of creation (Gen. 1:14) and are the word of Yahweh, which in itself is a type of first fruits.

The Messiah, Yahushua, also known as the Word of Yahweh, (Jn. 1:1; Rev. 19:13; Heb. 11:3; 1 Jn. 5:7) and Yahweh delivered the commandments on Pentecost known as the Feast of Weeks or first fruits. On that day (Ex. 19), which is the second *chag* feast of Yahweh (Ex. 23:14-16).

This feast has a multitude of representations pointing to Yahushua as our Savior. Yahushua is the first fruit of Yahweh His only son. He is the first fruit for eternal life. We as followers of Yahweh will in like manner become first fruits of the resurrection. This feast also represents the resurrection and was a major doctrine that Yahushua and the prophets taught (Mt. 22:23-30; Jn. 11:23-25; Dan. 7:9; Ez. 37:12).

In order to become a first fruit, we must begin by observing His feast days in order to perfect ourselves spiritually.

Yahweh down through history only accepted perfect first

fruits. Whether from the herd or from the produce, it had to be perfect. The priest himself was to be without blemish (spiritually and physically). No substitutions were allowed to honor Yahweh. Yes, Yahweh provided and accepted an offering from the poor as in the case of the Messiah of mankind (Lk. 2:24; Lev. 12:6-8).

I cannot understand why Christianity does not exalt this first-fruit *mowed*/feast day, which incidentally always falls upon the first day of the week exactly seven complete Sabbaths (weeks) after the Passover (Lev. 23:15-16). Pentecost will also be kept in the millennium (Ez. 44:23-25, 30; 45:17; 46:9; Isa. 66:23)

This feast is far more meaningful than a simple message that the New Testament Assembly started on the day of Pentecost. That of course is important also because this shows first fruits.

Christianity observes this feast day and makes no claim about it being a day of “works,” which of course is true. This is also true of all other *mowed*/feast days of Yahweh. What is not true is that every Sunday is ordained to be a day of worship. Only Yahweh’s weekly Sabbath has Yahweh ordained to be a *mowed*/feast day (Gen. 2:3; Lev. 23:2-3; Lk. 4:16; Rev. 12:17; 14:12; 22:7). In the times of the apostles i.e. until about 300 A.D. there was no “New Testament,” all the apostles used the Torah and rightly divided the Word between keeping the works of the law (animal sacrifices) and Yahweh’s *mowed*/feast days. Scripture bears out that Yahweh’s Holy Days were kept. (See Timothy 4:11-16 – quoted above.) What many Christians don’t realize is that the New Testament doesn’t change any days. They are the same in the New Testament as in the Old Testament.

### FEAST OF TRUMPETS

We read about the Feast of Trumpets in Leviticus 23:24. However, because the Jews do not accept the Messiah, they declare this day as the Jewish New Year or Rosh Hashana.

The phrase, “blowing of trumpets” (#8643 *teruwah*) means a shout of acclamation of joy or battle cry, also a blow of a trumpet warned Israel of a battle.

This feast (not mentioned by name in the New Testament)

is shown many times through demonstration and point to Yahushua.

This feast pictures the return of Yahushua through such passages as 1 Cor. 15:51-52, which states, “51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

Yahushua shows that His coming will be a surprise to unbelievers (Jn. 5:25-28). Matthew 24:31 says, “And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

There is nothing “secret” about the return of the Messiah. Zechariah 9:14 shows that His return is swift and loud. Revelation 16:17 says, “And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **It is done.**”

Throughout the book of Revelation when Yahweh dispatches an angel to do His will, it is no secret. Zephaniah 1:14-16 describes that Day of Trumpets as follows, “14 The great day of Yahweh *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even the voice of the day of Yahweh*: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. 15 That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.”

Why doesn’t Christianity honor this High Holy Day? I don’t know: it is not a day of works. Observing this day only glorifies and reminds us to preach Yahweh’s Kingdom (Mt. 4:17; 2 Tim. 4:1; Lev. 4:43; 9:3), which is a command to do wherever we go (Mk. 16:15).

Each feast is a day of commanded “rest” not of works. The idea that honoring Yahweh’s Holy Days on the date He picks is “works of the law” is untrue. Those who know nothing about Yahweh’s Holy Days teach this; and in ignorance they teach the traditions of men. This is in opposition to Yahweh and a counterfeit. In Matthew 23 Yahushua calls those who teach traditions of men, “blind guides and hypocrites!” Why is it that keeping nonbiblical, pagan - counterfeit days is considered pleasing to our Heavenly Father by

Christians; but keeping the Biblical Holy Days is considered “works of the law;” except for the Day of Pentecost? The answer is that the elect have been deceived, except for very few. Matthew 24:24 states “For there shall arise false Messiahs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

### DAY OF ATONEMENT

The Day of Atonement (Lev. 23:27) in Judaism is called Yom Kippur, which means to cover i.e. a day of covering.

In ancient Israel on this day the High Priest would enter into the tabernacle or the Holy of Holies and ask Yahweh to cover Israel’s sins. To the Jew this means the same today as it did then. This day is a day of fasting and prayer. This day points to the Messiah to be that perfect sacrifice to Yahweh and Him being accepted means that our sins are forgiven and not just covered by the blood of animals. Hebrews 10:10-12 says, “10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahushua the Messiah once for all. 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of Yahweh.”

1 John 1:7 says, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Yahushua the Messiah his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

In Acts 27:9 this day is mentioned as still being observed, but not as a sacrifice day. Yahushua said after His departure His people would still keep fasting. Luke 5:35 says, “But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.” (See also Mark 2:20.)

This day i.e. the tenth day of the seventh month reminds believers that the Messiah took upon himself our sins and set us free from them; not just covering them like the blood of the animal sacrifice did. Yahushua in this manner magnified the law as foretold in Isaiah 42:21 which states, “Yahweh is well pleased for his righteousness’ sake; he will magnify the law, and make *it* honorable.”

This is what Yahushua meant when He said in Matthew

5:17 that He was to fulfill the law. Sadly there is not one Christian holiday that teaches this truth.

Why doesn’t Christianity embrace this day? I don’t know. It is a commanded rest day and has nothing to do with “works.” There are no “works” in complete rest.

Hosea 4:6 states, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of Yahweh, I will also forget thy children.”

Daniel 12:4 tells us in these last days knowledge would be increased. Let’s not reject the knowledge of salvation that we reinforce through keeping Yahweh’s Holy Days, which points us to His Messiah. Let’s not keep worthless pagan days and offer vain worship, which is not pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

Isaiah 59:2 adds, “But your iniquities have separated between you and your Elohim, and your sins have hid *his* face from you, that he will not hear.” Iniquity #5771, is rampant in the world today, spiritually and in physical acts of mankind.

### FEAST OF TABERNACLES

The Biblical seventh month is more than likely the time of the Savior’s birth (late September or early October). Seven, as most of us know, is “spiritual perfection” to Yahweh. In John 1:14 it says He “...dwelt among us...”

The Feast of Tabernacles represents dwelling in a temporary dwelling, and the word “dwelt” #2064 means just that.

The Feast of Tabernacles symbolizes and reminds mankind that He (man) is only temporary and is on this earth as the grass is (Isa. 40:6-8). This is the pilgrimage feast that Israel gathered its harvest before so that they could tithe to Yahweh and pay tribute to Caesar. No wonder there was no room at the inn for Miriam and Joseph.

This feast also points to the fact that Yahushua will tabernacle with His people during His one thousand year reign on this earth (Rev. 20). This feast is a great time of rejoicing as it points believers to the time when mankind can truly rejoice as our Messiah takes on all the world’s problems as

we enter into His Kingdom.

Keeping our eyes on Yahweh's Sabbaths would include observing His Sabbatical years also. Isaiah 61 quoted by Yahushua in Luke 4:16-17 shows that, in fact, Yahushua is Elohim because at His coming He is able to forgive our sins, release us from our debts, and have a clear title to earth's lands (Lev. 25-27). This feast like all other feasts of Yahweh keeps our eyes upon the Savior who gives us salvation even as He promised Abraham. Paul tells us in Galatians 3:29, "And if ye *be* Messiah's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

In Genesis 17 the promise of the inheritance of this earth was given to Abraham and his heirs **if** he and his heirs kept Yahweh's festivals (these festivals will still be kept in the Kingdom – Zech. 14:16; Isa. 66:23; Ez. 45: etc.). NOT the works i.e. sacrifices of the law, they were the schoolmaster to bring rebellious Israel to the Messiah. The festivals remind us continually of our Messiah. Can we show that in xmas, New Years; Halloween? Of course not!

How can anyone not want to celebrate these magnificent feasts? In Deuteronomy 16:13-17 the command is to REJOICE not do works. We as heirs of Abraham should not only want to celebrate these feasts, but also we are obligated to do so. Not one of them is of works. Each one is a **commanded** rest day. Is there work in resting?

### LAST GREAT DAY

This last day festival is the greatest of all. It is the day that death and Hades are cast into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-14) and Yahweh's holy city comes down to the perfected earth. The length, the breadth and the height Of Yahweh's holy city are all equal (approximately one thousand five hundred miles each)(Rev. 21).

On that last day of the feast (Jn. 7:2, 37-38) Yahushua describes out of Him shall living waters come forth. Isaiah 55:1 describes it in this manner, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

Revelation 22:1-2 describes it in like manner, "And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of Yahweh and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, *and* yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations."

This tree of life is the same type that was placed in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve chose not to obey Yahweh, and followed Satan's suggestions. We too have to choose whether to follow Yahweh's commandments or to follow Satan who appears as an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:13-15) and Satan's minister's who appear as ministers of righteousness.

No Christian holy day brings our minds to this great event. Why not keep this marvelous feast, a day of rest and no work and allow our thoughts to dwell on the coming of Yahweh's holy city.

### CONCLUSION

Yahweh in His wisdom gave us an example of how to and how not to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

He gives us this truth through demonstrations in Scripture. Remember how Balaam, son of Beor turned Israel to unrighteousness. The prophets of Yahweh called unrighteousness what it was. They didn't beat around the bush. Moses, Micah, thousands of years later Peter (2 Peter 2:15), Jude (11), and John (Rev. 2:14) all point out that the unrighteousness of Balaam setting up counterfeit days in opposition to Yahweh's appointed Holy Days.

A parallel demonstration of naming a day as a feast day to Yahweh, which Christianity claims to have the authority to do, is found in Exodus 32. You know the story well. . . . .Moses was up in the mount for a long period of time and the people feared that something must have happened to him. Aaron collected golden jewelry from the Israelites and made a calf to represent Yahweh.

This is in line with what Christianity is doing with pagan days. They are saying these days represent the father and son, which they don't. . . .or do they?

Exodus 32:5 says, "And when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow *is* a feast to Yahweh." This feast to Yahweh was similar to xmas parties and New Year parties today. Some

worship in sincerity and some in revelry, but just because our leaders dedicate a feast to our Heavenly Father does He accept the worship? Exodus 32:7-8 answers the question which states, "And Yahweh said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves*: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These *be* thy el, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

True to His words, Yahweh abhorred this feast although it was dedicated to Him. Remember Deuteronomy 16:16 tells that on Yahweh's holy days and pilgrimage feasts we are to appear before Yahweh. It is He who set the *mowed* (feast date) and it is He who comes down to see who keeps His appointments and it is He who accepts or rejects worship. Did Yahweh come down to the feast that Aaron dedicated to Yahweh? Certainly not! He told Moses to, "...Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, **have corrupted themselves**: They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: ...(Ex. 32:7-8).

He did not come down to accept worship dedicated to Him even though it was proclaimed a feast to Him.

Yahweh says through Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy Elohim, I will also forget thy children."

Yahweh simply will not accept substitute or counterfeit days to replace His appointments, no matter how sincere man is. In Amos 5:21-23 He warns us with these words, "I hate, I despise **your** feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. Though ye offer me burnt offerings and your meat offerings, **I will not accept them**: neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat beasts. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols."

The Bible tells us that there is nothing new under the sun (Ecc. 1:9). King Jeroboam made another golden calf to worship Yahweh with (actually two calves), which was bad council of false prophets interpretation of Exodus 32 (1Kings

12:28) then He moved the Feast of Tabernacles from the 7<sup>th</sup> month to the eighth month (1 Kings 12:32).

In the Book of Maccabees the Greeks persuaded the Hellenistic Jews to move the Feast of Tabernacles to the 10<sup>th</sup> month. After Babylon the Pharisees moved the Passover from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>. This fact can be clearly seen in the New Testament. Our Savior kept Yahweh's rightful Passover on Abib 14 (Dt. 16:1; Mt. 26:2,17; Mk. 14:12,16; Lk. 22:7,13). Yet, while Yahushua was dying that Passover Day the Jews (Pharisees) were just preparing their passover for the 15<sup>th</sup> (Jn. 18:28; 19:14, 31).

The seventh day Sabbath, a *mowed* (appointed day) of Yahweh has been moved or replaced with the first day of the week, Sunday, and nearly all of Yahweh's Holy Days have been replaced or Christianized.

Yahweh says in Malachi 3:6, "For I *am* Yahweh, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." The Messiah is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:6).

He is our example and kept Yahweh's appointments (1 Peter 2:21-22); including the Sabbath (Lk. 4:31); the Passover (Jn. 2:13; Lk. 2:41); the Feast of Tabernacles (Jn. 7); and, as a matter of fact, He taught and kept all the commandments in reverence of His Father (Jn. 12:49-50).

It is up to each of us, we can keep Yahweh's commandments, which lead to eternal life (2 Tim. 3:15, "And that from a child thou hast known **the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Yahushua.**") or we can keep the commandments of men, which the prophets and Yahushua condemned. Yahushua said in Matthew 15:8-9, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with *their* lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching *for* doctrines the commandments of men."

Today we must make a choice just as our forefathers had to make a choice. Let's choose Yahweh's ways and keep His Holy Days, which leads to eternal life! HalleluYah!

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