



# Easter?

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# What is Easter not?

## Ezekiel 8:14-16 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> Then he brought me to the entrance of the north gate of the house of the LORD, and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. <sup>15</sup> Then he said to me, “Have you seen this, O son of man? You will see still greater abominations than these.”

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# What is Easter not?

## Ezekiel 8:14-16 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> And he brought me into the inner court of the house of the LORD. And behold, at the entrance of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men, with their backs to the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east, worshiping the sun toward the east.

## Genesis 10:8-10 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> Cush fathered Nimrod; he was the first on earth to be a mighty man.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>9</sup> He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, “Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD.” <sup>10</sup> The beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

## Colossians 2:8 (ESV)

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

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## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (1)

Easter is a day that is honored by nearly all of contemporary Christianity and is used to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The holiday often involves a church service at sunrise, a feast which includes an "Easter Ham", decorated eggs and stories about rabbits.

Those who love truth learn to ask questions, and many questions must be asked regarding the holiday of Easter.

Is it truly the day when Jesus arose from the dead? Where did all of the strange customs come from, which have nothing to do with the resurrection of our Saviour?

The purpose of this tract is to help answer those questions, and to help those who seek truth to draw their own conclusions.

## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (2)

The first thing we must understand is that professing Christians were not the only ones who celebrated a festival called "Easter."

"Ishtar", which is pronounced "Easter" was a day that commemorated the resurrection of one of their gods that they called "Tammuz", who was believed to be the only begotten son of the moon-goddess and the sun-god.

In those ancient times, there was a man named Nimrod, who was the grandson of one of Noah's son named Ham.

Ham had a son named Cush who married a woman named Semiramis. Cush and Semiramis then had a son named him "Nimrod."

## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (3)

After the death of his father, Nimrod married his own mother and became a powerful King.

The Bible tells of of this man, Nimrod, in Genesis 10:8-10 as follows:

"And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar."

Nimrod became a god-man to the people and Semiramis, his wife and mother, became the powerful Queen of ancient Babylon.

Nimrod was eventually killed by an enemy, and his body was cut in pieces and sent to various parts of his kingdom.



## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (4)

Semiramis had all of the parts gathered, except for one part that could not be found.

That missing part was his reproductive organ. Semiramis claimed that Nimrod could not come back to life without it and told the people of Babylon that Nimrod had ascended to the sun and was now to be called "Baal", the sun god.

Queen Semiramis also proclaimed that Baal would be present on earth in the form of a flame, whether candle or lamp, when used in worship.

Semiramis was creating a mystery religion, and with the help of Satan, she set herself up as a goddess.

Semiramis claimed that she was immaculately conceived.

## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (5)

She taught that the moon was a goddess that went through a 28 day cycle and ovulated when full.

She further claimed that she came down from the moon in a giant moon egg that fell into the Euphrates River.

This was to have happened at the time of the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Semiramis became known as "Ishtar" which is pronounced "Easter", and her moon egg became known as "Ishtar's" egg."

Ishtar soon became pregnant and claimed that it was the rays of the sun-god Baal that caused her to conceive.

The son that she brought forth was named Tammuz.

## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (6)

Tammuz was noted to be especially fond of rabbits, and they became sacred in the ancient religion, because Tammuz was believed to be the son of the sun-god, Baal. Tammuz, like his supposed father, became a hunter.

The day came when Tammuz was killed by a wild pig.

Queen Ishtar told the people that Tammuz was now ascended to his father, Baal, and that the two of them would be with the worshippers in the sacred candle or lamp flame as Father, Son and Spirit.

Ishtar, who was now worshipped as the "Mother of God and Queen of Heaven", continued to build her mystery religion.

## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (7)

The queen told the worshippers that when Tammuz was killed by the wild pig, some of his blood fell on the stump of an evergreen tree, and the stump grew into a full new tree overnight. This made the evergreen tree sacred by the blood of Tammuz.

She also proclaimed a forty day period of time of sorrow each year prior to the anniversary of the death of Tammuz.

During this time, no meat was to be eaten.

Worshippers were to meditate upon the sacred mysteries of Baal and Tammuz, and to make the sign of the "T" in front of their hearts as they worshipped.

They also ate sacred cakes with the marking of a "T" or cross on the top.

## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (8)

Every year, on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox, a celebration was made.

It was Ishtar's Sunday and was celebrated with rabbits and eggs.

Ishtar also proclaimed that because Tammuz was killed by a pig, that a pig must be eaten on that Sunday.

By now, the readers of this tract should have made the connection that paganism has infiltrated the contemporary "Christian" churches, and further study indicates that this paganism came in by way of the Roman Catholic System.

The truth is that Easter has nothing whatsoever to do with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (9)

We also know that Easter can be as much as three weeks away from the Passover, because the pagan holiday is always set as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.

Some have wondered why the word "Easter" is in the the King James Bible.

It is because Acts, chapter 12, tells us that it was the evil King Herod, who was planning to celebrate Easter, and not the Christians.

The true Passover and pagan Easter sometimes coincide, but in some years, they are a great distance apart.

So much more could be said, and we have much more information for you, if you are a seeker of the truth.

## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (10)

We know that the Bible tells us in John 4:24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

The truth is that the forty days of Lent, eggs, rabbits, hot cross buns and the Easter ham have everything to do with the ancient pagan religion of Mystery Babylon. These are all antichrist activities!

Satan is a master deceiver, and has filled the lives of well-meaning, professing Christians with idolatry.

These things bring the wrath of God upon children of disobedience, who try to make pagan customs of Baal worship Christian.

You must answer for your activities and for what you teach your children.

## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (11)

These customs of Easter honor Baal, who is also Satan, and is still worshipped as the "Rising Sun" and his house is the "House of the Rising Sun."

How many churches have "sunrise services" on Ishtar's day and face the rising sun in the East?

How many will use colored eggs and rabbit stories, as they did in ancient Babylon.

These things are no joke, any more than Judgement day is a joke.



## The Pagan Origin Of Easter (12)

I pray to God that this tract will cause you to search for more truth.

We will be glad to help you by providing more information and by praying for you.

These are the last days, and it is time to repent, come out and be separate.

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# SEMIRAMIS

THE MOTHER AND WIFE OF NIMROD/BAAL. SHE WAS CALLED "ISHTAR"  
(PRONOUNCED EASTER/EASTRE IN ENGLISH. ASTARTE. ASHTAROTH  
AND ISIS ( EGYPT), NOW MARY (CATHOLIC CHURCH)



# What is Passover?

## Exodus 12:1-3 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup> “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.

## Exodus 12: 6-8 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. <sup>7</sup> “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup> They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

## Exodus 12: 11-13 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover. <sup>12</sup> For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

## Exodus 12: 11-13 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

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## Tenth plague : Exodus 12: 29-32 (ESV)

<sup>29</sup> At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of the livestock. <sup>30</sup> And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where someone was not dead.

## Tenth plague : Exodus 12: 29-32 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> Then he summoned Moses and Aaron by night and said, “Up, go out from among my people, both you and the people of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as you have said.<sup>32</sup> Take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone, and bless me also!”



## Tenth plague : Exodus 12: 35-37 (ESV)

<sup>35</sup> The people of Israel had also done as Moses told them, for they had asked the Egyptians for silver and gold jewelry and for clothing. <sup>36</sup> And the Lord had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

<sup>37</sup> And the people of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children.

# Summary

## Israel Freed From Bondage

14 Nisan  
The Lord's Passover

15 Nisan  
1st Day of Festival of Unleavened Bread  
A Sabbath day

NIGHT

Unleaven Bread first  
eaten

DAY

Passover lamb slain  
about 3pm, blood  
put on the door  
posts and lintel

NIGHT

Passover lamb  
eaten Death Angel  
slays the firstborn of  
Egypt at midnight

DAY

Israel set free in the  
morning

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## Joshua 5:10-12 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. <sup>11</sup> And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. <sup>12</sup> And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

# Summary

**14 Nisan**

**Passover**

**15 Nisan**

**Old Corn and  
Unleavened  
Bread Eaten**

**16 Nisan**

**Manna Ceased  
First Fruits of  
Canaan Eaten**

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# Calendar of Jews

- A day starts at the evening, three stars visible
- Daylight divided by 12
- New moon and crescent moon

## Genesis 1:5 (ESV)

<sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

# Passover

Luke 22:7-9 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” <sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?”

# Passover

## Luke 22:14-15 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

## Passover

### Luke 22:34 (ESV)

<sup>34</sup> Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”



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# Crucifixion

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14 Nisan Friday - Preparation Day Lord's Passover		15 Nisan Saturday - 7th day Sabbath 1st Day of Festival of Unleavened Bread		16 Nisan Sunday The Omer - Day of Firstfruits	
NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY
1st day unleavened bread is eaten	Passover Lamb slain in the evening (afternoon)	A <i>High</i> double Sabbath day		The Third Day! (Luke 24:21)	
Lord's Supper Christ arrested in Gethsemane and put on trial	Crucifixion and burial before sundown Women prepare spices.	Rested in the tomb	Rested in the tomb Roman guard set by end of the day	Resurrection before sunrise Tomb discovered to be empty just before sunrise	

## Summary:

- Jesus died the very hour the Passover lamb had to be slain in the Temple. He died at 15:00 in the afternoon and was buried before sunset (Sabbath).
- Resurrection is between sunset (Saturday) and sunrise (Sunday).
- 44 Prophecies came to being.

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# Jesus tomb



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