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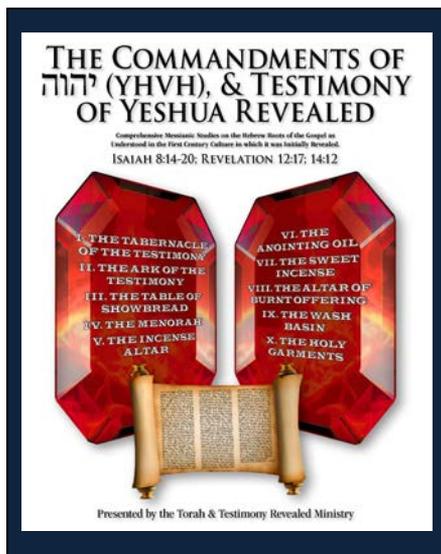
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In this Booklet I will discuss the Traditions of Man versus Faith in God.

Yeshua stated to the Pharisees in **Matthew 15:9** that in place of God's commandments, they were teaching as commandments, the traditions of men.

Some time ago I recall hearing a Pastor say regarding the Holy Days listed in **Leviticus 23** that they are just "Man's Religion". This same Pastor maintains that what we celebrate today with Easter and Christmas is the true expression of the Religion/Faith of God.

Is this correct? Come, let us explore the Scriptures and historical evidence together.

Which is Man's Religion and Which is Our Heavenly Father's?

Questions	7 th Day Sabbath, and Passover through Tabernacles	Sunday, and Lent/Easter through Christmas
Who Ordained them?	Yehovah. As it is written, "These are My feasts saith Yehovah". Leviticus 23:1,4,44.	<i>Scriptures do not say.</i> But History Records Easter as originally the pagan feast of Ishtar later Christianized by the Catholic Church as "Easter"; and pagan feast of Mithras/Tammuz later Christianized by them as "Christ-mass", and the Venerable Day of the Sun god as "The Lord's Day".
When were they Ordained?	Passover through Tabernacles were ordained ~3,500 Years ago at the time of the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt, and possibly sooner (Mt. Sinai may have been a re-introduction of that which had been forbidden them through slavery); and the 7 th Day Sabbath clearly about 6,000 yrs. ago.	<i>Scriptures do not say.</i> But history records the pagan festivals to have been Christianized sometime after 320 AD (~ 1,700 yrs. Ago). The Catholic Council of Nicea and Council of Laodicea et al... being key to many of these changes.
Who Named them?	Yehovah named them, for example, Leviticus 23:3,5,6,27,34.	<i>Scriptures do not say.</i> But history records Catholics renamed Ishtar as "Easter" and Mithras as Christ-mass sometime after 320 AD.
What was it to be Named?	Yehovah when ordaining them named them respectively, Passover, Feast of Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, Pentecost, Day of Trumpets/ Blowing, Day of Atonement, Tabernacles, and The 8 th Day; Leviticus 23.	<i>Scriptures do not say.</i> But pagans called Easter by various names, e.g. Ishtar, Astarte, Isis, Queen of Heaven, Asherah, Venus, etc... and Christ-mass by Osiris, Mithras, Tammuz, Mars, Baal, etc...
What Dates are they to be Observed? And for How Many Days?	<u>Sabbath</u> : 7 th day of the week; Lev. 23:3 <u>Passover</u> : 14 th day of 1 st Moon; Lev. 23:5 <u>Unleavened Bread</u> : 15 th day thru 21 st day of 1 st Moon; Lev. 23:6. <u>First Fruits</u> : The 1 st day following the 1 st Sabbath following Passover; Lev. 23:11 <u>Pentecost</u> : The 50 th day from First Fruits; Lev. 23:15,16. <u>Day of Trumpets</u> : The 1 st day of the 7 th Moon; Lev. 23:24 <u>Day of Atonement</u> : The 10 th day of the 7 th moon; Lev. 23:27 <u>Tabernacles</u> : The 15 th day through the 20 th day of the 7 th moon; Lev. 23:34 <u>The 8th day</u> : The 8 th day following the 7 th day of Tabernacles; Lev. 23:39	<i>Scriptures do not say.</i> But history records the Catholic church appointed the dates for Christian observance of these pagan festivals sometime after 320 AD. Likewise Christ-mass was originally a 12 day holiday, then an 8 day celebration, which included New Year's day as part of its religious observance. Today it is observed by most as a 1 day holiday and separate from New Year's.

<p>Symbols Associated with Them.</p>	<p>Lamb (symbolizes Yeshua as our Passover Lamb). Unleavened Bread (symbolizes Yeshua’s Body Broken for Us). Wine (symbolizes Yeshua’s Blood Shed for Us). Bitter Herbs (symbolizes the Bitterness of the Bondage of Sin now Past). Day of Trumpets through Tabernacles (symbolizes Yeshua as Conquering King Messiah). For example, concerning the Day of Trumpets (the Last Trump blown on this day symbolizes the Day of our Resurrection and Coronation Day of the King of Kings). The Day of Atonement (the Day of Mercy for Israel/Day of Judgment on the Nations). The Feast of Tabernacles (God’s Presence Among Men on Earth Re-established During the 1000 Year Reign). The 8th day (the New Heavens and New Earth and Great White Throne Judgment). Chanukah and Purim (symbolizes Yeshua as our Deliverer from the Anti-Christ). The Menorah (Yeshua as Light of the World), etc...</p>	<p>Scriptures do not say. But history records, Rabbits, Eggs, Lilies, a Tree, Presents, Santa Claus, Reindeer, etc... Or among Catholic/Reform Catholic Christians, bread, usually unleavened, but not always, to represent the body of Jesus broken for them. Wine but sometimes grape juice, or if Mormon, water, to represent the blood of Jesus shed for them, etc...</p>
<p>For How Many Generations are they to be Observed?</p>	<p>For all generations as a perpetual statute; Exodus 12:14,17; Leviticus 23:14,21,41, etc...</p>	<p>Scriptures do not say. But it is assumed that the Pope and various Councils intended them to be kept perpetually from the time they ordained them.</p>
<p>Who Observed them in the Past?</p>	<p>Israelites, and people of the nations grafted into Israel.</p>	<p>Pagans, Gentiles, and apostate Israelites.</p>
<p>Who Observes them Today?</p>	<p>Israelites/Jews, Messianics, some Christians - all of who profess belief in the Scriptures, in the God of the Bible, and many of which also profess belief in Yeshua or know Him as “Jesus”.</p>	<p>Christians, Apostate Jews, Gentiles, Atheist, Witches, Homosexuals, whoever. Many who observe these profess to believe in “Jesus”, others are devout atheists, evolutionists, and sacrificers of unborn children.</p>
<p>Prophetic Picture Value</p>	<p>Present prophetic pictures of Yeshua’s first and second comings. For example, Passover to Yeshua’s first coming as Passover Lamb. Day of Trumpets (day of the “Last Trump) as day of Resurrection. Acts 8:26-35; I Corinthians 15:51-54.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Who is to Observe them in the Future?</p>	<p>Israelites/Jews and Gentiles alike (All nations – All flesh); Isaiah 66/Zechariah 14 Matthew 7:21-23.</p>	<p>Nobody. There are no Scriptures prophesying about the observance of any of these days by anybody.</p>

In comparing the columns in the chart it can be seen that our Father in Heaven expressly ordained all of the biblical feasts, and even calls them His feasts; **Leviticus 23:2,4,44**. It can also be seen that the Christian celebrations were not ordained by Him, but were pagan celebrations “Christianized by the Catholic Church” as ordained by the Pope and his councils at various times from ~320 AD/CE onward.

It can also be seen from this comparison that Appointed Times of our Father in Heaven have no pagan roots or pagan symbolism associated with them. That they are pure, and all pointing in some prophetic way to His Son, Yeshua, concerning what He has done for us in the past (the Spring Feasts), and what He is going to do for us in the future (the Fall Feasts). And also, that to this very day, pagans have not incorporated any of His Appointed Times or symbols into any of their own pagan ceremonies.

His Appointed Times are likewise all celebrated only by people who believe in the Bible whether in part or in whole. Whereas the Catholic days of Easter and Christmas are celebrated by professing bible believers and pagans alike, the holidays of which likewise have counterparts in all other religions in the world. For example, concerning the tree, I have heard taught that every ancient pagan religion in the world has an annual celebration involving the use of a tree.

This is particularly interesting in that it was a tree in the Garden of Eden that the Serpent used to deceive us into sinning; and a tree that was used to crucify Yeshua our Savior. Yet a tree is never used to symbolize anything concerning the Holy Days appointed directly, and very specifically, by our Father in Heaven; but only used as a symbol in pagan holiday traditions, and by Christians who have come to embrace those Christianized pagan symbols of the catholic church.

Our Father in Heaven tells us what He named each Appointed Time, tells us on what specific days to observe them, and how many days to observe them. He also tells us that they will be kept by all nations in the future. But He says no such thing concerning Christmas and Easter or concerning any other associated days, such as Lent, Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday, etc...

So which Holy Days were appointed by our Father in Heaven with the full authority of Scripture, and which holidays are the mere inventions of man

observed in place of His Appointed Times? Likewise, observance of which ones reflect obedience to Him, and which ones of obedience to the traditions of, and religion of, man?

Yeshua said that Faith is part of what the Torah teaches; **Matthew 23:23; Hebrews 11:1-40.**The Scriptures also state in **Hebrews 11:28,29** that it was by Faith that Moses and the Israelites kept the Passover and came out of Egypt. Is your Faith in our Father in Heaven strong enough to lead you out of the bondage of human tradition back to His Holy Days contrary to the popular beliefs and practices of the catholic church?

Yeshua stated clearly the keeping of men's traditions, in place of His Father's commandments, as a serious sin; **Matthew 15:3-9**, and that the keepers of manmade traditions, though worshipping Him with their lips, actually have hearts that are far from Him; **verse 15:8**. These traditions present the illusion of godliness, but deny God's authority.

Are you willing to forsake the traditions invented by man in order to return to that which our Father in Heaven ordained? Or do you fear man more than God? Fear departure from the doctrines of the Pope in Rome more than departure from the Appointed Times of our Father in Heaven?

*To the Torah and the Testimony,
if anyone does not speak according to these words,
it is because they have no light in them.*

Yesh'yahu (Isaiah) 8:20; Revelation 12:17; 14:12.

*Understand, this is the conclusion of the matter, to fear God and obey
His commandments, for this is the whole duty of mankind;
Ecclesiastes 12:13.*

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