

Easter: Biblical Origins?

Introduction

Easter is celebrated in much of Christianity along with the easter bunny, coloring eggs, egg hunts, new hats and clothing, specialty dinners and other such traditions. What do such things have to do with the death and resurrection of Messiah Jesus? Let's begin with an examination of Easter from a biblical perspective.

In the Authorized Version of the King James Bible, the word easter appears in only one verse of Scripture and that is in the book of Acts, chapter 12, verse 4.

Acts 12:4

And when he had apprehended him, he put [him] in prison, and delivered [him] to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** to bring him forth to the people.

The King James translators translated the Greek word *πάσχα* pascha (pas'-khah) in this one verse as Easter. The word pascha appears in 29 verses of Scripture and is correctly translated as Passover in all but this verse.

πάσχα pascha (pas'-khah)

of Aramaic origin, cf 06453 פֶּסַח; n n; TDNT-5:896,797; { See TDNT 605 }

AV-Passover 28, Easter 1; 29

- 1) The Passover sacrifice (which was accustomed to be offered for the people's deliverance of old from Egypt)
- 2) The Passover lamb, i.e. the lamb the Israelites were accustomed to slay and eat on the fourteenth day of the month of Nisan (the first month of their year) in memory of the day on which their fathers, preparing to depart from Egypt, were bidden by God to slay and eat a lamb, and to sprinkle their door posts with its blood, so that the destroying angel, seeing the blood, might pass over their dwellings; the crucified Messiah is the fulfilled meaning for the slain Passover lamb.
- 3) The Passover Seder meal, also called the Last Supper that Jesus kept when He established the new meaning of the unleavened bread and wine as symbols for His body and blood to be sacrificed that same day as the true Passover lamb.
- 4) The feast of the Passover, which includes feast of Unleavened Bread extending from the 14th to the 21st day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar.

How anyone can translate pascha as anything other than Passover is a travesty of enormous proportions, because there were several revisions of the Authorized Version that could easily have corrected this mistranslation. While Jesus rightly lambasted the Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees and the Sanhedrin for their departure from Scripture which ultimately drives one away from God and His truths, the Jews were in no way engaged in any Easter celebration when Pilate sought to release Jesus, nor were they when Peter was arrested in the above verse.

The release of a prisoner held in a Roman jail during the feast of Passover and Unleavened Bread was a tradition established by the Jews under Roman occupation and has nothing to do with some pagan practice called Easter. Verse three of Acts properly places the context as taking place during the days of Unleavened Bread, which is the Passover.

Acts 12:3-4

And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also. (**Then were the days of unleavened bread.**) And when he had apprehended him, he put [him] in prison, and delivered [him] to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after **Easter** <pascha> to bring him forth to the people.

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Easter is an abominable translation for *pascha* and thank goodness this shameful mistranslation for Passover does not occur beyond this one verse.

Passover

God instituted a series of feast days and Sabbaths designed to point and direct Old Covenant Israel to Messiah. The Old Covenant feast days are no longer observed because Jesus has fulfilled all Old Covenant law and ordinances. Nonetheless, there is much we can learn through them for we can see Jesus in them. Let's begin with a snapshot view of the major Old Covenant feast days. God directs that all days begin and end at sunset. The Hebrew month of Nisan corresponds with our months of late March/early April and the Hebrew Month of Tishri corresponds with our months of late September/early October.

Feast	Date	Meaning
Weekly Sabbath	Sunset Friday to sunset Saturday	Ultimate rest and unity in God for all eternity as pictured in creation week.
Passover	Nisan 14	Not a Sabbath. Jesus is the crucified Lamb of God whose blood protects us from sin and the coming wrath of God
Unleavened Bread	Nisan 15-21	1 st and 7 th days are Sabbaths. Purging of sin (symbolized by leaven) from the lives of God's people who are protected by the blood of the Lamb.
Harvest or First Fruits	Day after the weekly Sabbath that follows Passover	Sabbath. Resurrection of Messiah shown by wave sheaf offering as first fruits to enter the Kingdom of God, the promised land and harvest to come.
Pentecost or Weeks	50 days after First Fruits	Sabbath. Coming of the Holy Spirit to Jews and Gentiles as symbolized by waving of 2 loaves of leavened bread.
Trumpets	Tishri 1	Sabbath. 2 nd Coming of Messiah Jesus to gather Israel which includes the Gentiles grafted-in to Israel. (church)
Atonement	Tishri 10	Sabbath. Cleansing or repentance of Israel in the vicarious sacrifice of Messiah Jesus as symbolized by 2 goats: one sacrificed and the other set free.
Booths or Tabernacles	Tishri 15-22	1 st and 8 th days are Sabbaths. The promised harvest (resurrection) of all humanity. The 8 th day is called the Last Great Day.

Many if not most Christian's understand that Jesus was crucified on the day of Passover and is our true sacrificial Passover Lamb. That fact is clearly taught in the New Covenant Scriptures. However, most are unclear on the 7 day feast of Unleavened Bread that began immediately after the Passover, though it too is prominently talked about with the Passover in New Covenant Scripture. Some of the writers of the New Covenant Scripture use the terms Unleavened Bread and Passover interchangeably to describe the entire 8 day festival period. Jesus was a Jew, all the disciples and apostles were Jews and all were for the most part speaking and writing to Jews reared under the Old Covenant's teaching, Law, feast days and Sabbath observances. They did not require anything more than a mention of the days for its implication for worship was well understood. No explanation is necessary and

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none was given. For those of us without understanding, we need to go to the Old Covenant for the full explanations.

The seven day feast of Unleavened Bread begins immediately after the Passover. It represents the purging of sin and need we say anything more on why this begins immediately after Passover? The first day of unleavened bread is a Sabbath day of solemn rest and worship where no servile work may be performed. The seventh and final day of this feast is also a Sabbath, a day of solemn rest. Christians for the most part have no understanding of the feasts and the differences between the weekly Sabbath and the feast day Sabbaths. That's why Christians are very confused when they read in the gospels that Jesus needed to be quickly removed from the cross and buried before the Sabbath. They presume this to mean the weekly Sabbath which it does not. The disciples were rushing to remove Jesus from the cross and bury Him because the Sabbath for unleavened bread was drawing nigh. The end of Passover always begins with a Sabbath day of rest for the seven day feast of unleavened bread.

While many are willing to accept that Jesus died on Passover day, they are reluctant to acknowledge that the Passover was in 31 AD and on Wednesday, not Friday. This is a biblical fact that can be readily read and explained in Scripture for those with eyes to see and ears to hear that the weekly Sabbath is not the only Sabbath command of God for Israel to obey. You do not need to read between the lines; parse text; become a biblical scholar; or even be introduced to some archaic Jewish idioms that are only applicable to those who seek to justify their false understanding about squeezing three days and three nights (72 hrs.) into two nights and a day (36 hrs.) the very words of Jesus Himself demand a burial of three days and three nights. Intertwined with this is their equally false teaching and interpretation of the 70 weeks prophesy of Daniel. We will not discuss that at this time but merely allude to it as yet another false interpretation tied into the crucifixion.

Those who profess a Friday crucifixion will continue to do so despite whatever biblical facts and truth you present to refute that false teaching. Why, you say? Because to acknowledge error in the date of crucifixion will have a cascading effect and collapse their entire system of theology, doctrine and beliefs. When darkness and light is comingled to create the foundation for any theological house, it is nothing more than smoke and mirrors built upon a foundation of sand. Hmmm, where have I heard that before? Oh yeah, from Jesus in Matthew, chapter 7.

Matthew 7:26-27

"Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell — and great was its fall."

No kidding Lord! This one change brings down the entire house for it is not built upon the Rock of Jesus but upon the sand of deceit, half-truths, and non-biblical teachings. Be not afraid, for God is with you and will lead you into all truth. It's not simply OK for you to change ... it is vital that you do if a true disciple of Jesus. Trust God and trust His Word, not tradition, and not the fables others tell. Let the bible become the reason for what you believe and why.

You only need a heart for God and a willingness to read what the bible does say and not read into the bible what isn't there. Parse and idiom all you want, but the crucifixion of Jesus was not on Friday. It just didn't happen that way, and the bible proves it. **Jesus did not lie when He said He would be dead and buried for three days and three nights before He would be raised from the dead.**

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.

Believe Jesus and believe the bible. Use our study on [Crucifixion](#) as a guide for you to discover this truth for yourself. I know this truth has scared some of you and simply angered others. If you're still reading, please grant me this short digression for it is very appropriate to do so at this juncture. We come to see and know God through

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Jesus and the study of God's Holy Word. Knowing God and His truth is the motivation for why this ministry writes and publishes our bible studies. We integrate the original Hebrew and Greek language of Scripture with their definitions and use throughout Scripture with the expectation that this will help to deepen and enrich our understanding and appreciation for the greatness and majesty of the God we serve. We take the commands of Jesus seriously, especially when He says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations ... teaching them to observe all that I commanded you."

To fulfill this command of Jesus, we are to make disciples (student, pupils) and teach them to observe all the commandments of Jesus that are recorded in Scripture. Scripture consists of both New and Old Covenants and is to be read and studied openly, honestly, systematically, exegetically and free from any private agenda. *Exegesis* is the process of drawing out of Scripture that which is actually there. Its counterpart is *eisegesis*, infusing into Scripture presuppositions, agendas, and doctrinal or other biases. We are highly critical of those who employ eisegesis in their approach to Scripture for by doing so it separates the sheep from the Shepherd and causes them to believe false teachings, false doctrines, distortions and apostasy. A steady diet of that sort and they can no longer see, hear or recognize the voice and teachings of the True Shepherd for they don't know Him or His voice. They can't hear Him when he calls and won't believe Him when He does. This is what Jesus calls the wide road that leads to death and destruction, and unfortunately there are many who find it. That's the same road the Scribes and Pharisee walked down. It's the road of apostasy that over time becomes a paved highway. Once you're in its flow, it becomes nearly impossible to turn off for there are no marked exits. Those on that road will not tolerate those who can illuminate the Light of God as proof they are on the Apoleian Highway. Apoleia is the Greek word used to quote Jesus in Matthew 7:13 and means destruction.

When one is unrepentant in preserving and defending false beliefs that stand in diametric opposition to the words and teaching of Jesus, what remains is the "woe to you" indictment that shall proceed from the mouth of the LORD. If that prospect chills you to the core as it does me, then you're in the right place. Let's continue.

First Fruits & Resurrection

It may come as a surprise to some that during the feast days of Passover and Unleavened Bread there is a third feast day called **First Fruits**. God established these three annual feasts to be celebrated together by ancient Israel. The feast of First Fruits is the day God established as a symbolic representation for their resurrection. Messiah Jesus is to be resurrected first, as the first of the first fruits. This day was required to be on the first day of the week, immediately after the Sabbath that follows Passover. Let's review a passage of Scripture that commands how the feast of First Fruits was to be observed by ancient Israel.

Leviticus 23:9-14

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and reap its harvest, then you shall **bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest** to the priest. 'He shall **wave the sheaf before the LORD** for you to be accepted; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. 'Now **on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb one year old without defect for a burnt offering to the LORD**. 'Its grain offering shall then be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering by fire to the LORD for a soothing aroma, with its drink offering, a fourth of a hin of wine. 'Until this same day, until you have brought in the offering of your God, you shall eat neither bread nor roasted grain nor new growth. It is to be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwelling places.

I seriously doubt that many celebrating those feast days in the Old Covenant understood the true significance and meaning of the days. Jesus the Messiah needed to explain the days and their true meaning to His disciples and the disciples in turn explained their meaning to those after them. Most Christians today are completely unaware of the Old Covenant feast days and how they point to Christ. They may know there were feast days; Jesus fulfilled them;

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and they no longer need to observe them. I think for most, that's the extent of their Old Covenant feast day education.

How many of you knew there was an Old Covenant feast day that pictured the resurrection of Christ Jesus before reading this? Resurrection Sunday is an Old Covenant feast day! WOW! When I first learned that, it blew me away. Why is this so obscured in contemporary Christianity?

There are no doubt many reasons for that obscurity, but the least offensive reason is that the New Covenant declares the Old Covenant feast days as fulfilled in Christ Jesus our Messiah. One might reason they need not dedicate their time and attention to a portion of Scripture that is already fulfilled. If that be so, it is a huge mistake. A ministry of Jesus and the apostles were to prove He is the prophesied Messiah using only the Old Covenant Scriptures and also how He fulfilled ALL that is written of Him. While the actual verbiage of those discourses is not recorded in the New Covenant writings, I am certain that the true Messianic meaning of the feast days were taught by Jesus to His apostles and disciples who in turn taught it to others when their fullness of understanding came at the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit began His ministry in earnest. Yes, Pentecost was also an Old Covenant feast day observance and Sabbath. The Holy Spirit breathed new life into the apostle's understanding of what Jesus accomplished and fulfilled in His ministry with them and at Calvary. There are many verses of Scripture that attest to this, but let me show you just one section from Acts as recorded in the New American Standard Bible 1995 edition (NASB95).

Acts 17:2-3

And **according to Paul's custom**, he went to them, and **for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and giving evidence** that the Christ <Messiah> had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and [saying,] "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ <Messiah>."

It was the custom of Paul to witness that Jesus is the Messiah and to reason with those attending the Synagogue on the Sabbath through the Holy Spirit and Old Covenant Scripture. The New Covenant Scriptures were not yet written, so he reasoned with them from the Old Covenant scrolls available in every Synagogue. In fact, the apostle Paul is a major contributing writer of the New Covenant Scriptures. We're sort of doing a similar thing with you now in this study, reasoning from both Old and New Covenant Scripture. All the Old Covenant feast day celebrations are all about Messiah Jesus. They are in a manner of speaking commanded observances to lead Israel to see and recognize Jesus as their prophesied Messiah. Well, we all know how that turned out! That's what happens when priests and teacher's depart from the Word of God. Now that's as good a segue into Easter as we're going to get.

Easter's Origin

The term Easter is of Saxon origin, Oestre, Oстера or Eastrā, the Saxon goddess of Spring, in honor of whom sacrifices were offered about the time of the Old Covenant Passover. The Germans also have a spring festival called Ostern which has direct reference to the *spring season*, and the equinox rather than to a god or goddess. Indeed the names themselves are supposed to be derived from the old word oster (osten = rising) because nature arises anew in spring. God tells us not to worship the creation but the Creator. False religious practices are intimately connected with creation and agriculture in that they need to appease their gods for a bountiful harvest.

There was also the Canaanite goddess *Ashtoroth*, and *Astarte* the goddess associated with the planet Venus. The name is likened to the Babylonian goddess *Ishtar*, the goddess of sensual love, maternity and fertility. Licentious worship was conducted in honor of Ishtar. Many of the Easter traditions of today have its remnants drawn for the worship of the Babylonian goddess Ishtar. Ancient Israel fell prey to the cult of Ashtoroth and renamed Astereth (shame) by God in Scripture to illustrate His utter abhorrence of this cult. Her worship also occurred around the spring and coincides with Easter.

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By the 8th Century, Anglo-Saxons had adopted the name that later came to be associated with the catholic festival of Easter occurring at the same season. That made it easier for them to attach their heathen festival to a name to which they were already accustomed ... Easter.

The term catholic is of Latin derivation, *catholicus* and equivalent to the Greek *katholikos*, which means universal, according to the whole. Catholicism attempted to “convert” the heathens and Cretans in the Roman Empire into Catholicism by integrating their patterns of worship into the catholic symbols of worship. This helps to explain why so many pagan symbols are present in Catholicism. Though it is stated this is nothing more than an attempt to Christianize the pagan world, it looks more like the paganization of the Christian world from a biblical and spiritual perspective for this undermined the work the apostles accomplished throughout the Roman Empire.

Easter is entrenched in paganism. This includes the sunrise service which is drawn from sun worship; eggs which symbolized sexual and fertility rites, as does the bunny rabbit, renowned for its reproductive powers. There are many other traditions and none of these bring glory to God, His truth and His ways. God detests the commingling of His sacred patterns of worship with those of paganism which have their roots in idolatry. The prophet Balaam thought he was on good ground when he commingled light with darkness by sacrificing to God on pagan altars when God commanded him not. Read the story of his idolatry, treachery and love of money more than his love for God in the Old Covenant books of Numbers 22-24; Deuteronomy 23; Joshua, Nehemiah, and Micah; and the New Covenant books of Peter and Jude.

2 Peter 2:15

forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the [son] of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

The New Covenant has no command to celebrate any days and that includes the Resurrection of Jesus. We covered how the Old Covenant feast of first fruits foreshadowed the Resurrection of Jesus as the first of the first fruits. The Resurrection of Christ is the pillar of the Christian faith, so be cautious not to defile it with any form of idolatry and pattern of worship derived from paganism. One thing is certain, the moment one departs from God’s way of doing things, one opens the door to apostasy, lies, heresy, false beliefs, false teachings, false apostles, a false Jesus, and cults that arise to deceive many, even God’s elect if they can. So, if celebrating a feast like Easter does not concern you at all because you say you are only celebrating Jesus and His Resurrection, consider this before you attend an Easter worship service...

Amos 5:21-24

¶ "I hate, I reject your festivals, Nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies." Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them; And I will not even look at the peace offerings of your fatlings. "Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps." But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Are you certain God sees Easter the same way you do?

What to Do?

Obey God.

It was my original intent to end this section with only those two words ... until my wife read it and I got that look that all husbands know with the soft question, “That’s it? Well that’s good. I see you put a lot of thought into that.”

OK, a little more then.

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What we do with God's truth once presented becomes a personal decision between us and God. We must all ask ourselves this question, "If God wanted us to observe any festivals in the New Covenant, why did He end those of the Old Covenant and why did He not establish new festivals for the New Covenant?"

God could just as easily changed all the meaning of the Old Covenant feasts that looked forward to the Messianic fulfillment to New Covenant celebrations that look back to their fulfillment in Jesus ... but He didn't.

They're all right there already in place for us to observe. Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples was the celebration of the Passover Seder meal on the evening before His crucifixion when He changed the meaning of the symbols for the unleavened bread and wine to mean His body and blood. He commands us to do this in remembrance of Him, but not as part of any Seder meal. Perfect opportunity to keep that feast day alive... but He didn't.

The feast of First fruits is on the first day of the week and the actual day Jesus arose from the dead after being buried three full days and three full nights in the heart of the earth. This too was the perfect opportunity to commemorate His resurrection... but he didn't. The Easter and Resurrection Sunday dates that are observed by many today are about 75% accurate based upon the true keeping of the dates of First Fruits which are included at the end of this study.

The Old Covenant feast days are no longer kept because Jesus has fulfilled all Old Covenant law and ordinances. Neither are there to be any new feast day observances established, for the New Covenant is of the Spirit. There is no command or suggestion that Christians celebrate any such days. There is nothing in Scripture to indicate that the new covenant church is to keep any feast day observances. None are to be carried over from the Old Covenant and no new ones are to be established under the New Covenant. So why do some embrace the pagan traditions of Easter while others invoke more of a first fruits type celebration and change its name to Resurrection Sunday?

"God does not command us not to, does He?" is a paraphrase for the most common response to those entrenched in observing days and seasons and times. That's not a good answer because God does indeed tell us not to continue in the observance of days, especially those fulfilled by Christ; and never to observe any days that draw upon patterns of worship once used in idolatry. Scripture is replete with the apostles and disciples rebuking those who do. Let me quote a Scripture in which many twist the meaning to be the direct opposite of what is being said:

Colossians 2:16

¶ Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day —

The above verse is preventing those who were attempting to force Gentile converts to Christianity to observe Old Covenant feast days and Sabbaths, food laws, and observance of the full moons which were important to get the proper dates for festivals correct.

Galatians 4:9-11

But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how is it that you turn back again to the weak and worthless elemental things, to which you desire to be enslaved all over again? You observe days and months and seasons and years. I fear for you, that perhaps I have labored over you in vain.

Paul is preventing those who seek to continue with patterns of worship associated with the pagan festivals, sacrifices of various religions in the Roman Empire, chief of which was the practices associated with the Babylonian and the Greek religious observances for which were similar to what we now associate an Easter celebration. Many lament, "But we're honoring Jesus on the day He arose from the dead and not involved with any pagan practices! What's wrong with that?" What's wrong with it is God says, "NO"

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New Covenant Christians did not observe or keep any days for more than 400 years after the ascension of Jesus. Destructive elements were always trying to creep into Christianity, and not until some elements became institutionalized did we see a dramatic departure from the biblical standards for Christianity. Keeping any day not commanded by God is not showing one's love for God nor is it being obedient to God. When Jesus fulfilled the keeping of days, times and seasons their observances were finished, kaput, over, and done with.

Christians are called to follow God and not man. True Christianity is a way of life, not a religious observance. That's why we need to take the time to write about these things. The lessons Jesus taught His disciples are important and so are the lessons, more like rebuke, He taught directly to the religious establishment, the Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, and Sanhedrin. These were the people whom God charged with teaching His Word and His Way. They lost their way and just as they did, so have many today.

We all need to heed the lessons of Jesus concerning the fate of those who depart from the Word of God. Just like the Scribes, Pharisees and others in leadership who departed from God's Word is the same as departing from God. They believed they were still in favor with God until He showed up, looked them in the face and they could not recognize Him as their God and Messiah. When they saw Jesus upsetting their apple cart, they purposed in their heart that he must die for they moved so far, they were beyond the ability to repent. Many today appear to be going the way of the Scribes and Pharisees in departing from the Word, and unless we repent and turn our faces back to God, we too shall fail to see and recognize Him when He returns and perish as they did.

It is vital that we know the true Jesus of Scripture and recognize Him when he returns for Jesus warns us that before He returns the antichrist comes to deceive many, even the elect into following him. Do not take this lightly for the apostle John teaches us that the antichrist will have many of the same miraculous powers of Christ. He will heal the sick, raise the dead and perform other great signs and wonders. Who can resist following someone with power to raise the dead, make the lame walk, and the blind see? If you think this does not apply to you because you will be raptured beforehand, think again for that teaching does not mesh with Scripture either.

Comparison of Dates

The reckoning of the date for an Easter or Resurrection Sunday observance (though the names differ, the substance appears to be much the same) is not based upon Scripture. Jesus was crucified on Passover, Nisan 14. Nisan is the Babylonian name for the first month of the Hebrew Year and is the name that remains in use today. The date formula for the feast of First Fruits is established by God and is the literal day that Jesus resurrected: **On the day after the Sabbath immediately following the Passover.** This will always be Sunday, which begins sunset Saturday and ends sunset Sunday.

Catholicism established the Easter formula and it is quite different from the formula God established to be the resurrection of Jesus. **Catholicism states it shall be the first Sunday after the full moon which occurs on or next after March 21.** Easter under this catholic formula was fixed by the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and will always fall on some date between March 22nd and April 25th inclusive. The Eastern churches of the Roman Empire rejected this edict and continued to observe Easter by following the date of the Passover and First Fruits as established in Scripture. Well, I guess half-right is still better than all wrong. Many of the Eastern churches still use the calendar God established in Scripture, as do most orthodox Jews. This is one reason why the Eastern Catholic churches are branded as dissidents and heretics by Roman Catholicism. Imagine that. Anyone following the Word of God is branded a heretic by Roman Catholicism. I count that as a badge of honor.

What is ironic with the catholic formula is this: We know Scripture teaches that Jesus died at twilight on Wednesday April 25, 31 AD and that Jesus resurrected before dawn on Sunday April 29, 31 AD after being in the grave three days and three nights. Isn't it ironic that the actual date of the Resurrection of Jesus is April 29, 31 AD

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and that date falls *outside* the range that Catholicism established as the outermost date for Easter, April 25? Imagine that! I wonder, will this serve to brand Jesus a heretic? My, my, my, talk about a fall from grace.

So now I ask, whom will you follow? Jesus and Scripture?... false gods and paganism?... Catholicism? God does not call for any feast day to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus. We already had one under the Old Covenant and that has been fulfilled by Jesus... no longer to be observed. I ask again, whom shall we follow?

Passover, First Fruits & Easter 2010-2050; *=Improper Sunday

Hebrew Yr	Julian Yr	Passover ¹	First Fruits ¹	Easter
5760	2010	April 4 – Sun	April 10	April 11
5761	2011	April 18 – Mon	April 23	April 24
5762	2012	April 6 – Fri	April 14	April 8*
5763	2013	March 25 – Mon	March 30	March 31
5764	2014	April 14 – Mon	April 19	April 20
5765	2015	April 3 – Fri	April 11	April 5*
5766	2016	April 22 – Fri	April 30	April 24*
5767	2017	April 10 – Mon	April 15	April 16
5768	2018	March 30 – Fri	April 7	April 1*
5769	2019	April 19 – Fri	April 27	April 21*
5770	2020	April 8 – Wed	April 11	April 12
5771	2021	March 27 – Sat	April 3	April 28*
5772	2022	April 15 – Fri	April 23	April 17*
5773	2023	April 5 – Wed	April 8	April 9
5774	2024	April 22 – Mon	April 27	April 28
5775	2025	April 12 – Sat	April 19	April 13*
5776	2026	April 1 – Wed	April 4	April 5
5777	2027	April 21 – Wed	April 24	April 25
5778	2028	April 10 – Mon	April 15	April 16
5779	2029	March 30 – Fri	March 31	April 1
5780	2030	April 17 – Wed	April 20	April 21
5781	2031	April 7 – Mon	April 12	April 13
5782	2032	March 26 – Fri	March 27	March 28
5783	2033	April 13 – Wed	April 16	April 17
5784	2034	April 3 – Mon	April 8	April 9
5785	2035	April 23 – Mon	April 28	April 29
5786	2036	April 11 – Fri	April 19	April 13*
5787	2037	March 30 – Mon	April 4	April 5
5788	2038	April 19 – Mon	April 24	April 25
5789	2039	April 8 – Fri	April 16	April 10*
5790	2040	March 28 – Wed	March 31	April 1
5791	2041	April 15 – Mon	April 20	April 21
5792	2042	April 4 – Fri	April 12	April 6*
5793	2043	April 24 – Fri	May 2	April 26*
5794	2044	April 11 – Mon	April 16	April 17
5795	2045	April 1 – Sat	April 8	April 9
5796	2046	April 20 – Fri	April 28	April 22*
5797	2047	April 10 – Wed	April 13	April 14
5798	2048	March 28 – Sat	April 4	March 29*
5799	2049	April 16 – Fri	April 24	April 18*
5800	2050	April 6 – Wed	April 9	April 10

¹ Begins at **sunset** on the date indicated