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YHVH's Holidays: Feast Days vs. Beast Days, Part 2

Friend, last time we learned that Satan has been all too successful in counterfeiting YHVH's first feast, the seventh-day Sabbath. This act did not actually do away with Yah's appointed time, but man has thought the counterfeit complete and has embraced it over the original Sabbath set forth at Creation. For those who are opposed to the "Jewishness" of the word *feast*, almost every time you see the word feast, the Hebrew word means "appointed time." The Sabbath <u>and</u> feasts are set apart appointments in time to be spent with YHVH. The first day is mentioned only 8 times in the New Testament, and none of these passages state that the Sabbath has been abrogated in favor of the pagan Sunday. There is no evidence for the sanctification of this day.

BAPTIST:

"There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath was not Sunday. . . . It will be said, however, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week. . . . Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament -- absolutely not. There is no scriptural evidence of the change of the Sabbath institution from the seventh to the first day of the week." -- DR. EDWARD T. HISCOX, author of *The Baptist Manual*, in a paper read before a New York ministers' conference.

CATHOLIC:

".... Sunday is not the Sabbath. Any schoolboy knows that Sunday is the first day of the week. I have repeatedly offered one thousand dollars to anyone who will prove by the Bible alone that Sunday is the day we are bound to keep, and no one has called for the money." -- THOMAS ENRIGHT, C.S.S.R., in a lecture.

CONGREGATIONALIST:

"The current notion that Christ and His apostles authoritatively substituted the first day for the seventh, is absolutely without any authority in the New Testament." -- DR. LYMAN ABBOT, *Christian Union*, Jan. 19, 1882.

EPISCOPAL:

"Is there any command in the New Testament to change the day of weekly rest from [the seventh day] to Sunday? None." -- *Manual of Christian Doctrine*, p. 127.

LUTHERAN:

"But they err in teaching that Sunday has taken the place of the Old Testament Sabbath. . . . for Scripture has in no way ordained the first day of the week in place of the Sabbath. There is simply no law in the New Testament to that effect." -- JOHN THEODORE MUELLER, Sabbath or Sunday, pp. 15, 16.

METHODIST:

"The reason we observe the first day instead of the seventh is based on no positive command. One will search the Scriptures on vain for authority for changing from the seventh day to the first." -- CLOVIS G. CHAPPELL, *Ten Rules for Living*, p. 61.

Since Satan attacked the Sabbath, the first of YHVH's feasts (**Leviticus 23:1-3**), don't you think he would try to bury the other feasts as well? Satan has a counterfeit for everything that YHVH has set forth. Creation vs. Evolution. Motherhood vs. Abortion. Marriage vs. Divorce. Virginity vs. Fornication. Faithfulness vs. Adultery. Eating clean flesh food vs. Eating unclean flesh. High Priest vs. Pope. Pure vs. Adorned. Clean vs. Polluted. Obedience vs. Rebellion. \leftarrow This last one is the root problem of all equations on this list. The list could go on forever, for YHVH made everything and was the Author of all heavenly institutions. These Satan seeks to destroy, and if he can't destroy them he will settle for you to be ignorant of his deception.

If Satan has attempted to tamper with the other "appointed times," we should be able to find evidence of this fact. Remember Thomas Enright, the Bishop who offered \$1000 dollars in the quote above? Brace yourself! We are quick to quote this fellow about the Papacy's abrogation of the Sabbath commandment. However, he does not end there:

"The Catholic Church abolished not only the Sabbath, but all the other Jewish festivals." THOMAS ENRIGHT, C.S.S.R. Want a second witness? "If you want to know the days to keep, go to the Catholic Church, not to the Mosaic Law. We have power to put down feast days, and we have power to institute feast days." CARDINAL JAMES GIBBONS

And he shall speak pompous words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times (mo'ed) and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Daniel 7:25

The *time, times and the dividing of time* is prophetic code. A "time" in Hebrew understanding is a year, which is recognized from creation as having 360 days. Prophetically, a day is equal to a year, **Numbers 13:34** and **Ezekiel 4:6**. So, <u>prophetically</u> speaking, a time = 360 <u>years</u>. Times = 720 years. The dividing of time = 180 years. Total = 1260 years. Care to guess how long the Papacy reigned unchecked? You might ask the 50-120 million who lost their lives for refusing to bow to Rome. The Pope received his seat in Rome from the emperor Constantine in 538 AD. Now add 1260. Want to know what happened in 1798? Berthier, the French general under Napoleon's order, invaded the Vatican and took the Pope prisoner where he later died in captivity. It was not until WW1, when Mussolini gave the Vatican back, that the Papacy regained her throne. At that time, the *San Francisco Chronicle* headline screamed, "Deadly Wound Healed."

So, what counterfeits has Satan employed to take the place of YHVH's appointed times? Do Good Friday, Easter, May Day, Halloween, Christmas or New Years sound familiar? These holidays are sanctified by the same entity as Sunday; Satan, under the guise of the Catholic Church. Baptized Paganism! If you find yourself unable to believe what we are about to share, check a reliable encyclopedia. You will be shocked to learn what Christianity has blindly embraced. Your own religious leaders are not going to tell you this because they are hypnotized as well. The reason that Scripture regarding pagan practices does not make sense to most folks is because they are not aware, or don't recognize their own behavior as being pagan.

Ishtar is the same word we have today in Easter. This is the name of Nimrod's mother, the Queen of Heaven. Around the world, she has been known as Asherah, Ashtoreth (I Kings 11:5, 11:33), Eostre, Astarte, Isis, etc. Ever wondered what eggs, bunnies and hot cross buns have to do with the Resurrection?

In contrast, the Creator says: *Break down their alters, smash their sacred stones and burn their Asherah* (Easter) poles in the fire; cut down the idols of their gods and wipe out their names from those places. You must not worship YHVH your Mighty One in their way. **Deuteronomy 12:3-4 NIV**. See also **Jeremiah 7:18**.

In contrast to Christmas, the Creator says: *Thus saith YHVH*, <u>Learn not the way of the heathen</u>, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. <u>For the customs of the people are vain</u>: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the ax. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. **Jeremiah 10:2-4**. Everything about Christmas (Santa, X-mas, wreaths, lights, eggnog, yule log, presents, etc.) is pagan. Check that encyclopedia! Even the word Noel! *El* is short for Elohim. It is correctly said, there is No-*El* in Christmas.

"After one's own birthday, the two major Satanic holidays are Walpurgisnacht [May 1st or May Day] and Halloween (or All Hallow's Eve)." *The Satanic Bible*, page 96, section on Religious Holidays. In contrast, YHVH says: *You cannot drink the cup of YHVH and the cup of devils: you cannot be partakers of the table of YHVH, and of the table of devils.* **I Corinthians 10:21**

Sabbath keepers shun Sunday worship because of its relationship to pagan sun worship, yet most all embrace the <u>holidays</u> devoted to pagan sun worship; New Years, Easter, Christmas, etc. Does this make sense? YHVH gave His people His festivals to observe, but man, by no Divine command, has summarily nailed them to the cross and now endorses the "Christian" observance of holidays that no ancient Israelite ever observed!

Be a Berean!