

# The Pagan Origins of Easter and Christmas

The name 'Easter' has its roots in ancient Polytheistic religions (Paganism) most scholars agree, and we find that this name is never used in the Biblical context, neither is it used or associated with the death and Resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ).

For these very reasons most Christians would prefer to use the term 'Resurrection Sunday' rather than Easter when referring to the Resurrection of Christ Jesus the Lord.

## The Origins

Many reference books we may read say that the name 'Easter' derived from 'Eastre' the goddess of spring and although there is a relationship between the two, the origin and name of the goddess are much more ancient going all the way back to the Tower of Babel. The period we are talking about happened not long after the Biblical flood which was a divine judgement sent on mankind from an angry God after evil had become all pervasive and all people everywhere were totally evil and unresponsive to a Holy God. The Bible says **"that wickedness of man was great in the earth" Gen 6:5**

It does not take much imagining to realise that it must have been totally unbearable to live at this time in history, which is why God brought upon them the flood, saving only righteous Noah and his family a total of eight people to give human kind a second chance and to fulfil His prophecy of

**Gen 3:15** .

After the flood, Noah had a talented but very evil grandson named **Nimrod (Gen 10:6-10)** who became a great rebel against God, the Bible calls him the 'mighty one' but Jewish tradition shows that he was an absolute tyrant who caused the people to also rebel against God. It is fact from history that Nimrod was not only a political figure who lead the people, but also a priest of a form of occult worship.

Now Nimrod built and organised major cities, the Bible notes that these included **Babel, Asshur, Nineveh, Calah according to Gen 10:10-12**. Merely the mention of these cities send shivers up the spine of anyone who knows anything about history, as they were places of unimaginable cruelty and perversion. On the death of Nimrod the Babylonian mystery religion in which he figured prominently continued on. His wife Queen Semiramis prolonged his memory by deifying him. As the Sun –god and his image was manifested in other cultures as the god of fire with names such as **Baal, Bel, Molech** etc.

Later on this adulterous woman gave birth to an illegitimate son called Tammuz, whom she claimed was Nimrod coming back to earth supernaturally and was the promised seed (Messiah) in Gen 3:15.

However, not only was the child worshipped but the woman Semiramis was also worshipped as the Mother and child, Nimrod was the Sun god and Semiramis became the goddess of the Moon and fertility. It was said in the fables of this mystery cult that Tammuz who was killed by a wild boar died went into the underworld and was resurrected in the spring and it became a festival.

Thus a terrible false religion was developing with worshipping of both Sun and Moon. This brought with it the addition of priests, astrology, demonic worship, worship of the stars associated with the various gods that appeared in the constellation. This evolved into all kinds of idolatry mysterious practices human sacrifices and much more.

It was Nimrod's city Babel that a towering structure was first built called a Ziggurat in the defiance of God as part of their satanical religion. Archaeological evidence shows that these were in spectacular pyramid shape. The Bible informs us that until this time the world only had one language so to prevent the world from self destruction God confused the language and scattered the people.

This is the reason why the world has so many languages to this day, but unfortunately the people scattered taking the evil sun worship with them, continuing to worship the stars and practice the ungodly religion, evidence of which can be found throughout the world in places such as South America, Central America, Egypt, Burma. Babel was the origin of an idolatrous religious system that swept the world. The Bible states

**“Babylon the nations drank her wine; therefore the nations are deranged”  
Jeremiah 51:7**

The Bible often speaks of the satanic religions that came from her, the ancient Greek historian Herodotus **“witnessed the mystery religion and its rites in numerous countries and mentions how Babylon was the primeval source from which all systems of idolatry sourced”** We can categorically say that every profane and idolatrous practice came out of Babel, and different cultures called this worship by different names some called Semiramis the mother goddess ‘Ishtar’ which is translated as ‘Easter’ she comes with the spring time which is where we get the idea of Mother Earth or Mother Nature, or goddess of fertility or sexual love Queen of Heaven. Tammuz is Baal or Ashtoreth or Ashtoroth, their worship consisted of mass orgies with Temple prostitutes.

### **The Easter Bunny**

Most children or adults who colour or hide Easter eggs as part of their resurrection Sunday tradition have no knowledge of the origin of these traditions or where they come from. Easter egg activities have become a part of western culture, and many would be amazed to learn just how these traditions originated. The egg was a sacred symbol of the Babylonians; they believed that an egg fell from heaven into the river Euphrates and from this egg the goddess Astarte (Easter) or Semiramis was hatched and so the egg began to symbolize the goddess of Easter. The Druids used the egg as their sacred symbols and in Northern Europe China and Japan eggs began to be coloured to represent different festivals.

One can see the seed of evil that Satan has sown to confuse mankind, and I have to ask if we really are Christians are we right to continue with Satan's confusion, you might say that it's OK “there's no harm in it we don't mean it that way” well listen to what God says

**“Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molten gods; I am the Lord your God”  
Lev 19:4**

**“But that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols” Acts 15:20**

**“Little children, keep yourselves from idols” 1John 5:21**

There are many scriptures that warn against things offered to idols, but it really depends on how literally you treat them, but If you are determined to carry on You will, but If you want to celebrate this time then keep it the Biblical way by keeping Passover which occurred on the 14 &15 of Nisan which makes it almost impossible to have Passover and Easter to coincide, as this was a deliberate act to distance the faith of the fathers from the Jews and the God of our fathers, and bring it in to line with the structures of Pantheistic worship.

## **Origins of Christmas**

The celebration of December the 25<sup>th</sup> comes from Rome and was celebrated before Jesus came; it was the worship of the Italic god Saturn and the rebirth of the Sun-god, by Romans and Pagans. This occurred because it was noted that the daylight increased on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, which is when they assumed the sun-god had died, but they believed that the sun-god rose from the dead three days later on the 25<sup>th</sup> and figured this was the reason for the increased light. This festival of Saturnalia was the cause of much excitement and celebration were gift giving and merriment filled the temples of Rome with the priests called dendrophori carrying wreaths and evergreen boughs to worship in procession.

In Germany the evergreen trees became used as celebration of the Yule god along with the resurrected Sun –god. The witches and Pagans regarded the red berries of Holly as the menstrual blood of the queen of heaven who at that time was known as Diana, they also used holly wood to make their wands. The white berries of the mistletoe were seen as drops of semen from the Sun-god, thus both holly and mistletoe was hung in houses and temples to act as fertility rights and who ever stood under them and kissed were invoking the spirit of the Sun-god to enter them.

This custom transcended the borders of Germany to be practiced throughout the know world.

The main question now is how on earth did this lot get involved with Christianity both catholic and Protestant. The word ‘Christmass’ itself reveals who married Paganism to Christianity, you see the word ‘Christ’ and ‘Mass’ reveal the origins to be the Catholic church. The word Mass speaks of death and was coined by the Catholic Church to speak of the death of Christ and the distribution of the ‘Host’ a word which comes from the Latin word hostilia meaning victim. In short this is strictly a Roman Catholic word. It was the practice of the Roman church to absorb the customs of every tribe and culture in order to bring its peoples under its control.

When Martin Luther started his reformation on October 13<sup>th</sup> 1517 along with other reformers the cultic and pagan practices remained firmly embedded in the Roman Catholic tradition.

In England when the authorised version of the Bible was written in 1611, people began to discover the pagan input in Christmas which is clear in scripture. The Puritans in

England outlawed this festival as witchcraft along with those in Massachusetts Colony. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century when most of the Bible versions started to appear there was a revival of Christmas or Yule as its true name is.

In both witchcraft circles as well as contemporary churches the self and same things are going on for as we read in the Bible in Jeremiah 10:2-4

**“Thus says the Lord 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 cuts a tree**

**out of the forest. The works of the hands of the workman with the axe, they deck it with silver and**

**gold, they fasten it with nails and hammers that it move not”**

So what is wrong with Christmas?

- 1) To say that Jesus was born on Dec 25<sup>th</sup> is a lie; the correct time is probably in September.
- 2) Trees, holly mistletoe and the like are strictly forbidden as pagan and heathen, to make them a part of the Christian faith is a lie!!
- 3) The Lord Jesus never told anyone to remember or celebrate His birth, but told them of His death and resurrection which purchased our salvation.

Can we honestly honour God by keeping festivals and practices God clearly told us not to? Or it is possible to worship Him through disobedience. Can we convince God somehow to Christianize these pagan practices!! **I think not.**

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