

Many Years *After* the Resurrection

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Many years *after* the resurrection the Feasts of Israel are not only mentioned **9 times** in Acts and First Corinthians, eight of those times they are used as *time markers*¹ and one time the Apostle Paul exhorts his Corinthian Christians to celebrate *Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread!* This is shocking for most Christians because they have been taught that Mosaic Law, which the Feasts are part of, were done away with at the death of Jesus. First Corinthians, though, was written more than **20 years** *after* the death and resurrection of Yeshua (Jesus' Hebrew name), and Acts was written more than **30 years** *after* the resurrection.

The Apostle John, **60 years** *after* the resurrection, admonishes Christians to walk **just as Jesus walked**; "He who says he abides in Him *ought himself also to walk just as He walked*" (1st John 2:6). Yeshua always kept all the Feasts of Israel and all Mosaic Law that applied to Him. If not He would have sinned. Hebrews says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). In other words, Jesus hasn't changed and His lifestyle is our Example of how to live our lives. What was sin for Him is also sin for us. If He ate bacon just one time He would **not** have been a sinless sacrifice. The Church teaches that Christ did away with Mosaic Law, but too many New Testament Scriptures clearly speak otherwise, despite some Church proof texts to the contrary, one of which concerns the Mosaic dietary laws and Peter's vision.

I've heard pastors teach that Peter's vision in Acts 10 allows them to eat unclean animals/meats (e.g. Lev. 11:1f.), but if their interpretation of the three sheets coming down from Heaven is correct, with God telling Peter to 'Kill and eat,' why don't we see Peter eating what he once considered unclean meats and/or writing that we can? **Nowhere** do we see either of them. The correct biblical interpretation of what the three sheets with the unclean animals symbolized is right there in Acts 10:28. Peter says to Cornelius,

"You know how *unlawful* it is for a Jewish man to *keep company with, or go to one of another nation*, but God has (just) shown me that I should not call **any man** common or unclean."

Peter's vision has nothing to do with God nullifying His dietary laws. Eating ham, bacon and shrimp, etc., is still sin in God's eyes. The three sheets with the unclean creatures on them symbolized the three 'unclean' Gentiles *that Cornelius sent to Peter*. This is why the Holy Spirit had to tell Peter not to question going with the three Gentiles (Acts 10:7, 17, 19-20, 28, 34-35). Cornelius & Co. were the **first Gentiles** to come into the Kingdom of the Jewish Messiah (Acts 11:18). God used Peter, the chief Apostle, as the *Jewish* 'bridge' to *extend* salvation to the *Gentiles*. Acts 10 takes place about **9 years** *after* the resurrection.

Xmas and Easter aren't even mentioned in the New Testament, and Sunday is mentioned after the Gospels only twice in passing, and once it's not even Sunday at all, but Saturday night (Acts 20:7). If Sunday had come to replace the 7th day Sabbath as 'the new day for Christians,' it certainly would seem reasonable to have at least two or three verses that clearly state that (e.g. something like, 'Sunday has replaced the Sabbath'). There aren't any Scriptures like that because biblically, Sunday has not replaced the 7th day Sabbath.

Sunday, Easter and Xmas are ancient pagan days that were kept in honor of gods and goddesses a *thousand years* before Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The pagans worshipped the sun god on *Sun-day*; his son's birth was on Dec. 25th, and his resurrection from the dead (as savior), on Easter Sunday. The Roman Catholic Church 'baptized' those pagan days and rejected Mosaic Law in 120 AD, threw out the righteous and holy ways of the Lord, and brought in the ways of paganism. Satan infiltrated Catholicism. The Christian churches never examined those Catholic days and ways in the Light of God's Word. That's why Christians keep them today (see Dt. 12:28-32; Jer. 10:2; Mt. 5:17-19; Rom. 3:20; 7:7, 12, 14; 1st Cor. 7:19; Rev. 14:12, etc.). Most Christians assume those days and ways are biblical, but Scripture doesn't support any of them. They're the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, *which nullify God's Word and cause His people to sin*.

¹ Time markers tell us when an event happened or would happen. Both Luke and Paul use the Mosaic Feasts that way.

DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

A number of Christians have told me, ‘Does it really matter what days we keep? Isn’t God more concerned with our hearts than with what we eat?’ Of course God is concerned with our hearts, but those questions remind me of the mother who told her son to brush his teeth every day. The boy asked, ‘Will I lose my salvation if I don’t brush every day?!’ To which his wise mother responded, ‘You won’t lose your salvation, but you might lose your friends because of your bad breath.’

Yeshua has given us new life *and His ways* to walk that new life out. This means that we should avoid sinful ways which are contrary to Him. Being ‘in Christ’ should mean that we want to live our lives the same way He did—from the inside-out. The ‘outer’ certainly means a lot to God because if Jesus was just ‘pure in heart,’ but ate ham and/or didn’t keep Passover (both ‘outer’ things), *He would have sinned and would not have been a sinless sacrifice*. So, yes, the heart is very important, and so is obedience to *God’s* ways. If a person is biblically taught to follow Yeshua, he will keep the same days and the same ways that His Savior did. As it stands now, *Christianity is the only religion in the world that does not emulate its Founder*.

The Book of Acts also reveals that all Christians, including the Apostle Paul, walked out their faith in Yeshua through Mosaic Law **25** years *after* the resurrection. James, the half-brother of Yeshua, said to Paul,

“You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are who have believed, and *they are all zealous for the Law*... We have four (Jewish believing) men who have taken a vow. Take them *and be purified with them* and pay their expenses so that they may *shave their heads* and that all may know that those things of which they were informed concerning you are nothing, but that *you, yourself, also walk orderly and keep the Law*.” (Acts 21:20, 23-24)

This passage clearly teaches that all Christians, especially Paul, kept Mosaic Law.² Some people might say that Acts 21 only applies to Jews because it only speaks of Jews. Jewish Christians were certainly there, *including all the Apostles*, and aren’t Gentiles grafted *into* the Israel of God? (Rom. 11:11f.; Gal. 6:16; Eph. 2:11f.) Unless one is willing to divide the ‘one Flock’ that Jesus came to create (John 10:14-16), there’s only one biblical Standard of sin for both groups—Mosaic Law, as interpreted by Yeshua.³ In Romans, Paul’s *greatest* theological letter, written **24** years *after* the resurrection, he point blank asks the question about Mosaic Law observance *for Christians* and answers it: “Do we then make *void* the Law through faith? *Certainly not!* On the *contrary*, we *establish* the Law!” (Rom. 3:31 NKJV; cf. 2nd Cor. 9:7-12; Gal. 2:1-9)

Why would any Christian want to hold onto *pagan* ways and days ‘to Jesus’ that have *absolutely no biblical* connection to Him? The teachings of the the Church in these areas *are contrary to God’s Word and cause Christians to sin against Jesus*. The Lord Yeshua is calling Christians to return to *His* days and *His* ways.⁴

² The shaving of their heads points directly to the Mosaic Law’s Nazarite Vow (Num. 6:18), *which Paul took* to show everyone that *he still kept Mosaic Law*. This, too, refutes Church teaching against Mosaic Law (cf. Acts 18:18, 21; 22:12; 23:1-6; 24:10-18; 25:8; 26:6-8, 18; Rom. 3:20, 31; 7:7, 12, 14; 1st Cor. 7:19; 11:1; James 4:11-12, etc.).

³ The only difference is physical *covenantal* circumcision. The Jew is still required to keep this for his sons, but the Gentile is forbidden (1st Cor. 7:17-19). See *Gentile Circumcision?* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Gentile-Circumcision.pdf> for why the Gentile *must not* be physically covenantally circumcised, despite what Ex. 12:43f. says.

⁴ See *The Feasts of Israel as Time Markers After the Resurrection* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Feasts-of-Israel-as-Time-Markers.pdf> to see the 9 New Testament cites *After* the resurrection that clearly prove that all the Apostles, including Paul, kept the same Feasts as Yeshua did *and* taught them to Christians. After all, if Jesus wanted us to keep Sunday, Xmas and Easter (or Resurrection Day as some now call it), it be written *somewhere* in the New Testament that we are to *keep* those days, but you’ll not find one verse that says we’re to keep any of those days because God doesn’t want us to keep them. For why God wants Christians to keep Passover, see *Passover* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Passover.pdf>. For an excellent book on the paganism that infests the Roman Catholic Church, see *The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Two-Babylons.pdf>. For biblical understanding of some proof texts the Church uses to nullify the dietary laws and the 7th day Sabbath, etc., see *Law 102* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Law-102.pdf>. Contact me through The SeedofAbraham.net. (Revised: 18 July 2016)