

THE ULTIMATE ENIGMA

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One day the Sadducees confronted the Lord Yeshua (the Hebrew name for Jesus) with what they must have thought was surely the ultimate enigma. The Sadducees only believed in the first five books of Moses (i.e. Genesis through Deuteronomy), and so, not finding any passages about a resurrection they didn't believe in it.¹ They didn't believe anything after Deuteronomy was authoritative and inspired by God, and so even though there are passages in the Prophets and the Psalms, etc., that clearly speak of a resurrection from the dead,² these didn't affect their belief.

The Sadducees knew that Yeshua taught of the resurrection,³ and so their 'question' to the Lord was designed to entrap Him and show the Jewish people that He really wasn't the Messiah of Israel. They spoke of a woman who had seven husbands and outlived them all. She hadn't had any children by any of them, and so none of them had any greater claim to being her husband 'in the resurrection' than any other, except for possibly the first being the first. They must have tauntingly asked Yeshua, 'Whose wife will she be in the resurrection?!' His answer both shocked and amazed them, and everyone else in the Temple that day:

"Yeshua said to them, 'You are *mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures* nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like the angels of God in Heaven. Concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God 'in the Burning Bush passage, that the dead are raised' (Lk. 20:37) saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? For He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, *for all live to Him.*' (Luke 20:38) And when the multitude heard this they were *astonished* at His teaching."⁴

Yeshua went straight to the heart of the perverted Sadducean theology by speaking of what God said to Moses from the Burning Bush, *which is in Exodus 3:1f., the second book of Moses*. These Sadducees 'knew' the five books of Moses, most likely having them memorized, but obviously they didn't properly understand them—not at least at this crucial point. This is what Yeshua meant when he said they were *mistaken* and didn't 'know the Scriptures.' They didn't lack scriptural knowledge of the Burning Bush incident—they lacked the proper *understanding* of what God's words meant, specifically in relation to the resurrection of the dead.

I wonder if any of those Sadducees wanted God's Truth enough and began to follow the Lord after that? I wonder if His words, which pierced all their minds, pierced any of their souls as well, to change the way they believed? Christians would be wise to consider the lesson of the ultimate enigma for themselves and not think that just because they claim Christ that they aren't in a similar enigma. What Christians do with new scriptural understanding and historical information determines if they will stagnant at the Oasis of Yesterday or continue on their Journey with Yeshua to the New Jerusalem.⁵

¹ Mt. 22:23; Mk. 12:18; Luke 20:Acts 23:8.

² Job 19:25-26; Psalm 23:6; 41:12; 49:15; Isaiah 25:8; 26:19; Daniel 12:13, etc.

³ Mt. 5:19-20; 7:21; 8:11; 16:9-11, etc.

⁴ The quote is a compilation from Matthew 22:29-33; Mark 12:24-27; Luke 20:34-39.

⁵ 'Heaven' has a name, and the name signifies that God is still the God of the Jews, for the name of 'Heaven' is the New Jerusalem (Gal. 4:26; Rev. 3:12; 21:2-3, 9-10). Note also that the names of the 12 pearly Gates of the heavenly City are named after the 12 Sons of Israel (Rev. 21:12, 21). If God wasn't still in covenant with Israel,

John the Immerser (Baptist) spoke to the Pharisees, another Jewish religious group who thought they knew more about the Word of God than the Word of God who stood in their midst and derailed their theology, too, and said:

“Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our Father!’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up sons to Father Abraham *from these very stones*, and even now the Ax is laid to the root of the trees! Therefore, every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire!” (Matthew 3:8–10)

As wise King Solomon once penned and must have said a thousand times, ‘There’s nothing new under the sun’ (Eccl. 1:9c). The Christian Church has always had some Sadducean and Pharisaic teachings in it that oppose the Word of God. Today is God’s time that they be revealed. What Christian desires God’s Truth enough to change his way of thinking and living to conform to how Jesus wants him to think and live?

“Then Yeshua said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘*If* you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. You shall know the Truth *and the Truth shall set you free.*” (John 8:31-32)

The Ultimate Enigma and the Church

For one thousand nine hundred years the Church has taught that we must *not* observe Mosaic Law, even though Yeshua did, because “Jesus freed us from the bondage to Mosaic Law with all its rules and regulations. We’re under Grace.” The Apostle Paul, though, taught that Mosaic Law is holy and righteous, and by it we know (the full extent of) what is sin, as God understands it. Paul wrote;

“Therefore, by the deeds of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight, *for by the Law is the knowledge of sin.*” (Romans 3:20)

“What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, *I would not have known sin except through the Law.* For I would not have known covetousness unless the Law had said, ‘You must not covet!’...Therefore, *the Law is holy*, and the commandment holy, just and good...For we know that *the Law is spiritual*, but I am carnal, sold under sin.” (Romans 7:7, 12, 14)

It’s common knowledge that no one will be saved (justified) by any deeds of Mosaic Law, and that includes loving God and neighbor with all one’s heart (Dt. 6:4-5; Lev. 19:18c) because salvation is based on our faith in Yeshua and His sacrificial death. That’s true Christianity, but once justified Mosaic Law comes into the picture as God’s holy Standard to know the full extent of what is sin and what isn’t.

The Apostle to the Gentiles speaks of the Law, which means all Mosaic Law and not just the Ten Commandments because Mosaic Law contains all the commandments, laws, statutes and judgments, etc., that constitute the whole spectrum of sin, or as Paul writes of it, ‘the knowledge of sin.’ To think that Paul is only speaking of the Ten Commandments doesn’t take into account that:

1. Scripture speaks of Mosaic Law as the *Law* of Yahveh (or the *Law* of the LORD; NKJV) 21 times,⁶

and looking to bring them into the Kingdom of His Son, the names of the gates wouldn’t be the names of the 12 sons of Israel and the city wouldn’t be named the new Jerusalem.

⁶ Ex. 13:9; 2nd Kings 10:31; 1st Chr. 16:40; 22:12; 2nd Chr. 12:1; 17:9; 31:3-4; 34:14; 35:26; Ezra 7:10; Neh. 9:3; Ps. 1:2; 19:7; 119:1; Is. 5:24; Jer 8:8; Amos 2:4; Luke 2:23-24, 39.

2. and that ‘Law/law’ is a biblical synonym for the Word of God,⁷
3. and that Law is also equated with the Word of God,⁸
4. and there are also many Scriptures which clearly speak of the term Law as being more than just the Ten Commandments,⁹
5. and in a number of Scriptures it speaks of ‘Law’ being used for all the Scriptures of the Old Testament.¹⁰

Paul states in Romans, his greatest theological letter, written more than 20 years after the resurrection, that Mosaic Law is both holy and *spiritual*. What Paul meant by Mosaic Law being spiritual is seen when King David and the author of Hebrews speak of it concerning its affect upon our soul:

“The Law of Yahveh is *perfect, converting the soul*. The *testimony* of Yahveh is *sure, making wise the simple*.” (Psalms 19:7; *testimony* is another way of saying Mosaic Law)

Mosaic Law does that by alerting us to what is important in God’s eyes.

“For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, *and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*.” (Hebrews 4:12)

The Word of God was still the Old Testament for the writer of Hebrews (e.g. 2nd Tim. 3:10-17). David and the author of Hebrews knew the power and divine reality of Mosaic Law to pierce the heart and to reveal sin, and so to lead the sinner back to God through repentance, which continually converts the soul, understanding sin from God’s perspective. Jeff Mills writes that the Hebrew word for (Mosaic) Law is Torah and that it means ‘*to hit the mark*,’ which is the exact opposite of the common definition for sin, which is ‘*to miss the mark*.’ Mosaic Law, then, is God’s divine Standard for revealing sin to us so we can avoid it. Mosaic Law reveals God’s way for us to live our lives; both what to do and what not to do. As Mills writes, ‘it is something for us to *aim* for.’¹¹

The Church presents an anti-Mosaic Law ‘Paul,’ but those two Scriptures above from Romans clearly speak of why Mosaic Law is still valid and necessary for every Christian. Romans is not the only letter where Paul upholds Mosaic Law. In First Corinthians he literally speaks of *keeping the commandments of*

⁷ The *Word* of God is equal to the Law of Moses: Ex. 31:18; 32:15-16; Ps. 119:13, 16, 43, 57, 66-67, 88, 89-94, 97-104, 105-106, 129-131, 133-136, 138-140, 157-160, 161-165, 172; Is. 1:10; 2:3; 5:24; 42:21; 44:3; Jer. 35:13; 44:23; Dan. 9:10, 11; Mic. 4:2; Jn. 8:8-9; 9:13; Acts 7:38.

Torah (the Law of Moses) is a biblical synonym for the Word of God. Words like *judgments* and *statutes* are *synonymous* with God’s Word (Law) and speak of His holy Instruction or Teaching (Torah) to Israel (Dt. 4:44-45; 5:1-22; 7:11, etc.). For *testimony* speaking of the Law see Ps. 78:5; 119:88; 132:12; Is. 8:20. For *testimonies* see Dt. 4:45; 6:17, 20; Ps. 25:10; 78:56; 99:7. For *judgments* speaking of the Law see Lev. 18:4, 5, 26; 25:18; Dt. 4:1, 5, 8; 5:31. For *ordinances* see Ex. 21:1; 24:3; Lev. 19:37; 20:22; 26:15; Num. 9:3. For *statutes* see Ex. 18:20; Lev. 10:11; 18:4, 5, 26; 19:19; 20:8; Dt. 6:1. For *commandments* see Ex. 15:26; 16:28; Lev. 22:31; Num. 15:22; Dt. 6:17.

⁸ Ex. 31:18; 32:15-16; Dt. 1:3-5-31:24 (in other words, the whole book of Deuteronomy are God’s commandments); Ps. 119:13, 16, 43, 57, 66-67, 88, 89-94, 97-104, 105-106, 129-131, 133-136, 138-140, 157-160, 161-165, 172; Is. 1:10; 2:3; 5:24; 42:21; 44:3; Jer. 35:13; 44:23; Dan. 9:10, 11; Mic. 4:2; Jn. 8:8-9; 9:13; Acts 7:38.

⁹ Ex. 13:9-10; 34:32; Lev. 4:2; 26:14; 27:34; Num. 15:22; 36:13; Dt. 1:3-5f.; 4:44-45; 5:1f.; 11:22, 27-28; 19:9; 26:13; 27:1; 28:1; 28:13; 30:8; Lk. 24:44.

¹⁰ John 10:34, which refers to Psalm 82:6; John 12:34, which seems to refer to a number of passages in the Tanach; and John 15:25, a reference to two psalms (35:19; 69:4).

¹¹ Jeff Mills, *The Law* at <http://www.haemet.org/2016/04/13/the-law/>.

God (7:19),¹² and as note 9 relates, the term *commandments* applies to many commandments other than the Ten Commandments.

The Church misunderstands the Apostle Paul's teaching in Galatians (2–5), just as the Sadducees did about the resurrection. In Galatians Paul speaks of salvation being lost because someone 'added' the Law, symbolized in physical covenantal circumcision, to their faith in Messiah. Consequently, that person has fallen from grace or salvation:

“You have become *estranged* from Christ, you who *attempt to be justified by Law*. You have fallen from grace.” (Galatians 5:4)

The Apostle wasn't coming against Mosaic Law *per se*, but against the improper use of it specifically in relation to justification (salvation). We know that the Apostle wasn't coming against the right use of Mosaic Law because we see how he uses and exalts Mosaic Law in his letters to the Roman and Corinthian Christians.¹³

If Mosaic Law had been done away with in Galatians, Paul wouldn't have spoken of it in Romans as being the revealer of sin and he wouldn't have said that it was holy and spiritual. There would have been no need to bring up something that 'had been done away with,' and therefore, not relevant to Christianity. Because he did write of it that way in Romans we know that the Church's understanding of Galatians isn't biblical, but Sadducean.

Paul did not do away with Mosaic Law in Galatians, but warned the Christians not to add the keeping of the Law to their faith in Messiah Yeshua as justification for salvation. After all, God didn't give Mosaic Law to Israel as a means of salvation or deliverance from Egyptian slavery, but He gave it to them after He set them free from Egypt *by their faith in the blood of the Passover lamb*. Mosaic Law holds the same place for Christians. After God the Father sets us free by the blood of the Passover Lamb; from sin, sickness, death and Satan's Kingdom, we're brought into the Kingdom of His Son to walk in holiness; not sin.

Using Mosaic Law as the means of salvation was a Pharisaic invention. It was not of God. Both Paul in Galatians and the Council in Acts 15 negated the addition of Mosaic Law, symbolized in physical covenantal circumcision, to faith in Christ for salvation.

If we live, then, according to Church teaching against Mosaic Law, we are actually walking *contrary* to how Yeshua lived, and obviously, sinning against God and His holy and righteous Standard of Mosaic Law. Three examples where most Christians *miss the mark* and sin against their Lord are:

1. not keeping the 7th day Sabbath holy;
2. not celebrating the Feasts of Israel, and
3. eating unclean animals, such as pig (bacon, ham and pork chops, etc.), catfish, lobster, oyster, shrimp and squid, etc.

¹² There are a number of places in First Corinthians where Paul uses Mosaic Law to establish his point. This would have been meaningless if Mosaic Law had been done away with:

1. Paul encourages the Corinthians to keep 'the Feast' (1st Cor. 5:6-8). This can only be Passover—The Feast of Unleavened Bread as he's just spoken about unleavened bread (Ex. 12:8-20; Lev. 23:6).
2. He sums up his ability to receive funds from the Corinthians by citing the Law (9:8-9f.).
3. He tells them that women should not speak in the assembly, again citing the Law (14:34-35).
4. In 16:8 Paul speaks of staying at Ephesus until Pentecost, which is the Greek word for the Law's holy day of *Shavu'ot* (the Feast of Weeks; Lev. 23:15-22; Dt. 16:9-10, 16). Why would Paul 'note time' to *Gentiles* by an 'outdated' Jewish feast unless he still kept the Law and taught it to them? (cf. Phil. 3:17; 4:9)

¹³ Paul wrote First Corinthians about a year before he wrote Galatians (53 AD); and Romans about 55 AD.

Three examples of Christians sinning against Jesus and *missing the mark* are:

4. the celebration of Christmas,
5. the observance of Easter (or Resurrection Day, as some now call it),
6. and going to church on Sunday instead of keeping the whole 24 hour Sabbath *day* holy.

Most Christians don't seem to mind that Jesus wasn't born on Xmas day, nor that He did not rise on Easter-Sunday (as the sun was coming up). It doesn't affect them that neither He nor anyone else in the New Testament speak of Sunday *replacing* the 7th day Sabbath or being the alleged 'Christian Sabbath.'

Most Christians also don't seem to be concerned about such mundane things as where Easter and Christmas originated and if they are from God. Did God ordain them for us? If so, it's very strange that neither one is even mentioned in the New Testament.¹⁴

Most Christians aren't concerned about eating what the Bible calls unclean animals, even though they hold the Bible to be the Word of God and believe it to be the guideline for how they are to live their lives. They wrongly believe the Sadducean interpretation of some New Testament texts that the Church says allows them to eat those meats.

These six Roman Catholic anti-God traditions are so old that Bible-believing Christians believe they are biblical. When challenged with the fact that the New Testament never authorizes those pagan days or perverse ways, they insist they're not worshiping pagan gods and goddesses, while their children are busy running around, hunting down the Easter eggs of the Babylonian goddess Astarte, in the name of Jesus, of course, and so that makes it alright for them because they're not literally prostrating themselves to an image of Astarte. Paul, however, says that those whom we lend our members *to serve* (i.e. to follow their ways and practices) to those we are enslaved, whether to the God of Israel and His Ways or to Astarte and her ways. There are no Easter eggs nor sunrise services in the Bible:

“Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?” (Romans 6:16 NKJV)

Astarte was the ancient Babylonian goddess of fertility, and hence, one reason why the egg is one of her symbols, and I'll speak of what Astarte has to do with Easter in just a moment. Astarte is also known as the goddess who raised her son from the dead. This son, interestingly enough, like Yeshua, is also called the Savior of the world and he is said to have died for the sins of man, too. Welcome to the world of deception!

Deception is one of Satan's most powerful tools and he has used it well against all Christians *who follow the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church that nullify God's Word*. The Christian churches have been walking in the same conceptual theological 'mistake' that the ancient Sadducees did. The Christians churches 'know' the Scriptures, but as Yeshua would say to them today:

The Christian churches are *mistaken* because they don't understand the Scriptures concerning Mosaic Law.

The Sadducees had their Scriptures to prove that there was no resurrection, and the Christian churches have their Scriptures to prove that “Mosaic Law is not for Christians.”

¹⁴ There is one English Bible that speaks of Easter, and it's the King James Version. In Acts 12:4 it speaks of Easter, but the Greek word is *πάσχα* *Paska*, which is *Passover* in English, and every other English Bible rightly has *Passover*.

Astarte and Easter

Alexander Hislop writes that Astarte was known all over the ancient world by such names as Diana (Ephesus; modern day western Turkey) Aphrodite (Greece), Cybele (south-central Turkey), Ishtar (Assyria), Rhea (Greece), Venus (Rome), and even in China and Mexico, etc. Her worship also included that of her infant son, who was usually pictured in her arms:

“In Egypt the Mother and the Child were worshipped under the names of Isis and Osiris.¹⁵ In India, even to this day, as Isi and Iswara,¹⁶ in Asia as Cybele and Deoius,¹⁷ in Pagan Rome as Fortuna and Jupiter-puer (Jupiter the boy),¹⁸ in Greece as Ceres the Great Mother with the babe at her breast, or as Irene, the goddess of Peace with the boy Plutus in her arms,¹⁹ and even in Thibet, in China and Japan, the Jesuit missionaries were astonished to find the counterpart of Madonna²⁰ and her child as devoutly worshipped as in

¹⁵ Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons*, 2nd American edition (Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux Brothers, 1959), p. 19; pp. 15-16 in *The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop*, which is Avram Yehoshua’s PDF of the book. Hislop overwhelmingly proves that the Roman Catholic Church is the Babylon of the New Testament (Rev. 14:8; 17:5; cf. 18:4). Read and/or download *The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Two-Babylons.pdf>. All following page cites are from *The Full Hislop* (TFH).

Ibid., note †: Osiris, as the child called most frequently Horus. Bunsen, *Egypt*, vol. i. p. 438, compared with pp. 433-434. (Hislop has already explained, by this time in his book, that her husband who died was raised to new life as her son. This was the pattern for all the Queens of Heaven.)

The wife of Nimrod, Semiramis, was worshiped as Astarte in ancient Babylon; TFH, p. 57f. See p. 80f. for Astarte also being the Queen of Heaven (cf. Jer. 7:18; 44:17-19, 25).

¹⁶ Ibid., p. 15 note ‡: Kennedy, *Researches into Ancient and Hindoo Mythology*, p. 49. Though Iswara is the husband of Isi, he is also represented as an infant at her breast (ibid., p. 338, note).

¹⁷ Ibid., note §: Dymock, *Classical Dictionary*, ‘Cybele’ and ‘Deoius.’

¹⁸ Ibid., note ll: Cicero, *Work’s, De Divinatione*, lib. ii. cap. 41, vol. iii. p. 77.

¹⁹ Ibid., note **: Pausanias, lib. i. *Attica*, cap. 8.

²⁰ Ibid., p. 16, note ††: The very name by which the Italians commonly designate the Virgin is just the translation of one of the titles of the Babylonian goddess. As Baal or Belus was the name of the great male divinity of Babylon, so the female divinity was called Beltis (Hesychius, *Lexicon*, p. 188). This name has been found in Nineveh applied to the ‘Mother of the gods’ (Vaux, *Nineveh and Persepolis*, p. 459) and in a speech attributed to Nebuchadnezzar, preserved in Eusebii *Proeparatio Evangelii*, lib. ix. cap. 41, both titles, ‘Belus and Beltis,’ are conjoined as the titles of the great Babylonian god and goddess. The Greek Belus, as representing the highest title of the Babylonian god, was undoubtedly Baal, ‘The Lord.’ Beltis, therefore, as the title of the female divinity was equivalent to ‘Baalti,’ which in English is ‘My Lady,’ in Latin, ‘Mea Domina,’ and in Italian is corrupted into the well known ‘Madonna.’

In connection with this it may be observed that the name of Juno, the classical ‘Queen of Heaven,’ which in Greek was Hera, also signified ‘The Lady,’ and that the peculiar title of Cybele or Rhea at Rome was Domina or ‘The Lady’ (Ovid, *Fasti*, lib. iv. v. 340). Further, there is strong reason to believe that Athena, the well known name of Minerva at Athens had the very same meaning. The Hebrew Adon, ‘The Lord,’ is, with the points, pronounced Athon. We have evidence that this name was known to the Asiatic Greeks, from whom idolatry in a large measure, came into European Greece, as a name of God under the form of ‘Athana.’ Eustathius, in a note on the Periergesis of Dionysius (v. 915, *apud* Bryant, *Mythology*, vol. iii. p. 140), speaking of local names in the district of Laodicea, says that ‘Athana is god.’

The feminine of Athana, ‘The Lord,’ is Athana, ‘The Lady,’ which in the Attic dialect is Athena. No doubt, Minerva is commonly represented as a virgin, but for all that we learn from Strabo (Lib. x. cap. 3, p. 405. Paris, 1853) that at Hierapytna in Crete (the coins of which city, says Muller [*History of the Dorians* vol. i. p. 413] have the Athenian symbols of Minerva upon them), she was said to be the mother of the Corybantes by Helios (‘the Sun’). It is certain that the Egyptian Minerva, who was the prototype of the Athenian goddess, was a mother and was styled ‘Goddess Mother’ or ‘Mother of the Gods’ (Wilkinson, *Manners and Customs of the Ancient*

Papal Rome itself—Shing Moo, the Holy Mother in China, being represented with a child in her arms and a glory around her *exactly as if a Roman Catholic artist had been employed to set her up.*²¹

The Apostle John wrote, ‘*the whole world* lies under the sway of the wicked one.’ (1st John 5:19) The enigma of why the Church teaches against Mosaic Law stems from the Deceiver, who has perverted the Apostolic Way of Life through his infiltration of pagan ways and pagan days into the Church through the Roman Catholic Church.

The name of the Assyrian goddess Ishtar is just the Anglicized name for Easter. The hot cross buns that many Christians gobble up on Easter Sunday (i.e. Ishtar Sunday) were also eaten by pagans a thousand years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem:

“Ishtar (Semiramis, widow of Nimrod, mother of Tammuz) came to be represented as the bare breasted Pagan fertility goddess of the east. The original Pagan festival of ‘Easter’ was a sex orgy that celebrated the return of life via the fertility of Ishtar’s conception of Tammuz. Worshipers of the Babylonian religion celebrated the conception of Tammuz on the first Sunday after the Full Moon that followed the Spring Equinox.²² They celebrated it by baking cakes to Ishtar, getting drunk, engaging in sex orgies and prostitution in the temple of Ishtar. Women were required to celebrate the conception of Tammuz by lying down in the temple and having sex with whoever entered. The man was required to leave her money. Babies were sacrificed in the honor of these Pagan gods and their blood was consumed by the worshipers. The priest of Easter would sacrifice infants...and take the eggs of Easter/Ishtar, as symbols of fertility, and die them in the blood of the sacrificed infants (human babies...and...on *December 25th* (nine months later)...her son Tammuz, the reincarnate sun-god, would be born.”

“It was also common for Pagans to bake cakes to offer to her (the Queen of Heaven) on the Friday before the Easter festival. This is where...the custom of ‘hot cross buns,’ with the ‘cross’ symbol indicating the female (the Babylonian symbol for the ‘female’ was...a circle with a crux/cross beneath). The cross also indicated the Equinox, when the Earth’s orbit ‘crossed’ the celestial equator.”

“Jeremiah spoke against this practice and pronounced God’s judgment against them... (Jeremiah 7:17-19; 44:19-29). Ezekiel also speaks against the celebration of the rites of Ishtar, which were taking place in the temple (of Jerusalem), and the weeping for Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14) refers to the mourning process of the death/resurrection symbolism of Easter, Ishtar weeping for the death of her son Tammuz, which the women were obliged to emulate” (commonly known as Lent).

Egyptians, vol. iv. p. 285).

²¹ Ibid., note *: Crabb, *Mythology*, p. 150. Gutzlaff thought that Shing Moo must have been borrowed from a Popish source, and there can be no doubt that in the individual case to which he refers, the Pagan and the Christian stories had been amalgamated, but Sir J. F. Davis shows that the Chinese of Canton find such an analogy between their own Pagan goddess Kuanyin and the Popish Madonna, that in conversing with Europeans they frequently call either of them indifferently by the same title (Davis, *China*, vol. ii. p. 56). The first Jesuit missionaries to China also wrote home to Europe that they found mention in the Chinese sacred books—books unequivocally Pagan—of a mother and child very similar to their own Madonna and child at home (Le Pere Lafitan, *Les Moeurs des Sauvages Ameriquains*, vol. i. p. 235, note). One of the names of the Chinese Holy Mother is Ma Tsoopo, in regard to which, see Note C, p. 233f.

²² This is exactly the way the Roman Catholic Church came to date their Easter, and of course, all churches today follow that dating, which has nothing to do with the dating for the resurrection of Messiah Yeshua. For more on this see *First Sheaf* at <http://seedofabraham.net/First-Sheaf.pdf>.

‘The fertility rites were extended to agricultural processes and to ensure a prosperous growing season, Pagans rolled eggs decorated with the bright colors of Spring in their fields, hoping to imbue fertility. These eggs were then hidden from ‘evil spirits’ in rabbits’ nests, another symbol of fertility.’²³

Another reason why Ishtar has an egg for her symbol is because she allegedly came down from Heaven into the Euphrates River in a giant egg. When she came out of the egg she is said to have taught Man knowledge and wisdom, and as such, she is also known as the Mother of Knowledge.²⁴ Astarte and Ishtar are where the Roman Catholic Church takes its attributes of ‘Mother Mary’ from. Astarte was also both the *mother* of the pagan savior son *and a virgin*.²⁵ Astarte is the prototype from which the Roman Catholic Church teaches that Jesus got His wisdom from—His mother Mary. The Roman Catholic Mary is also known as the Queen of Heaven, a title first bestowed upon the Babylonian goddess-mother of her savior-divine son.²⁶ It’s because of the death of her savior-son that the pagan Lent was seen in all the ancient world. Following their penchant for substituting pagan days and pagan ways for God’s days and ways, the Roman Catholic Church added Lent to their yearly calendar in 519 AD.²⁷ Lent is the 40 day period before Easter of weeping and mourning that pagans, Catholics and Lutherans, etc., observe, weeping over the death of Tammuz or Jesus. Of course, there is no such commandment to do so in the New Testament, but that didn’t stop the Roman Catholic Church from instituting it because their Mary and Jesus are actually modeled after pagan gods and goddesses rather than the Mary and Jesus of Scripture.

This, too, doesn’t seem to offend or challenge most Catholics and Christians. They are comfortable in their deception. As long as they are doing what seems right in their own heart, it’s alright for them. Speaking of the heart, though, God says,

“The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked! Who can know it?!” (Jer. 17:9)

In other words, we shouldn’t be too sure of ourselves when it comes to our own heart and ‘listening to it’ instead of God’s Word. We must not offer up to the God of Israel the things that He has not ordained for us, especially things from the Kingdom of Darkness, even if it has the name of Jesus attached to it. If God told ancient Israel not to learn the way of the pagan Gentiles,²⁸ how much more should that apply to the followers of Jesus today?

“Observe and obey *all these words which I command you*, that it may go well with you and your sons after you *forever*, when you do *what is good and right in the sight of Yahveh your God*. When Yahveh your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, *take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared* to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, ‘*How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.*’ You must not worship Yahveh your God in that way; for every abomination to Yahveh, which He hates, they have done to their gods; for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it! you must not add to it nor take away from it!” (Deuteronomy 12:28-32)

²³ https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Hebrew_Roots/Neglected_Commandments/Idolatry/Easter.

²⁴ Hislop, *The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop*, p. 85.

²⁵ Ibid., p. 58f., 65f., 97, 125, 207f., 245.

²⁶ Ibid., *TFH*, p. 59f.

²⁷ Ibid., p. 82.

²⁸ Jeremiah 10:2a; “Thus says Yahveh! ‘Do not learn the way of the Gentiles!’”

Obviously, most Christians don't see this word of God as affecting them because it's in the Old Testament, and most of them are far removed from the biblical reality that they have been joined to God's *Israel* through belief in Messiah Yeshua (Romans 11:11f.; Gal. 6:16; Eph. 2:11f.). They have been deceived into believing that the Israel they are part of, if at all, is the church they go to and that God is finished with the Jews because 'they rejected Jesus.' Yet, if Jesus had worshipped His Father through hunting down Easter eggs or eating hot cross buns, or taught His disciples to do so, He would have sinned, not having upheld His Father's holy Standard of Mosaic Law (that speaks of not practicing the *ways* of the Gentiles). How is it then that the Church teaches Christians that they don't have to keep all the laws and rules of Moses that apply to them, even though Jesus and all His Apostles did? Enter the five W's.

Mosaic Law and the Five W's

The five W's are known to every television and radio news commentator and every newspaper reporter. The five W's are questions that explain an event, and in our case the event is the overthrow of God's Mosaic Law *and* the bringing in of illicit SEX (the Roman Catholic holy days of Sunday, Easter and Xmas)²⁹ and other pagan ways that are contrary to the Word of God:

1. *What* happened? Mosaic Law was thrown out and replaced with pagan days and pagan ways.
2. *When* did it happen? About 120 AD.
3. *Where* did it happen? Rome.
4. *Who* caused it to happen? The Bishop of Rome, whose office would become that of the Pope.
5. *Why* did it happen? In 70 AD the Roman Army destroyed Judah, Jerusalem and the Temple. They killed about 800,000 Jewish men, women and children and took 100,000 Jews as slaves. When the Jewish people living outside of Israel heard what Rome had done to their brethren, their city and their Temple, many rioted. Rome eventually quashed them, but anything 'Jewish' was held in contempt and open to persecution. 50 years later, in 120 AD, Sixtus, the Gentile Bishop of Rome, whose church had been meeting on the 7th day Sabbath and kept Passover, etc., since the beginning, decided he didn't want to be seen as Jewish and held in derision, so he threw out God's Standard and brought in paganism (Sunday and Easter, etc.) and 'baptized it in the name of Jesus.'³⁰ That didn't go over well with the churches in Turkey and Syria, etc., but after a few hundred years Rome brought them into submission.

The Daughters of Babylon

Alexander Hislop taught that the Roman Catholic Church is the Whore of (New Testament) Babylon.³¹ This may seem shocking to those who have not studied this, but both Catholic theology and history bear

²⁹ Xmas didn't come into the Roman Catholic Church until the about 340 AD. From <https://www.google.com/search?q=Xmas+and+the+Catholic+Church&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8>: Constantine (the first Christian Roman Emperor) celebrated Xmas in 336 AD. "A few years later, Pope Julius I officially declared that the birth of Jesus would be celebrated on the 25th December."

³⁰ Sixtus was Bishop of Rome, whose office would later become that of the Pope. He held office from about 115-125 AD. (Samuele Bacchiocchi, *From Sabbath To Sunday*; Rome, Italy: The Pontifical Gregorian University Press, 1977. On my PDF of the book its p. 118f., at <http://seedofabraham.net/From-Sabbath-to-Sunday.pdf>.)

³¹ Hislop, *The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop*. See Revelation 17:1, 5-6, 16; 18:2, 10, 21; 19:2.

this out. In other words, what ancient Babylon in Chaldea was to the people of God in the Old Testament, the Roman Church is to the people of God in the New Testament for it is diametrically opposed to God, His will and His ways.

The Roman Catholic Church calls the Protestant churches ‘her daughters’ because they came about by ‘protesting’ against the Roman Church in the area of some of their heretical doctrines and practices. They also ‘left the fold’ because of Rome’s ruthless, tyrannical and diabolical persecution of true Christians from 538 to 1798³² and thereafter, when Rome held supreme political and religious authority over nations. Arthur Maricle writes,

“By the 11th century, in their zeal to establish Christ’s kingdom, the Roman popes ...began utilizing a new tool—the Crusades. At first, the Crusades had as their object the conquering of Jerusalem and the ‘Holy Land.’ Along the crusaders’ paths, thousands of innocent civilians (especially Jews) were raped, robbed and slaughtered. In time, however, the crusade concept was altered to crush spiritual opposition within Europe itself. In other words, armies were raised with the intent of massacring whole communities of Bible believing Christians. One such group of Bible believing Christians were known as the Albigenses.”

“(Pope) Innocent III believed that Bible believing dissidents were worse than infidels (Saracens, Moslems and Turks), for they threatened the unity of...Europe. So Innocent III sponsored 4 ‘crusades’ to *exterminate the Albigenses*. Innocent...called upon Louis VII to do his killing for him.”

“The Cistercian order of Catholic monks were then commissioned to preach all over France, Flanders and Germany for the purpose of raising an army sufficient to kill the Bible believers. All who volunteered to take part in these *mass murders* were promised that they would receive the same reward as those who had sallied forth against the Moslems (i.e. forgiveness of sins and eternal life).”

“The Albigenses were referred to in Pope Innocent’s Sunday morning messages as ‘servants of the old serpent.’ Innocent promised the killers a heavenly kingdom if they took up their swords against unarmed populaces.”

“In July of 1209 AD, an army of orthodox Catholics attacked Beziers and murdered **60,000** unarmed civilians, *killing men, women, and children*. The whole city was sacked, and when someone complained that Catholics were being killed as well as ‘heretics,’ the papal legates told them to go on killing and not to worry about it, for ‘the Lord knows His own.’”

“At Minerve, *14,000 Christians were put to death in the flames.*”³³

³² See *Roman Catholic Satanic Torture Methods* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XI13wMpvj3s>. It states that there were four main reasons for being declared a heretic, which meant insidious torture and death:

1. To refuse to acknowledge the Pope *as God on Earth* and come under his authority.
2. To believe that the Scriptures had more authority than the Pope and the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church.
3. To possess any part of the Scriptures (the Word of God).
4. To refuse to take the Catholic Eucharist of the Mass (i.e. communion).

For more understanding on how Rome persecuted and tortured millions of Christians, see *The Inquisition—A Study in Absolute Catholic Power* at <http://www.mtc.org/inquis.html>, and also, *The True Face of the Roman Catholic Inquisition* at <http://www.cuttingedge.org/news/n1676.cfm> and *The Horrors of the Church and its Holy Inquisition* at http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/vatican/esp_vatican29.htm.

“This is but one example from the long and sordid history of Catholic atrocities committed against their bitter enemies, the Bible believing Christians. Much worse treatment of Bible believers was forthcoming during that stage of bloody Catholic history known as the Inquisition. It is vital, though, that we here define what is meant by the term ‘heretic.’ According to *Webster’s II New Riverside University Dictionary*...a heretic” is,

‘One who holds or advocates controversial opinions, *esp. one who publicly opposes the officially accepted dogma of the Roman Catholic Church.*’

“Or, as one author has put it,”

‘Heresy, to a Catholic, is anti-Catholic truth found in the Bible.’³⁴

“Another summarized the official stance as this:”

‘Every citizen in the empire was required to be a Roman Catholic. Failure to give wholehearted allegiance to the pope was considered treason against the state punishable by death.’³⁵

“From 1200 to 1500 the long series of Papal ordinances on the Inquisition, ever increasing in severity and cruelty, and their whole policy towards heresy, runs on without a break. It is a rigidly consistent system of legislation: *every Pope confirms and improves upon the devices of his predecessor.* All is directed to the one end; of completely uprooting every difference of belief...The Inquisition...contradicted the simplest principles of Christian justice and love to our neighbor.”³⁶

‘The Inquisition was purely and uniquely a Catholic institution; it was founded for the express purpose of *exterminating every human being in Europe who differed from Roman Catholic beliefs and practices.* It spread out from France, Milan, Geneva, Aragon and Sardinia to Poland (14th century), and then to Bohemia and Rome (1543). It was not abolished in Spain until 1820.’³⁷

“The Inquisition was a terrifying fact of life to those who lived in areas where it was in force. That domain would eventually include not only much of Europe, but also the far-flung colonies of Europe’s Catholic powers.”

‘The Inquisition, led by the Dominicans and the Jesuits, was usually early on the scene following each territorial acquisition of the Spanish and Portuguese empires in the 16th and 17th centuries. The methods used, which all too often were similar to those used by...the Nazi-backed Ustashe in Croatia,³⁸ sowed the seeds

³³ *The Inquisition—A Study in Absolute Catholic Power* by Arthur Maricle, Ph.D. at <http://www.mtc.org/inquis.html>, quote from Peter S. Ruckman, Ph.D.; *The History of the New Testament Church* (Bible Believers Bookstore; Pensacola, Florida; 1989).

³⁴ Ibid., Peter Ruckman, *The History of the New Testament Church*.

³⁵ Ibid., Dave Hunt, *A Woman Rides the Beast* (Harvest House Publishers; Eugene, Oregon; 1994).

³⁶ Ibid., J. H. Ignaz von Dollinger, *The Pope and the Council* (London, 1869); as cited in Dave Hunt, *A Woman Rides the Beast*.

³⁷ Ibid., quote from Peter Ruckman, *The History of the New Testament Church*.

³⁸ The Ustashe were official Croatian government genocidal murders and torturers (from 1941 to 1945). The Roman Catholic “‘clergy often took a leading part.’ Not only did the Croatian (Catholic) Church and clergy know, they were at the forefront of the genocide. The Croatian Roman Catholic priests organized and led the mass murders. As Cornwell noted, priests were in many instances the instigators and leaders of the genocide: ‘Priests, invariably Franciscans, took a leading part in the massacres... Individual (Catholic) Franciscan (priests)

of reaction and aversion that have proved to be a barrier for true missionaries ever since.’

“Albert Close writes of the Jesuit mission to Indonesia in 1559 that ‘conversion was wonderfully shortened by the cooperation of the colonial governors whose militia offered’ the natives the choice of the musket ball or of baptism.”

‘It was the Popes who compelled bishops and priests to condemn the heterodox to *torture*, confiscation of their goods, imprisonment and *death*, and to enforce the execution of this sentence on the civil authorities, under pain of excommunication.’³⁹

“Will Durant informs us that in 1521 Leo X issued the bull *Honestis* which ‘ordered the excommunication of any officials, and the suspension of religious services in any community, *that refused to execute, without examination or revision*, the sentences of the inquisitors.’ Consider Clement V’s rebuke of King Edward II:”

‘We hear that you forbid torture as contrary to the laws of your land. But no state law can override canon law, our law. Therefore I command you at once to submit those men to torture.’⁴⁰

“The methods used by the Inquisition ranged from the barbaric to the bizarre...When the inquisitors swept into a town an ‘Edict of Faith’ was issued requiring everyone to reveal any heresy of which they had knowledge. Those who concealed a heretic came under the curse of the Church and the inquisitors’ wrath. Informants would approach the inquisitors’ lodgings under cover of night and were rewarded for information. *No one arrested was ever acquitted.*”

“*Torture was considered to be essential* because the church felt duty-bound to identify from the lips of the victims themselves any deviance from sound doctrine. Presumably, *the more excruciating the torture*, the more likely that the truth could be wrung from reluctant lips. The inquisitors were determined that it was ‘*better for a hundred innocent people to die* than for one heretic to go free.’”

“Heretics’ were committed to the flames because the popes believed the Bible forbade Christians to shed blood.”⁴¹

“This wanton slaughter of innocent people was justified by Catholic theologians such as ‘Saint’ Thomas Aquinas, who said, ‘If forgers and other malefactors are put to death by the secular power, *there is much more reason for putting to death one convicted of*

killed, set fire to homes, sacked villages, and laid waste the Bosnian countryside at the head of Ustashe bands.”

“The objectives of the Ustasha regime were known by the Italian government and by the Vatican. Cornwell described ‘the campaign of terror and extermination conducted by the Ustashe of Croatia against two million Serb Orthodox Christians...The Croats were the Vatican’s ramrod against the Orthodox.’”

“487,000 Orthodox Serbs and 27,000 Gypsies were murdered between 1941 and 1945...Out of a population of 45,000 Jews, approximately 30,000 were murdered during the same period. 20,000-25,000 were murdered in the Croatian death camps, such as Jasenovac and Nova Gradiska, while 7,000 were sent to the gas chambers.” (From <http://serbianna.com/analysis/archives/1182>)

³⁹ Ibid., von Dollinger, *The Pope and the Council*, as cited in Dave Hunt, *A Woman Rides the Beast*.

⁴⁰ Ibid., Dave Hunt; op cit.; quotations from Will Durant; *The Story of Civilization*, Vol. V (Simon and Schuster, 1950); and *ibid.*, Vol. 4.

⁴¹ Ibid., Dave Hunt, *A Woman Rides the Beast*.

heresy.’

“Catholic apologists attempt to downplay the significance of the Inquisition, saying that relatively few people were ever directly affected. While controversy rages around the number of victims that can be claimed by the Inquisition, *conservative estimates easily place the count in the millions.*”

“Because her basic doctrinal premises remain in place, Rome can yet again rise up against her spiritual enemies at some future date when she again wields exclusive ecclesiastical control of a region. In fact, the ‘Holy Office’ of the Inquisition *still exists* within the Vatican (known today as the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith), awaiting the day in which it can stamp out ‘heresy.’ As recently as 1938, a popular Catholic weekly declared:”

‘Heresy is an awful *crime* against God, and those who start a heresy are more guilty than they who are traitors to the civil government. If the state has a right to punish treason with death, the principle is the same that concedes to the spiritual authority the power of life and *death over the arch-traitor.*’⁴²

“The challenge I give to Bible believing Christians is to respect the heritage we have been given by those who suffered for Biblical truth, that we may be prepared to suffer ourselves. Ours is the generation that may yet again be afflicted for the faith once delivered to the saints. If such is to be our privilege, let us face our trials with this promise of our Lord fresh upon our hearts:

‘Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.’ (Matthew 5:10)⁴³

This brief overview into the history of the Roman Catholic Church toward true Christians reveals not a Christian church, but a church of Satan, despite the mask of congeniality it presents today. The brutality, torture and murder of millions of Christians and Jews only differs from the brutality, torture and murder of millions of Christians and Jews by Hitler and Nazi Germany in that Hitler could only do it for a few years. Catholicism has done it for more than a thousand years and as recently as World War II.

When a number of high ranking Nazi officers were put on trial at Nuremberg for their war crimes, some of them pleaded that they were only doing *what they had seen the Roman Catholic Church doing*. Their defense was not accepted, but they had told the truth about the Roman Church.

Hislop realized that the Roman Catholic Church was not a *Christian* church, but the very Church of Satan, not because of its murder of millions, which I’m sure he knew about, but because of its *theology*:

“In the warfare that has been waged against the domineering pretensions of Rome it has too often been counted enough merely to meet and set aside her presumptuous boast that she is the mother and mistress of all churches—the one Catholic Church, out of whose pale there is no salvation. If ever there was excuse for such a mode of dealing with her, that excuse will hold no longer. If the position I have laid down can be maintained, *she must be stripped of the name of a Christian Church altogether*, for if it was a Church of Christ that was convened on that night when the pontiff-king of Babylon, in the midst of his thousand lords, ‘praised the gods of gold and of silver and of wood and of stone’ (Dan. 5:4), *then* the Church of Rome is entitled to the name of a Christian Church, *but*

⁴² Ibid., *The Tablet*, November 5, 1938; as cited in Dave Hunt, *A Woman Rides the Beast*.

⁴³ Ibid., (*The Inquisition—A Study in Absolute Catholic Power* by Arthur Maricle, Ph.D., at <http://www.mtc.org/inquis.html>).

not otherwise.”⁴⁴

“If the facts I have adduced be true, is it wonderful that such dreadful threatenings should be directed in the Word of God against the Romish apostacy and that the vials of this tremendous wrath are destined to be outpoured upon its guilty head? If these things be true...who will venture now to plead for Papal Rome *or to call her a Christian Church?* Is there one who fears God and who reads these lines who would not admit that Paganism alone could ever have inspired such a doctrine as that avowed by the Melchites at the Nicene Council, that *the Holy Trinity* consisted of ‘the Father, *the Virgin Mary*, and the Messiah *their* Son’?⁴⁵ Is there one who would not shrink with horror from such a thought? What, then, would the reader say of a Church that teaches its children to adore such a Trinity as that contained in the following lines?”

‘Heart of Jesus, I adore thee;
Heart of Mary, I implore thee;
Heart of Joseph, pure and just;
In these three hearts I put my trust.’⁴⁶

“If this is not Paganism, *what is there that can be called by such a name?! Yet, this is the Trinity which now the Roman Catholics of Ireland, from tender infancy, are taught to adore. This is the Trinity which, in the latest books of catechetical instruction, is presented as the grand object of devotion to the adherents of the Papacy. The manual that contains this blasphemy comes forth with the express ‘Imprimatur’ of ‘Paulus Cullen,’*⁴⁷

⁴⁴ Hislop, *The Two Babylons—The Full Hislop*, p. 2.

⁴⁵ Ibid., p. 89, note *: *Quarterly Journal of Prophecy*, July, 1852, p. 244; *The Full Hislop*, p. 68.

⁴⁶ Ibid., note †: *What every Christian must Know and Do*, by the Rev. J. Furniss; published by James Duffy, Dublin. The edition of this Manual of Popery quoted above, besides the blasphemy it contains, contains most immoral principles, teaching distinctly the harmlessness of fraud if only kept within due bounds. On this account, a great outcry having been raised against it, I believe this edition has been withdrawn from *general* circulation. The genuineness of the passage above given is, however, beyond all dispute. I received from a friend in Liverpool a copy of the edition containing these words, which is now in my possession, having previously seen them in a copy in the possession of the Rev. Richard Smyth of Armagh. It is not in Ireland, only, that such a trinity is exhibited for the worship of Romanists. In a Card or Fly-leaf issued by the Popish priests of Sunderland, now lying before me, with the heading ‘Paschal Duty, St. Mary’s Church, Bishopwearmouth, 1859,’ the following is the 4th admonition given to the ‘Dear Christians’ to whom it is addressed:

“4. And never forget the acts of a good Christian, recommended to you so often during the renewal of the Mission.

Blessed be Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart, my life, and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me always; and in my last agony, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, receive my last breath. Amen.”

To induce the adherents of Rome to perform this ‘act of a good Christian,’ a considerable bribe is held out. On p. 30 of Furniss’ *Manual*, above referred to, under the heading ‘Rule of Life,’ the following passage occurs: ‘In the morning, before you get up, make the sign of the cross and say, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul. (Each time you say this prayer you get an indulgence of 100 days, which you can give to the souls in Purgatory)’! I must add that the title of Furniss’ book, as given above, is the title of Mr. Smyth’s copy. The title of the copy in my possession is, ‘*What every Christian must Know.*’ London: Richardson & Son, 147 Strand. Both copies alike have the blasphemous words given in the text and both have the *Imprimatur* of ‘Paulus Cullen.’

Avram: In 2001 I had a few email exchanges with a Catholic from Mexico about the deity of Mary. Those emails can be read at *Conversations with a Catholic* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Conversations-with-a-Catholic.pdf>.

Popish Archbishop of Dublin.”

“Will anyone after this say that the Roman Catholic Church *must still be called Christian because it holds the doctrine of the Trinity?* So did the Pagan Babylonians, so did the Egyptians, so do the Hindoos at this hour, in the very same sense in which Rome does. They all admitted *a* trinity, but did they worship *The* Triune Jehovah, the King Eternal, Immortal, and Invisible? Will anyone say with such evidence before him, that Rome does so? *Away, then, with the deadly delusion that Rome is Christian!* There might once have been some palliation for entertaining such a supposition, but every day the ‘Grand *Mystery*’ is revealing itself more and more in its true character. There is not, and there cannot be, any safety for the souls of men in ‘Babylon.’ ‘Come out of her, my people!’, is the loud and express command of God.⁴⁸ Those who disobey that command do it at their peril...Instead of speaking of it as a Christian Church, let it be recognised and regarded as the Mystery of Iniquity, yea, *as the very Synagogue of Satan.*”⁴⁹

All the churches that are anti-Mosaic Law and practice illicit SEX are truly the daughters of the Roman Catholic Church and need to realize that Jesus is not happy with them teaching His people falsehood.

CONCLUSION

If scholarship was all that was needed to properly interpret the Word of God, Christianity would already be walking in The Hebraic Perspective (the biblical perspective on God’s Word), having realized that illicit SEX and anti-Mosaic Law theology was false. The Holy Spirit is the One who reveals and gives the correct understanding and interpretation of the Word, connecting ‘the dots’ of Scripture, especially in relation to how to walk out our faith in Messiah Yeshua. The Church negates Mosaic Law and walks in pagan days and pagan ways, infusing it with noble ideas about Christ, and uses Scriptures ‘to prove’ that their way is God’s way. The Sadducees also had Scripture and noble ideas to support their heresies.

The Roman Catholic Church is not a Christian church. It has proven to be the New Testament Babylon; the Whore of Revelation, with:

1. its heretical and pagan doctrines of illicit SEX (Sunday, Easter and Xmas observance) and
2. its vehement anti-Mosaic Law theology;
3. its salvation by infant sprinkling and,
4. its adoration of, and praying to ‘Mary’ (teaching that she was sinless, that she didn’t die, but ascended to Heaven and that she is the Queen of Heaven and co-Redemptrix with Christ, etc.); and
5. its many other pagan doctrines that override and nullify the Word of God;
6. its *brutal torture and murder of millions* of real Christians (and Jews), whenever it had political authority and power;
7. and as everyone today knows, its corrupt ‘priesthood,’ with homosexual priests preying upon and sexually abusing millions of young innocent Catholic boys over the centuries.

⁴⁷ The Roman Catholic imprimatur is their official license to print an ecclesiastical or religious book.

⁴⁸ “And I heard another Voice from Heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, My people! Lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues!’” (Revelation 18:4)

⁴⁹ Hislop, *TFH*, p. 222.

The Roman Catholic Church is a bastion of every foul and demonic spirit of the Kingdom of Darkness. No wonder, then, that God says to His people, both within her and those outside of her who follow her perverse and sinful ways, to, “Come out of her, My people! Lest *you share in her sins and receive of her plagues!*” (Revelation 18:4)

If you are Catholic it would be wise for you to leave the Catholic Church, and renounce its influence over you, asking for the blood of Yeshua to cover you and cleanse you from filthiness (and of course, if you are not Born Again, to ask Yeshua for this miraculous birth, and keep on asking Him until you receive it and the Baptism of the Holy Spirit!).

If you are a Born Again Christian, which is the basic foundation of salvation (John 3:3, 5; 1st Peter 1:22-25), walking in the ways of the Catholic Church (illicit SEX and anti-Mosaic Law theology), it would be wisdom from Above for you to change how you walk out your faith in the Messiah of Israel. Archbishop James Cardinal Gibbons wrote, saying to Protestant Christians who kept Sunday instead of the 7th day Sabbath, that,

‘you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and *you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday.* The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify.’⁵⁰

This vile wickedness, of pompously and boastfully disregarding and changing God’s Word, is the hallmark of the Roman Catholic Church. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274), a priest of the Dominican order and someone revered as a veritable pillar or ‘Father’ of the Catholic Church, not only condoned murder of ‘heretics,’ but confirms that the Sabbath was changed by the Roman Church:

‘In the New Law the observance of the Lord’s day (Sunday)⁵¹ took the place of the observance of the Sabbath (Saturday), *not by virtue of the precept (of God),* but by the institution of the Roman Church.’⁵²

Gaspar de Fosso, Archbishop of Reggio, remonstrated Protestants in 1562, saying:

‘The Protestants claim to stand upon *the written Word only.* They profess to hold the *Scripture alone as the standard of faith.* They justify their revolt by the plea that the (Roman) Church has apostatized from the written Word and follows tradition. Now, the Protestants claim, that they stand upon the written Word only, *is not true!* Their profession of holding the Scripture alone as the standard of faith is false! **Proof:** The written Word *explicitly enjoins the observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath.* They do not observe the seventh day, but reject it! If they do truly hold the Scripture alone as their standard they would be observing the seventh day as is enjoined in the Scripture throughout. Yet they not only reject the observance of the Sabbath enjoined in the written Word, but *they have adopted and do practice the observance of Sunday, for which they have only the tradition of the (Roman) Church.*’⁵³

⁵⁰ James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, *The Faith of Our Fathers*, originally published in 1876, pp. 111-112 (63rd edition); p. 86 (76th edition); republished and copyright 1980 by TAN Books and Publishers, Inc., pages 72-73.

⁵¹ Actually, the Lord’s Day is never equated with Sunday in Scripture. It’s either spoken of as a reference to the 7th day Sabbath or a reference to the Day of Judgment.

⁵² Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theological* SS Q[122] A[4] R.O., paragraph four.

⁵³ J. H. Holtzman, *Canon and Tradition*, published in Ludwigsburg, Germany in 1859, p. 263. Archbishop of Reggio’s address in the 17th session of the Council of Trent, Jan. 18, 1562, in Mansi SC, Vol. 33, cols. 529, 530. The Archbishop of Reggio (Gaspar [Ricciulli] de Fosso) made this speech at the last opening session of the Council of Trent (17th Session) reconvened under a new pope (Pius IV) on 18 January 1562.

This biblical fact and historical reality also holds true for Easter and Xmas, which the Roman Catholic Church also ‘authorized,’ contrary to the Word of God. While Sunday⁵⁴ is mentioned in Scripture, there is no mention whatsoever of the pagan holy days of Easter and Xmas. Every Born Again believer needs to seriously reconsider their current lifestyle of illicit SEX and their aversion to Mosaic Law because every Protestant, Pentecostal and Charismatic believer, etc., has gotten those Teachings of Darkness from Rome; and Rome got them from paganism, and paganism got them from the Great Deceiver—Satan.⁵⁵

Catholicism is nothing more than baptized paganism. Protestantism accepted Catholicism’s pagan holy days (illicit SEX) and pagan ways (anti-Mosaic Law) without examining them in the Light of God’s Word. Here are two enigmatic questions that are actually one:

- The ultimate enigma for a Catholic is how can you believe in Jesus and stay in the Catholic Church when it is diametrically opposed to the biblical Jesus and the Word of God?
- The ultimate enigma for a Born Again Christian is how can you continue in a lifestyle that is diametrically opposed to the biblical Jesus and the Word of God?

It’s God’s time for you to move from the Oasis of Yesterday and begin your Journey with Yeshua to the New Jerusalem! Throw the traditions of men that nullify the Word of God behind you, and follow the living Messiah of Israel! The Lord Yeshua admonishes *His people* today, saying:

“I will instruct you and teach you in the Way that you should go. I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you.” (Psalms 32:8-9)

How does the Lord instruct us? Through His Word and by His Eye (His Holy Spirit, which resides in the soul of every Born Again believer).⁵⁶ The Father says that it’s by His Spirit that *He will cause us to walk*

⁵⁴ Actually, Sunday is never mentioned in Scripture, for it only speaks of the first day of the week, which begins on Saturday night at darkness and ends on Sunday night at darkness.

⁵⁵ For articles and books that reveal the biblical understanding of Scripture and expose the false interpretations that the Church uses ‘to prove’ that Mosaic Law isn’t for Christians, see:

1. *From Sabbath to Sunday* at <http://seedofabraham.net/From-Sabbath-to-Sunday.pdf>.
2. *Hebrews and the Change of the Law* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Hebrews-and-the-Change-of-the-Law.pdf>.
3. *Law 102* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Law-102.pdf>.
4. *Law and Grace* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Law-and-Grace.pdf>.
5. *No Longer Under the Law?* at <http://seedofabraham.net/No-Longer-Under-the-Law.pdf>.
6. *Sabbath Denigration* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Sabbath-Denigration.pdf>.
7. *Seven Ways Yeshua Fulfilled the Law* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Seven-Ways-Yeshua-Fulfilled-Law.pdf>.
8. *Sunday—The Catholic Sabbath* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Sunday-The-Catholic-Sabbath.pdf>.
9. *Take the Quiz!* Five Quick Questions about the New Testament at <http://seedofabraham.net/Take-the-Quiz.pdf>.
10. *The Feasts of Israel as Time Markers* *After the Resurrection* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Feasts-of-Israel-as-Time-Markers.pdf>.
11. *The Lifting of the Veil—Acts 15:20-21* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Lifting-of-the-Veil.pdf>.
12. *The Sabbath and Yeshua* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Sabbath-and-Yeshua.pdf>.

⁵⁶ This is especially true for those who are Baptized in His Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This Baptism allows the Holy Spirit to lead and manifest in greater ways. There are three kinds of tongues:

1. The foreign ‘human’ tongue that the speaker may or may not know: Acts 2:1f.; 10:44-48; 19:6; 1st Cor.

in Mosaic Law:

“I will give you a new heart and put a new Spirit within you. I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit *within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.*” (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

God’s use of *statutes* and *judgments* clearly points to the Law of Moses. It’s obvious that God doesn’t mean just the Ten Commandments, but all the commandments, *statutes* and *judgements*, and rules of Moses that apply to us because they all make up His definition of sin and His definition of how to love Him and our neighbor as ourself (Mt. 22:35-40). Not every rule applies to any one person, but we need to know Mosaic Law so that the ones that do apply to us we can observe.⁵⁷

How do we learn what all the rules of Moses are? Read the first five books of Scripture (Genesis through Deuteronomy) and trust the Lord of Life to lead you into His Truth and it will set you free from the traditions of men that enslave:

“Then Yeshua said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. You will know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free.’” (John 8:31-32)

“We are of God. He who knows God hears us. He who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error.” (1st John 4:6)

“The Law of Yahveh is perfect, converting the soul. The testimony of Yahveh is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of Yahveh are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandment of Yahveh is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of Yahveh is clean, enduring forever. The judgments of Yahveh are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold. *Sweeter* also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward.” (Psalms 19:7-11)

“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches!” (Rev. 2:29)

14:18.

2. The tongue that is spoken in the midst of the assembly that the speaker doesn’t know, but that should be interpreted by either him or another in the assembly: 1st Cor. 12:10, 28, 30; 14:2, 5-6, 18, 22-23, 39.
3. The tongue of the personal prayer language that is like that of an angel’s and is mysterious, but also can be interpreted by the speaker if asked for: 1st Cor. 13:1; 1st Cor. 14:2, 18; Jude 1:20.

⁵⁷ For example, some rules apply to only farmers, and so those who aren’t farmers aren’t affected by it.

Four major pillars are the Sabbath, the Feast days, the dietary laws and tithing. There are others rules, but these four apply to *every* Christian; men/women; Jew/Gentile, whether they realize it or not.

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