

From the ancient **EAST** came forth the first civilization and empire with the power to influence every nation that existed, **Babylon**. The king by the pride of his great power was worshiped as God. **Genesis 10:9** "*He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.*" Nimrod was honored before the LORD meaning above the LORD God. The first commandment, **Exodus 20:3** "*Thou shalt have NO other gods before me* [the LORD YHWH]." was disregarded; thus by his so called "divine" status, his mother was revered as a goddess. **Revelations 17:5** "*And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*" This scripture speaks of these last days, how many **ERR** by committing abominations that began in ancient Babylon. This being a mystery or hidden to them because of lack of knowledge of the Bible. All throughout the ages and in every society of the earth Nimrod and his Mother are found as deities (false gods) under various names. Before the influence of Babylon it was understood that the Creator is one and the only true God. **Deuteronomy 32:12** "*So the LORD alone did lead him* [the children of Israel out of slavery in Egypt and towards righteousness also the Kingdom], *and there was no strange god with him.*" See also **Deuteronomy 6:4-5**, **Mark 12:29-30**, and **John 17:3**.

Judges 2:12 "And they forsook [abandoned] the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger." Verse 13: "And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth." Nimrod was given the name (title) Baal and usually represented the sun god; all the same, based on locality he was given different traits for example the god of life. While his mother Ashtaroth which means star (of Venus) commonly represented the (crescent) moon. Quickly it's easy to see why she was famously called "queen of heaven" and was given so many attributes such as the goddess of war, justice, love, sex, and fertility. Jeremiah 44:19 "And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?"

The last book of the Bible (Revelations) declared to us the following: the religion of Babylon has evolved through time to the point that in these last days she is still the Mothering influence. Ashtaroth as she was known then was also Ishtar, Astarte, and Easter today. **Colossians 2:8** "*Beware lest any man spoil you through philoso-phy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*" Although modern Christianity profess Easter as a festival celebrating the resurrection of Christ we are not to be deceived. The traditions themselves reveal the origin and purpose of Easter. It begins with hot cross buns of Good Friday which are no different from yesterday's cakes to worship her. Have you not asked yourself, what does the tradition of bunnies laying colorful eggs have to do with Christ or his resurrection?

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:4 "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." The truth of Christ is not associated with lies (fables) or uncleanness. Please read, John 8:32. It is public knowledge that bunnies (rabbits) do not lay eggs. Instead it is a symbol of fertility, the use of the rabbit is because of virility and fruitful reproduction. Male rabbits are known for sex because they are always ready to mate or procreate. The female bunny is known for being fertile, they could become pregnant once per month and have up to 14 babies in one litter. Although bunnies are viewed even as a symbol of luck the scriptures teach that there is no such thing. On the contrary the bunnies (hare, coney, or rabbit) are considered unclean. See, Leviticus 11:5-6 and 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonian 4:7.

Eggs an obvious component of the reproductive system of the female thus representing fertility of the goddess. The practice of decorating eggshells was part of ancient spring rituals in pre-dynastic Egypt and the early cultures of Mesopotamia (meaning Babylon) and Crete; around 5000 years before Christ. Adorned with artwork and coloring were ostrich eggs representing kingship, death, and rebirth; commonly placed in graves of ancient Sumerians (Babylonians) and Egyptians. Mark 7:6 "*He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.*" Verse 7: "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Verse 9: "And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition."

Inspite of the mounting evidence, you will have some that will continue in their own tradition. Attempting to justify themselves by stating that the word **Easter** is mentioned in the Bible. The narrative of modern Christianity is to fully reject the commandment of God such as his holy days and replacing them with their own traditions. The Feast of *unleavened bread* which is also known as Passover is a day that Christ and his disciples celebrated. See, **Luke 22:1-20**. Let's examine the scripture that contains the word Easter. Acts 12:1 "*Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church.*" Verse 2: "And he killed James the brother of John with the sword." As it is recorded in the scriptures and also in history books, the Romans were pagans that worshipped many false gods (that originated from Babylon). Herod a Roman official persecuted the disciples and killed them for their belief in Christ.

Acts 12:3 "And because he [Herod] saw it pleased the Jews [that did not believe in Christ like the Pharisees], he proceeded further to take Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.)" Verse 4: "And when he had apprehended [captured] him [Peter], he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people." This verse is unique since it is the only one in the entire Bible that contains the word Easter. Also it is only found in the King James Version (KJV) and no other English Translation. The scripture itself shows that it is a mistranslation since those were the days of unleavened bread. In the original text what is found is  $\pi 4 \sigma \gamma a$  the word pascha which means Passover. Luke 22:1 "Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover." Do not let this discourage you from reading out of the KJV since it is easily reconciled within the same scripture. These things are all done by the work of the LORD and it is a trap for those that want to be wicked hypocrites. Read, Romans 11:8-10. It is evident that the word Easter is a mistranslation and it is not a Christian (Israelite) celebration instead it would have been the celebration of the pagan Romans.

Vines Dictionary of New Testament Words states for the entry of *Easter*: "mistranslated "Easter" in Act 12:4, denotes the Passover. The term "Easter" is not of *Christian origin*. It is another form of *Astarte*, one of the titles of the Chaldean [Babylonian] goddess, the queen of heaven. ....the pagan festival of "Easter" was quite distinct and was introduced into the apostate Western religion, as part of the attempt to adapt pagan festivals to Christianity." Passover which is not related to Easter is what we should be celebrating; the salvation of our forefathers by the power of God from slavery in Egypt. Mark 12:24 "And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore ERR, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?" Seek from the scriptures more information on how to keep the Passover and how to remove the customs from the ancient east that is causing you to err. Shalam (Peace)!

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