

Should followers of Yahusha Ha'Mashiach
(Jesus Christ) celebrate easter?

As a child I often wondered what the easter bunny, easter basket full of candy, and coloring eggs had to do with Yahusha's (Jesus') resurrection?

Venerable Bede in the 8th century, said that it derived from Eostre, or Eostræ, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility.

Influential 19th century folklorist and philologist Jacob Grimm speculates, in the second volume of his *Deutsche Mythologie*, that the folk custom of Easter eggs among the continental Germanic peoples may have stemmed from springtime festivities of a Germanic goddess known in Old English as *Ēostre* (namesake of modern English Easter) and possibly known in Old High German as **Ostara* (and thus namesake of Modern German *Ostern* 'Easter'). However, despite Grimm's speculation, there is no evidence to connect eggs with *Ostara*.^[11] The use of eggs as favors or treats at Easter originated when they were prohibited during Lent.^{[10][11]} A common practice in England in the medieval period was for children to go door-to-door begging for eggs on the Saturday before Lent began. People handed out eggs as special treats for children prior to their fast.^[11]

Although one of the Christian traditions are to use dyed or painted chicken eggs, a modern custom is to substitute chocolate eggs, or plastic eggs filled with candy such as jelly beans. These eggs can be hidden for children to find on Easter morning, which may be left by the Easter Bunny. They may also be put in a basket filled with real or artificial straw to resemble a bird's nest.

Fixing the date on which the Resurrection of Yahusha (Jesus) now known as Easter was to be observed and celebrated triggered a major controversy in early Christianity in which an Eastern and a Western position can be distinguished. The dispute, known as the Paschal controversies, was not definitively resolved until the 8th century

Followers of "The Way" in Asia Minor, Modern day Turkey, the seven lampstands, Called out Assemblies (churches) found in the book of revelation, observed the day of Yahusha's (Jesus') Crucifixion on the same day that Jews celebrated the Passover offering—that is, on the 14th day of the first full moon of spring, 14 Nisan (see Jewish calendar). Yahusha's (Jesus') Resurrection, then, was observed two days later, on 16 Nisan, regardless of the day of the week.

Later In the West the Resurrection of Yahusha (Jesus) was celebrated on the first day of the week, Sunday, Consequently, was always celebrated on the first Sunday after the 14th day of the month of Nisan. Increasingly, the churches opted for the Sunday celebration, and the Quartodecimans ("14th day" proponents) remained a minority.

The Council of Nicaea in 325 decreed that easter should be observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox (March 21). Easter therefore, can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion has light with darkness? And what concord has YAHUSHA HA'MASHIACH with Beliya'al? or what part has he that believes with an infidel? And what agreement has the Temple of YAHUAH with idols? for ye are the Temple of the living YAH; as YAHUAH has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their ELOHIYM, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, says YAHUAH, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, says YAHUAH TSEVA'OTH.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:14-18

“Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, “I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore go out from their midst, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch no unclean thing; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.”

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The Truth will set us free.

We either believe Truth is absolute or is subjective?

The choice is yours.

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