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# Twenty-Six Years...and Counting!

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In the summer of 1991, the International Congregation of Yahweh launched its flagship publication, *Insight* magazine. Starting with a few subscribers in the United States, this proverbial “mustard seed” now has thousands of readers in over thirty countries, including: Russia, Pakistan, Ukraine, Switzerland, Colombia, Spain, New Zealand, Burma and the United States. Our literature is now advertised in some fifty foreign countries and has been distributed to tens of thousands worldwide.

*Insight's* maiden edition detailed principles of the Land Sabbath which began the fall of 1991. From its inception, bringing doctrinal truths such as this to light has been *Insight's* goal. We strive to inform our readers of lost Biblical truths, obscured over the centuries, hidden beneath many “new gospels” and traditions morphing them into profound errors.

*Insight* also features in-depth articles on prophecies relating to our time; among them are rebuilding Solomon's temple, Revelations' Ten Horns of the Beast, the Four Horsemen, and the ominous 200 million-man cavalry.

Our March 1999 *Insight* detailed Haggai's prophecy of “9-11” showing a “nations-shaking” event was scheduled to occur on one of two dates, 9-11-2001 being one. This happened as we had predicted two and a half years earlier, to the day, month and year.

Besides highlighting what will happen, our mission includes not only global events, but ***their causes and what we can do about it.*** Do we live in the existentialists' meaningless universe, alone at the mercy of irresistible impersonal forces of nature? What are those great laws which govern these forces and life itself? Does the great Creator, Yahweh, keep the universe whirling without being intimately involved in our lives? We have sought to answer these and other questions from the treasures of Yahweh's immortal Word.

Central to this theme, and above all else, is the knowledge of Yahweh, knowing Him and His Son, Yahshua the Messiah, our Savior.

In early 2015 we introduced our completely revamped and vastly expanded website, making hundreds of pages of literature available at the click of a mouse. Our goal was an educational website with eye-appeal and easy, uncluttered navigation ([www.icyahweh.org](http://www.icyahweh.org)). The website also includes the most recent 14 full editions of the *Insight*.

Our goal is clarifying and promoting the original doctrines of the apostolic assembly, not adding to the bewildering array of religions. Already there are some 45,000 religious groups vying for your attention...and honestly, your money. Money is not our goal or else why would we teach tithing on agricultural produce rather than tithing on money?

The momentum of this most religious age is carrying millions toward “another gospel,” away from the “faith once delivered to the saints.” This is nothing new. What is new about this religious fervor is the *size and intensity* of these movements fueled by the World Wide Web. The Internet is a virtual playground for every imaginable ideology spawning religious hobbyists in record numbers.

Where are we headed globally? Why, running parallel with this heightened religious zeal, are barbaric terrorists destroying the peace and shattering lives? Why do political do-gooders willingly surrender nations' sovereignty in the name of humanitarian good will? These questions also need answers.

Much has changed over these 26 years, but our message remains focused on the good news of the coming Kingdom of Yahweh and the Biblical Laws of its constitution. Yahshua the Messiah preached the *true religion* of this Kingdom. Whatever happened to *that* religion teaching honest-to-goodness *Bible facts*?

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# WHO Changed the Passover Observance to Easter?

**H**ow many professing Christian church-goers know *why* Easter is observed on the calendar date commonly used or *who* sets that date? Most do not know and have never questioned this practice. So many follow the crowd lemming-like to Easter services, an observance the early apostles never celebrated.

## FACTS OF HISTORY

“The festival, of which we read in Church history, under the name Easter, in the *third or fourth centuries*, was quite different from that now observed in the Romish Church, and *at that time* was not known by any such name as Easter. It was called *Pasch*, or the *Passover*... That festival agreed originally with the time of the Jewish Passover, when Christ was crucified...*was very early observed by many professing Christians*...That festival was not idolatrous, and it was preceded by no Lent”<sup>1</sup> [Emphasis mine].

Obviously, for over **300 years after** everything was supposedly “nailed to the cross” at the crucifixion, the **Passover** was still being observed by the true church! *A fact* that will not go away.

## SPLIT OCCURS

The true followers of Yahweh continued to resist this blatant perversion of scripture, but gradually over time, the apostasy of Easter celebration grew and this pagan rite eventually replaced Passover observance in many quarters.

As apostasy grew, a split arose between those of the true church of Yahweh and false teachers who had gradually gained control of the church at Rome.

In A.D. 159, Polycarp [disciple of the Apostle John] visited Rome “...to confer with Anicetus, the bishop of that see, on the subject, [of Passover] and urged the tradition which *he had received from the apostles of observing the 14th day*. Anicetus declined...”

In A.D. 197 the matter was again discussed this time between Polycrates [from churches in Asia: See Rev. 1] and Victor, bishop of Rome. The result? “...Victor demanded that all should adopt the usage prevailing at Rome. This Polycrates firmly refused to agree to...whereupon Victor proceeded to excommunicate Polycrates and the Christians who continued the Eastern usage...[Passover on the 14<sup>th</sup>].”

A final settlement of the dispute was one among the other reasons which led Constantine to summon the council of Nice in 325...The few who afterward separated themselves from the unity of the church, and continued to keep the 14th day, were named ‘*Quarto-decimani*,’ and the dispute itself is known as the ‘*Quartodeciman controversy*.’<sup>2</sup>

Eventually the majority followed the apostasy of their leaders who adopted Easter at the Council of Nice in 325, “The decision of the council was unanimous that Easter [now *Easter* not Passover!] was to be kept on Sunday...and that ‘none hereafter should follow the blindness of the Jews’ [meaning should not observe Passover on the 14<sup>th</sup>].”<sup>3</sup>

The Council of Nice placed Easter on the first Sunday after the full moon on or after March 21 (the vernal equinox). As a result, Easter will *never fall on Passover*, which is the day before the full moon. This is why Easter falls a week or so after Passover.

Despite the total lack of Biblical support for Easter observance, the apostate bishops of the Nicene Council opted to abandon the Scripturally ordained Passover.

**To this day, virtually ALL professing Christians (Protestants, Catholics, etc.) dutifully comply with this unscriptural and heretical edict!** Why? Why do so few ever question their beliefs, or their loyal allegiance to religious creeds?

How could it be that so many doctrines pawned off as Biblical are in fact *nowhere* to be found in Scripture?

Part of the answer is that the human heart is deceitful and desperately wicked (Jer. 17:9). The other part is there *really* is a master deceiver, Satan the adversary, who deceives *the world* (Rev. 12:9).

## PRACTICE OF THE TRUE CHURCH: THEN AND NOW

The true church of antiquity continued to observe Passover on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the first month as set by the Law of Scripture (Ex. 12:6; *Eusebius, Lightfoot; Hislop*). This day was counted from the sun-moon conjunction; not the day a first visible crescent appears. (This is proven in our booklets *Come Out of Babylon: Keep the Scriptural New Moon*; and *The Scriptural New Moon*; both are available at [www.icyahweh.org](http://www.icyahweh.org)).

As we have shown, history records that long after the Messiah’s death despite rebuffs, excommunication, isolation and martyrdom (Polycrates, Polycarp, et. al.), the true disciples of Yahshua steadfastly kept the Passover on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Abib, the first month

(approximately the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan on the Hebrew calendar).

History further proves the churches of Asia (the Eastern churches) mentioned in Revelation chapters one through three, continued this Scriptural tradition despite resistance and ridicule. These facts of history are beyond dispute.

The *true* disciples of Yahshua *still* observe the Passover on the fourteenth day following His example. The Passover was never rescinded nor exchanged for a day supposedly celebrating the Messiah’s resurrection. About this the Scriptures could not be more certain.

“Why do so few ever question their beliefs...?”





Which day appears religious to you? [becomingchristians.com](http://becomingchristians.com)

For example, the New Testament clearly shows Yahshua kept the Passover, so it must be right to do so: “Now the first of unleavened bread the disciples came to Yahshua, saying to him, Where will you that we prepare for you to eat the Passover?...And as they did eat...” (Matt. 26:17, 19; See also Mark 14:12, Luke 22:7-15). The Passover lamb was killed the fourteenth day of the first month of the Scriptural calendar (Ex. 12:2, 6), between the evenings from sunset to dark. It was then roasted and eaten that night (v. 8).

The Scriptures also conclusively show the Apostles and early church followed that same example *after* Yahshua was killed. Notice Paul’s letter to the church at Corinth (A.D. 59):

“...Therefore, let us keep the Feast [of Passover; see context] not with old yeast; not with yeast, evil, and wickedness, but with unleavened bread [“...bread that has no yeast...” *GNB*], sincerity, and truth” (I Cor. 5:8). [The preposition ‘of’ often included in this verse is *not in the Greek.*]

Note that Yahshua himself, upon breaking the unleavened bread during the Passover meal, said, “...This do in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19). Yahshua left us the example we are to follow (John 13:15; I Pet. 2:21).

What exactly did He do and *when* did He do it? He ate the unleavened bread and drank wine *and gave to His disciples and they also ate and drank*. When? On the fourteenth day of the first Biblical month called “Abib.”

## IMPORTANCE OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Why are unleavened bread and wine consumed at the Passover service (Ex. 12:8; Matt. 26:26-28)?

Scripture is very clear that eating unleavened bread is partaking of the broken Body of Yahshua the Messiah. Drinking the wine is partaking of His spilled Blood:

“...Yahshua took Bread [*unleavened*: Ex. 12:8, 18; Matt. 12:4], and said, Take eat: **this is my body**... Drink you all of it; For **this is my blood** of the new testament...for the remission of sins” (Matt. 26:26-28).

His blood is applied, *giving eternal life*: “Whoso **eats my flesh**, and **drinks my blood**, has eternal life...except you eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood you have no life in you” (John 6:54, 53). Recall the Law records: “...the

life of all flesh is its blood...” (Lev. 17:14).

This is not some mythical “figure” or so-called “type,” but a real atonement when taken at that **special time and place where His saints are gathered** (Mark 14:17).

Our sins are washed away at baptism following repentance of disobeying Yahweh’s Laws... rather than traditions of men. This circumcises the heart.

His atonement happens **as we drink the wine** in accordance with the terms of the Law under the new covenant, the “blood of the new testament.”

## REQUIRED IN OUR TIME

There must be atonement for sin. The Law requires it today as in the past (Heb. 9:22). The apostles knew and understood the importance of the Passover service and *its timing* for salvation. Not just any time is appropriate.

Observing the Passover on the fourteenth day of Abib as required in the days of Moses *applies in our day as well*. Timing is everything. A night late or a night early misses the true Passover. The atonement will not happen. It is that special night when we are “passed over” averting the death penalty of sin and the second death (Rev. 20:6).

The Apostles observed this *after the crucifixion* as indicated earlier. And did not Paul say,

“But this I confess to you [Ananias] that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the Elohim of my fathers, believing ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAW AND PROPHETS” (Acts 24:14)?

Certainly he practiced a fourteenth day Passover written in the Law (Ex. 12:6). This is certain beyond doubt; a fact.

## PASSOVER SUPPER

It is also a definite Biblical fact that the Passover meal was not a Protestant-Catholic styled “Eucharist” snack of unleavened bread and a taste of wine. Why would Yahweh’s Passover be like the apostatized Eucharist and its many surrogates called “the Lord’s Supper”?

Yahweh commands that we “...learn not the ways of the heathen” (Jer. 10:2).

“Take heed...that you be not snared by following them...and...inquire not...saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise...for every abomination...which He [Yahweh] hates have they done...” (Deut. 12:30-31).

The Passover meal was definitely a supper—major meal. The word “supper” (John 13:2, 4), used in reference to the Passover meal, was the main meal and is correctly translated *feast* in Matthew 23:6 and Luke 20:46.

The *true* church, now as in the days of the Apostles, still observes Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month of the Sacred calendar. It never observed Easter and never will. Do you observe Passover?

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# Impossible *Forgiveness*

**T**he morning of April 20, 1999, started with business as usual as Littleton, Colorado public school buses began their routes, parents headed for work and businesses opened their doors...nothing out of the ordinary.

Suddenly, the peace and calm of this Denver suburb was shattered on a day that “will live in infamy” for Littleton. Two students, 18 and 17-year-old Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, of Columbine High School, members of a group of loners calling themselves the “Trenchcoat Mafia,” roamed the halls with automatic weapons, killing 13 people and injuring 24, before taking their own lives.

Craig Scott, a student who survived and brother of the first victim, Rachel Scott, has struggled with the hurt, and fifteen years later wrote a letter to the dead killers,

“...I forgive you because that’s what Rachel would have done.”<sup>1</sup>

Three teenage girls lay dead at Heath High School in Paducah, Ky. The gun smoke had scarcely cleared when several schoolmates were posting signs, “We forgive you Michael!” Another read, “We forgive you because God forgave us.” They were referring to the killer, 14-year-old Michael Carneal, a schoolmate.

Bishop Angaelos, General Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Church in the United Kingdom, said after the April 2015 ISIS massacre of 21 Ethiopian Christians, that believers should “forgive and pray for the perpetrators.”<sup>2</sup>

Just two days after nine members of the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. were brutally

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murdered, family members publicly forgave Dylann Roof, the shooter, at his hearing.<sup>3</sup>

These are typical of a nearly endless list of the “forgive all violent acts-regardless” philosophy. As brutal heartless school shootings, ISIS massacres and other senseless killings increase, claims of unconditional forgiveness often follow these tragedies, sometimes within hours. This generation of Christians has accepted the bizarre idea of unconditional and automatic forgiveness, thinking they must forgive all wicked acts no matter how hurtful, even if the terrorist does not repent.

Following this sinister and immoral “no consequences” theme regardless the act, we set the criminal morally free so we

can feel good. Despite the pain and damage he may inflict, this self-centered notion assures him that his fellow citizens must forgive. This feel-good way of coping with injustice is eroding the Biblical principle of forgiveness and eventually destroys any society that practices it.

The current feel-good religiosity simply creates a moral vacuum inviting more lawlessness, more anarchy and murder, and ignores justice. The Bible does not teach unconditional automatic forgiveness. If it did, why bother to repent? It teaches *consequences*. Forgiveness only follows **repentance or payment**.

## REPENTANCE

Repentance is not just a temporary time-out, but a change in our way of thinking and living. Is the bank robber who has not stolen in two months repentant, or just between heists; planning the next job?

Forgiveness follows repentance, as the Messiah said,

“Take heed to yourselves: If your brother trespass against you, rebuke him, and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against you seven times in a day turn again to you, saying, I repent; you shall forgive him” (Luke 17:3). The key phrase is “...if he repent...” The trespasser must give something back.

Old Testament forgiveness laws also impose penalties on the transgressor:

“Or all that about which he has sworn falsely: **he shall even restore it** in the principal, **and shall add** the fifth part more thereto [a fine]; and shall bring his trespass offering... and the priest shall make an atonement for him...and it shall be forgiven him” (Lev. 6:5-7; 4:27-28, 31, etc.); lying over lost or stolen goods.

However, for murder the debt is death...paying with one’s life (Deut. 19:21).

At Yahshua’s trial before Pilate, the crowd chanted, “...His blood be on us and on our children!” (Matt. 27:25). There is no record He asked they be forgiven. Whether He did or not, the Father Yahweh definitely **did not!** They were unrepentant...and unforgiven.

During the siege of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 they got their wish. Some of those and their children who resisted the Roman military were captured, scourged and *crucified*. *Hundreds were crucified daily* “...along the valley of Jehoshaphat and at Calvary, crosses were erected in so great number that there was scarcely room to move among them...”<sup>4</sup>

Yahweh Himself does not forgive without repentance and those unrepentant thousands paid with their lives for “...without the shedding of blood is no remission...” (Heb. 9:22).



## ONLY THE VICTIM

Repentance accompanies another truth: Forgiveness can only be granted by the victim. You cannot forgive what is done to another; only he can do that. You may not like what happened or agonize over it, but you cannot forgive it.

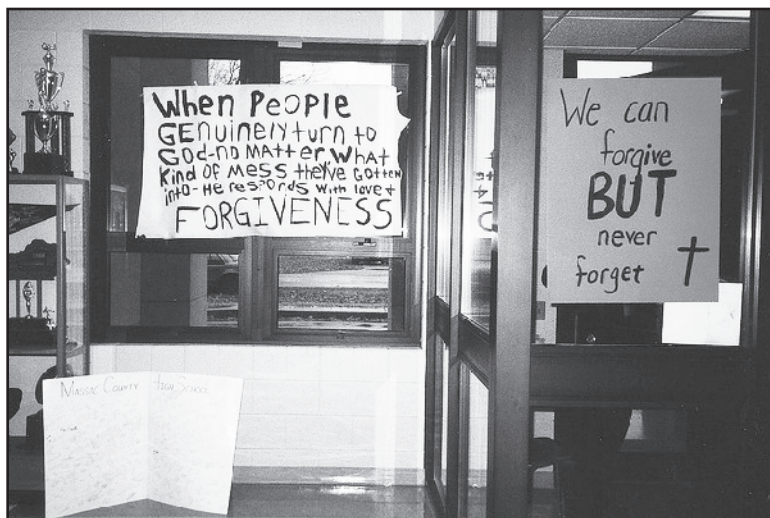
The continuing drumbeat today that we must grant an unconditional pardon for any and all crimes is anti-Bible and a one-sided focus on self rather than the victim. "When Yahshua was crucified," they point out, "He asked Yahweh to forgive those who crucified Him. Should we as Christians not do the same?" True. But He did not ask the Father to forgive those who crucified the other four that day, but only for those who crucified Him. Forgiveness by the other four for their treatment, lay with them. You cannot forgive evil inflicted on someone else.

It is ludicrous to tell a reckless driver who crashed a friend's home, "I forgive you for destroying my neighbor's house!" Your neighbor can forgive the damages, but not you. Equally ludicrous is saying you forgive a killer for slaying another. The victim who can forgive the murderer is dead. The well-worn quip, "ALL life is sacred from birth to death," presumably includes murderers. This is the same sinister and amoral "no consequences" theme regardless how hurtful the act, but in a more subtle form. If the criminal is unconditionally and automatically forgiven, why arrest him?

## WHY IT IS HARD TO FORGIVE

Forgiveness in the New Testament has primary meanings "to send away, let go, to send forth, yield up, let alone." Why do we resist it? Stewing over hurt, wanting retribution, revenge, we resist forgiveness, feeling it lets the unrepentant offender off the hook.

It may be a bit surprising, but that can never happen. If we forgive, letting go of that emotion of wanting to control the penalties, and exact no revenge, *there will still be consequences for the offender...always!* **They just will not be meted out by us.** We live in a universe of consequences **for**



**The school shooting** in Paduca, Ky. in 1997 left three dead and five injured. Within hours, students began posting signs of forgiveness.  
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**every action**, and rest assured the universe "will collect" so-to-speak for "Vengeance is mine. I will repay...says Yahweh" (Rom 12:19; Deut. 32:35).

Clearly, forgive as we are forgiven (Matt. 16:14-15), does *not* mean when forgiving others, *Yahweh must also* forgive those

"...eventually Yahweh's retribution comes as certain as tomorrow's sunrise..."

unrepentant who trespass against us. If we forgive a heinous crime against us it will not go unpunished by Yahweh, the criminal getting off scot-free. Sooner or later Yahweh takes revenge.

If you are lied about, plotted against, berated, falsely accused..., let it go, do not trade hurt for hurt, lie for lie or devise an evil plot of revenge. Just let it go though it may take several attempts and eventually Yahweh's retribution comes as certain as tomorrow's sunrise, as absolute as the law of gravity. We may have to "wait on Yahweh" as David cautioned (Psa. 37:9, 34), but it will happen. The laws of the universe guarantee it, because every action is accounted for and nothing is left undone; no cause without an effect...for everyone.

## BADLY EDUCATED CONSCIENCE

Students feeling they were forgiving Columbine shooters, Bishop Angaelos, and families of slain EMAM church members reacted based on their conscience. The old adage, "Let your conscience be your guide." is itself misguided. Conscience can be miseducated giving a false feeling of guilt or innocence. That is why Scripture refers to a *good* conscience (Acts 23:1; I Tim. 1:19; Heb. 13:18; I Pet. 3:16, 21) and an *evil* or *seared* conscience (Heb. 10:22; I Tim. 4:2).

A correctly educated conscience schooled in Yahweh's Laws of right and wrong, evokes the proper feeling. A guilty conscience, one that bothers us, gives us that troubling feeling, is *the correct feeling*, if **we sinned**. If no law was broken, there should be no guilty feeling (Jer. 17:9).

The conscience of those advocating unconditional forgiveness for everyone by everyone (an impossibility) for heinous crimes needs reeducating with Yahweh's Law. Feeling good about this blanket forgiveness, no-consequences doctrine, is no measure of right and wrong. It undermines the bedrock of a nation, spawning a culture of moral relativism void of absolutes and, with time, loss of freedom.

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# What you were NOT told about Scriptural Leavening!

It is that time of year again! As we near the special Passover season we begin the yearly search for leaven.

Those not acquainted with this task may think it rather strange to find mature adults putting leaven out of their houses. But to those of us who have done it for years, at the Passover season, this is what we do. It can be quite enjoyable as family members join in the hunt for leaven. Removing leavening is probably the origin of the traditional spring cleaning.

## IMPORTANT LESSONS

This activity, and thinking about what leaven does to baked goods, teaches important lessons.

Like sin, leaven is sometimes found in places you would not expect, lurking behind an attractive label with definite

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eye appeal. Could something looking and tasting so good be dangerous or sinful? That ole pork sausage may have a "down home" flavor and a mouthwatering aroma, but eating it is a sin! It looks good, tastes good, but it is bad!

Like sin, leaven can be overlooked if we are not careful. Maybe what we have believed for years is actually wrong, having overlooked some Scripture or misunderstood a word or a phrase because of our traditions. Millions break the weekly Sabbath for just such reasons.

Like sin, leaven puffs up, like you are getting something for nothing. But that lump of dough is not just flour, it is a lot of hot air (carbon dioxide) too.

Sin does the same to the human mind. It puffs us up so we think there is a lot more to us, an exaggerated sense of self-importance. Vanity and pride are two prime examples. These two sins cause endless strife, wars, competition, sorrow and anger. Pride was one of Satan's original problems: "Your heart was  **proud** because of your beauty..." (Ezk. 28:17). Look what horrendous problems his pride has produced!

The effects of leaven, like some sins, start out small, barely noticeable. *If the conditions are not changed*, eventually the effects can be enormous.

Consequently, with sin starting small, *if there is no repentance*, the ballooning effects of evil can be staggering. Petty

crimes lead to more boldness, taking more risks with higher stakes. A grosser more jaded conscience develops resulting in a total loss of innocence and a lawless life.

And how did it happen? A little at a time. Just like the action of leaven!

So why put out the leaven? For some very **real reasons**. It is not just a ritual. Yahweh wants us to do some very serious thinking about what we do: "...let a man examine *himself*, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup" (I Cor. 11:28). We must examine *ourselves*, not our neighbor; get the beam out of *our eye* (Matt. 7:3).

Removing leaven from our houses, *and by example*, the sin out of our lives, is a preparation for Passover. This process involves knowing what is sin and what is not, then looking closely for any obvious or hidden sins, and finally getting rid of sin by repentance and forgiveness.

## WHAT IS SCRIPTURAL LEAVENING? ADDING TO THE LAW

Could there be a more obvious place to start than clearing our houses of the **kind** of leaven the Bible prescribes?

Still, if we do not obey the literal command (Ex. 12:15), we are not ridding our dwelling of **Biblical** leavening. Adding to the Law by defining leavening (Deut. 12:32), to include some unscriptural traditional or modern substances society calls "leavening," is a sin (again, Deut. 12:32).

Even if we *do in fact remove the actual Biblical leavening*, adding those to the list is **still sin!** This is inconsistent with the important theme of ridding our lives of sin.

That would be like deciding to keep the commanded seventh-day Sabbath, but deciding to add a little more, and go to church on Sunday too!

A common teaching requires that *all* leaven must be removed from our homes, our cars, and off our property...in-



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cluding baking powder, baking soda, even egg whites, beer and wine or whatever contains any of these. Is this true? What does the Bible teach?

## BIBLICAL LEAVEN

What are the facts?

First, we must remove leavening from our *dwelling...not* our car and off our property. It says, "...put away leaven out of your houses..." not off all our property (Ex. 12:15, 19).

When you think about it, if we were required to remove all leavening from our property, where will we put it...on our neighbor's property? Then he moves it to another neighbor's property, and on and on...in an endless "passing the leavening!" This is what happens when you add to the Law.

Second, what is Scriptural leaven...really?

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew for *leaven* ("seor" SEC 7603) used in Exodus 12:15 is according to *SEC*: "barm or yeast cake." *Barm* is the foamy yeast appearing on the surface of fermenting malt liquors (*Webster's*). A *yeast cake* is a small cake of compacted yeast used for baking (*Random House*). *Gesenius* says SEC 7603 is "fermentation, leaven," [leavened ("chametz" SEC 2557)].

Most translations of Exodus 12:15 use the word **leaven** for the Hebrew SEC 7603 (*GIL, M, KJV, RSV, NAS, NJ, YL, LXX*). Others translate it **yeast** (*NIV, GN, Dake Study Bible*). Some use **fermented** (*Companion Bible*). The *NW* uses **sour dough**.

The *NW* and *YL* use *unfermented* when referring to *unleavened* bread. The Hebrew for *unleavened* ("matzah" SEC 4682) means "what is sweet, i.e. *unfermented* bread" (*Gesenius*).

In the New Testament the Greek for *leaven* (SEC 2219) used in I Corinthians 5:6 means "*yeast, leaven,*" (*AGLNT*).

"Eating yeasted foods during this...  
time...has sinful, harmful effects  
on our body and...spirit."

Arndt-Gingrich translates this verse: "a little **yeasts ferments** the whole lump of dough" (I Cor. 5:6).

The *LXX* (Greek Old Testament) uses this *same* Greek word (SEC 2219) – *yeast, leaven* – in Exodus 12:15 for the Hebrew word for leaven (SEC 7603) as discussed above.

These facts clearly show **Scriptural leaven** must involve **fermentation**.

Chemical agents such as baking powder and baking soda cause rising by releasing carbon dioxide when mixed with an acid ingredient such as buttermilk. Egg whites added to batter trap air when whipped. As the batter is heated the air expands causing the batter to rise. Also, water in the batter changes to steam during baking expanding the heated batter.

Though all these agents cause rising, *none is fermentation required of Biblical leavening*.

Finally, the often-stated view to justify using chemical leavening completely misses the point: "The principle of Biblical leavening is the 'principle of rising or puffing up' because sin puffs up. So whatever 'puffs up' is leavening."



**Baked goods** made with yeast are prohibited during the days of Unleavened Bread. [getwell-livewellbewell.blogspot.com](http://getwell-livewellbewell.blogspot.com)

Though yeast does "puff up," the *Biblical* principle is **not** of "puffing up" but of using *unyeasted* breads; those baked without yeast. The Bible could not be more clear on this doctrine.

All chemical leavening agents cause "puffing up," but do not *ferment* the dough.

Fermentation, on the other hand, is an organic process in which complex molecules in organic compounds (sugars, etc.) breakdown by the action of a ferment such as yeast or bacteria (*Webster's*).

More specifically, the action of an *enzyme* of yeast or bacteria ferments starch and sugars producing ethanol which is driven off in baking, and carbon dioxide which causes the dough to rise.

Consequently, removing Scriptural leaven from our homes **means removing yeast**. Only *unfermented [unyeasted]* bread (Ex. 12:15) is eaten. However, foods can be eaten which contain autolyzed yeast, MSG (monosodium glutamate), yeast extract, baking soda and baking powder.

## CONCLUSION

Removing yeast from our baked foods is not just to teach us about removing sin from our lives. Eating yeasted foods during this special time of year has *sinful, harmful effects on our body and deadens our spirit* (Eph. 2:1, 5; Heb. 9:14). Being dead in trespasses such as this requires repentance and forgiveness. It is not trivial, but a very real *biological* and *spiritual* matter.

Eating foods or using toothpaste made with *chemical* rising agents or *drinking fermented* beverages such as wine or beer is *not* prohibited by Scripture during this time. The Bible distinguishes eating (SEC 398) from drinking (SEC 8248). Yahweh clearly knows the difference (Ex. 24:11; Gen. 19:35, etc.; See ICY's publication *Biblical Circumcision and the Passover Ordinances* proving wine usage during the days of Unleavened Bread).

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# Sacred Calendar

The true sacred calendar of the Bible is vitally important to salvation. Most professing Christians have been lead to believe all they have to do is “believe” in the Messiah and their eternal life is assured; that all the “Old Testament” observances of holy days have been “done away.” Nothing could be further from the clear teachings of Scripture. “Belief” without obedience to the Law of Yahweh is contrary to the true Gospel Yahshua came preaching (Luke 6:46; Matt. 7:23).

The sacred calendar is a central part of the true Gospel,

because it determines the true Sabbath days which are crucial signs of Yahweh (Ex. 31:13; Ezk. 20:12, 20). By these Sabbath signs Yahweh shows who He has personally sanctified. True, we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Yahshua the Messiah (i.e. His sacrifice; Heb. 10:10), but the evidence that we are in fact sanctified by Yahweh, is that we keep Yahweh’s true Sabbaths (See again Ex. 31:13; Ezk. 20:12, 20). The restoration of Yahweh’s calendar system is, therefore, a top priority of the International Congregation of Yahweh.

<b>2017 Sacred Calendar</b>	
Pocahontas, AR Lat: 36d 14m N / Long: 90d 57m W	
Passover Festival	April 10 - April 16
Passover Sabbaths	April 10 & April 16
Passover Supper	Night of April 10
Feast of Unleavened Bread	April 11 (UB eaten Apr 10-Apr 17)
Wavesheaf Offered	April 30
Feast of Weeks	April 30 - June 17
Feast of Weeks Annual Sabbaths	May 6, 13, 20, 27 June 3, 10, 17
Pentecost	June 18
Shoutings (Trumpets)	September 20
Pre-Atonement Sabbath	September 28 Noon-to-sunset
Atonements	September 29
Feast of Tabernacles	Oct. 4 - Oct. 10
Sabbaths	Oct. 4 & Oct. 11
Last Great Day	October 11

<b>2018 Sacred Calendar</b>	
Pocahontas, AR Lat: 36d 14m N / Long: 90d 57m W	
Passover Festival	March 31 - April 6
Passover Sabbaths	March 31 & April 6
Passover Supper	Night of March 31
Feast of Unleavened Bread	April 1 (UB eaten March 31 - April 7)
Wavesheaf Offered	May 6
Feast of Weeks	May 6 - June 23
Feast of Weeks Annual Sabbaths	May 12, 19, 26 June 2, 9, 16, 23
Pentecost	June 24
Shoutings (Trumpets)	September 10
Pre-Atonement Sabbath	September 18 Noon-to-sunset
Atonements	September 19
Feast of Tabernacles	September 24 - 30
Sabbaths	September 24 & October 1
Last Great Day	October 1

<b>New Moons Month</b>		
January	28	11
February	27	12
March	28	1
April	27	2
May	26	3
June	24	4
July	24	5
August	22	6
September	20	7
October	20	8
November	19	9
December	18	10

### Sabbaths and New Moons are observed from Dawn-to-Dark

(Note: New Moons may vary with Longitude and Latitude.)

Head of the Year  
Feb. 15  
End of the Year  
Oct. 26  
Seven-Year Cycle  
4th year  
Jubilee Cycle  
39th year

<b>New Moons Month</b>		
January	17	11
February	16	12
March	18	1
April	16	2
May	16	3
June	14	4
July	13	5
August	12	6
September	10	7
October	9	8
November	8	9
December	7	10

### Sabbaths and New Moons are observed from Dawn-to-Dark

(Note: New Moons may vary with Longitude and Latitude.)

Head of the Year  
Feb. 15  
End of the Year  
Oct. 26  
Seven-Year Cycle  
5th year  
Jubilee Cycle  
40th year



# EUROPEAN UNION ON THE BRINK? WHERE IS THE EU HEADED?

made a bumpy ride for Britain within the European Union. For example, six years ago in 2011 David Cameron clashed with Europe over plans to put a levy on banks and place restrictions on London's financial sector.

Now there is talk of a Frexit (a France exit from the EU)-for good reason [see below], and "Ireland must plan for possible EU breakup," says an economic adviser.<sup>4</sup> Germany and Sweden's seething massive immigrant disruptions are time bombs already exploding which could, and likely will, bring a change in leadership at some point toward more conservatism; more nationalism. Where will this take them in the EU?

**W**hat is ahead for the European Union? Is there a widening crack in the community of nations many thought was impregnable? Does Brexit signal a smoldering prophecy that more of the same is on the way? Brexit, a short way of describing the U.K.'s exit from the EU, merges the words **Britain** and **exit**.

When Great Britain bolted from the EU in June, 2016 against a tide of globalism, the fissure created in the EU was just short of a political and economic earthquake. This was in part because of the U.K.'s economic muscle: "As the second largest economy in Europe, a slide in the U.K.'s economy will have an impact on broader Europe," said Thomas Hogh, a portfolio manager for Capital World Bond Fund.<sup>1</sup>

Even though British candidate David Cameron favored staying in the EU, in 2013 he promised an "In-Out" referendum if he won the 2015 general election, which he did, and later announced the referendum was to be held June 23, 2016.

Despite pressure from the political left, and both British Prime Minister Cameron and President Obama pressuring for a "No," vote, Britain left the EU. This marked a stun-

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for the next 50 years."

ning step-back from the elitists' socialist agenda of globalism and focused on the threat to Britain's national sovereignty. Threats were seen from Brussels's political influence affecting laws, causing liberal immigration, and contributing to worsening local economies.<sup>2</sup>

Portfolio manager Mark Brett says "this isn't just about the U.K. leaving. Ultimately, the U.K. should be able to devalue its currency enough into a competitive position. The bigger question is how the other 27 EU members deal with their problems now?"<sup>3</sup>

The fact is Britain's time in the EU has been anything but smooth. Resistance to joining was followed by disagreements over monetary policies, and continued threats of leaving have

## SPAIN'S CRUSHING DEBT COURTESY OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK

Another sign of EU unrest is discord in Spain over the EU's financial dealings in its economy. "Spain is **RUINED** for 50 YEARS" says a leading Spanish economist, Roberto Centeno. He notes that Spain has borrowed £508 billion (€603 billion) it cannot possibly pay back. Predicting a crisis, Centeno slammed the ECB [European Central Bank] saying its "...'crazy' loans will ruin the lives of the population for the next 50 years."<sup>5</sup>

## EARLY PREDICTIONS OF EU SPLIT

Another author predicted as early as 2010,

"Ultimately, it may not be economic concerns that break up the European Union, but rather politics. Any single creditor, of the 17 members involved, might eventually grow tired of propping up a debtor state, or **REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE LOSS OF SOVEREIGNTY IN TRYING TO SAVE THE CURRENCY** [my emphasis]. Politics, pure and simple, could be the eventual instigator of the meltdown and leaders' would be wise to plan for the breakup **when it comes**. A smart general prepares for a war he sees coming a mile away, and sensible heads in the union **should get ready for divorce**."<sup>6</sup> [Emphasis mine].

## PATRIOTIC SPRING

"But there is indeed what I call 'a patriotic spring' going on. We saw the beginning of it with Brexit. That, even though the political elite was...making sure the people were afraid to vote in favor of leaving the European Union, the people did, in a majority. We saw in the United States, that despite all the rhetoric of the elite, Mr. Trump won the election. It's not only America first, it's also Holland first...by...working within...the Dutch democracy. I favor the rule of law....and I want to restore freedom in Holland." Geert Wilders.<sup>7</sup> Mr. Wilders, a conservative candidate for The Netherlands'



Prime Minister, is described as The Netherlands' version of Donald Trump. He is the leader of the Dutch Party for Freedom (PVV) which advocates Dutch national sovereignty, opposes radical Islamic terrorism and an open borders policy of immigration. He advocates the 'de-Islamification' of The Netherlands, one of the most socially liberal countries in Europe.<sup>8</sup>

The Netherlands' Prime Minister, Mark Rutte's People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) won the election held March 15, 2017, winning 33 of parliament's 150 seats, down from 41 at the last vote in 2012; a 20 percent drop.

Mr. Wilders and the PVV, though losing to Prime Minister Rutte, have reason to celebrate for winning 20 members of Parliament (MP), up from 12 seats it had previously; a 67 percent increase. The PVV is second in MP behind the VVD.

Mr. Rutte must gain the support of at least three other parties to secure the 76 seats needed to govern. Two possible candidates, are the Christian Democrats (centre to centre-right) and Democrats 66 (economic: center-right, social: center-left), each with 19 MPs.<sup>9</sup>

This "patriotic spring" is blooming in more and more democratic nations within and beyond the borders of the EU who have seen the results of government overreach eroding individual rights and liberties while devastating economies. A case in point is the recent U.S. presidential election's backlash which propelled political outsider Donald Trump to the presidency.

## MORE SIGNS THREATEN EU: THE FRENCH CONNECTION

In the latest developments in France's election cycle, a poll by *Opinionway* shows Mrs. Marine Le Pen, leading in the first round of voting in the French presidential election. Le Pen, who is popular with the French police, is a French politician and president of the National Front, a French national-conservative political party. The National Front is considered a potent political force.

"This 'patriotic spring' is blooming in more and more democratic nations."

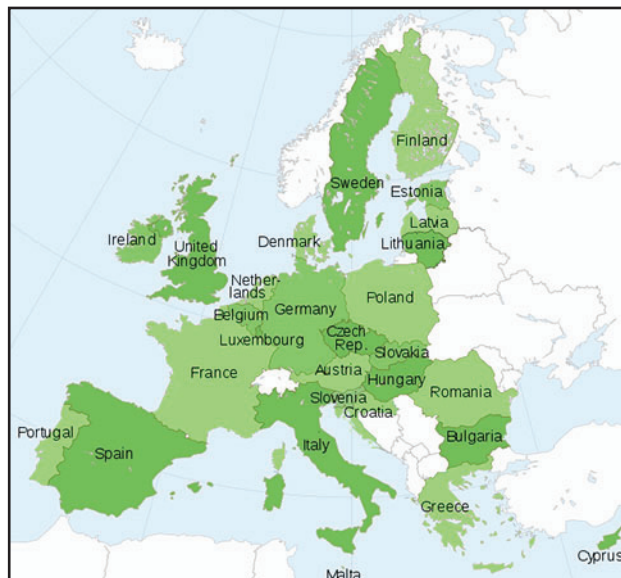
As she attempts to become the country's first female president, Mrs. Le Pen is continuing to gain ground in a hotly contested election that some describe as "... set to shake the country to its very foundations."

Echoing public opinion, French citizen Carole Tremblais told Bloomberg:

"Voting for Le Pen in the first round might be a good way of giving the system a slap in the face. The politicians in power have no idea what living on the minimum wage is like. Immigrants are treated better than the French are."

Echoes from the recent U.S. presidential election?

More than 60 percent of French citizens view the EU unfavorably, according to research by U.S. think tank Pew Research



This map represents the 28 EU members before the 2016 Brexit. [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org)

Centre. This "euroscepticism" is the result of economic woes in the eurozone and the migrant crisis in many parts of France.

Even Liberal Democrats now believe Marine Le Pen "clearly could" become France's president. Mrs. Le Pen has long been a critic of the EU and has vowed to citizens, as did David Cameron to Brits, that she will hold a referendum on her country's membership of the bloc, if elected.<sup>10</sup>

Apparently French-EU discord has been brewing for years. For example, going back nearly 12 years, France and ten countries in the European Union decided the ballot box should determine whether or not to support the EU constitution. Both France and The Netherlands voted overwhelmingly to reject the bloc's constitution.

The vote sent shockwaves through the establishment, prompting the U.K., Portugal, Poland, Denmark, Ireland and the Czech Republic to end their referendums. In France almost 55 percent of people voted "No" with 45 percent in favor among a 70 percent turnout.

The French rejection was described at the time as a "political earthquake that would shake the foundations of the EU administration to its core."<sup>11</sup> The aftershocks are still being felt.

## BRIEF EU HISTORY

WWII left behind a damaged, crippled Europe both industrially and militarily. The Nazi inflamed nationalism of Germany had rained unprecedented havoc and devastation on bordering European countries.

In July 1952, an attempt to throttle any such future fanaticism and establish economic stability was made when six neighboring countries agreed to form an area of free trade. Key resources of free trade were coal, steel and iron ore necessary for rebuilding industry and the military.

This body was called the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) and included Germany, Belgium, France, Holland [The Netherlands], Italy and Luxembourg. It began July 23, 1952, and ended July 23, 2002, replaced by further unions.<sup>12</sup>

Later in 1957, France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and The Netherlands, six founding members of the European Economic Community (EEC), signed the Treaty of Rome.

Ten years after Great Britain's attempted entry in 1963 was blocked by France, the U.K. entered the EEC in 1973.

The Maastricht [Netherlands] Treaty (formally known as the Treaty on European Union), went into force November 1, 1993, and included renaming the European Economic Community as the European Community. It created the European Union and led to the creation of a single European currency, the euro. It further imposed restrictions on member fiscal policy to limit their debt to 60 percent of GDP and annual deficits no more than 3 percent of GDP. The treaty included areas of foreign policy, military, criminal justice and judicial cooperation.<sup>13</sup>

Later, in 2007 a further centralization of EU governmental control came through the controversial Lisbon Treaty which handed more power to Brussels (EU headquarters). This was in part responsible for the eventual Brexit and fuels the continuing move toward nationalism among EU members.<sup>14</sup>

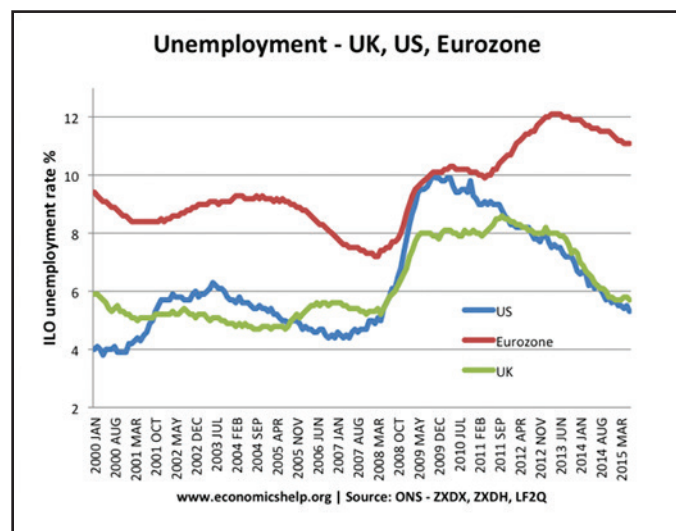
## COUNTRIES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

As of June 30, 2016, there are twenty-seven countries in the European Union. In **Alphabetical Order**:

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden.<sup>15</sup>

## SLOWING ECONOMIC CLOUT

The EU countries together comprise 7.3% of the world population, and in 2016 generated a gross domestic product (GDP) of 16.477 trillion U.S. dollars, constituting approximately 22.2% of global GDP (16.9% when measured in terms



**Unemployment rates** across the EU began sky-rocketing in March 2008 and continued thru June 2013, compared to the U.S. and U.K. which have decreased significantly since September 2011. *economicshelp.org*

of purchasing power).<sup>16</sup> Brexit did not immediately affect the EU's economy, and it may take two years before the exit is complete. Most companies interviewed regarding Brexit consider 'it is business as usual' for the foreseeable future.

To further unity and economic force, an EU currency, the

"Does the European Union have a central role in prophecy?"

Euro, was adopted in 1999 and replaced most all EU currencies by 2002.

In 2010, of the world's top 500 richest corporations, 161 had their headquarters in the EU. As of 2015 that total had dropped to 137; a 15% decrease. Britain's exit will eventually reduce the 137 by another 31 or so.<sup>17</sup>

In addition, the winds of change coming out of the new Trump administration in Washington, D.C. which include reduced corporate U.S. tax rates and renegotiating trade agreements, could further reduce corporate headquarters in the EU by making corporate relocation more likely.<sup>18</sup>

## THE EU AND THE "TEN NATIONS" THEORY

Does the European Union have a central role in prophecy? The prominence of EU nations, and their tremendous shaping of history is undisputed. This fact and recent upheavals in the EU [Brexit] has made it a prime target of "the EU in prophecy" buffs. The EU's real or imagined connection with Biblical prophecy is nothing new, however.

For more than sixty years through its many evolutions, the EU has been the target of many religious groups who teach a ten-nation "United States of Europe" would arise headed by Germany as the modern incarnation of the so-called Holy Roman Empire.

According to this view the ECSC would eventually grow to ten nations, then a resurrected old Holy Roman Empire would emerge. Citing Daniel 2:42, they believed the "ten toes" of the image in Nebuchadnezzar's dream was developing before their very eyes! All eyes were on the ECSC [now EU] **and the Catholic Church...for those believers....and they still are!**

When EU membership exceeded the ten-nation limit and no Holy Roman Empire was in sight...the Catholic Pope making no political moves in that direction (was not moving his throne to Jerusalem, etc.), new ideas were and are invented to "save" that theory.

During most of those six decades this "resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire" was imminent according to Biblical pundits proposing this belief.

One of the most well-known advocates of this view was the radio and television evangelist the late Herbert Armstrong who said: "...Those ten toes are the ten divisions of ten nations that are going to form the United States of Europe now, that is coming together right now..." He was clearly referring

to the EEC, now EU.<sup>19</sup>

A listener who followed Mr. Armstrong's broadcasts during WWII confided in a personal conversation,

"He [HA] kept preaching that Germany would win the war and head the ten-nation resurrected Holy Roman Empire; emphasizing Benito Mussolini's claim of reviving it. But when he saw the Allies were going to win it, he suddenly 'changed his tune' predicting Germany was going underground and would reemerge to resurrect the Holy Roman Empire...later...backing off and started talking about other things."

Is the EU-Ten-Nation-Ten Toes resurrected Holy Roman Empire a private interpretation of Biblical prophecies? "Private interpretation" of scripture as the Apostle Peter phrased it are quite the norm in past study-after-study and certainly in our time. When Peter said, "...no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" (II Pet. 1:20), he meant it...exactly.

## THE TEN TOES, TEN HORNS, THE BEAST

Deciphering so difficult a subject as Biblical prophecy requires precision of detail and definitions. This must be coupled with a constant vigil of seeking "knowledge of the Holy" (Prv. 9:10), to avoid false assumptions.

As one author put it, "...the existence of concealed assumptions in a line of reasoning is one of the serious hazards that attend any attempt to apply logic to a problem and great care is customarily taken to avoid introducing such assumptions."<sup>20</sup>

First of all, a careful look at the prophecy of the book of Daniel shows there is *no Biblical statement* that the image of Daniel chapter two has ten toes. It might have eight, six... The Bible does not say (Dan. 2:41-42). The "ten-toes" conclusion assumes the image of Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar was human in form.

The fact is the Biblical record does *not say* the complete image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream was in the form of a man. Only the head was designated as a man (Dan. 2:38).

And where does the Bible state "...the ten horns symbolize...the ten stages of government continuing out of the Roman Empire after its fall, A.D. 476"<sup>21</sup>

Or that "The ten horns...are ten kingdoms to arise *out of* the fourth kingdom, the Roman Empire..."<sup>21</sup>

To the point, does the Bible mention the Roman Empire in



Turkey, Georgia and Iran are they modern countries which make-up the Ten Horns. [eurasianewsonline.com](http://eurasianewsonline.com)

prophecy at all; chapter and verse? Not once.

Regarding the prophetic Beast [Revelations chapters 13 and 17; Daniel chapters 2 and 7] with ten horns: "...the beast

"Are the ten horns of the beast...  
from the Roman Empire?"

of Revelation 13 is the Roman Empire of 31 B.C. to A.D. 476!"<sup>22</sup> Chapter and verse justifying this conclusion?

Does the Bible say, "...'THE BEAST,' a symbol of a power described in Revelations 13 and 17, and identified by Daniel 2 and 7 as the resurrection of the ancient ROMAN EMPIRE."<sup>23</sup> It is not there.

The list goes on.

## RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD: TWO RULES

These are typical of private interpretations many impose on the Bible. Understanding the Holy Bible requires we let it *interpret itself*.

Here are the specific principles of interpretation: "Which things we also speak not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the holy [separate] spirit teaches; [notice] **comparing spiritual things with spiritual things...** the natural man receives not the things of the spirit of Yahweh...neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Cor. 2:13-14).

Also, "Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that **are weaned from the milk...for precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little**" (Isa. 28:9-10).

This means comparing the **Bible** (spiritual) with the **Bible** (spiritual). And **Biblical** precept upon **Biblical** precept and **Biblical** line upon **Biblical** line.

Violating these principles leads to non-Biblical private interpretations (II Pet. 1:20), such as noted in the previous section.

## WHO ARE THE TEN HORNS?

Now, are the ten horns of the beast (Dan. 7:7, 20, 24; Rev. 13:1; 17:12) ten nations of the European Union? Do they come from the Roman Empire? How can we be sure?

The Bible must tell us. It does.

**First**, the ten horns are ten **kings** (Rev. 17:12; not kingdoms; See Greek) who hate the whore (Rev. 17:5, 12, 15) and burn her [the city of Babylon: Rev. 17:18] with fire. The woman who rides the Beast is the resurrected **city of Babylon**; not the Roman Empire, Catholic church or governmental system.

Who are these kings prophesied to destroy Babylon? The **Bible** must name the countries from which these kings come, **then** we can find their modern names.

Not the other way around **assuming** a **Biblically un-**



named kingdom or nation in one prophetic verse or verses must be one of our choice.

Their identity is found by letting the Bible interpret the Bible. They come from the nations of Ararat, Minni, Ashchenaz and the Medes.

Notice this clear prophecy of the prophet Jeremiah: "...prepare the nations against her [Babylon] ...the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashchenaz...with the kings of the Medes...to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant" (Jer. 51:1, 7, 13, 27-29).<sup>24</sup>

Jeremiah and the Book of Revelation both prophesy the same destruction of Babylon. And until and unless we have another example *from the Bible*, showing who is prophesied to destroy Babylon, we must accept these as the national identity of the ten-horns.

**Next** we find their modern names. They are Turkey (Ararat), Iran (formerly Persia; Minni, Media), and Georgian S.S.R. (Ashchenaz).

Note that **not one of these countries is part of the European Union!**

## THE TEN HORNS AND WORLD EVENTS TODAY

These ten-horn countries are 90% plus Muslim with the exception of Georgia, which explains the realities of ISIS, the crisis in Syria, and the devastating Muslim immigration problems in the EU and other countries.

These ten horns of the ferocious Beast, often referred to as the "Antichrist," the "Man of Sin," or "Son of Perdition" (II Thess. 2:3), are weapons of battle. They are used to push and pierce the enemy: "...if the ox were wont to push with his horn...he have gored" (Ex. 21:29, 31).

In prophecy animals with horns **push**: "...a ram...had two horns...I saw the ram pushing" (Dan. 8:3-4).

Clearly, *the ten horns are WEAPONS of war!* The beast

"The [ten] horns are the Beast's ...war machine."

pushes, gores with them: "And these [ten horns; Rev. 17:12] **make WAR...**" (Rev. 17:14). The horns are the Beast's juggernaut, *his war machine*.

How precisely this describes radical Islamic terrorists, the ten horns!

**The Ten Horns of prophecy are from these Muslim countries and predominately Christian Georgia.**

**Question: If we see the ten horns rising, which is obvious in light of these prophecies and current events, can the Beast which carries them be far behind?**

## CONCLUSION

The European Union had many evolutions in membership, monetary policy, politics and government. These chang-



**Iran tests long-range missiles** as they continue to build their military. Iran is developing their 'weapons of war' as referenced in Revelations. [usatoday.com](http://usatoday.com)

es attracted numerous religious theories because of its population, economic power and rich history. Europe is composed of many old countries that have shaped the course of history.

Clearly all is not well in the European Union and other exits would hardly be surprising given the growing wave of international trends toward nationalism.

Biblical prophecies invite much speculation from a variety of religious groups. The ancient history of Europe provides an endless source of material to suit any taste for speculation about its future. Experience teaches, however, we must proceed with great caution when deciphering Biblical prophecy. The state of the European Union as it now stands is unstable and very fluid. We will see what Yahweh allows.

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## Why Passover is a Sabbath

If you observe The Passover, this book is a *MUST* read! Did you know that Passover is the **first day of unleavened bread**?

It is commonly taught that the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first month is the first annual Sabbath, AND, that the 15<sup>th</sup> is the first day of unleavened bread. The Biblical facts show otherwise.

If the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the first month is a Sabbath, then how could Yahweh MOVE AN ENTIRE NATION (about 2 million) out of Egyptian bondage on that day with the enormous amount of physical work that entailed? We are commanded to *rest* on the Sabbaths.

Why did the Apostle Mark say, “And the **first day of Unleavened Bread when they killed the Passover** his [Yahshua] disciples said,...where will you that we go and prepare that you may eat the **Passover**?” (Mark 14:12)

Was it not Passover IS IN FACT the first day of unleavened bread?

Is it not odd, too, that the customary Passover observance is strangely similar to the taking of the Eucharist? Does it make sense that Yahweh would pattern the required observances of HIS Passover after the Eucharist? Hardly.

Something is amiss in the common teachings about Passover. Get the FACTS, the Biblical facts, about Passover.

## Is Passover the First Day of Unleavened Bread?

Most who observe Passover have long since decided the days of unleavened bread start on the fifteenth of Abib, making it the first annual Sabbath of the year. But is the fifteenth of Abib the first day of UB and the first annual Sabbath? What are the Biblical facts that conclusively answer this important question and prove which day of the first month is truly the first day of unleavened bread?

Would you accept a clear definite Scripture showing which day is in fact the first day of UB? Would that convince you? How about six such verses?

What are the two fatal flaws in the “Abib fifteenth-Sabbath theory” which have been overlooked?

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