

HAPPY HALLOWMAS

## Shakespeare's Measure for Measure

- Sir, but you shall come to it, by your honor's leave. And, I beseech you, look into Master Froth here, sir; a man of four-score pound a year; whose father died at Hallowmas: was't not at Hallowmas, Master Froth?

## Shakespeare's Two Gentlemen from Verona

Marry, by these special marks: first, you have learned, like Sir Proteus, to wreath your arms, like a malecontent; to relish a love-song, like a robin-redbreast; to walk alone, like one that had the pestilence; to sigh, like a school-boy that had lost his A B C; to weep, like a young wench that had buried her grandam; to fast, like one that takes diet; to watch like one that fears robbing; to speak puling, like a beggar at Hallowmas

Hallow – To make Holy, Hallowed ground in a cemetery.

Mas – to meet or to sacrifice depending on the use

Halloween, by whatever name may not be what you think it is;

The night that is most important to pagan cults?

A time of year when the dead arise?

The day that Eve first sinned?

All Saints day?

There are many different legends from several countries that relate to what we know as Halloween.

1 Peter 3; 15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

But do this with gentleness and respect

## HOW DID IT BEGIN?

The earliest accounts of a fall festival which included any type of tribute to the spirit world is in the Celtic region of the British Isles. Known as ***SAMHAIN*** (pronounced Sowen) this festival was known to be celebrated in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> centuries. Prior to this there are only recorded celebrations of this kind in the spring which date back to ancient Rome and Babylon.

While there are legends that elude to some cultures celebrating the dead before these, I have not been able to verify any ***real, recorded, documented evidence*** of it.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Colossians 2; 8

- In the opinion of Professor -----
- The consensus among the experts is.....
- We believe.....
- While no one knows for sure the evidence may point to.....
- Most people agree that.....
- Words such as; may, consensus, opinion, leads, could, might,
- Any wording without certain, real facts.

Is it the night when the pagan priests sacrifice?

Only because of the movies and books. Again documented history of pagan sacrifice specifically to Halloween doesn't begin to surface until the 16<sup>th</sup> century, well after the establishment of All Saints Day by the Catholic Church around the 7<sup>th</sup> century by Pope Bonafice IV. Before this we do have Scriptural evidence of pagan sacrifice since Nimrod.

What our modern culture has established in Halloween, is a modern custom.



## Other customs

The Day of the dead is celebrated in many Spanish speaking countries but typically does NOT resemble any kind of Halloween tradition. Often families will have a picnic type of meal in the graveyard where a loved one is buried in an attempt to remain close and remember the dead.

## The Dead don't Rise

Of course the dead will not be resurrected until Yeshua returns. There is a lot of Scripture that repeats this, no ghosts of uncle whoever is haunting you. We know that once your soul leaves the body you now have, you sleep or rest until the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet sounds and the shout goes out!

Other spirits are a different story for another time.

## What about Eve?

There is no Scriptural support for this wild and weird legend. I can not even find where that began.

## All Saints Day

Beginning in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, a day was set aside to remember the martyred saints. The day selected coincided with the Samhain festival and the legends began. What should have been a day for honoring those who gave their lives for the faith which was once delivered to those saints, has been corrupted into what we know today as Halloween.

## The Church's role in modern custom

What is now considered another consumption holiday for the amount of money spent on Halloween, \$7.4 Billion (fortune) 2014. Believe it or not, the modern western Christian church helped to create this fall spending spree. The northern colonies had little to do what they considered pagan holidays. The southern colonies had many Episcopalian and catholic believers who celebrated All Saints.

These two religions before the civil war joined together to promote community celebration of All Saints Day. Between the revolution and the Civil war, many immigrants brought their traditions of jack-o-lanterns carved from turnips and begging for treats with them to celebrate Samhain. During the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century this became a problem. Now that all of the Denominations were involved they began preaching against the jokes and tricks that went with what was becoming Halloween. During the 1940's and 50's some companies began to produce costumes for the children, that small innocent beginning has evolved into what we know today as Halloween.

Modern pagan holiday

No ghosties or goulies

No proof this is the day Eve ate the apple

All Saints day evolves from a good idea to a modern spending spree thanks to the well intentioned but uninformed Christians.

2 Peter 3; 1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:<sup>2</sup> That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:<sup>3</sup> Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,<sup>4</sup> And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.<sup>5</sup> For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:





THREE STRANGE WORDS !

BUT PAUL SAID...

## KEEP IN MIND

- Paul was a zealot
- Paul had a personal visit from the Messiah
- Paul constantly referenced the Torah and Prophets
- Paul had the Torah memorized !
- Paul was given information by revelation
- We need to find what Paul referenced in order to know what he was addressing !!!

## Hebrews 5 vs. Isaiah 28

- Modern Pastors often use this as a way to encourage people to join a Bible study to get into the meat of the Scripture.
- Paul is using this to remind some that they still need to study themselves.

RABBIT TRAIL

WARNING

Torah = Word  
Yeshua  
Genesis 3; 8, 15; 1  
Jeremiah 1; 2  
John 1; 1

Oracles of God  
Acts 7; 38  
Romans 3;2

Torah = Oracles of god

Yeshua said,  
No man comes to the Father but by me,  
John 14; 6, Psalm 119; 160

No one comes to the  
Father  
WITHOUT TORAH

## Paul uses the Scripture he knows

- Our job is not to interpret the New Testament for ourselves.
- DON'T MAKE UP YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING
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- We are to find where it is written in the Tanak (Torah, Prophets and other writings) and allow the Scripture to interpret itself.





IT'S NOT REALLY BLESSING ISRAEL IF IT COMES  
**WITHOUT THE GOSPEL**

ONE **FOR** ISRAEL