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Open Letter on Pentecost

Dear Sir,

I'm John Fisher, and I was surfing the internet using the phrase "difficult questions bible," which lead me to your website. I read your section, "What we are about" and felt akin to your statement that this "site is dedicated to the Truth," and, "It is further our hope that you will find no false doctrines promoted by the maintainers of this site."

I, too, see myself as seeking the truth – the truth contained in Scripture. One way I have found to uncover Biblical truth is to brush away the traditions of man. I believe the main stumbling block to knowing the truth of the Bible is humankind's seemingly interminable tendency to create traditions



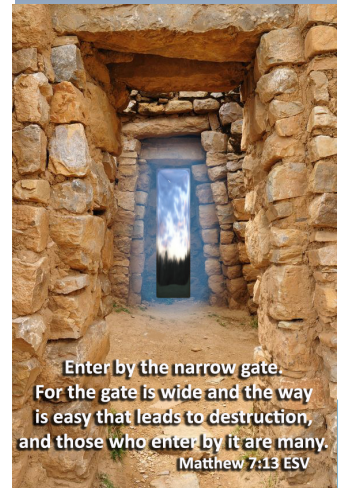
which then become doctrines, and which are then used to interpret and even rewrite the Bible. In regard to these traditions, I am writing you to draw your attention to statements you made explaining about Pentecost (printed at the end of this paper) and to submit for your consideration a different perspective.

I agree with you that the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, is always on the first day of the week, which is called "Sunday." The Jews do not believe so, because they have re-interpreted the word 'Sabbath' in Leviticus 23:11, "Ye shall wave the sheaf before Yahweh, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it." The word Sabbath, *HaShabbat*, is Strong's #7676, referring to the weekly Sabbath. Yet, the 'sages' have redefined the day of Pentecost as the day after the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which the Scripture does not describe as a *Shabbat* (or even a *Shabbaton*, Strong's #7677, referring to the Fall Feasts – Trumpets, Atonement, the first day of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day). The Scripture is clear, but their traditions and their doctrines have, as the Messiah put it, "made the Law [of Yahweh] of no effect." They do not celebrate the Feast of Weeks on the first day of the week, but on the day after the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread (which they also determine with disregard for Scripture, another study).

Regarding Pentecost, you stated, "It was the Jewish Feast of Weeks." To describe this Feast as a "Jewish Feast," is to buy into a series of false teachings, both Jewish and Christian. Judaism, today, continues to ascribe the Jew-

...he (Paul) was hastening, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

Acts 20:16 ASV



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ish doctrines that were put forth hundreds of years before the Messiah's birth, which are exactly the same as the teachings of the Pharisees, Sadducees and scribes the Messiah reviled and condemned when He walked on earth ("brood of vipers," "children of the devil" and "church of Satan" come to mind). Judaism has proclaimed the Feasts of Yahweh as their own Feasts! No where in the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus or Deuteronomy do the terms "Jew, Jews or Jewish" occur. Not until the book of Esther (which describes those of the House of Judah) do we find the term "Jew." Abraham, contrary to what today's Jews proclaim, is not a Jew. Neither are Isaac, Jacob/Israel, or Moses; and, even if the prophets of the Old Testament, King David, any writers of the New Testament – or the Messiah Himself – were of the tribe or House of Judah, they are not "Jews" in the contemporary sense.

In Leviticus 23, the Creator of the Universe, whose name is Yahweh (and whose name I restored in the following verse in order to undo the Rabbinical doctrine that covered up His name), says that the Feast of Weeks (and all the other Feasts described therein) are His Feasts. "Feasts" is the Hebrew word "*moedim*" which means "Appointed Times." Pentecost is an Appointed Time for Yahweh's People, whom He referred to as the "Children of Israel." (Now, lest you think that I believe that the Jews are the Children of Israel, because they happen to live in a country named 'Israel', let me nip that in the bud. The Jews in "Israel" are not of the Israel of Yahweh. At best, I believe, they are part of the "House of Judah," mentioned by the prophets of the Old Testament. I'd love to have a dialogue with you about that, because Scripture says that the House of Israel, scattered to the ends of the earth, will be restored along with the House of Judah. See Matt. 10:6, 15:24, James 1:1 and 1Peter 1:1, 2. Maybe, some day we can discuss that).

Leviticus 23:1-2 reads, "And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: "The feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts."'"

You also stated, "On that day, the kingdom came with power. On that day the church was established." The word "church" is the Greek word *ecclesia*, meaning "the called out ones." I read your article about people purporting to be called to preach, and I found great insight in your words. I was not called to preach, but (it seems) to teach. Actually, my calling came in three words that were "written on my heart" (the only way I've found to describe my experience). They are, "Honor My Sabbath." In response to this "call," I dedicated myself to keeping the Sabbath (Friday sunset to Saturday sunset) by reading Scripture, praying and singing. I have since come to know that, at least, I've been called out of Babylon, out of the doctrines and traditions of man, in order to worship Yahweh in the ways He says to do so, not mankind.

Yahweh gave His Appointed Times to Israel, all 12 tribes. And, yes, they were wicked and disobeyed the Law of Yahweh and were scattered – and still are. But, He also promises to bring Israel back as His "Peculiar Treasure," His Special Treasure (See Isaiah 43:1, 6 and Titus 2:12-14, and many, many other verses). But, who is Israel? I say, "The Children of Israel of Yahweh are those who obey the Laws of Yahweh and follow His Messiah, whose Hebrew name is 'Yahshua'." (See Jeremiah 31:31ff)

Finally, you said, "You will recall that Jesus was crucified during the Feast of Passover." The Jews of today call the Feast of Unleavened Bread by the name of the memorial day that precedes it, the day of Passover. They (and the rest of the world) refer to the "Jewish Feast of Passover." But, "Passover" is not the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Yahshua kept the Scriptural day of Passover a day earlier than the Jews. Why? Because, He, Yahshua, obeyed every word His Father, Yahweh, spoke to Him.

Leviticus 23:5-7 tells us that "On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is Yahweh's Passover. and on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to Yahweh; seven days you must eat unleavened bread."

To the Jews, there is no memorial day of Passover. Yahweh's Passover, combined with His 7-day Feast of Unleavened Bread, makes an 8-day celebration; but the Jews only have a 7-day feast. Why don't they celebrate the memorial day of Passover? Well, this is amazing. Who does Passover point to? Yahshua, the Messiah, who shed His blood at the very same time that the Jews were sacrificing the last sacrificial lamb, a lamb without blemish. Somehow, these events were supposed to happen, and I suspect they were brought to be by Yahweh Himself.

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In conclusion, the Christian world has fallen prey to Jewish traditions by believing that the Jews somehow represent Yahweh's Chosen People, Israel. They do not, and the Bible is clear that they do not. But, neither does Christianity comprise Yahweh's Chosen People, for they have fallen prey to their own traditions, equally as erroneous and equally as condemnable as the religion of the Jews. Yahshua came to the Jews to show them their faults, and they killed Him – as they did the Old Testament prophets, who also tried to redirect Israel back to Yahweh. Yahshua speaks to us today, attempting to bring us back to His Father, back to the truth, back to obedience to the Law of Yahweh – that we may be His Children, the Children of true Israel.

Thanks for giving an ear. I pray that you have ears to hear. May Yahweh bless you, in the name of His Son, Yahshua. Respectfully, John Fisher

Question: What does the Bible mean by "Pentecost"?

<http://www.goodfight.com/cgi-bin/leon.cgi?tk=pentecos>

1. The word derives from the Greek for "the fiftieth day." It was the Jewish Feast of Weeks (Ex.34:22; Deut.16:9-11) also called the feast of Harvest (Ex.23:16) or the Day of First-Fruits (Num.28:26).
2. It was the second of the three great annual feasts on which all the males were required to assemble at the tabernacle/temple. The first was Passover, the second was Pentecost, the third was the Feast of Tabernacles. The second has come to be called Pentecost, because it was observed 50 days after Passover (Lev.23:15, 16). Pentecost always fell on Sunday, the first day of the week, because they would number 7 complete weeks, making 49 days, ending on a sabbath, and then that next day, Sunday, would be Pentecost.
3. You will recall that Jesus was crucified during the Feast of Passover. The special significance for us attached to the Pentecost after Jesus' crucifixion (recorded in Acts 2), is that He sent forth the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, to guide them into all the truth, and gave them power to confirm the word with miracles. On that Pentecost, Jesus was proclaimed to be both Lord and Christ, and the Gospel plan of salvation, with conditions of forgiveness was preached. On that day, the kingdom came with power. On that day the church was established.



I would like to know how "God" (beside Lord) got into the Scriptures if that is a pagan title?

I remember reading Andrew Gabriel Roth's book on Aramaic Origins of the New Testament. It was also his question and the reason he initially rejected the New Testament writings. He accepts the NT now and recognizes the cover up through the languages. Our literature gives some insight into how all this change took place, but the point is pagan societies and cultures have corrupted languages. This is no doubt why a pure language is prophesied to be restored in the future (Zeph. 3:9), but for now we at least recognize the Father and the Son's Names and original Titles. So, we restore those in our liturgy.

The core of the problem, concerning the removal of the Sacred Names and using pagan names/titles, goes back to the covering up of the Names due to the doctrine of the Ineffability of the Name that the Pharisees came up with. Even today, the Ultra-Orthodox stamp "Ha Shem" over Yahweh in their Bibles. *Ha Shem* is Hebrew wording, which translated, says, "The Name." It is an acknowledgment that they have purposefully covered the Sacred Name with their traditional/unscriptural laws. For the Savior, their own writings show they use an acronym for the Savior, which is "Yeshu," meaning, "May His Name Be Blotted Out!" For this and other things, Yahshua said, *Serpents! brood of vipers! How may ye escape from the judgment of the gehenna?* Matthew 23:33 YLT.

What was Ham's sin?

The three possibilities which have often been promoted:

1. Received gratification (e.g., mocking, thought it funny, etc.) by looking.
2. Committed incest with his father's wife resulting in a son (Canaan).
3. Committed a homosexual act.

After review, it appears, based upon the Scriptural evidence (i.e., Gen. 9:22,24; Lev. 18:6-18, 20:11; Deut. 22:30, 27:20), that option number one is a better choice than either two or three.



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Do you have anything on the history of the followers of Yahshua through time?

We have no written history other than some Sabbath keepers like the Waldensians and Albigensians. Those using the Sacred Names were most likely not even on the radar and rejected outright even by the Ebionite Jews who had a belief in the Messiah but rejected His virgin birth and also Paul's writings. There have been those who formerly laid hands on Elder Don Mansager (one of the founding elders here at YAIY), for example, who proclaimed they could show their anointing went all the way back to Jerusalem to the time of Yahshua in the first century. But today, we have no record. All we have is the Fruit of the Spirit and the Word of Yahweh. In Yahweh's Wisdom, He has deemed it to be enough.

How do we best achieve the kind of mountain moving faith Yahshua spoke of?

A man believed strongly enough to move a mountain or at least to reshape it. It now stands as one of the largest monuments in the world: <https://crazyhorsememorial.org/> It's still being worked on, but it speaks of our own faith and the work to promote Yahweh's Mountain over all others. Essentially, removing them from their place. Yahweh, of course, is the One Who will do this. Still, we have our part. When Yahshua returns, the Saints will rule with Him. Nothing will be impossible. Nothing is impossible for Yahweh. The faith is to believe in Him through His Son, doing what the Son did. Being a servant to others in humble obedience to The Father, serving Him with all of one's mind, heart, being, and strength. Even these things, Yahweh provides. *...as it has been written, "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, nor have entered into the heart of man what Elohim has prepared for those who love Him." But Elohim has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all matters, even the depths of Elohim, 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 TS.*

Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Dolores Parker, Terrell Frasure, David & Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Karen van Schalkwyk, Robert Creech, Elder Lionel and Sandra Gets, Rina van der Merwe, Charmaine Potgieter, Jaco van der Merwe, Michael Potgieter, Carroll Isdell and Family, Ivenia Wayland and Family, Juan Castaneda and Family, Diana Murphy, Rina van Schalkwyk, Annari van der Merwe, Samuel Snyder and Family, Hartwig Fleischmann and Family, Melanie Killiebrew, David Wilson, Sheila Hurtado, Eric Perkins, Deborah Brock, Leonardo Drisdell, Sherrie Abril and Family, Brandon Newton and Family, Barnard van der Merwe, Byron Lamar, Lorraine Schimpf, Hoshea Stanton, Lawrence Wayne Atkins, Gary Deerwester, Maxwell Lamb and Family, David Andrews, Frances Domingues, David Flores, Henry Sunderman, Moses Kamau, Kareem Greene and Family, Danny O'Connor and Family, Victor Karanja, Susan Malm, Deberorah Grouwstra, Nombulelo Precious Mabele, Patricia Calhoun, Alan Guzman, Katie Higgins and family, Joseph Oganga Ontita, Paul Washington, Amelia Roberts, G. Kwasnica, Stella Rogers, Sean Rogers and Family, Loretta Reyes and Family, Michael Hutchinson, Georgiana Greene and Family, Skip and Linda Franchino, Helen Drisdell, Sharon Scott, Willie Koorzen, Al J. Pagano, Baby Jai'Ron, Nicole Repogle & Family, Margaret McCloud, David C. Collins, Nava Family, Bongani Negwenya, Velvet Green, Catherine Ter-rado, Chris Barnard. Pray also for the peace and protection of Jerusalem.