

Exposing Darkness

- Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.... But everything exposed by the light becomes visible... making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (Ephesians 5:8/10-11/13/16 - NIV)
 - "expose" el-eng'-kho (G1651, ἐλέγχετε present active imperative plural), defined as to admonish, convict, convince, reprove, expose)

We Battle Spiritual Wickedness

- Put on the whole armour of Elohiym, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:11-12)
- Submit yourselves therefore to Elohiym. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)



The Belt of Truth First

- Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of Elohiym, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth... (Ephesians 6:13-14)
- And he shall have his loins girt with righteousness, and his sides clothed with truth. (Isaiah 11:5 - Septuagint)



Paul's Message to Us

- I want you to know how hard I am contending for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me personally. My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of Elohiym, namely, Messiah, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. (Colossians 2:1-4 NIV)
- 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 Messiah. (Colossians 2:8)
- Wherefore if ye be dead with Messiah from the rudiments
 of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye
 subject to ordinance...after the commandments and
 doctrines of men? (Colossians 2:20/22)

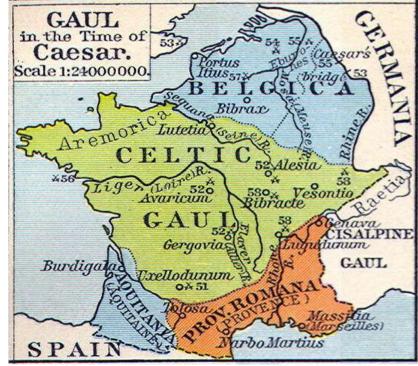
The Galatians

- The Galatians were Gauls that were in Asia (now Turkey) and also in Europe.
- Julius Caesar (100-44BC) (in the "Gallic Wars", 58-51BC) equated some of the people called Gauls in the Roman language as the Celts (as they were in their native language) and inhabited modern France. The Druids led Gaul religious activities.
- Caesar described the Druids as worshipping "the immortal gods", calendars with night starting days, believing in reincarnation, and performing sacrificial rituals burning innocent people and the large sacrificial ceremony where many people were burnt alive at one time to protect the whole from famine, plague, and war ("Gallic Wars", Chapter 14/16/18)
- Gaul husbands had the power of life and death over wives and children, and often upon death of the man, servants, and loved ones were thrown into the funeral fire ("Gallic Wars", Chapter 19)

The Galatians



Gallic influence- 3rd century BCE





 Paul wrote to the churches in southern Galatia after working to start an assembly there on his first missionary journey to Asia Minor.

Don't Go Back!

- Howbeit then, when ye knew not Elohiym, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known Elohiym, or rather are known of Elohiym, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. (Galatians 4:8-10)
- I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you. (Galatians 4:11 NIV)

The Galatians

- The Roman forces that conquered Gaul and much of the British Isles mention the "Celtic" festival of Samhain.
- Gallic druids presided over human or animal sacrifices that were made in wooded groves or crude temples. They also appear to have held the responsibility for preserving the annual agricultural calendar and instigating seasonal festivals which corresponded to key points of the lunar-solar calendar.

Samhain

- The four Celtic seasonal festivas were Samhain, Imbolc, Beltaine, and Lughnasa.
- Samhain (a Gaelic word pronounced "sow-win") is traced back over 2000 years and honored the Celtic <u>lord of the dead</u>
- Samhain was November 1 but the celebration started on the evening of October 31 since the Celtic calendar started each day at sunset.
- The day marked the end of the season of the sun (also the end of the harvest season) and the beginning of the season of darkness
- The Celtic belief was that on Samhain the borders between this world and the "otherworld" opened, allowing the spirits to pass through

NO OPEN PORTALS

- Neither give place to the devil. (Ephesians 4:27)
- <u>Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists</u>, for you will be defiled by them. I am יהוה your Elohiym. (Leviticus 19:31 NIV)

All Saints Day

- All Saints Day was decreed by Emperor Louis the Pious, issued "at the instance of Pope Gregory IV in 835 AD for November 1 to venerate the dead saints.
- All Saints Day (Nov 1) also became known as All Hallows Day (as in "Hallowed be thy Name")...and the evening of Oct 31 known as All Hallows Eve is started by the Vespers...

• Abstain from all appearance of evil. (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Pagan Traditions

- Masks and Costumes Celts wore masks "to avoid being recognized by ghosts"
- Trick or Treat On All Souls Day in England, people would give out pastries in exchange for prayers for dead relatives
- Jack O' Lantern Scary faces were first carved into turnips and potatoes in the Dark/ Middle Ages to ward off evil spirits... but that's not the origin

Arm the Children with the Truth

- Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)
- ...we know that we are of Elohiym, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. (1 John 5:19)
- Dear friend, <u>do not imitate what is</u>
 evil but what is good. Anyone who
 does what is good is from Elohiym.
 Anyone who does what is evil has not
 seen Elohiym. (3 John 1:11 NIV)



Jack-o-Lantern – The Terrible Truth

- "Jack with the Lantern", First written reference in 1663.
- According to the tale, God wouldn't accept trickster Jack into heaven, and Satan wouldn't accept him into hell, but Lucifer was nice enough to throw a burning ember of coal Jack's way, which Jack then kept in a hollowed out turnip. Jack was then cursed to wander the world with his glowing turnip until Judgement Day.
- But the origin of the jack-o-lantern is much more sinister. It arrives from the Druid's ghastly reverence of the severed human head. They proudly decorated their houses and temples with bloody severed heads as trophies and to ward off evil. The Druids believed the head housed the soul, hence the light or candle in the skull. The original jack-o-lantern was not a pumpkin or turnip, but a severed human head (Dunwich, Gerina. The Pagan Book of Halloween, p. 32)/ (National Geographic, May 1977, p. 603)/ (Skal, David J. Death Makes a Holiday: The Cultural History of Halloween, p. 38)
- Carved and illuminated by a candle, they are symbolic of death a the spirit world. (Thompson, Sue Ellen. Holiday Symbols and Customs, p. 256)

Halloween pagan traditions

- Bobbing for apples was originally a fortune telling exercise.
- Dressing up was originally dressing drably "like an evil spirit" so people would be seen as like spirits to the "evil spirits" when they came out that night.
- Every year on Halloween, many children throughout the world dress up in costumes and go door to door in a ritual known as trick or treating . . . unaware that their innocent masquerade is actually the remnants of a Druidic religious practice from times most ancient. (Dunwich, Gerina. The Pagan Book of Halloween, p. 11)

 The person wearing the mask feels internally transformed and takes on temporarily the qualities of the god or demon represented by the

mask. (Biedermann, Hans. Dictionary of Symbolism, p. 218)







Anything Set Apart is a Target

- Our Heavenly Father set aside appointed times (the Feasts) for observance and sanctified celebration
- Anything set apart from יהוה is a huge target of the adversary to hide, defile, and replace with the abominable.
- We must seek the truth, recognize the deception in the world and reject the world's ways when it is in opposition to His Will.

Halloween – The Black Sabbath

- Halloween is a high "holy Sabbath" for Wiccans, Satanists, and other occult followers, when they perform rituals, sacrifice to, and worship their lord of darkness (hasatan)
 - A Witch's god. . . He is . . . Lord of the Underworld [Hell] . . . He is named . . . Baphomet . . . Lucifer . . . Baal. . . (Angeles, Ly de. Witchcraft: Theory and Practice, p. 60)
 - Halloween practices <u>open the door to the occult</u> and can introduce forces into people's lives that <u>they do not understand</u> and <u>often cannot combat</u>. . . (Parker, Russ. Battling the Occult, p. 35)
- More detail on the history of Halloween can be found at:
 - https://truthunedited.com/videos/history-of-halloween/

Stay AWAY from Demonic Rituals

 ...the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to Elohiym, and I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Adon and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Adon's table and the table of demons. (1 Corinthians 10:20-21 - NIV)

How Religion Twists Worshipping Demons into the Acceptable

- All statements below come from a religious "education" (Satanic brainwashing/ indoctrination) website:
 - "One of the nicest surprises of living around the year with the Church is to find that Halloween is part of it." Catholic Education
 - "A celebration much like our Halloween, with bonfires and feasting on apples and nuts and harvest fruits, was part of pagan worship for centuries."
 - "The Britons celebrated in honor of their sun-god with bonfires, a tribute to the light that brought them abundant harvest. At the same time they saluted Samhain, their "lord of death," who was thought to gather together at last the souls of the year's dead..."
 - "The Romans celebrated the same kind of festival at this time in honor of their goddess Pomona, a patroness of fruits and gardens."
 - THIS EVIL STATEMENT IS STRAIGHT FROM THE MOUTH OF SATAN
 - "Whether the Church "baptized" these customs or chose this season for her feasts of the dead independent of them, their coincidence shows again how alike men are when they seek God and His ways, give praise, use the language of symbols to express the inexpressible." (END OF THE EVIL)
- https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/all-hallow-s-eve.html

Stay AWAY from Demonic Rituals

- Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! (Isaiah 5:20)
- Hear ye the word which יהוה speaketh unto you, <u>O house of Israel</u>: Thus saith יהוה, <u>Learn not the way of the heathen</u>... (Jeremiah 10:2)

He does not change

- For I am יהוה, I change not (Malachi 3:6)
- Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. (James 1:17)
- Forever, O Adoni, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens. (Psalm 119:89)
- ⁷ **\$\psi iMessiah** is the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8)
- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with El, and the Word was El... All things were made by Him... (John 1:1/3)
- And Elohiym said unto Moses, <u>I AM</u> THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, <u>I AM</u> hath sent me unto you... ⁷⁾ µ fi said unto them, Truth! I say unto you, Before Abraham was, <u>I AM</u>. (Exodus 3:14/ John 8:58)

Inherited Traditions

• O יהוה, my strength, and my fortress, and <u>my</u> refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit. Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods? Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know Mine hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is יהוה. (Jeremiah 16:19-21)

Belief of the Truth

- What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace?
 Elohiym forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? (Romans 6:15-16)
- Do we then make void the Law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the Law. (Romans 3:31)
- But we are bound to give thanks always to Elohiym for you, brethren beloved of the Adon, because Elohiym hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: (2 Thessalonians 2:13)



In the Latter Times...

- Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that <u>in the</u> <u>latter times</u> some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and <u>doctrines</u> <u>of devils</u>. (1 Timothy 4:1)
- If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of where things, thou shalt be a good minister of Messiah, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness. (1 Timothy 4:6-7)

Some Don't Accept Truth

 If <u>any man</u> teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Adonai יהושע <u>Messiah</u>, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. (1 Timothy 6:3-5)



Children of Darkness

 This I say therefore, and testify in the Adon, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of Elohiym through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness... Neither give place to the devil. (Ephesians 4:17-19/27)

When Evil is Called Good

 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!... Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of יהוה of hosts, and despised the word of the Set Apart One of **Israel**. (Isaiah 5:21/23-24)



In the Land You Have Been Blessed With...

• When thou art come into the land which יהוה thy Elohiym giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do <u>these things are an abomination unto יהוה: and</u> <u>because of these abominations יהוה thy Elohiym</u> doth drive them out from before thee. (Deuteronomy 18:9-12)

Be Children of the Light

- Thou shalt be perfect with יהוה thy Elohiym. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, יהוה thy Elohiym hath not suffered thee so to do. (Deuteronomy 18:13-14)
- For <u>ye were sometimes darkness</u>, but now are <u>ye light in the Adon: walk as children of light...</u>
 Proving what is acceptable unto the Adon. (Ephesians 5:8/10)
- I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. (John 14:6)

