

# HISTORY OF MOTHER'S DAY AND FATHER'S DAY

Every year we are bombarded with traditional holidays or, as we like to refer to them, folly days. Two that come to mind and are always in question is Mother's Day and Father's Day. How many of us have been given a third-degree scolding from our parents for not observing "their day." What our people fail to realize is that these days were not traditions, customs, convocations, or laws of Israel.

HOSEA 4:6: "MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE: BECAUSE THOU HAST REJECTED KNOWLEDGE, I WILL ALSO REJECT THEE, THAT THOU SHALT BE NO PRIEST TO ME: SEEING THOU HAST FORGOTTEN THE LAW OF THY ALAHYIM, I WILL ALSO FORGET THY CHILDREN."

Our lack of knowledge and rejection of the commandments is the sole reason for our destruction and captivity. Notice the key to this verse is "*thou has forgotten the law of thy Alahyim.*" When we depart from the commandments of the Most High, we are destroying ourselves and our future. The commandments require Israel to honor their parents at all times not just once a year (Exodus 20:12).

Modern society as deemed the second Sunday of May as "Mother's Day" in most parts of the world. Mother's Day originates from ancient pagan worship of the "mother goddess." In Egypt, Isis was worshipped, in Rome Cybele and Rhea were worshipped, and Greece had their rendition of Cybele and Rhea known as Magna Mater or Great Mother. Worship of many female deities was common amongst the other nations. The diety Diana was worshipped by the Greeks and many Israelites who were scattered and living as Greeks (Acts 19:24-35; 1 Maccabees 1:11-12). In the 16th century, the Christian Church in England used religious dogma to incorporate Mother's Day into popular worship. The "Virgin Mary" was the focal point of making all respect and honor "Mother's Day."

# Mother's Day

Is Mother's Day harmless?

The *Encyclopædia Britannica* (1959 edition) states: "A festival derived from the custom of mother worship in ancient Greece. Formal mother worship, with ceremonies to Cybele, or Rhea, the Great Mother of the Gods, were performed on the Ides of March throughout Asia Minor."

Some historians believe that the earliest celebrations of Mother's Day was the ancient spring festival dedicated to mother goddesses. The ancient Greek empire had a spring festival honoring Rhea, wife of Cronus and mother of the gods and goddesses. In Rome there was a Mother's Day-like festival dedicated to the worship of Cybele, also a mother goddess. Ceremonies in her honor began some 250 years before Christ was born. This Roman religious celebration, known as Hilaria, lasted for three days - from March 15 to 18.

Then came the adoption of Mother's Day in the United States, the *New York Times* of May 10, 1953, reported:

"In spite of the popularity of Cybele, . . . and sporadic occasions honoring mothers during the Middle Ages, it was not until 1914 that the proper combination of sentimentality, idealistic promotion and hard business sense impelled the United States Congress to designate the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day."

Therefore, Is Mother's Day pagan or not? Based on my research and the above information, Mother's Day was originally pagan and used to worship a pagan god. But most will say: That Mother's Day has nothing to do with this United States Mother's Day. That Mother's Day was established on the grounds of Paganism but this America's Mother's Day was made official in 1914 by Congress and started by a group of women who wanted to pay tribute to their mother's. So is it wrong to celebrate Mother's Day under that origin? Hell Yea ([Research Anna Jarvis wicked bitch who pushed for Mothers Day to be celebrated in America.](#))

Let's consider though that Mother's Day is a spring celebration. And other's around the world celebrate Mother's Day in a distinctive way that involves worship to Mother Nature or Mother Earth. For example, the first rites of Spring are held over Mother's Day weekend by Pagans in New England. It is a Pagan gathering that started in 1979 on Mother's Day weekend and

involves pagans, witches, and other participants from all over the world. Magical rituals are conducted during this time.

In the same way, Mother's Day is celebrated in various ways with distinctive practices and reasons all around the world.

Mother's Day is so tainted and deceiving when we start looking at these different factors. Ultimately, it is up to each one of us to honor our mother each and every day. That we can set our own date any other day in the year to honor our mother. It doesn't have to be on Mother's Day. Nobody should be expecting something just because of a day. We seem to always expect something during the holidays. Instead, it should be a surprise.

**Father's Day** also has pagan roots. It was based after the worship of the "Sky-Father" or "Father of the Universe." Father's Day is based after Egyptian and Babylonian customs in their worshipping of the "Sun God" which is why it is observed on the third Sunday of June, during the June solstice. Now Father's Day didn't catch on worldwide until much later in history. It wasn't until 1910 that here in America it was proclaimed a day of worship, and it wasn't until 1972 that President Woodrow Wilson declared it a national holiday. Father's Day was only created as a compliment to Mother's Day.

We have been warned and advised not to follow after the ways of the other nations (Jeremiah 10:2; Colossians 2:8). People may say what's wrong with celebrating it? It's no big deal, aren't we supposed to celebrate our parents? Well, let's Yahushua answer that.

LUKE 14:26: "IF ANY MAN COME TO ME, AND HATE NOT HIS FATHER, AND MOTHER, AND WIFE, AND CHILDREN, AND BRETHERN, AND SISTERS, YEA, AND HIS OWN LIFE ALSO, HE CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE."

Yahushua is teaches us not to despise but to love less. We must totally submit ourselves to the commandments and our devotion to Yahushua and The Most High. We can never allow our own lives or the lives of our parents and children to sway us from staying obedient. Simply put, if it's not in the scriptures we shouldn't do it! Neither of these folly days can be scripturally proven and once you research their origins, it will be clear to see that they are pagan in nature and not part of the commandments of Yahuah.

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