

stumbling blocks in front of the children of Yisra'el. When one has been brought up contrary to the written world of Yahuwah, it can be very hard for one to overcome all the childhood memories that surround the worldly holidays.

With these things in mind, there are a few questions we must ask about **Halloween**. For instance, "What does **Halloween** mean and where did this custom originate from?" **Halloween** came from the Celts in Britain, France and Ireland. This was a pagan Celtic harvest feast over 2,000 years ago. **Halloween** was **NOT** popular in America until the late 19th, early 20th centuries. This harvest feast goes by many names; *Halloween, Hallowe'en, All-Hallow-Evening, All Hallows Day, Hallow Eve, All Saints Eve, Pooky Night (named after a demon called puca), Samhain Night Samhain, Trick Night* and many more. **October 31st** was originally a day for **religious festivities**. At first **Halloween** was for European pagan traditions, but eventually it received a Christian interpretation by missionaries. European cultures believed it was a special day, **a day when the spirit world could communicate with the physical world**. They also believed that **magic** worked its best on **Halloween**, October 31st.

~Bonfires~

Lev. 18:21, "**And thou shalt not let any of thy seed PASS THROUGH THE FIRE to Molech, neither shalt thou profane THE name of thy Elohim: I am Yahuwah."**



There would be large bonfires, with the thought that it would scare off evil spirits.

Sadly, many children, animals and adults would

be sacrificed. These innocent victims would be passed through the fire to please demons. In return, the demons would not harm the people. So they thought.

Ponder on the following for a moment. As we will soon discover mostly everything surrounding Halloween is about protecting one's self from evil spirits. **Scriptures** reveal to us when one is **submissive to Yahuwah** then the devil must flee (James 4:7). The only protection one needs is the **whole armour** that can be found throughout the **Scriptures (Ephesians 6:11)**.



~Apple Bobbing~

Bobbing for apples is a game when someone tries to pick up an apple in a barrel of water with their mouth. Sometimes if an apple was picked up, the apple was peeled and the shavings would be placed into the barrel, the shavings would then **mysteriously** make an initial. This is a demonic manifestation. Whatever the initial is, that would be the **bobber's true love's** initial.

~Jack-o-Laterns~

Got its name from an old farmer, who played tricks on the devil. The tale goes on to say he was cursed from entering into hell. Therefore, he **carved a pumpkin** and placed a candle into it. Then he roamed around the earth, looking for a place to spend his *after-life*. He was known as the "**Jack of the Lantern, or Jack-o'-Lantern.**"

Oh, my heart is heavy, so many innocently place a Jack-O-Lantern on their porch not realizing that this is a symbol of a damned soul.

Placing carved pumpkins on porches and windows was also thought **to keep off evil spirits**. The evil spirits (demons) were believed

to get scared when they saw the pumpkin (s). They thought the demons would run away from the home, without harming the residents living there. When one has read the **Scriptures clearly**, the only thing that will run off demons is when **one has the protection of Yahuwah through His Son, Yahushua Ha Mashiach**.

One can butcher those innocent pumpkins all they like, it will not protect Anyone! They were also a **symbol to evil spirits** that the household was safe from **evil tricks**; it was a **mark for the evil spirit to passover that house**. If there was no pumpkin, then the children in that household would be taken away, to be sacrificed in the bonfires to some deity. **Scriptures** refer to this demon as Molech

~Black Cats~



Were considered reincarnated beings, with the gift to divine the future. People say witches were able to turn themselves into a black cat. They were also at times considered to be bad luck. Actually, in witchcraft the white cat is sacred whereas the black cat was used for sacrificing.

~Trick or Treating~

1 Thessalonians 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

Another name for it is **Guising** or role-playing. This is when children dress up like **ghosts, witches, goblins** or any other of their favorite characters. They go door-to-door, screaming 'Trick-or-Treat', receiving candy from strangers. However, everything has an origin. What is the origin to this practice? In a **pagan perspective**, **Halloween**, October 31st was **and** still is a day when spirits (demons) rise from their graves, roaming around, returning to the homes they once lived. In the 18th Century, villagers were

frightened by these spirits/demons; they left gifts on their doorsteps. Offering nuts and fruits, on their finest dinnerware, feeding the hungry spirits. The villagers feared that if they left **no gifts** they would be punished by these spirits (demons), tormented, and haunted, in other words... cursed! People were so terrified of the spirits/demons that they decided to dress up as **ghosts, witches, goblins**, and other evil things. Why? So they could blend in with the spirits/demons, and not be harmed by them. Hmm, let us think, spirits/demons walked the earth, going door-to-door, begging for fruits and nuts. And now a day, children go door-to-door, begging for candy, fruits or nuts.

Still not convinced about how pagan **Halloween** is? Here are some quotes from **pagans** themselves concerning **Halloween**:

"Christian holidays were deliberately set at times that had been sacred since the earliest Pagan days. The Christians knew the power Paganism had over the people, and usually, renamed rather than reinvented holidays" (Witches, by Erica Jong, 1981, p. 124)."

"When they changed this autumn holiday to All Saints' Day, Pagan symbolism lingered. Thus, October 31 has variously been called, November Eve, Samhain, All Hallow's Eve and (today) Halloween" (Witches, Erica Jong, 1981, p. 122)."

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The 1910 edition of The Encyclopedia

Britannica Vol. I, p. 709: "**All Souls Day** . . . the day set apart in the Roman Catholic Church for the commemoration of the faithful departed.

The celebration is based on the doctrine that the souls of the faithful which at death have not been cleansed from venial sins, or have not atoned for past transgressions, cannot attain the Beatific Vision, and that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the mass. . . . Certain popular beliefs connected with All Souls Day are of pagan origin and immemorial antiquity. **Thus the dead are believed by the peasantry of many Catholic countries to return to their former homes on All Souls night and partake of the food of the living."**

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Encyclopedia Britannica (1959), Volume 11, page 107: "After the Reformation, Protestants **rejected this feast (Halloween)** along with other important ones such as Christmas and Easter. Nevertheless, Halloween folk customs of pagan origin flourished."

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The Encyclopedia Americana (1977), Vol. 13, page 725: "Elements of the customs connected with **Halloween** can be traced to a Druid ceremony in pre-Christian times. The Celts had festivals for two major gods a sun god and a god of the dead (called **Samhain**), whose festival was held on November 1, the beginning of the Celtic New Year. The festival of the dead was gradually incorporated into Christian ritual."

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Clearly, we can see that there is No Harmless fun in **Halloween**. It was and still remains to be a pagan religious festival.

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Halloween

What's the meaning of it?

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Debarin/Deuteronomy 18: 10-12, "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 these things are an abomination unto Yahuwah: and because of these abominations Yahuwah thy Elohim doth drive them out from before thee."



I do not know about any of you, but I used to celebrate **Halloween**. You know that holiday when everyone dresses up like **ghost, witches, goblins** or any other of their favorite character. What a fun time it was, running door-to-door, racing to each house screaming, "**TRICK OR TREAT!**" The memories, oh-boy were they fun.

The Scriptures reveal to us the following in Mishle/Proverbs 22:6, "**Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."**

When a child is brought up according to Yahuwah ways, he will not depart from it. Whereas, when a child is brought up according to the ways of the world, he too will not depart from it. That is, unless that child has heard the call to come out of Babylon (Revelation 18:4). Many are indeed hearing that call.

Ha satan (the adversary) continues to throw