

For most people Halloween is a harmless holiday that enables kids to have fun, wear costumes, and collect candy. Or is it something more? The truth is that the origins of Halloween are deeply rooted in ancient occult pagan practices. There are reasons why ghosts, goblins, coffins, skeletons, mummies, haunted houses, and witches are part of Halloween.

THE ORIGIN OF HALLOWEEN

October 31st had a great deal of significance among the ancient peoples of the British Isles-the Celts and their priests the Druids. They celebrated this day as the "Feast of the Dead". The Celts believed that on the evening of October 31st, Saman, the lord of the dead, called forth many evil spirits. The Celts believed that the veil between our world and the spirit dimension was especially thin on this day. These pagans were afraid of these evil spirits, so their Druid priests developed various occult practices to keep the spirits away, such as:

Dressing up on Halloween: The ancient Celtic people would dress up in costumes on October 31st to confuse and ward off the evil spirits.

Giving away treats: The Celts would leave treats at their doors to appease the spirits so that they would not destroy their homes or crops.

Carving Pumpkins: Another technique to scare away the spirits was to carve a scary face into a pumpkin. The people hoped that the frightening face would cause the evil spirit to move on to someplace else.

Do these ancient pagan practices to ward off evil spirits sound familiar?

Later in history the Catholic Church tried to depaganize this day by calling it "Hallow Eve". However, "Halloween" which means "holy evening" is still a most unholy night.

DOES ANYONE STILL TAKE HALLOWEEN SERIOUSLY?

America is rapidly leaving behind its Judeo-Christian heritage and returning to an ancient pagan past. There are growing numbers of people who take this pagan occult day very seriously. Adherents of witchcraft still celebrate Halloween as the "Feast of the Dead". Satanists consider this their most important day.

IF I DON'T TAKE THAT OCCULT STUFF SERIOUSLY WHAT HARM CAN IT DO?

Whether you believe in Satan or not, there are real spiritual forces that exist in the universe that are not to be played with. You can open yourself up to these dark forces, whether you believe in them or not! Dabbling with ouija boards, crystals, tarot cards, palm readers, psychics, channeling, séances, astrology, meditation techniques, witchcraft, and Satanism all expose us to the dark forces of the supernatural.

DOES GOD SPEAK IN THE BIBLE ABOUT ASTROLOGY, WITCHCRAFT, EVIL SPIRITS, ETC.?

The Bible speaks with authority about the danger of toying with these things. The Holy Scriptures reveal that Satan is a reality. He is a strong spirit being who is vastly intelligent and totally evil and corrupt. He is the adversary of God and man. The Bible informs us that this powerful fallen angel greatly influences the

life and politics, and the economics and morals of this world. He has many helpers, who are called "demons" or "evil spirits" who work under him.

There is a growing preoccupation with the supernatural in our society. We have a spiritual vacuum that longs to be filled. We can fill it with either the evil side or the good side of the supernatural. The good side is the side that God wants us to explore. It is opened to us by Yeshua (Jesus' original Hebrew name.)- the Messiah of Israel. He is the key that unlocks the good side of the supernatural and opens the door to God's eternal world.

The Bible tells us that Satan uses his great intelligence to try and deceive us. He wants us to miss out on God and the eternal life that He offers us through the Messiah. Don't let Satan trick you out of spending eternity with God!

Accept God's TREAT- a personal relationship with Him that will last forever. Read God's supernatural Book- the Bible. Pray for God to reveal Himself and His Messiah Yeshua to you. Don't fall for Satan's trick. Receive God's incredible treat that will last forever. Trick or Treat- the choice is yours!

"You shall have no other gods before Me. "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. Exodus 20:3-6.

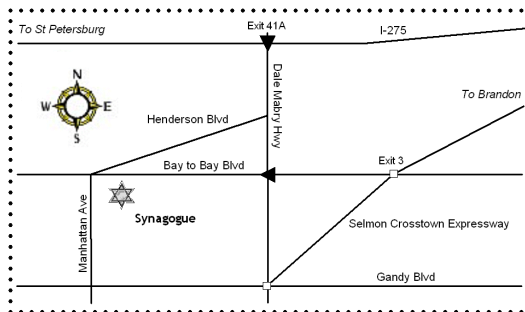
Deuteronomy 18:10-14 “There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. “For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord; and because of these detestable things the Lord your God will drive them out before you. “You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. “For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the Lord your God has not allowed you to do so.

Deuteronomy 4:19 “And beware, lest you lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the Lord your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

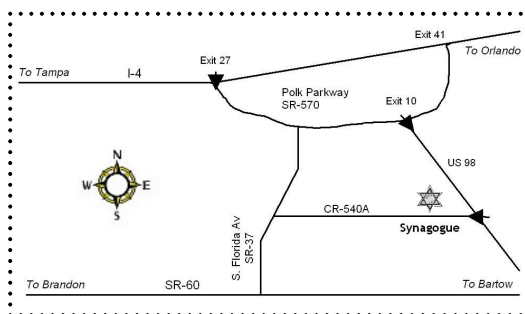
Psalms 34:1-3 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear it and rejoice. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Messianic Judaism is a biblically-based, congregational, prophetic, end-time revival movement of Jews and non-Jews joining together in their beliefs that Yeshua is the promised Messiah of Israel. The name Yeshua (which is Hebrew for Jesus) literally means “*the Lord saves*”.

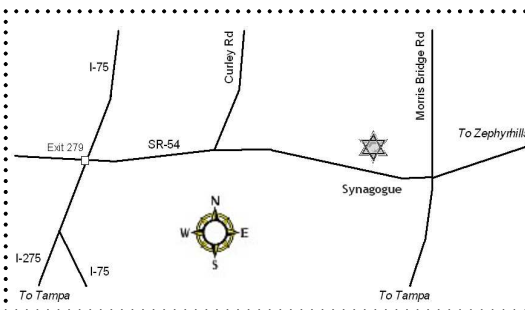
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