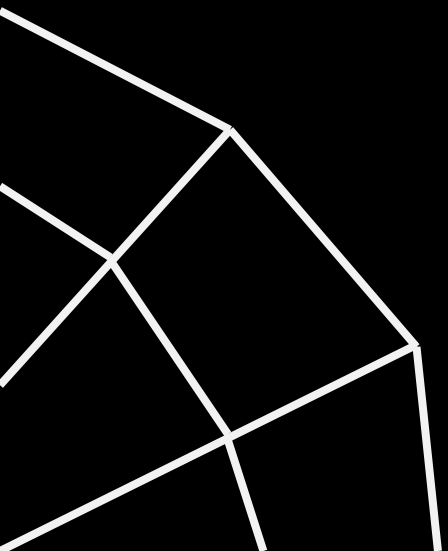


Halloween



Biblical?



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1. Prescribed by Scripture?
 - A. Repentance/Faith?
 - B. Circumcision?
2. Historically accurate?

Outline



1. Halloween originates from a real historic event recorded in the Bible.
2. People are unwittingly memorialising a Biblical event/truth.
3. Shun? Shame? Or, Shelebrate?

Terms



1. Halloween –
 - A. Hallowed Eve
 - B. Holy Evening
 - C. Sacred/Set apart Eve
2. Samhain *sow-win* –
 - A. 'Darker half' of the year
3. Day of the Dead

Historical Event?



October 31st is the day that Noah boarded the ark and **the great flood** came upon the earth to destroy the first world.

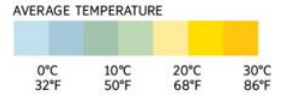


Evidence?

1. Exodus 34:22 – 1st month in the Hebrew agricultural Calander is **September**.
2. Jewish New Year - Rosh Hashanah is celebrated mid **September**.

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Hebrew Calendar



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JAN.	SHEBAT		Cold weather lessens, rain continues		Almond blossoms	
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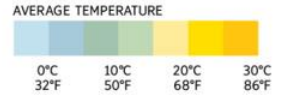
Evidence?

1. Genesis 7:11 – Flood came on the 17th day of the 2nd month.

2. 2nd month begins Oct 14th + 17 days (Gen 7:11) = October 31st.

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Meaning?



1. God initiated The Flood to destroy the wicked, and usher in a revived 'new' time (year).
2. Halloween, Samhain, the Day of the Dead coincide with memorials of the dead + New Year celebrations.

Unwitting Echoes?



Are the People who celebrate
Halloween unwittingly
memorialising a Biblical
event, and truth?

Instinctive Tradition?



Halloween **may** have begun with the tower of Babel

- 1) 'Make a Name for ourselves' - Memorialise Man
 - A. Safeguard mankind's presence upon the Earth
 - B. Memorialise the dead
- 2) From oral tradition from Noah + Family?
- 3) Initiated Ancestor Worship (link to the past/garden of God)?

Diverse Traditions



- God separated the nations by language in judgment.
- Accounts of a global Flood, or catastrophe, exist amongst many different people groups.
- Some of these are linked to October, November + memorials of the dead.

Diverse Traditions



- The ancient English Druids celebrated October 31st by pulling down and rebuilding the roof of their temple as a **symbol of the destruction and renovation of the world**.
- To remember the dead, people placed offerings of food on the graves (Noah sacrificed to GOD after the Flood).
- The **children** would disguise themselves and **steal the food off of the graves** (Trick or Treat?).

Diverse Traditions



- The ancient Assyrians had ceremonies for the souls of the dead during mid-October to November timeframe.
- In Egypt, Osiris' box or coffin; which floated on water for a year (a distorted memory of the Flood); was placed on the water between October and November each year.
- The ancient Peruvian Incas celebrated their new year, Ayamarka, in November, and placed food on graves.

Dead Traditions



- In India, the 'Hindu Durga' celebration for the dead was first tied to their New Year (which began in November).
- Halloween can also be seen in the early Anglo-Saxon period known as the "**November Blood Month.**"
- In autumn, Aboriginal Australians traditionally put white coloured stripes on their arms and legs to symbolize a **skeleton.**

Roman Roots?



- The Celtic **Samhain** may have been influenced by pagan Roman festivals...
- “Pomona,” a type of harvest festival/**new year**.
- “Feralia,” the Roman **day of the dead**, celebrated at the end of October.



Papal Spooks



- On All Saints Day the bones of the dead saints were paraded through the Pantheon.
- All Saints Day was moved to October 31/1 Nov in 835AD...to...
- Coincide with “Feralia,” the Roman **day of the dead** (religious synchronicity).

Shun?



- Ephesians 5:11
- ‘And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them’ KJV.
- ‘Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them’ NKJV.
- ‘Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them’ ESV

Shame?



- Can Christians attend Halloween parties?
- Romans 14.
- 1 Corinthians 10:27.

Shelebrate?



- What can Christians do when attending a Halloween party?
- What can Christians do at Halloween time?
 - Heavens Eve?
 - Ark or Abyss?
 - Trick or Truth?

Scripture not Superstition



LUTHER'S 95 THESES

October 31st 1517