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

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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.

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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 GOD, I WILL ALSO FORGET THY CHILDREN."

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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 God.*" 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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."

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 let Christ answer that.

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

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Christ teaches us not to despise but to love less. We must totally submit ourselves to the commandments and our devotion to Christ 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 YHWH.