

last year. One shopper told News 14 Carolina that Halloween is the most expensive holiday after Christmas, but that it's well worth the money spent. "We just like the thrill of dressing up and it just being a night of going out and having fun," said Melanie P..... The NRF also says this year more adults than ever will be dressing up for Halloween, as 40-percent plan to sport a costume this year."

See! Its just a night of going out and having fun, right? And what about those costumes? So many of the girls liked to dress up like witches, the boys like little devils, why all of the morbid devilish ghouls, globins, eerie jack-o-lanterns, etc., etc.?

Wikipedia has this to say about Halloween, "...also known as **All Hallows' Eve**, or **All Saints' Eve**, is a yearly celebration observed in a number of countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It initiates the triduum of Hallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to **remembering the dead**, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed believers."

If it is a day to remember saints, martyrs, and all faithful departed believers, then why are witches, devils, demons, ghouls, goblins, ghosts, zombies, etc.

associated with it? Since the Christian churches have embraced it, where is it commanded, or revealed in the Scriptures?

The Encyclopedia Britannica has this to say about it, "**It long antedates Christianity**. The two chief characteristics of ancient Hallowe'en were the **lighting of bonfires** and the belief that this is the one night in the year during which ghosts and witches are most likely to wander abroad....it **is directly connected with the Druidic belief in the calling together of certain wicked souls** on Hallowe'en by Saman (*Sahwin*), **lord of the dead**." (Fourteenth Edition, Vol. 11, pp. 102-103).

So Halloween observance was around long before Christianity. It has to do with the "lord of the dead" calling together certain "wicked" souls!

We can certainly easily deduct that this observance has nothing to do at all with Yahweh or Yahshua since Yahshua told the people of His day, "But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by Yahweh, saying, I am the Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob? **Yahweh is not the Elohim of the dead**, but of the living," Mt. 22:31-32.

Who would the "lord of the dead be?" "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy **him that had the power of death, that is, the devil**," Heb. 2:14.

There we have it! The one who has the power of death would be the one who is the "lord of the dead", that is, Satan the devil!

When Yahshua returns to the earth to establish His glorious kingdom of peace and rest, Satan is going to be bound and cast alive into the abyss for the period of 1,000 years. Then he must be loosed for a little season (Rev. 20:1-3).

At the end of the 1,000 years he is released, "And when the thousand years are expired, **Satan shall be loosed out of his prison**, And shall go out to de-

Halloween is a prophecy of the future when Satan is released from the abyss to call his wicked ones to attack the glorious city. (Rev. 20:7-10)

ceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, **to gather them together to battle:** the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire **came down from Yahweh out of heaven,** and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever,” Rev. 20:7-10.

Hmmmm...The lord of the dead calls together his wicked ones. Bonfires were lit...fire comes down from heaven. Are you beginning to get the picture? Halloween is a picture of the time when the lord of the dead will be released to gather his people for his final assault on the righteous!

Why would Christian churches take part in this days observance? Could it be that they have been deceived by the deceiver? “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, **which deceiveth the whole world:** he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him,” Rev. 12:9.

Have you been deceived to observe this day? Has your own church?

The time is for repentance! Turn and serve your Creator in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:24) and live!.

This day should perish from your observance forever!

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HALLOWEEN

THE DAY OF THE DEAD!

Halloween has become one of the most popular observations for people in the U. S. What is so special about this day, and what are its origins?
By Jerry Healan

I remember doing the Halloween thing back when I was in school. It was such a fun thing to do. We went from house to house in some kind of homemade costume, knocked on the door and shouted “Trick or treat!” to the occupants who almost always had some kind of candy treat, or fruit.

Of course, a group of us guys would also get together to see what kind of mischief we could get into. I remember turning over an outhouse or two, but that’s all I can think of at this late date in my life.

The point is that we never questioned why we were doing those things. It was always just a fun night to look forward to.

One news service has posted this article on the internet: “There is good news for retailers as Halloween draws closer. Americans are expected to spend \$5.8 billion on costumes and other holiday items this year. That is a jump from last year and almost as much as was spent in 2008. The National Retail Federation says Americans will spend an average of \$66.28 on Halloween this year. That's up from \$56.31