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Approximately 300 years before Messiah, the Romans had a festival known as Lupercalia. This festival is taken back as far as Romulus and Remus who were supposedly raised and nursed by wolves in a cave. This place was known as Lupercal and became the centre of Rome and the Roman Empire.

This festival was celebrated to esteem and praise the idols (gods) Lupercus and Faunus – sexual and fertility and also protection from the wolves for their flocks. In Greek these two were known as Juno and Pan. Lupercalia was celebrated on 15 February and was in early spring. The calendar was somewhat different at that time.

During the festival young maidens' (and perhaps even married women) names were written on bits of paper and thrown into a vessel, and every young man (unmarried or married) drew a name. The person whose name he drew would then become his sexual partner for the coming year.

Some of the rituals included slaughtering and offering of goats. The skins of these goats were cut into strips to make lashes. The lashes were then used to whip the women. A dog was also slaughtered and offered as an offering of cleansing.

This festival went hand in hand with another known as Februasio. Februasio was also celebrated with the same offerings and was probably even the same festival with merely another name. Cleansing was a major part of Februasio. In later years during 496 CE the Roman church took over this festival as the Feast of Purification.

According to most sources, this festival was celebrated and observed more than 800 years before it was christianised in 496 CE by the Roman church. When we look at the writings of Alexander Hislop in his well known book, "The Two Babylons", we see that Semiramis is the mother of all idols (gods) and also of Tammuz. Nimrod again is the father of Tammuz and Tammuz himself. This festival can therefore be taken back to the worship of Semiramis and Nimrod/Tammuz and thus the beginning of Sun worship in Babylon.

Many would certainly ask: "Is it really so bad?" The answer is definitely, yes! Father YHWH tells us very definitely in Shemoth (Exodus) 20 verse 3 that we should have NO other elohim (mighty ones or gods) before Him. Semiramis is known as the queen of heaven. Tammuz is her child that was resurrected. Lupercus, Faunus, Juno, pan or whichever other names are added, they all remain idols (pagan gods).

YHWH gives us also in verses 4 and 5 warning not to make any images and not to bow before them. He also warns that those doing so will be punished, because He, YHWH, is a jealous Elohim (God) and He will punish up to the third and the fourth generations of those hating Him. This basically means those who defy His commandments and not guarding them. Yahushua confirms in Yohanan (John) 14 verse 15 that if we loved Him we will do (guard) His commandments. Shemoth 20 verse 6 bring the marvellous promise of blessing to thousands when we love Him and guard His commandments.

Furthermore this festival is linked to sexual licentiousness and voluptuousness. History shows very well that when the Roman church christianised this festival, the people did not really accept it and it did not go down well with them. Very soon they were back with the original voluptuous rituals.

Cupid (also known as Eros) is also linked to this festival. He is also known as the mighty one (god or eloah) van voluptuous sexual passion. Galatians 5 verses 16 to 21 warns us against the lusts of the flesh: adultery, whoring, uncleanness, indecency, idolatry, drug sorcery, hatred, quarrels, jealousies, fits of rage, selfish ambitions, envy, murders, drunkenness, wild parties, etc. All of these are associated with Valentines or Lupercalia.

When we investigate the history of Yisra'el (Israel), we see that Father YHWH punish them time and again because of idolatry. We can also now understand why our world is in the current state it is. There is one pagan or heathen festival after the other and all "Christians" (so-called believers) participate. The new wrapping does not really change it. In fact, it makes it more dangerous. Elohim (wrongly known as God) calls to us all: Flee from Babel. (See Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 50:8 & 51:6 and Revelations 18:4). This was not said only to Yisra'el of old, but to EVERY believer today, still strangled in the darkness and ties of the second Babel (Babylon) – the Roman Church!




Can we then celebrate Valentine's day with a clear conscience? The answer is emphatically, NO! If we do we worship the idols (gods) of Babel, and that means the Sun Worship. Can you take a cyanide tablet, give it a sugar coating and then believe it is safe to swallow? Certainly not! In the same fashion, a pagan sexual festival with a nice wrapping can not be good or acceptable. It remains as deadly! No, it is worse! You could miss out on eternity!

May our Abba (Father) YHWH, through His Spirit and the redemption of His Son, Yahushua convince You and set you apart for Him.

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Resources:

- ✘ *The Scripture (ISR)* 1998
- ✘ [The Two Baylons](#) – Alexander Hislop
- ✘ *Encyclopedia Britannica* 1910
- ✘ *What's Wrong With Valentine's Day ?* – <http://www.demonbuster.com>
- ✘ *Lupercalia She-Wolf* at: <http://www.sacred-texts.com/bos/bos607.htm>
- ✘ *Lupercalia* Encyclopaedia Britannica. Accessble via <http://members.eb.com/>

-  *Lupercalia* at: <http://depthome.brooklyn.cuny.edu/classics/luprcia.htm>
-  *The history of St. Valentine's Day* - Sheryl Tirol: <http://www5.interaccess.com/chronicle/back/feb1097/>
-  *Symbols of Love - Werewolves from Rome* : <http://www.phillyburbs.com/valentine/icons/lupercus.shtml>