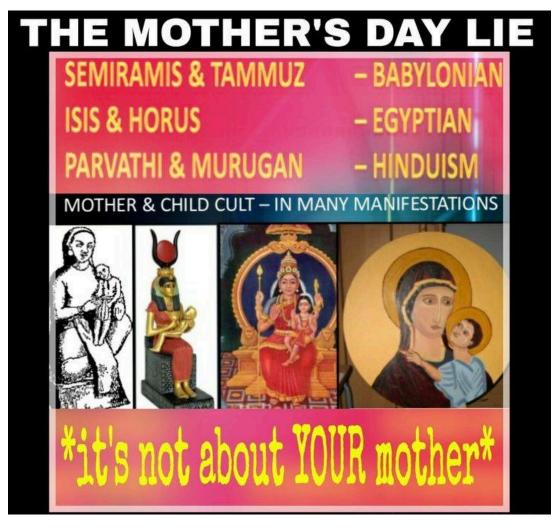
## MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day dates back to ancient cultures in Greece and Rome. In both cultures, mother goddesses (Queen of Heaven). were worshipped during the springtime with religious festivals. The ancient Greeks paid tribute to the powerful goddess Rhea, the wife of Cronus, known as the Mother of the Gods (Queen of Heaven). Similarly, evidence of a three-day Roman festival in Mid-March called Hilaria, to honor the Roman goddess Magna Mater, or Great Mother, dates back to 250 BCE.



As Christianity spread throughout Europe, the celebration of the "Mother Church" replaced the pagan tradition of honoring mythological goddesses. The fourth Sunday in Lent (Weeping for Tammuz), a 40-day fasting period before Easter, became known as Mothering Sunday. To show appreciation for their mothers, they often brought gifts or a "mothering cake" (Jer. 7:18) and over time, it began to coincide with the celebration of the Mother Church. Mother's Day always falls on the second Sun-day of May, and like so many other holidays rooted in pagan sun-worship including Father's Day which always falls on the third Sun-day of June,

**Jer.** 7:18 "The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and **the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven;** and they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me".

There can be nothing wrong with celebrating a special day for mothers, but we must ask ourselves why these specific dates are always associated with pagan customs and tradition. We should be celebrating with our Fathers and Mothers regularly, we don't need to do it on a specific date that just happens to line up with pagans. Who needs the curses that come with doing so?

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