

WHAT IS CHRISTMAS REALLY ALL ABOUT?

STOP before you throw this letter out, consider the words of Yehovah:

Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: **because thou hast rejected knowledge**, I will also reject thee"

Christmas is an ancient Babylonian pagan holiday which the whole world has accepted (having been beguiled by subtility, deceived like Eve); popularized in the western culture by certain special interest groups. This "holy day" has a very wicked spiritual root whose allure has captured the hearts of millions. As it says in 2 Corinthians 11 "Satan comes as an angel of light," and it is that kind of spirit that is behind all the hoopla. In 326 AD, the Roman Catholic Church introduced aspects of paganism into the churches, including a holiday on December 25th under Constantine that they called Dies Natalis Solis Invicti, or the "Birthday of the unconquered sun." This move coincides with the same move Rome made in 321 AD to create a law in Rome to change the Hebrew Sabbath from the biblical 7th day (Saturday) to the 1st day (Sunday), and forcing Jews to work on their Sabbath day, in honor of Rome's sun god who Constantine represented as a High Priest. The idea that Constantine adopted and accepted Christianity as some change in heart posture towards the Hebrews, who were previously persecuted and killed for several centuries by Rome, is a lie and a deception. Instead, Rome's move exposed their defeat in being unable to quench the fire of Faith, and for this reason it demanded a new approach—to Hijack that same Faith! Rome had a long history of adopting the religions of the peoples they conquered and twist them for military and political advantage—Christianity was no exception! Over time, additional aspects of this tradition were introduced and it gained in popularity throughout Europe; whereby, many of those cultures added their own traditions to it. Christmas continued to evolve and spread west and north from this early time up through the 19th century; and by the 20th century it became highly commercialized and spread in a viral way to the whole world. Keep in mind, you can scoff all you want at this information and be ready to shoot the messenger because it is something you do not want to hear; so, you throw it into a waste paper basket and chalk it up as some "unstudied opinion" or an agenda by a group of atheists! All of the information mentioned are a provable fact! Facts that are even accepted by many Christian leaders who turn a blind eye to it, knowing that Christmas is the worship of a false god that the Bible condemns! For someone to claim they follow Christ and continue to observe this holiday, they are literally breaking the first few commandments of God, and practicing their Faith as hypocrites, and are in vain worship of that same Messiah. The Son of God (Yeshua) was not born anywhere near December 25th, which is the time period of Rome's winter solstice. The Bible narrative does not describe a season of the year when animals would have been kept indoors. When you take part in Christmas (or Easter) you are celebrating a practice whose root involved child sacrifice, orgies, foods sacrificed to idols and the worship of false gods. Even though modern Christians would never celebrate this holiday the way ancient Romans did; the wink and nod acceptance of it remains as a dark stain on one's spiritual garment; and is what the Bible describes as spiritual adultery to God. God knows the difference between your present day cutesy, watered-down version of paganism from its ancient murderous past—so, it doesn't matter what your opinion is! God tells you how much he hates traditions of men in the bible, as well as how bad this kind of spiritual adultery is; and he promises to destroy those who fail to repent from it. The narrative of a just God who gives his people many chances to repent from the ways of the world is all over the Old Testament prophecies; it is what Christ taught, and the "latter days" timeframe mentioned with its Great Tribulation is drawing neigh!

What does scripture have to say about all this?

Jeremiah 10 "Thus saith the Lord, **Learn not the way of the heathen**, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one **cutteth a tree out of the forest**, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They **deck it with silver and with gold**; they **fasten it with nails** and with hammers, that it moves not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good." **Read the chapter.**

Look how it pans out for these horrible people in the new song of Moses:

Deuteronomy 32:17: "They **sacrificed unto devils**, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, **to new gods** (👹👺👾) that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not." And they get the glittering sword. **Read the chapter.**

Isaiah 57:4-5: "Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not **children of transgression, a seed of falsehood**, enflaming yourselves **with idols under every green tree**, slaying the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?"

Look how obviously the Christians are disobeying Yehovah in this church below

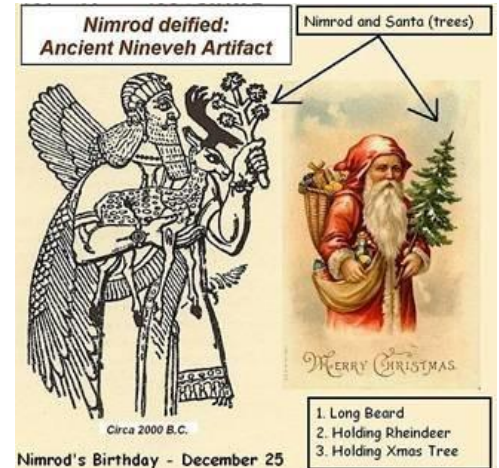
Deuteronomy 16:21: “Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees (🌲) near unto the altar of the Lord thy God, which thou shalt make thee. Neither shalt thou set thee up any image(†); which **the Lord thy God hateth**. **Read the chapter.**



You might say “I know this, but we are allowed to do it now”.

God already knew you’d say that!

Job 14:4: “Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?” **not one.**



Jeremiah 7:9 “Will ye worship Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, **and say, we are delivered to do all these abominations?**

You might say, “well we make our pagan festival about God, if we attribute it to him” ...Yeah, so did these guys:

Exodus 32:5 “And when Aaron saw the **golden calf**, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, **tomorrow is a feast to the Lord.**”

God already has that covered too, he was very specific here in this end days prophecy, he told you not to even take pagan practices and blend them into how you worship him.

Deuteronomy 12:30: “Take heed to thyself that thou **be not snared by following pagans**; and that thou **enquire not after their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.** Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord thy God: for every abomination to the Lord, which he **hateth**, have they done unto their gods; for **even their sons and their daughters they have burnt in the fire** to their gods.”

Spiritually, having your children sit before a Christmas tree is no different than sacrificing them to devils.

So, what do you do about this?

John 4:21-23 “Yeshua saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:** for the Father seeketh such to worship him...”

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth!”

Acts 17:29-31: “Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. **And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by *that* man whom he hath ordained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that he hath raised him from the dead.”

Only the lost sheep of the house of Israel will receive this message. The rest will end up hell, unless they repent!

Be ashamed, turn back to God, and he will forgive you!

(1 John 1:9, Acts 3:19-26, Levit 26:40-42, Deuteronomy 7:9, Isaiah 1:29, Jeremiah 6:15, Isaiah 55:7)

In Romans 11 Paul teaches how Gentiles can be grafted into that tree, if they obey God's Covenants of Promise, and as explained in Acts 15, they must first keep from idolatry, not drink the blood and do no fornication—then read Moses!

Deuteronomy 4:27: “And the Lord shall **scatter you among the nations**, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the Lord shall lead you. And there **ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands**, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. But if from thence thou shalt **seek the Lord thy God**, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. **When thou art in tribulation**, (great tribulation coming soon, 2000 years after Yeshua's ascension) and all these things are come upon thee, even in **the latter days**, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt **be obedient unto his voice**; (For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.

This kind of religious practice from Babylon is the same kind of spiritual adultery and idolatry that caused the northern Kingdom of Israel to split off from the southern Kingdom and be removed from their land by God and scattered to the four corners of earth and chastised for several thousand years (2nd Kings 17-18, Ezekiel 4, Leviticus 26).

What makes you think God won't do that to you and your nation for the same thing?

Jews had a festival of lights and Germans had a yule festival, Celts had their legend with Baldr, Scandinavia had a sun god who was struck down by a mistletoe arrow and Romans had Saturnalia (worship of Saturn), Constantine had the Persian version of Saturnalia (Mithraism – for the sun god), Rome included feasting and giving gifts to the poor, Germans had their evergreen tree they decorated. Egyptians decorated their palm trees. Eventually, books like the King James added it to their schedule of Holy Days of the Christian Faith. However, nowhere in the words of scripture can it be found that Yeshua our Messiah was born on December 25th; and **no where** are any of the common symbols and practices of this holiday are taught or even relatable to Christ, his ministry teachings or to God himself!

Do we need to remind you of the Ten Commandments and what it says?

Deuteronomy 5:7-10 “**Thou shalt have none other gods before me.** Thou shalt not make thee *any* graven image, *or* any likeness *of any thing* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the waters beneath the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation of them that hate me*, And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.”

Doing this kind of man made, man-centered worship using the pretext of doing it for God is blasphemous vain worship, and God considers it hating him!

Did you not study out what an Asherah is? It is the same thing as a Christmas Tree. Some cultures carved faces into the pole, while others simply decorated the tree. It is mentioned all over the book of Jeremiah. All throughout the Old Testament God warns about bringing any tree into a house or having it near the altar of a place of worship. Asherah is associated with the worship of Nimrod or Ba'al and the son Tammuz.

Deuteronomy 16:21-22 “**Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar** of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee. Neither shalt thou set thee up **any image; which the LORD thy God hateth.**”

Exodus 34:13-14: “But ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and **cut down their groves**: For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, *is* a jealous God”

Judges 6:25-26: “And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and **throw down the altar of Baal** that thy father hath, and **cut down the grove that is by it**: And build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.”

2 Kings 17:16-18: “And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, **and made a grove**, and worshipped all the host of heaven, **and served Baal**. And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. Therefore, the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.”

One of the practices associated with this Asherah is

Temple Prostitution and the decorating of the tree.

2 Kings 23:7-14 “And he broke down the **houses of the sodomites**, that were by the house of the LORD, where the **women wove hangings for the grove**. And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city...10. And he defiled Topeth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that **no one might burn his son or his daughter as an offering to Molech**. And he removed the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun...14. And he **broke in pieces the pillars and cut down the Asherim** and filled their places with the bones of men.”

Do we need to remind you of what Idolatry is?

Idolatry has a wider application than just carving a statute of a false god and prostrating yourself before it! Why don't you let the Word of God define what Idolatry is, take it to heart, instead of limiting it's meaning to fit your level of desired disobedience and then continue to defend what God calls an abomination?

Isaiah 44, it tells you that idolatry makes you: “deaf, dumb and blind!” Spiritually speaking!

These chapters in scripture will tell you all about idolatry:

Isaiah 57, Isaiah 46, Isaiah 44, Isaiah 41, Isaiah 30, Jeremiah 10, Jeremiah 44, Ezekiel 6, Ezekiel 14, Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5, Psalm 135, 1 Corinthians 10-11, Colossians 3, Romans 1.

Just to name a few, so go read them again and again until it sinks into your soul! Idolatry is anything that takes your attention away from honoring and caring about God first above all other interests!

1 John 5 tells you Idolatry is the “sin that leads to death!”

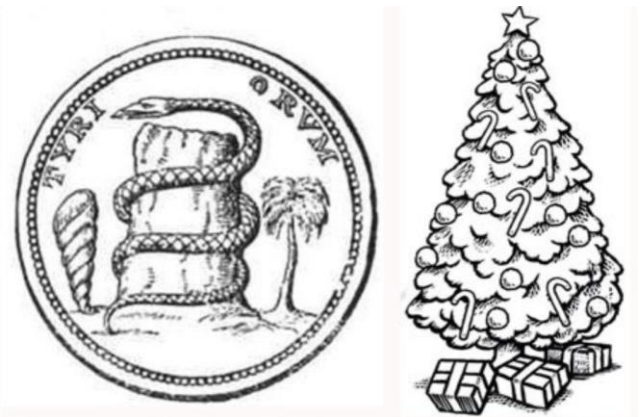
Do we pay any attention to the warnings in the Bible? Do you take it as a light thing or a serious thing? If you claim to be a believer but disregard God's warnings—what does that make you?

Christ even said about the end times “Be not deceived!”

We have these catchy cultural phrases we hear all the time, like warnings about poison and rotten food:

“When in doubt, throw it out!”

Will you forsake a practice that God calls an Abomination? Or will you covet after time with family or gifts under a tree?



The first decorating of an evergreen tree was done by pagans in honor of their god Nimrod, who after being slain (Yule log burnt) was brought to life by the serpent Aesculapius who coiled around a dead tree stump -- symbol of life being restored. From the roots of the dead tree came forth another and different tree -- an evergreen tree symbolizing a god who cannot die! In Egypt this god was worshipped as a palm tree (Baal-Tamar). The fir tree was worshipped in Rome as the same new born god (Baal-Berith), and a feast was held in honor of him on December 25th called the "Birthday of the unconquered Sun." The Sun was Baal or Tammuz.



Whose Birthday is it really on December 25? Do some research and you might find out!

1. Babylonian sun god (Tammuz) birth (Ezekiel 8:14)
2. Persian sun god (Mithra)
3. Egyptian sun god (RA / Isis)
4. Greek sun god (Dionysus)
5. Roman sun god (Sol Invictus) – who Rome associated with the name Jesus.
6. Canaanite sun god (Ba'al)

When is the Hebrew Messiah's Birthday?

Scripture gives no specific verse for a time of year Yeshua's birth took place. Based on the account of Luke chapters 1-3, and knowing that Zacharias had a temple duty in the course of Abijah—8th course (Luke 1:5), which had two different duties in the year: one occurred in the May-June timeframe (1 week) and the other in the December timeframe (1 week). When he returned home Elizabeth conceived soon thereafter and she "hid herself 5 months" (Luk 1:24), and in the 6th month Mary conceived (Luke 1:26). Mary visits Elizabeth and stayed with her 3 months (Luk 1:56), and assuming her pregnancy was 9 months, it would place the birth either in the Fall or the Spring, depending on which month one of the two courses fell. The biblical narrative describes Bethlehem as full of people and there was no room at the Inn; this is assumed it has to do with the census tax (Luk 2:1), but it could also be due to people on pilgrimage for one of the Feasts. The biblical account also describes shepherds with their flocks out at night (Luk 2:8). This could only occur in a season where it would be warm at night. It just so happens that the spring time is the common time for the lambing season in Judea when all the baby lambs are born. So, it is reasonable to conclude Spring is the correct season for the birth of the Messiah, the unblemished lamb (Exo 12:5 / Isaiah 52-53). Regardless of which season it occurred, there can be no doubt that the biblical narrative does not give any indication that the birth occurred in the winter, and certainly not in December.

REMEMBER THE 2ND COMMANDMENT

You should have zero images or decorations, including crucifixes or the likeness of any man or beast, on your person or in our house!

What about the topic of Santa Claus? You are blatantly lying to you children by telling them a story about a guy who "knows when they are naughty and nice" and "sees you when they are sleeping," and "knows when they are awake". Seriously? Think about that one for a moment on what this suggests to your children! How about teaching them truth instead of another god, whose name is an anagram for Satan? You are allowing their faith to be compromised by a fictional character that they may think is real for a time! Then when they find out you are lying to them, not only does this break trust in you, but it may cause an overthrow your children's faith in God entirely! It also teaches them covetousness over gifts and that there are exceptions to rules about people who break and enter into houses. There is nothing more wicked than this! It is not cute! It is wicked, especially according to how the Bible defines wicked!

You are to have nothing to do with any tradition that didn't come from God the Father!

(Mark 7:6-9, Isaiah 29:13, Ezekiel 33:31)

You are to have nothing to do with other people who willfully disobey God and observe pagan practices (even in ignorance) and do things that God calls sin; but instead rebuke them so they are educated, have a chance to repent, and turn back to God! Failing to do so leaves blood on your hands. This is what the Bible calls
"Loving your neighbor as yourself!"

(Leviticus 19:15-18, Ezekiel chapters 2 & 3, Jas. 2:8-11, Matt 22:37-39, 2 Thess 3:6, 2 John 1:9-11, Hebrews 10:29)

James 4:4 "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

Repent of all the pagan traditions, including Christmas, Easter and Halloween today!

Jeremiah 7:9-16 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and **walk after other gods whom ye know not; And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?** And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; Therefore will I do unto *this* house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, *even* the whole seed of Ephraim. **Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.**

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THE ANSWER

Keep the 10 commandments and eat clean (no pork or shellfish).

Then come to straitisthegate.net and join us on the gatherings, especially the sabbath gathering, to learn everything of God and the bible. You will not learn anything except for lies from any other church.

- God's name is **Yehovah** and his son's name is **Yeshua**.
- The day begins at **dawn** including on the **sabbath**.

Once you understand this you are required to tell others (love your neighbour as yourself).

This message was sent to you by God through the spirit of John (Rev 10:9-11)

