A vibrant field of yellow Black-eyed Susans (Rudbeckia hirta) with dark brown centers. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, and the background is a soft-focus field of more of the same flowers under bright, natural light.

**„How long halt ye between two opinions?
If YHVH *be* Elohim¹¹, follow him: but if
Baal, [then] follow him.”**

This presentation is not intended to condemn or to judge anyone, but to encourage individuals to study for themselves and find out if these things are so just like the Bereans did in Acts 17:11!



It is a personal, individual choice which course each one of us will pursue in order to please the Creator and Savior.

The bottom line is “who” do we obey and “who” do we worship?

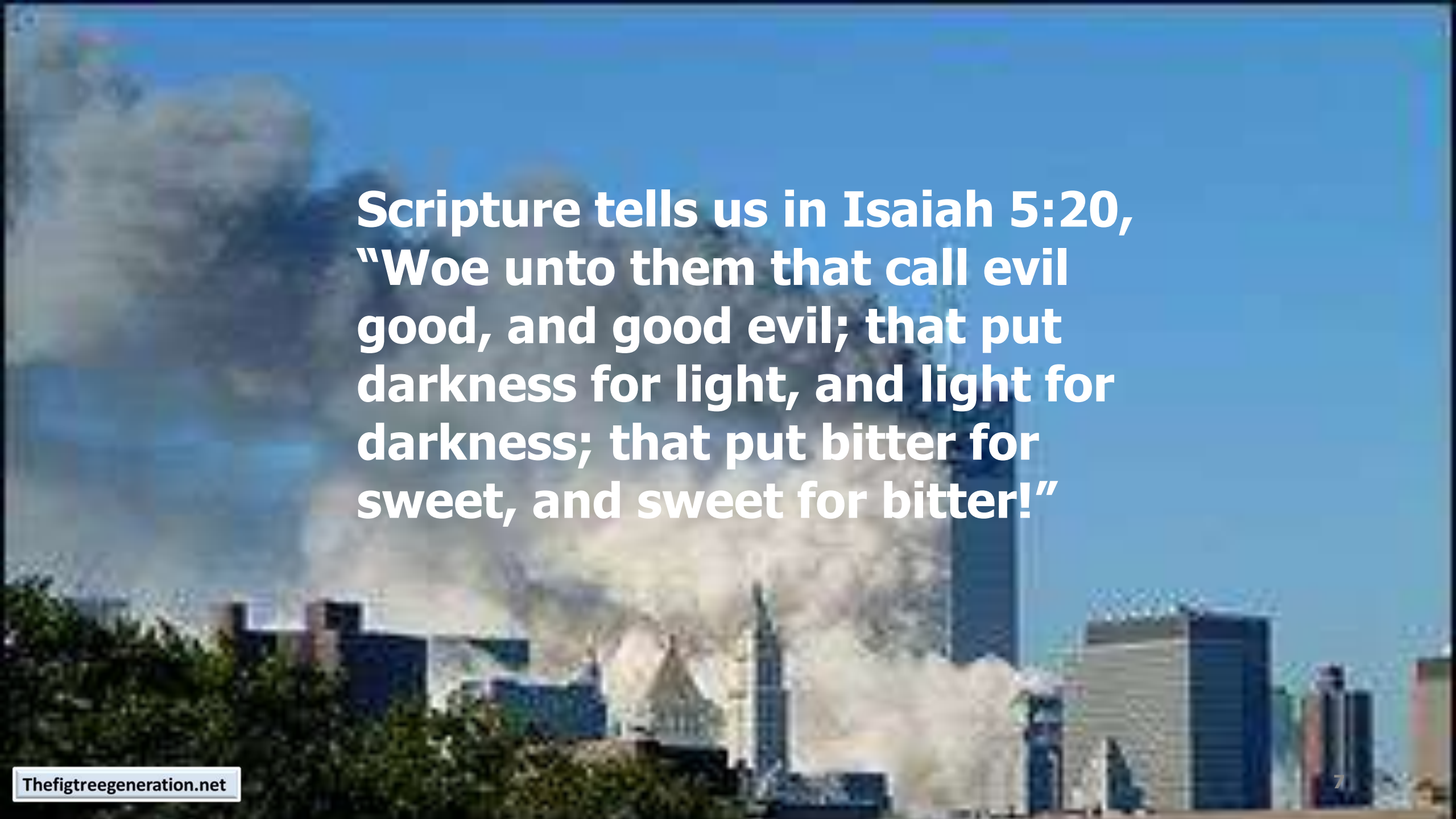


Through my studies a few years ago I learned that God, LORD and Jesus are fake names put into our Bibles to replace the Real Names of our Heavenly Father and His Beloved Son. The True Names have been removed over 7000 times from Scripture and replaced by God, LORD or Jesus which are not Names but titles like Mr. or Miss. Isn't it amazing if you ask a Muslim who he worships he will say Allah which is the name of his god and if you ask a Buddhist the name of his god he will say Buddha which is his name, yet we as professed believers in our Creator do not even know the name of who we worship

Therefore, I use the four Hebrew letters yod, hey, vav, hey in English YHWH (and I pronounce it as Yahuah) instead of LORD, which is a title - not a name. I also use Yahusha (I pronounce it as Yahusha) instead of Jesus, which is not a translation but a transliteration from a Greek mistransliteration. The name Jesus has no meaning, in Hebrew nor in English! YHWH and Yahusha are the actual original Hebrew names that speak of our Savior's true nature and character. Since the Father has a Hebrew name, the Son cannot have a Greek name, because the Son came in the name of His Father (John 5:43)!

A photograph of a city skyline under a clear blue sky. A massive, billowing plume of white and grey smoke or dust rises from the center of the city, partially obscuring the buildings. The smoke is dense and turbulent. In the foreground, there are dark green trees. The overall scene suggests a major disaster, such as a terrorist attack or a natural calamity.

An enemy has done this!

A photograph of a city skyline, likely New York City, with several tall buildings. A large plume of white smoke or dust is rising from the center of the city, partially obscuring the buildings. The sky is a clear blue. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**Scripture tells us in Isaiah 5:20,
“Woe unto them that call evil
good, and good evil; that put
darkness for light, and light for
darkness; that put bitter for
sweet, and sweet for bitter!”**

**Let's look at a parable of
Yahusha recorded in
Matthew 13:24-28**

**“Another parable put he
forth unto them, saying,
The kingdom of heaven
is likened unto a man
which sowed good seed
in his field. ...**



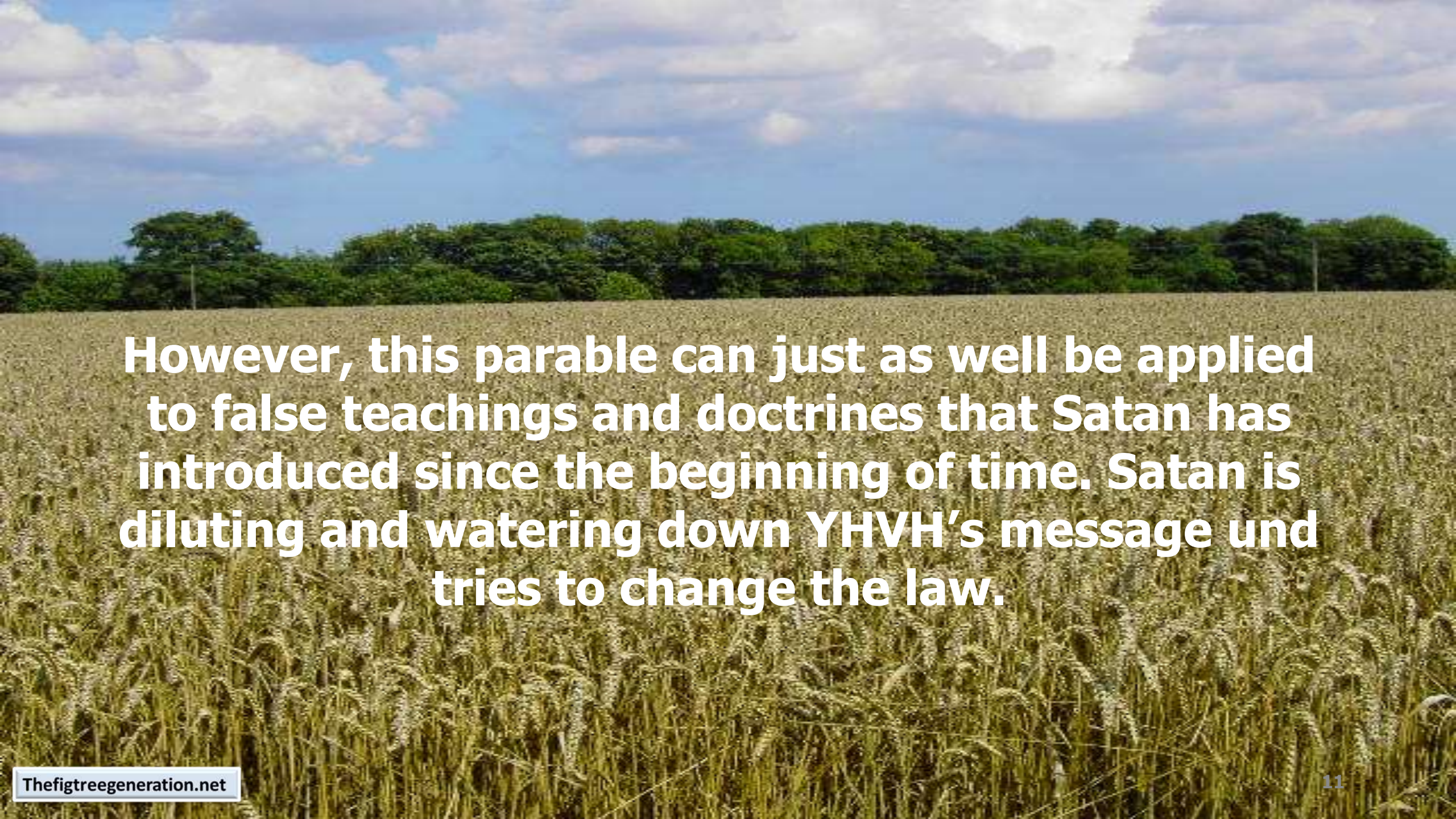
... 25. but while men slept,
his enemy came and
sowed tares among the
wheat, and went his way.
26. but when the blade
was sprung up, and
brought forth fruit, then
appeared the tares also.
27. So the servants of the
householder came and
said unto him,...



...Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? From whence then hath it tares? 28. He said unto them, an enemy hath done this."

This parable speaks about the wheat and the tares growing up together in the church. Besides true Christians there are many false brethren that Satan has brought in.



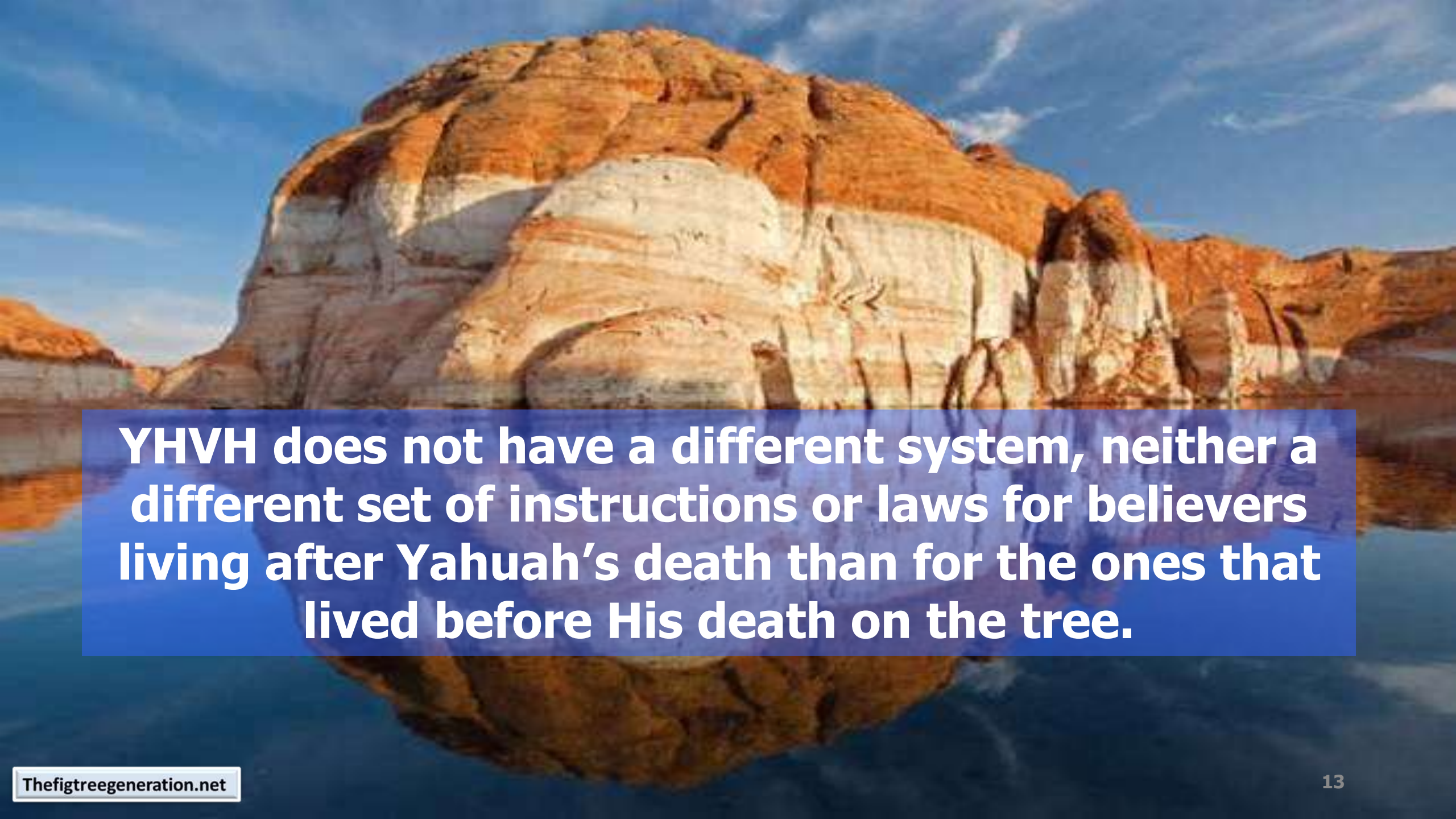


However, this parable can just as well be applied to false teachings and doctrines that Satan has introduced since the beginning of time. Satan is diluting and watering down YHVH's message and tries to change the law.

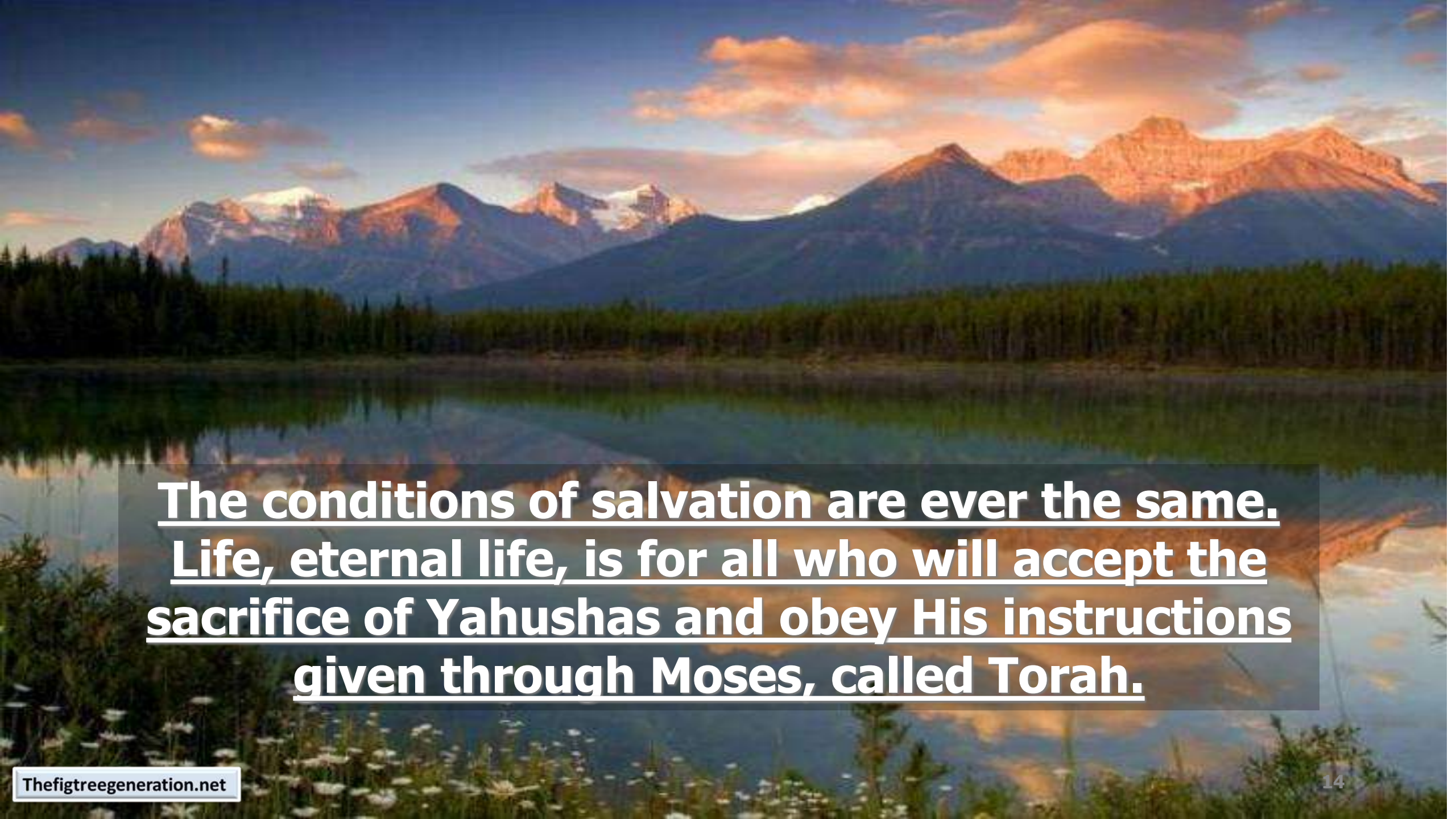
Yahusha clearly said in Matthew 5:17 that he did not come to make any changes in the Torah ifven to Moses , adding or subtracting anything. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law (**the Torah**) or the prophets, I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. 18. For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise from the law (the Torah) till all **be fulfilled.**"



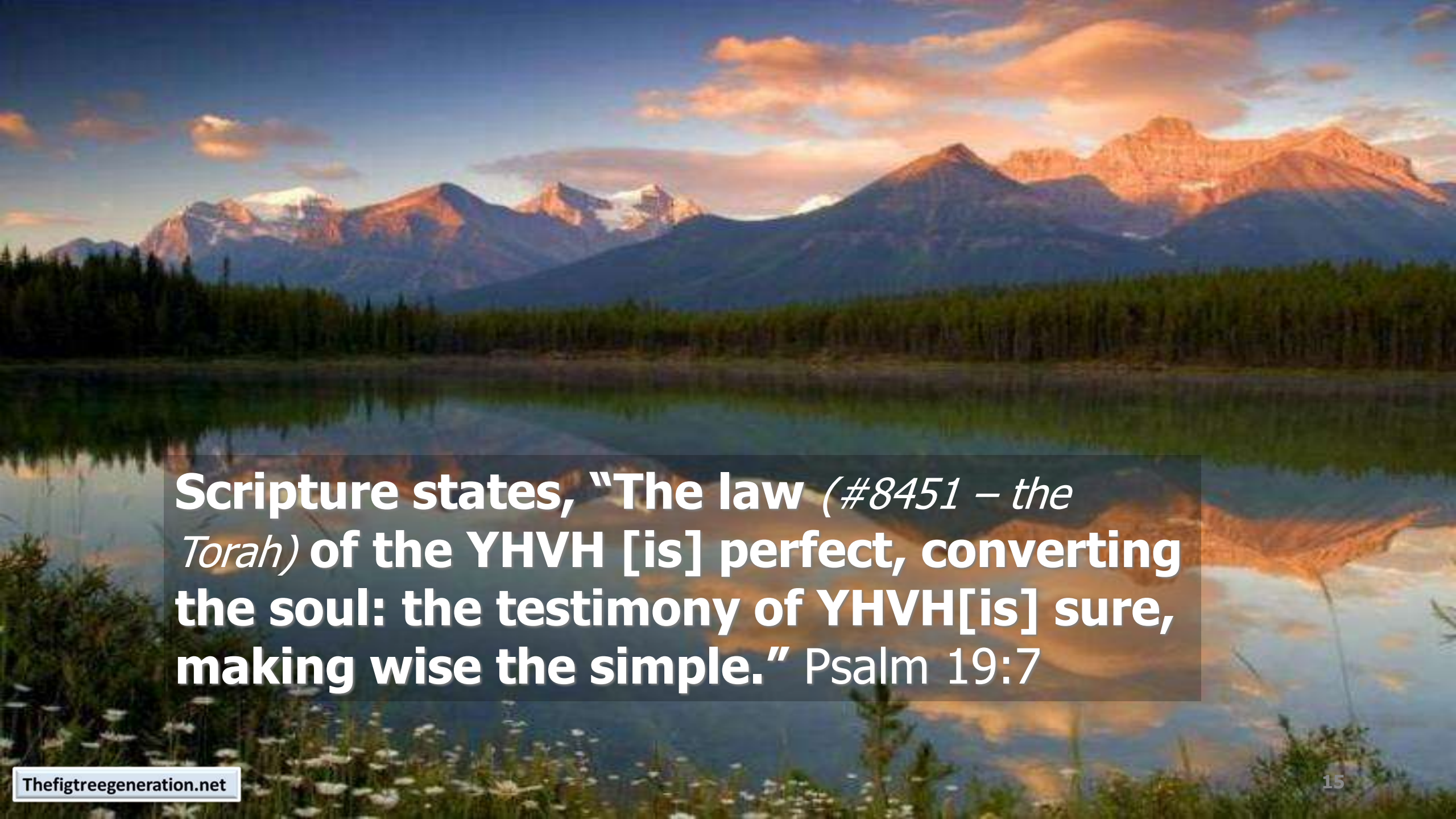
To fulfill means to carry out, to perform, to follow, to observe, to comply, not to do away with!



YHVH does not have a different system, neither a different set of instructions or laws for believers living after Yahuah's death than for the ones that lived before His death on the tree.



The conditions of salvation are ever the same.
Life, eternal life, is for all who will accept the
sacrifice of Yahushas and obey His instructions
given through Moses, called Torah.



Scripture states, “The law (*#8451 – the Torah*) of the YHVH [is] perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of YHVH[is] sure, making wise the simple.” Psalm 19:7

The Law (Torah) does what?

It converts the soul!
Did you notice that?
The Torah converts
the soul!



How does the Torah do that?

**It shows us our condition
and points us to the
Messiah!**

**After cleansing us from our
past repented and forsaken
sins, He points us to the
Law, to the Torah!**



He turns us where? To the Law, to the Torah! Why would He do that? Because He wants us to know what is right, so we can walk in the path of righteousness. The Torah, meaning His commandments, statutes and judgments are instructions how to live a holy, unselfish and purpose driven life. He does not want us to sin anymore after we have been cleansed from them. He wants to be set-apart.

A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the foreground, reflecting the surrounding environment. In the middle ground, there is a dense forest of evergreen trees. The background is dominated by a range of rugged mountains with some snow-capped peaks. The sky is filled with soft, orange and pink clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and majestic.

Man has not been left in the dark!

There is a way to find out what is
truth and what is error, what is right
and what is wrong!

Here is the only way to test!

Isaiah 8:29 tells us how to test everything, “To the law *(#8451 – the Torah)* and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them.” Isaiah 8:20



Satan hates the Law (Torah)!

He hates the Torah, the 10 commandments, the statutes, judgments and ordinances because these reflect **Messiah's character** and the foundation of HIS (YHVH's) government.



“The enemy is working continually ... to obliterate *(to remove to destroy)* the truth.”

He also seeks to obliterate the line of demarcation between believers and unbelievers.

In other words, he seeks to obliterate everything that would keep the true Elohim in remembrance.

For what purpose?

In order that professed believers may be swept to perdition through separation from the Creator!

Has he been successful?

Satan was successful in convincing people that the fourth Commandment was changed from the 7th day to the 1st day of the week!

That is the reason that the Sabbath Commandments starts with “Remember, the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy!”



The Father knew that Satan would also try to convince people to forget the statutes, testimonies and judgments, which includes the yearly feast days!

Therefore the Father gave us Malachi 4.4 where it states, “Remember ye the Torah of Moses ... with the statutes and judgments!”



“The Catholic Church abolished not only the Sabbath, but all the other Jewish festivals.”

T. Enright, C.S.S.R., Bishop of St. Alphonsus church, St. Louis Missouri, from June 1905

We can see that Satan removed the weekly Sabbath and replaced it with Sunday to honor the sun, he removed Yahuah's yearly festivals, replaced them with Christmas, Easter, Halloween etc. also to honor the sun-god Satan.





The Scripture says in Revelation 13:3
The whole world wondered after the beast!




Where did Christmas come from?

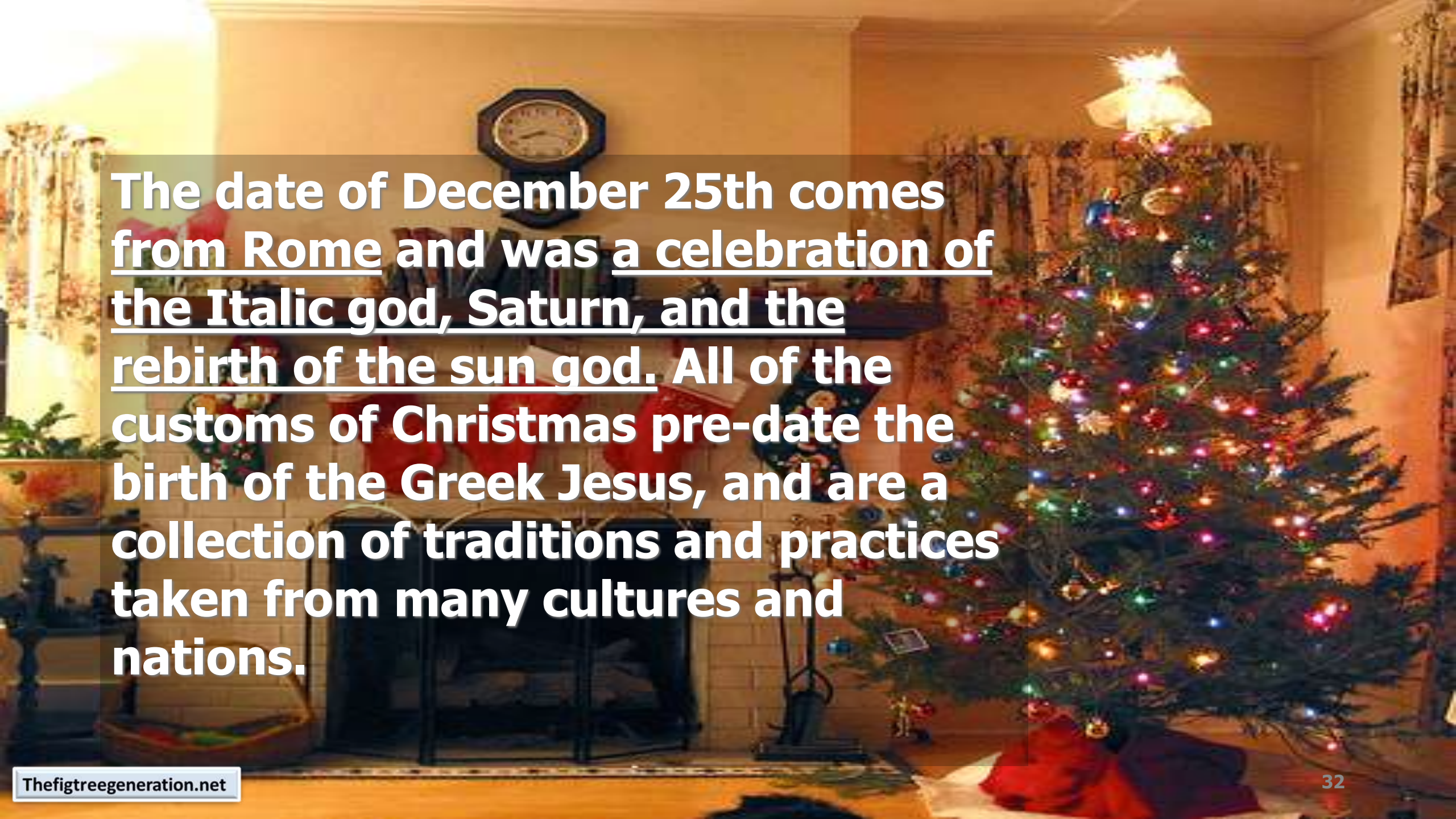
A living room decorated for Christmas. A large, dark green Christmas tree stands on the right, covered in colorful lights and ornaments, topped with a bright star. To the left of the tree is a fireplace with a white brick surround. Two stockings, one red and one blue, hang from the mantel. Above the mantel is a dark wooden shelf with various decorative items, including a clock. The room is warmly lit, and the overall atmosphere is cozy and festive.

**Christmas is
strictly a Roman
Catholic word.**

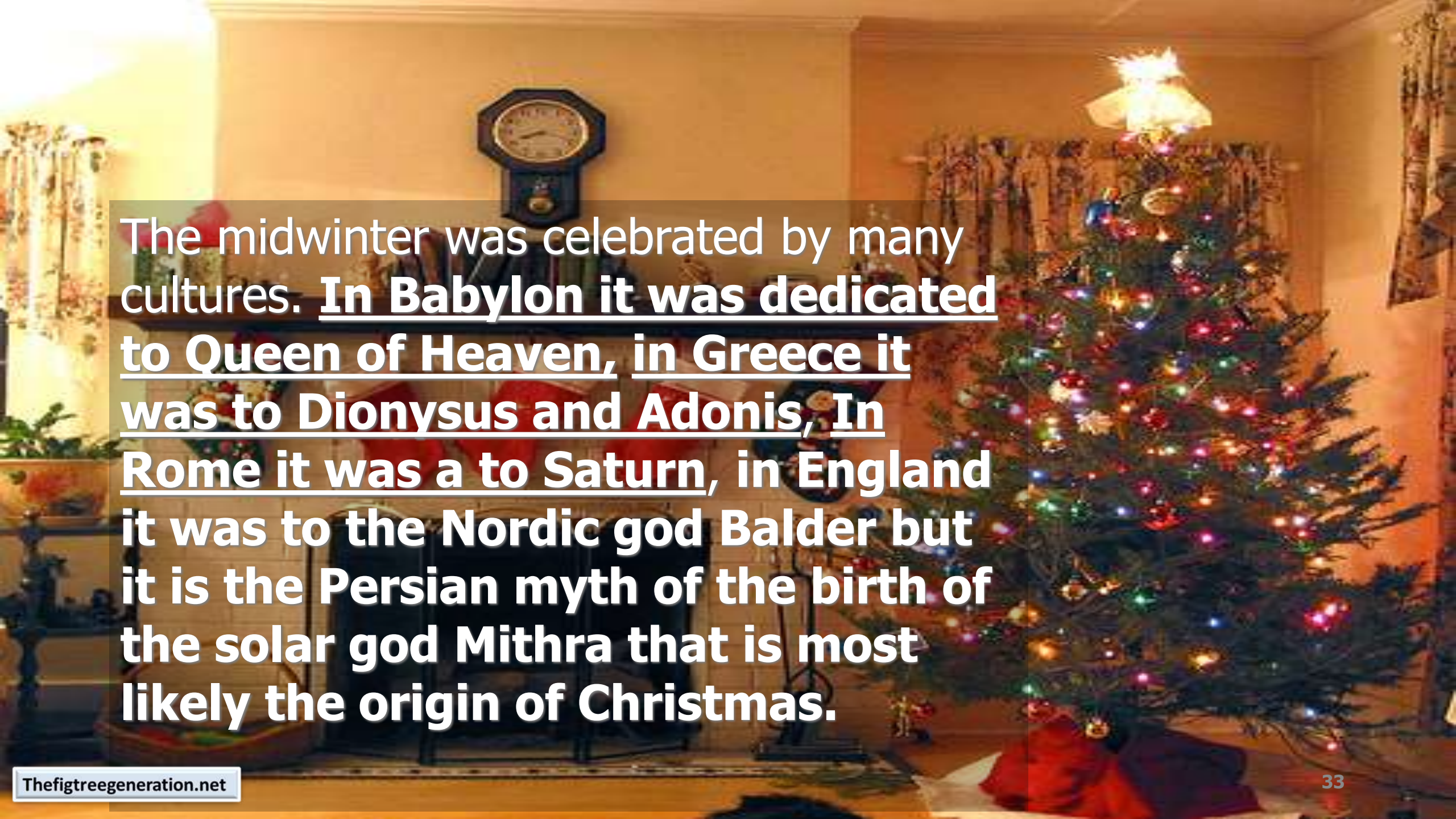
The word
**"Christmas" is a
combination of
the words
"Christ" and
"Mass".**

A photograph of a living room decorated for Christmas. A large, dark green Christmas tree is on the right, covered in colorful lights and ornaments. A fireplace with a mantel is in the center, with several red stockings hanging from it. A clock is mounted on the wall above the mantel. The room is warmly lit, and the overall atmosphere is cozy and festive.

The Catholic Encyclopedia states: "Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church. The first evidence of the feast is from Egypt." "Pagan customs, centering around the January calendar, gravitated to Christmas."

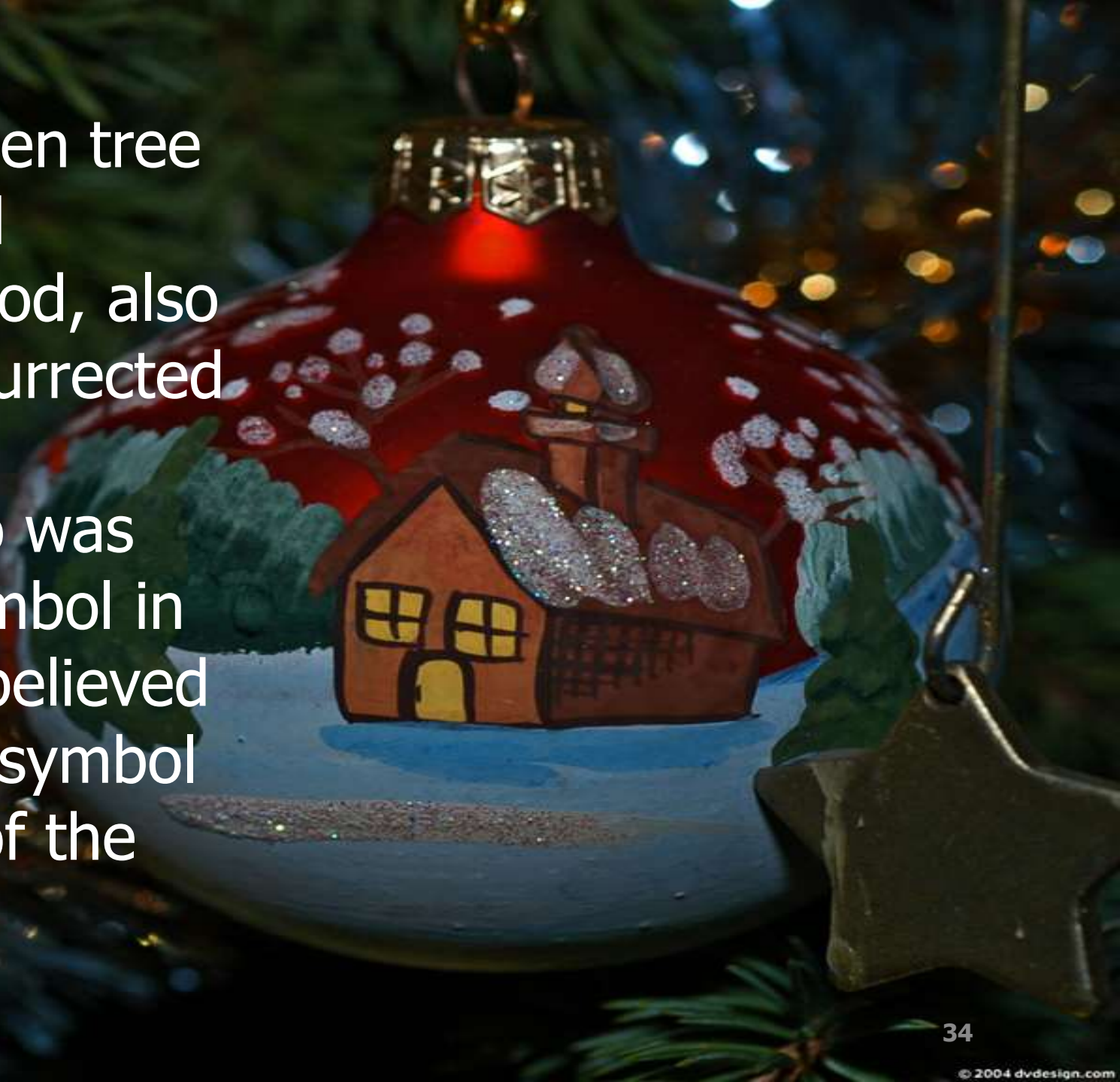
A living room decorated for Christmas. A large, dark green Christmas tree is on the right, covered in colorful lights and ornaments. In the center is a fireplace with a black metal screen. Above the fireplace is a round, octagonal clock. To the left of the fireplace is a small table with a plant. The room is warmly lit, and the overall atmosphere is cozy and festive.

The date of December 25th comes from Rome and was a celebration of the Italic god, Saturn, and the rebirth of the sun god. All of the customs of Christmas pre-date the birth of the Greek Jesus, and are a collection of traditions and practices taken from many cultures and nations.




The midwinter was celebrated by many cultures. In Babylon it was dedicated to Queen of Heaven, in Greece it was to Dionysus and Adonis, In Rome it was a to Saturn, in England it was to the Nordic god Balder but it is the Persian myth of the birth of the solar god Mithra that is most likely the origin of Christmas.

In Germany, the evergreen tree was used in worship and celebration of the Yule god, also in observance of the resurrected sun god. The evergreen represented life and also was regarded as a phallic symbol in fertility worship. It was believed that the red holly was a symbol of the menstrual blood of the queen of heaven, Diana.




- The white berries of mistletoe were the droplets of the semen of the sun god. Branches of holly and mistletoe were hung in doorways of temples and homes and it was believed that kissing beneath them will make the spirits of the god and goddess to enter one's body and make them fertile.





Trees,
wreaths,
holly,
mistletoe
and the like
are strictly
pagan and
heathen!

A warm, inviting living room decorated for Christmas. A large, brightly lit Christmas tree stands on the right, adorned with numerous lights and ornaments. In the center, a brown leather sofa is draped with a patterned blanket. To the left, a fireplace mantel is decorated with a garland of white flowers and a framed picture. The room is filled with festive decorations, including a small table with a lamp and a basket of gifts on the floor.

Think about it! Can we worship and honor Elohim by involving ourselves with customs and traditions, which He Himself forbade as idolatry?

Can we obey
through
disobedience?



Absolutely Nothing!

**We need to
ask the
question,
what is
right about
Christmas?**



THE ORIGINS OF EASTER!



Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, in its entry "Easter," states:
Easter comes from a form of the name Astarte, a Chaldean (Babylonian) goddess known as "the queen of heaven."

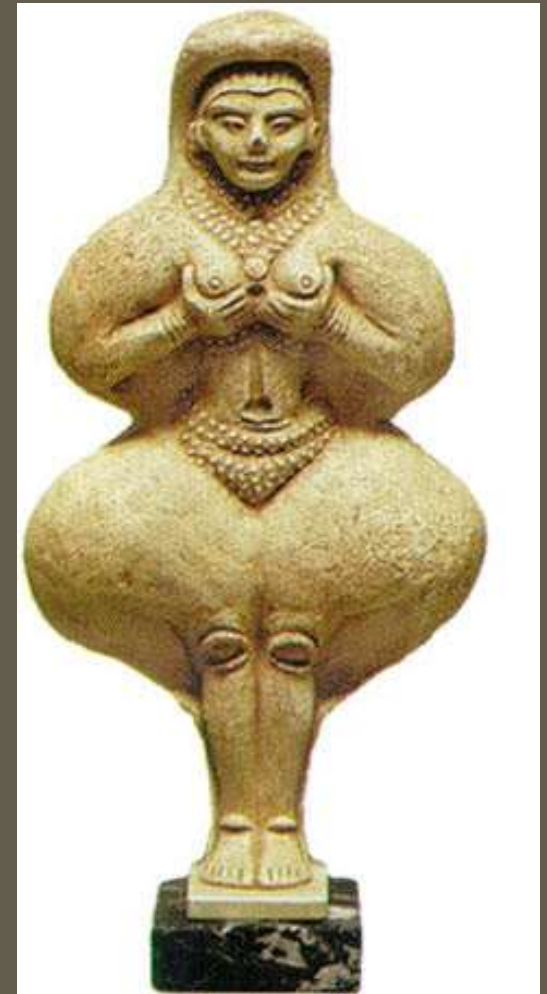
So Easter is
found in the
Bible – **but** as
part of the
pagan
religion YHVH
condemns!

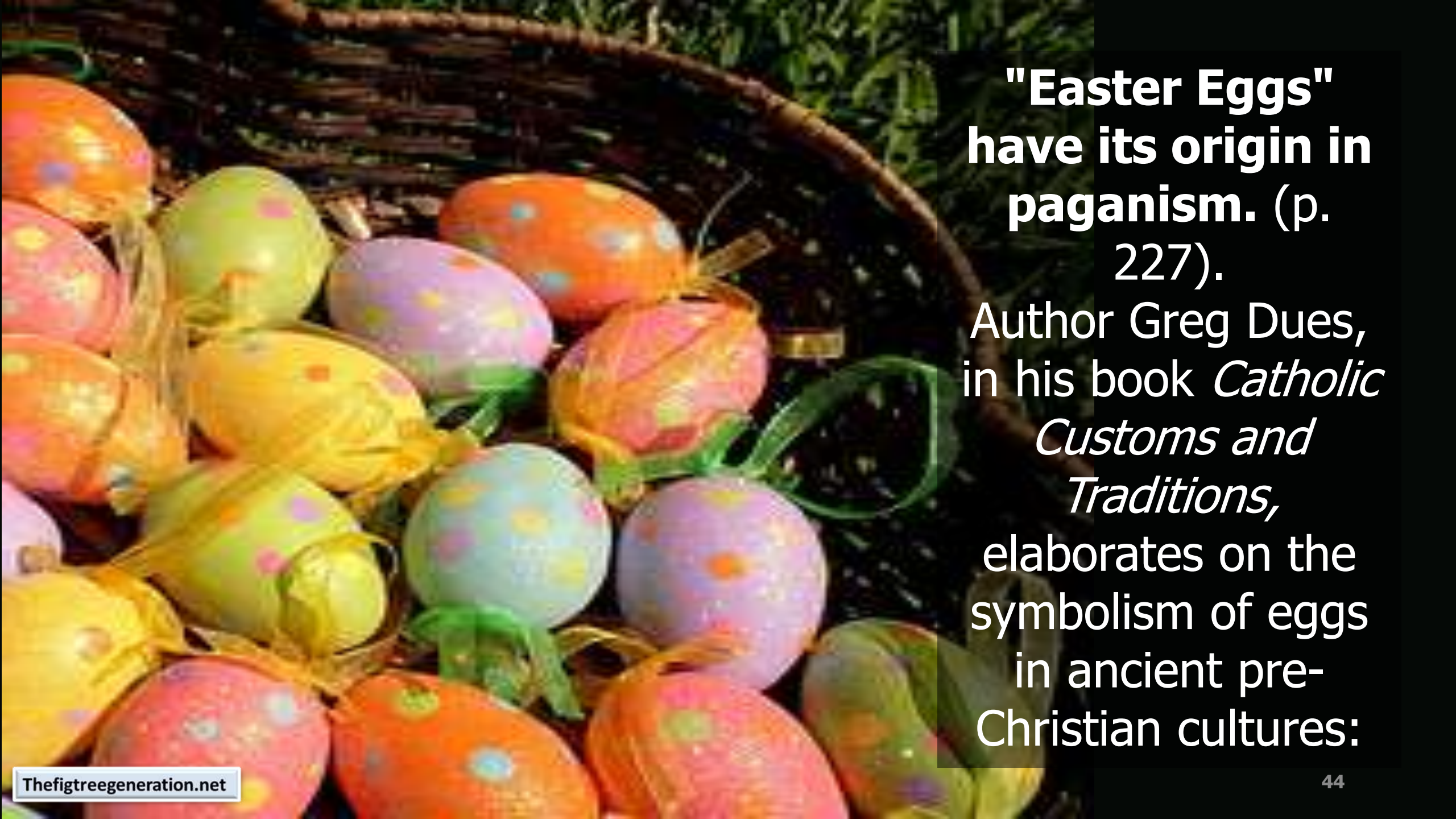


How does The Catholic Encyclopedia define Easter?

"Easter: The English term, according to the [eighth-century monk] Bede, relates to **Eostre, ...a Teutonic goddess of the rising light of day and spring, which deity, however, is otherwise unknown . . .**" (1909, Vol. 5, p. 224).

Eostre is the ancient European name for the same goddess worshipped by the Babylonians as Astarte or Ishtar, goddess of fertility, whose major celebration was in the spring of the year.





**"Easter Eggs"
have its origin in
paganism. (p.
227).**

Author Greg Dues,
in his book *Catholic
Customs and
Traditions*,
elaborates on the
symbolism of eggs
in ancient pre-
Christian cultures:



"The egg has become a popular Easter symbol. Creation myths of many ancient peoples center in a cosmogenic egg from which the universe is born."

"Easter Rabbit" - "the rabbit is a pagan symbol and has always been an emblem of fertility" . Many credible sources substantiate the fact that Easter became a substitute festival for the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread.



The Encyclopedia Britannica says:
"There is no indication of the observance of the Easter festival in the New Testament, or in the writings of the apostolic Fathers...The first Christians continued to observe the Jewish festivals."

A 3D-rendered cartoon white rabbit with blue eyes and pink inner ears is holding a large, shiny purple Easter egg with a yellow horizontal stripe. The rabbit is standing on its hind legs and looking towards the viewer with a slight smile. The background is a plain white surface.

Absolutely Nothing!

A collage of various red heart-shaped objects, including glossy hearts, heart-shaped boxes, and hearts with arrows, scattered across the background.

What is the truth about Valentine?

Centuries before MESSIAH, the pagan Romans celebrated February 15 and the evening of February 14 as an idolatrous and sensuous festival in honor of Lupercus, the "hunter of wolves"! (Encyclopedia Americana)

Nimrod - Baal or sun god of the ancient pagans - was said to have been born on January 6 (the winter solstice) and his birthday was celebrated on December 25.

Semiramis, the mother of Nimrod presented herself for purification on the fortieth day after January 6, which takes us to February 15, the celebration of which began on the evening of February 14 - the Lupercalia or St. Valentine's Day.



- On this day in February it was said that Semiramis appeared for the first time in public with her son as the original "mother and child."
- Another name for the child Nimrod was "**Cupid**" - meaning "desire" (Encyclopedia Britannica, article "*Cupid*"). It is said that when Nimrod's mother (Semiramis) ... saw him, she lusted after him - she desired him. **Nimrod became her Cupid - her desired one - and later her Valentine!** So evil was Nimrod's mother that it is said she married her own son!
- Inscribed on the monuments of ancient Egypt are inscriptions that Nimrod (the Egyptians called him Osiris) was "the husband of his mother."



Moffat translates the word as Tammuz - a Babylonian name of Nimrod. He provoked so many women to jealousy that the image of him was

"image"

The pagans commemorated their hero-hunter Nimrod, or Baal, by sending heart shaped love tokens to one another on the evening of February 14 as a symbol of him.



"In 496 AD, Pope Gelasius changed Lupercalia on February 15 to St. Valentine's Day on February 14, and it became a Christian Custom." (p. 172 of *Customs and Holidays Around the World* by Lavinia Dobler).

An illustration of two cherubs, a girl with brown hair and a boy with blonde hair, both with wings and halos, kissing on a white cloud. They are surrounded by a large, pink, ruffled heart shape. The background is a light pink gradient.

Don't participate in it!

**What has Valentine to
do with Yahusha?**

Absolutely Nothing!

How did Halloween start?



- As with Christmas and Easter, we can trace the roots of Halloween far back into the pagan past. Halloween is a celebration of darkness.
- By medieval times Nov. 1 had been established as All Saints' Day. **The evening before, Oct. 31, became Allhallows Eve, or Halloween, as it is known today.** (The Encyclopedia of Religion)

On this holiday "huge bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits . . . The souls of the dead were supposed to revisit their homes on this day, and the autumnal festival acquired sinister significance, ...with ghosts, witches, hobgoblins, black cats, fairies, and demons of all kinds said to be roaming about. It was the time to placate the supernatural powers controlling the processes of nature.



Bobbing for apples was originally a form of divination (fortune telling) to learn of future marriages. The first person to bite an apple was predicted to be the first to marry in the coming year. Peeling apples was considered a way to determine one's life span. The longer the peel, the longer one would live.



The jack-o-lantern, now a hollowed-out pumpkin with a demonic face carved in it and containing a lighted candle, represented a watchman on Halloween night or a man caught between earth and the supernatural world.



A photograph of a large, round, orange pumpkin in the foreground. Behind it is a scarecrow with a red, carved pumpkin head, wearing a straw hat, a blue and white plaid shirt, and blue overalls. The scarecrow is standing in a grassy yard with a wooden fence and trees in the background. The image is used as a background for text.

Halloween is a celebration of darkness!

Stay away from it!



Origin of
Mother's Day!

One of the earliest historical records of a society celebrating a Mother deity can be found **among the ancient Egyptians**, who held an annual festival to honor the goddess Isis, who was commonly regarded as the Mother of the pharaohs.

The Roman root of Mother's Day is perhaps more precisely found in the celebration of the Phrygian goddess Cybele, or Magna Mater (Great Mother).



In Rome and Asia Minor, Cybele was the major Mother deity most similar to **Rhea**, the **Greek mother of the gods**. Other societies worshipped similar deities including **Gaia the Earth goddess** and **Meter oreie the Mountain Mother**. In many aspects, this Mother goddess was represented and celebrated similarly across cultures.



A later incarnation of a holiday to honor Motherhood came from Europe. It fell on the fourth Sunday Lent (the 40 days of fasting preceding Easter Sunday). Early Christians initially used the day to honor the church in which they were baptized, which they knew as their "**Mother Church.**" This place of worship would be decorated with jewels, flowers and other offerings.



In the 1600's a clerical decree in England broadened the celebration to include real Mothers, earning the name Mothering Day. Mothers were presented with cakes and flowers, as well as a visit from their beloved and distant children.

In 1908 a U.S. Senator from Nebraska, Elmer Burkett, proposed making Mother's Day a national holiday at the request of the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). The proposal was defeated, but by 1909 forty-six states were holding Mother's Day services as well as parts of Canada and Mexico.



This is not intended to judge the motive of the people that established today's version of the mother's day but when considering the original motive and purpose we should consider the words of the Bible in Jeremiah 10:1-3



Lent is...

a time of penance and interior renewal. It brings us the unique opportunity to work towards conversion and to prepare ourselves for the Easter season.



The Origin of Lent!

- **Since there is *no* instruction to observe Lent in the Bible, where did it come from?**
- **A forty-day abstinence period was anciently observed in honor of the pagan gods Osiris, Adonis and Tammuz** (John Landseer, *Sabaeen Researches*, pp. 111, 112). Alexander Hislops

“The forty days abstinence of Lent was directly borrowed from the worshippers of the Babylonian goddess. Such a Lent of forty days, in the spring of the year, is still observed by the Yezidis or Pagan Devil-worshippers of Koordistan, who have inherited it from their early masters, the Babylonians. Such a Lent of forty days was held in spring by the Pagan Mexicans...Such a Lent of forty days was observed in Egypt...”

From the book “The Two Babylon’s”, pp. 104-105

WHERE DID LENT COME FROM?

**Lent came
from paganism,
not from the
Bible!**





**What about
birthday
celebrations?**

**Happy
Birthday**



This answer may shock you!

Where did the universal custom of celebrating the day of one's birth originate?

What about birthday parties, cakes, and candles?

What does the Bible say about celebrating the day of one's birth?

If birthdays should be observed, then why is the Bible silent on the date of the birth of every single servant of YAH, including Abraham, Noah, Moses, Samuel, David, the apostles, and most important of all, Yahushua Ha Mashiach Himself?



In Elohim's sight, the actual time and day of a person's birth are completely unimportant. In fact, in God's sight, as Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes,

**"A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth"
(Ecclesiastes 7:1).**





Birthday celebrations are only mentioned twice in Scripture -- both times in reference to customs being observed by unconverted people -- a pagan Egyptian Pharaoh in the O.T., and the wicked King Herod in the N.T.!

In Genesis 40, 20-22 we read about Pharaoh's Birthday when the chief baker was hanged as Joseph had interpreted his dream.



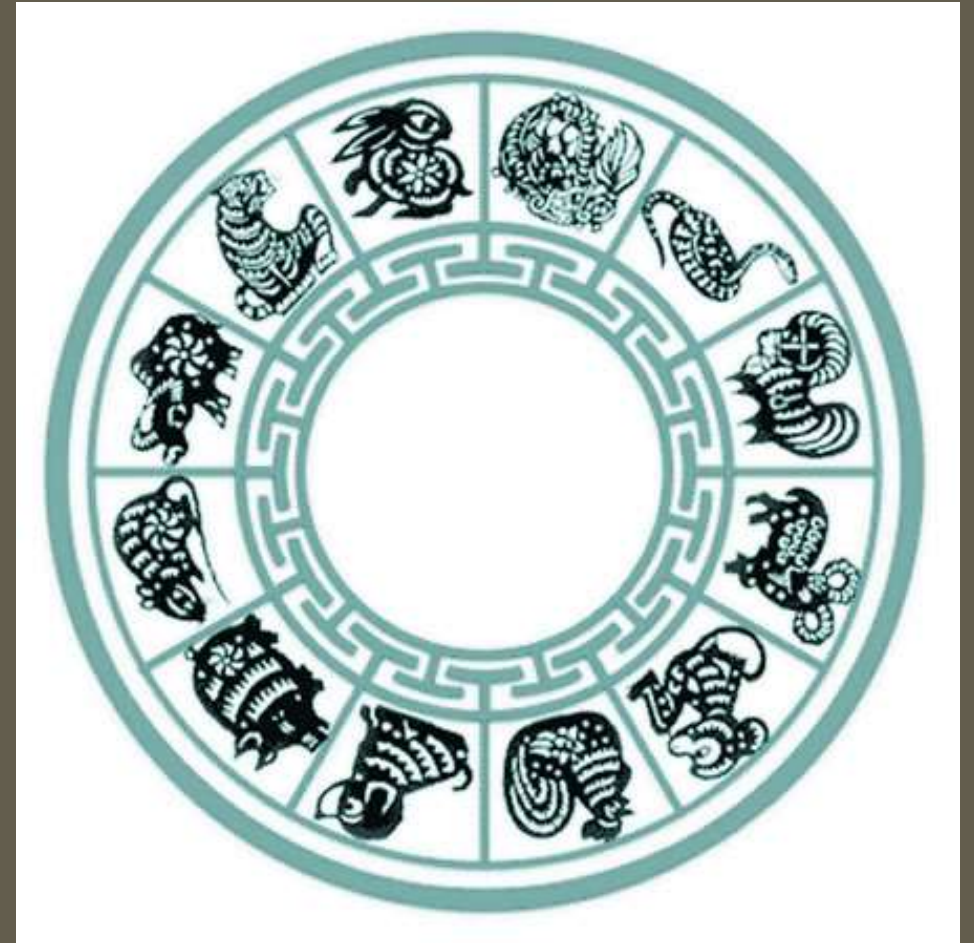
In Matthew 14:6-12 we read of **the wicked, apostate king Herod**, one of the worst butchers who ever lived. He celebrated his own birthday, and we know what happened! Again someone lost his life, this time a tremendous servant of the true Elohim, John the Baptist.

The astrology makes a great deal out of the positions of the sun, moon and stars now or day of one's birth.

Astrology teaches that the position of the sun, moon and stars now of one's birth determines their future destiny, their character, their personality, talents, health, and so forth.



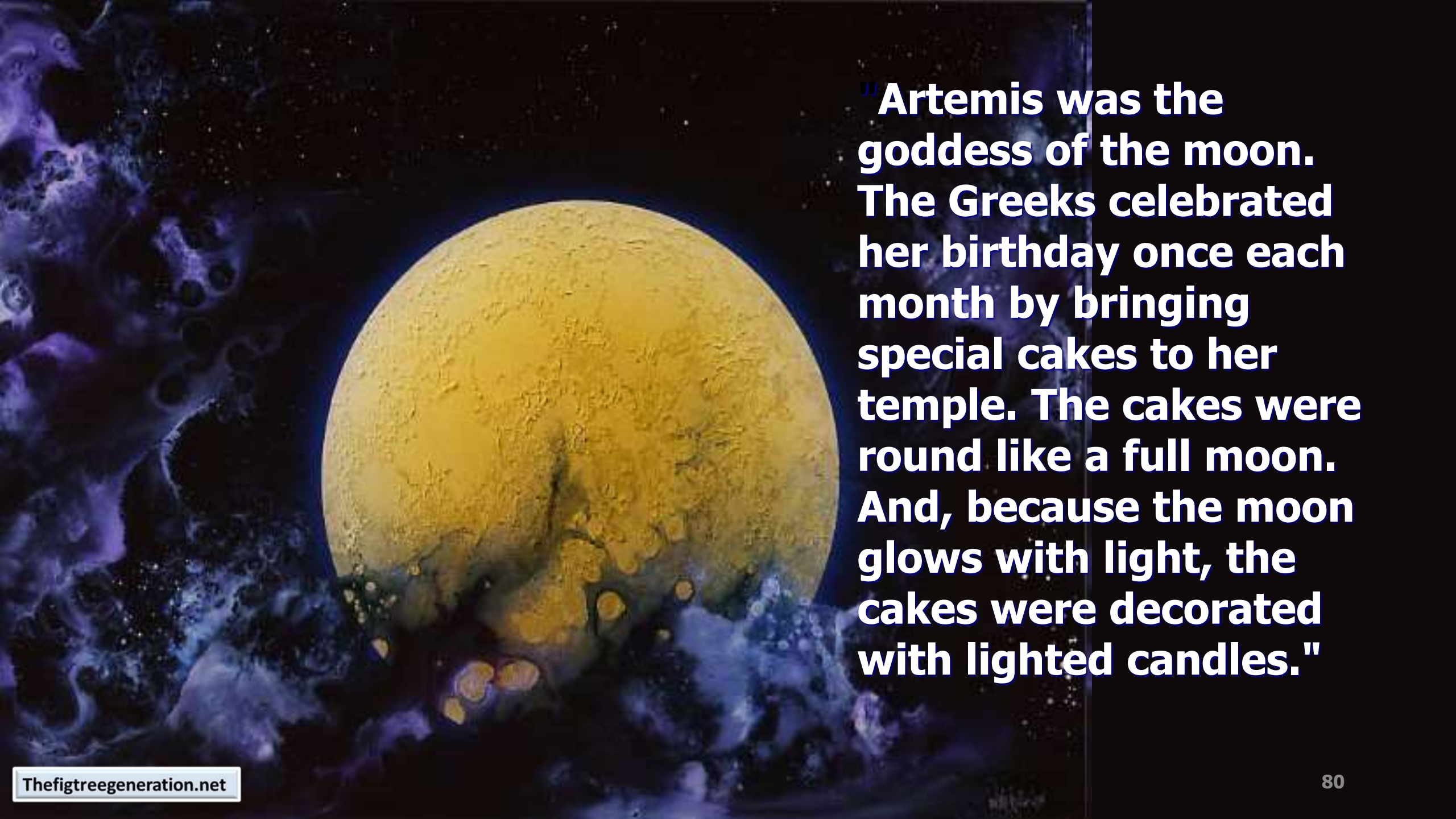
- However, Astrology, as the Word of God (Elohim) plainly shows, is a pagan, false religious deception - - a fraud and a mythological pseudo-science, and God (Elohim) is against this according to Isaiah 47, 13-14.



The World Book -- Childcraft International says regarding "Holidays and Birthdays," "For thousands of years people all over the world have thought of a birthday as a very special day. Long ago, people believed that ... on a birthday a person could be helped by good spirits or hurt by evil spirits. So, when a person had a birthday, friends and relatives gathered to protect him or her. And that's how birthday parties began."

"The idea of putting candles on birthday cakes goes back to ancient Greece. The Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses. Among them was one called Artemis."

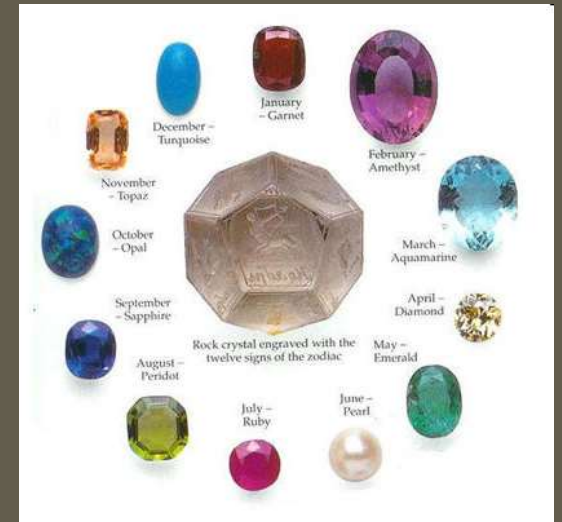




Artemis was the goddess of the moon. The Greeks celebrated her birthday once each month by bringing special cakes to her temple. The cakes were round like a full moon. And, because the moon glows with light, the cakes were decorated with lighted candles."

"More and more, people the world over attach a certain magic to their actual date of birth ... We may wear a ring with our birthstone in it for good luck. And when we blow out the candles on our birthday cake, we are careful to keep what we wished a secret. If we tell, of course, our wish won't come true."

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Stay away from it!

Why do people say, “**happy birthday?**” This authority says the following, "For the good wishes of our friends and relatives are supposed to protect us from evil spirits. “Party snappers, horns, bursting balloons, firecrackers, and other noisemakers are just one more way of trying to scare off any bad-luck spirits that may be hovering about.”



Origen of Alexandria, in 245 A.D., wrote in a dissertation on Leviticus: “None of the saints can be found who ever held a feast or a banquet upon his birthday, or rejoiced on the day when his son or daughter was born. But sinners rejoice and make merry on such days. But the saints not only neglect to mark the day of their birth with festivity, but also, filled with the Holy Spirit, they curse this day, after the example of Job and Jeremiah and David.”

YHVH Elohim inspired the prophet Jeremiah to write, "Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Thus saith the LORD, learn not the way of the heathen, ... and be not dismayed at the signs of the heaven (astrology!); for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the custom of the people are vain." (Jeremiah 10:1-3).



**YHVH Elohim
expressly
commands His
people not to
follow in the
ways, customs,
and practices of
the heathen, the
pagan nations
around them!**

YHVH is even more explicit. Celebrating birthdays was a particularly Egyptian custom. He plainly commands His people, **"After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances"** (Leviticus 18:3).



Something to think about!

Should a believer in Yahusha have anything to do with ceremonies that trace back to pagan times, and pagan rituals? Should a believer indulge himself or his or her children in pagan birthday parties, just because they seem so attractive, fun, and "innocent"?



What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith YHWH, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith YHWH the Almighty.”

2 Cor 6:14, 17-18

However, YHVH does say, "Ye shall therefore keep MY statutes and MY judgments" -- which did not include any man-made holidays and there are many listed on our calendar that are in honor of man's accomplishments! -- (*Leviticus 18:24-28*).

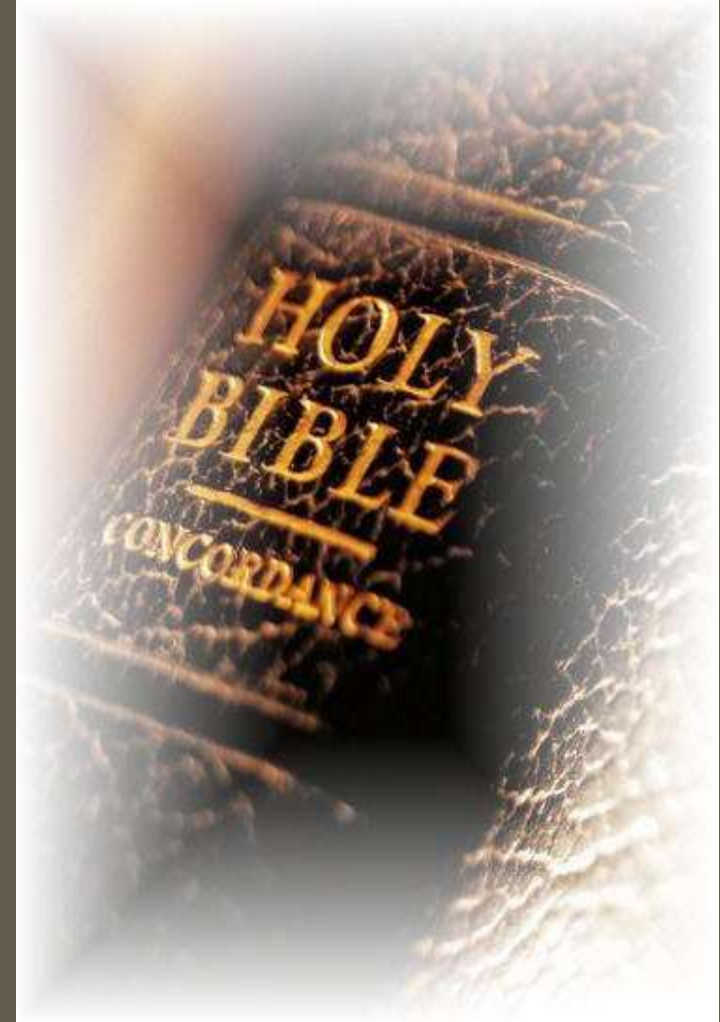


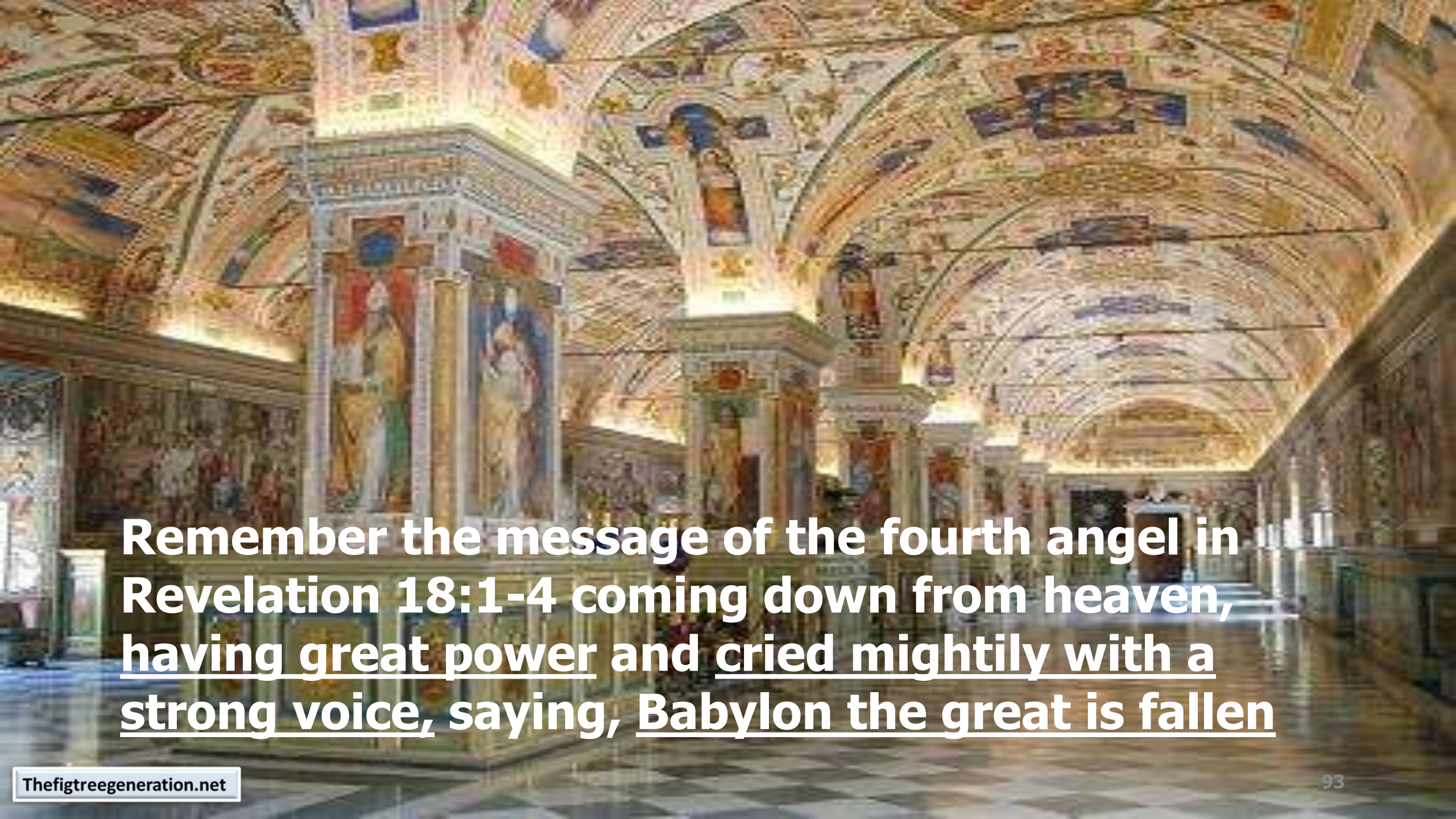
**The Bible says in
Zephaniah**

**Isn't it high time to let
go of the Roman and
Babylonian customs -
this idolatry - and get
back to the faith of
Christ delivered once to
the saints?**

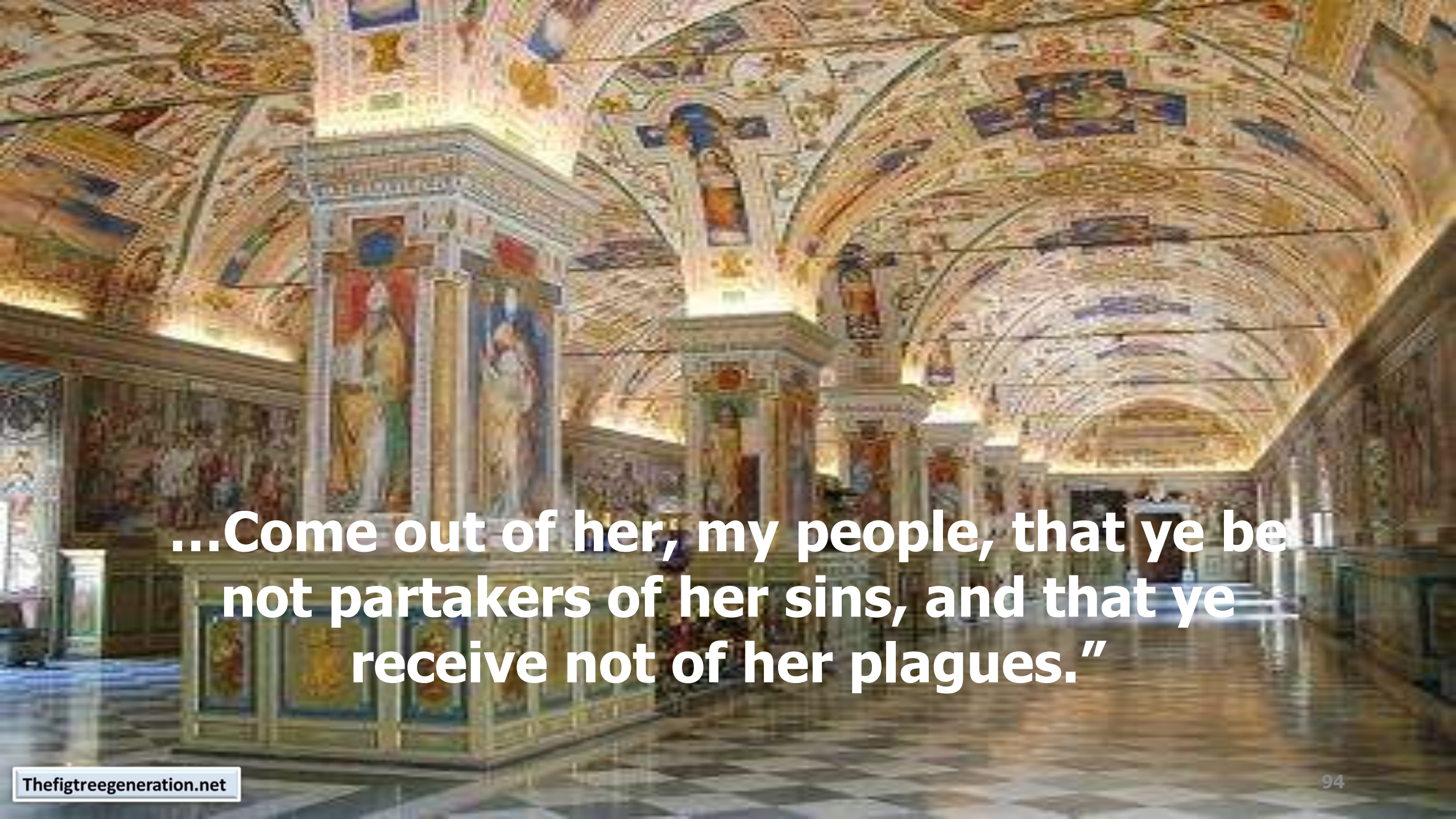


Let's educate the
people to stop
keeping the pagan
holidays with all of
their customs and
teach people
instead what
Scriptures!

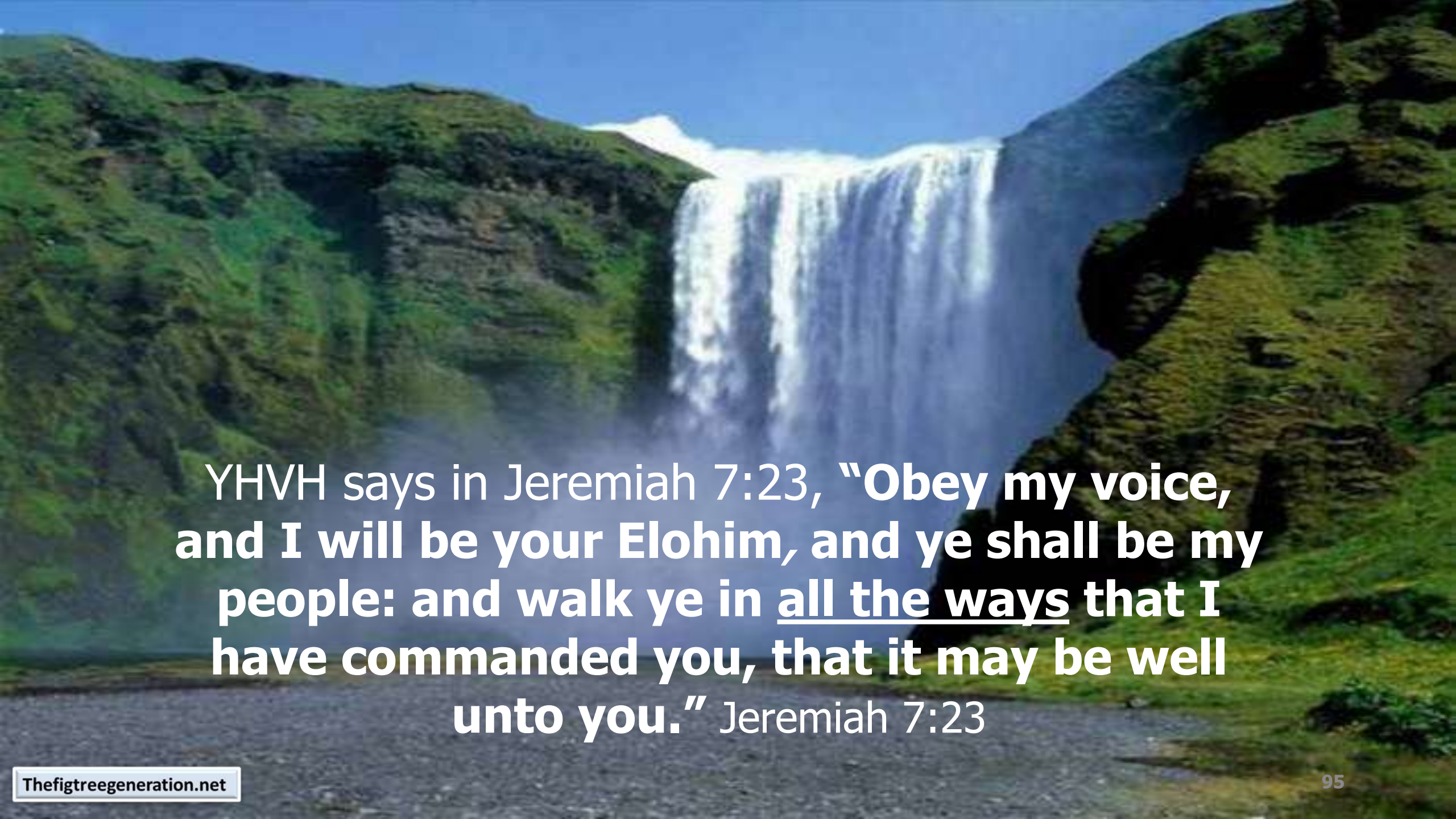




Remember the message of the fourth angel in Revelation 18:1-4 coming down from heaven, having great power and cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen



**...Come out of her, my people, that ye be
not partakers of her sins, and that ye
receive not of her plagues."**



YHWH says in Jeremiah 7:23, “Obey my voice, and I will be your Elohim, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.” Jeremiah 7:23



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