

Christmas is for Pagans

Christmas is a Pagan holiday - "Christmas" is not in the Bible, and we are not commanded to celebrate the prophet Yahshua's (Jesus') birth in all of Scripture. Yahshua was **not** born on or near December 25. He was born sometime in late September (most likely Sept. 29) or early October during the *Feast of Tabernacles*, but no one can be sure of the exact day. If the Almighty Sovereign Creator Yahweh, wanted us to celebrate the correct day of the birth of the prophet Yahshua He would have told us in Lev. 23.

December 25th was celebrated by the Pagan sun-worshippers of Mithraism as the "birthday of the invincible sun," because on that day the sun began its return to the northern skies "the winter solstice." And so, the sun and the Son have become a deliberate Pagan mix. **Tammuz, the Babylonian Pagan sun deity, was the first counterfeit savior.** The Scriptures in Ezekiel 8:14-18 condemns ancient Israel for adopting worship of the Pagan god Tammuz, which included sun worship and the Asherah (a phallic symbol). The Christian cross symbol is actually the letter "†" the symbol for the Pagan god †ammuz with it's many shapes and forms. It was adopted for the new religion of Christianity by the pagan Roman Emperor Constantine, about 325 CE. **All cross symbols are of Pagan origin and date thousands of years before the birth of the prophet Yahshua.** *Yahshua was executed on an upright stake not on a cross with a horizontal cross member (the Greek word is "Stauros" not a cross; see any Greek-English dictionary).*

December 25th was also the date of the Pagan Brumalia (winter) festival in Rome. It was preceded by the Saturnalia festival Dec. 17-24 - in honor of the Roman god Saturn, as a period of unrestrained merriment in celebration of the winter solstice, and the "return" of the Sun.

The Saturnalia and Brumalia festivals were so popular among the heathen and so deeply entrenched in their customs, that rather than attempt to reform the Pagan populous the Emperor Constantine, chose instead to absorb their festivities into the Constantine Roman Catholic Church. This corrupted form of Roman Christianity continues to be with us today, and has crept into many modern so-called "Christian Churches" but which are now actually "Pagan" Churches.

The word Christmas is a contraction for "Christ's Mass." The "mass" is a man-made Constantine Roman Catholic ceremony in which Yahshua (Jesus) is sacrificed over and over again in what is called an "unbloody sacrifice." It is taught that the true believer cannot be fully cleansed of his sins unless he partakes of this sacrifice at mass over and over again. This is a complete corruption of the full forgiveness available from Yahweh for sincere repentance. It is also an abomination of Yahweh's commandments against the eating/drinking of blood (even if symbolically). This is an act, which closely resembles cannibalism, all forbidden by Yahweh.

Christmas trees, Yule logs, Christmas candles, bells, mistletoe, holly, wreaths, pork-ham, tinsel, lights, balls, eggs, Santa Claus, and the 'cross symbol' have nothing to do with the Messiah's birth, or with Biblical Israelism (Yahwism) the belief in the one true Mighty One. All these things have a non-Scriptural Pagan source. Most of these customs are rooted in fertility rites, in Pagan symbols, or in sun worship from a Pagan past and were grafted into the "Constantine Roman Catholic Christian" church during and after the third to the fourth century.

Notice what the prophet Jeremiah wrote in connection with tree-idol worship (the decorating of trees): *"thus says Yahweh, learn not the way of the heathen . . . 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 move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not; they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. ." (Jer. 10:2-5).* This is a complete description of the modern Pagan Christmas tree!

Instead of giving gifts to the prophet Yahshua, whose birthday is celebrated, (such as the gift of our obedience to Yahweh's Commandments), the celebrants of the common Christian Christmas **"give gifts to each other."** This creates a burden upon people each year as their Christmas lists grows and grows, and becomes materialism. Many go into great debt because of this supposed "Holy" season.

Children are being misled concerning the date of birth and concerning Santa Claus and other fables about Chris-tmas. Is it any wonder that when they grow up and learn the truth and that they have been lied to, that they may also believe the Almighty Sovereign Creator Yahweh and the prophet Yahshua are also a myth? And, by the way "who gave Santa Claus **Yahweh's right** to decide who is "naughty and who is nice"? Man-made "holy days," including Christmas are being exalted over Yahweh's true Set Apart (Holy) Days.

Gluttony and drunkenness are typical results of the Pagan Christmas merry making.

Christmas causes tremendous stress on families and individuals as they fret over what gifts to buy, fight crowds to buy those gifts, race to prepare feasts of gluttony, try to out-do each other with decorations, and fight crowds to return all the gifts after Christmas that they really don't want.

Merchants perpetuate Christmas; many get rich and depend upon this season for commerce. Christmas is based on materialism, greed, and the lust of the flesh. The spirit of Christmas has become a spirit of the anti-Christ, and has become the spirit of materialism and untruth.

"Thus saith Yahweh, Learn not the way of the heathen . . ." (Jer. 10:2).

"Love not the world, neither the things in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 Jn.2: 15). If December 25th were really correctly the birthday of the prophet Yahshua, you can be sure that the world would have nothing to do with it. The very fact that the world observes this day proves that it isn't of Yahweh, and it is not considered a Scriptural observance.

"...in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mk.7: 7).

Isn't it time to make a choice? Or does it matter to you? Are these Pagan symbols now acceptable to you? Some will argue that the times have changed, that these things are now only for the enjoyment of the children, and can do no real harm. Yes, we can fool ourselves by arguing that we are in a worldly society and therefore we can't help becoming involved in its ways. If there were no Almighty Sovereign Creator, they would be right.

However, true Bible Believers cannot have it both ways. *"Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion has light with darkness? Wherefore come out from among them and be separate, says Yahweh, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you." (2 Cor. 6:14-17).*

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