

Is CELEBRATING “Christmas” SCRIPTURAL?

Any Believer that desires to walk in **Spirit and Truth** will know that we have to **test everything with Scripture** and if it doesn't align to Scripture, we should distance ourselves from it and **have nothing to do with it!**

This teaching aims to witness what **Scripture teaches regarding Christmas!**

Where did Christmas originate? From the Bible or paganism? What is the real origin of Santa Claus — mistletoe — Christmas trees — holly wreaths — and the custom of exchanging gifts? Many are concerned about putting “Messiah back into Christmas.” Was He ever in it?

Christmas is thought by most to be a wonderful time, focusing the participants on giving, family togetherness, beautiful music and decorations, feasting on special foods and singing Christmas carols throughout the neighborhood. All of this is supposedly centered on the worship of Messiah.

Why do people think that Christmas is a Scriptural observance? Most never reflect on *why* they believe what they believe or do what they do. We live in a world filled with deception, corruption and various customs, but few ever seek to understand their origin. We generally accept them without question. Most people basically do what everyone else does — they go with the flow because it is easy and natural!

We read in Werner Keller's book **The Bible as History** the following admission:

"December 25 is referred to in documents as Christmas Day in A.D. 324 for the first time. Under the **Roman emperor Justinian** [A.D. 527-565] it was recognized as an official holiday. An old **Roman festival** played a major part in the choice of this particular day. December 25 in ancient Rome was the 'Dies Natali Invictus,' the **birthday of the unconquered**, the **day of the winter solstice** and at the same time, in Rome, the **last day of the Saturnalia**, which had long since degenerated into a week of unbridled carnival..." (p. 331).

Saturnalia (an agricultural deity) was an **ancient Roman festival** in honor of the **deity Saturn** originally held December 17 and later expanded with festivities through December 23. The holiday was celebrated with a sacrifice at the **Temple of Saturn** in the Roman Forum and a public banquet, followed by **private gift-giving, continual partying**, and a carnival atmosphere that **overturned Roman social norms: gambling was permitted**, and masters provided table service for their slaves.

Doesn't it seem rather strange that the "Christian church" should choose a day to celebrate the Messiah's birth which was **identified as the day of the birth of the unconquered sun**, the **day of the winter solstice**, the **"shortest day of the year,"** when the sunlit part of the days start becoming longer again? What does this have to do with the Messiah anyway?

In the book **History of Rome**, by Michael Grant, we read this startling revelation:

"Yet there was also another **pagan belief** during this same epoch that much more nearly competed with “Christ” for the control of the Western world. This was the **cult of the Sun**, which was **revered by millions of the inhabitants of the Roman Empire**, and its religion for a time even became the state worship . . .

"In Rome, the **divinity of the Sun** came very early on; and then, centuries afterwards, in the superb dome of Hadrian's Pantheon, the central opening, surrounded by star-like rosettes, represented the solar orb . . . Before long, the emperor Aurelian **established a massive temple** of the **Unconquerable Sun** as the central and focal point of the **entire religious system** of the state (274). The **birthday of the god** was to be on DECEMBER 25 and this **TRANSFORMED INTO CHRISTMAS DAY** as ONE of the HERITAGES that “CHRISTIANITY” OWED TO HIS **CULT**" (p. 391- 392, emphasis mine).

The word "Christmas" means "Mass of Christ," or, as it came to be shortened, "Christ-Mass." It came to **non-Believers and Protestants from the Roman Catholic Church**. And where did they get it? NOT from the Renewed Covenant (New Testament) — **NOT from the Bible** — **NOT from the original Disciples who were personally instructed by the Messiah** — but it gravitated in the fourth century **into the Roman Church from paganism**.

Since the celebration of Christmas has come to the world from the Roman Catholic Church, and **has no authority but that of the Roman Catholic Church**, let us examine the **Catholic Encyclopedia, 1911 edition**, published by that church. Under the heading "Christmas," you will find:

"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 calends gravitated to Christmas."

And in the same **encyclopedia**, under the heading "**Natal Day**," we find that the early **Catholic father, Origen, acknowledged this truth**: ". . . **In the Scriptures, no one is recorded to have kept a feast or held a great banquet on his birthday. It is only sinners [like Pharaoh and Herod] who make great rejoicings over the day in which they were born into this world"**

Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1946 edition, has this: "Christmas (i.e., the Mass of Christ). . . . **Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the church. . . . It was not instituted by "Christ" or the apostles, or by Bible authority. It was picked up afterward **from paganism**.**

Every sincere birthday party honors the one born that day, rather than all the mere guests. A gift exchange dictated by a calendar is **not a message of love but a ritual of obligation**. A gift exchange at the winter solstice was **invented by pagans to celebrate the sun god**.

Charles Spurgeon, the most popular Baptist minister, **preached against it as late as 1871**.

All the **unique customs of Christmas** may be **traced individually to pagan religious rites**. Hindus, Jews, Mormons, Pagans, and other cults celebrate it while despising Yahusha (our Messiah's TRUE SCRIPTURAL Name before it was erroneously translated from the Original Hebrew to Greek, to Latin, into English). **Using Scripture's silence to justify anything not expressly forbidden** will lead to Coke and chips for Yahusha's supper and ouija boards for difficult decisions. It creates the most **foolish, hectic, stressful, guilt-ridden, and unproductive time of year**.

But if we got **Christmas from the Roman Catholics**, and **they got it from paganism, where did the pagans get it?** Where, when, and what was its real origin?

It is a chief custom of the corrupt system denounced all through Scripture prophecies and teachings **under the name of Babylon**. And it started and originated in the original Babylon of **ancient Nimrod! Yes, it stems from roots whose beginning was shortly this side of the Flood!**

Nimrod, grandson of Ham, son of Noah, was the real founder of the Babylonish system that has gripped the world ever since — the system of organized competition — of man-ruled governments and empires, based upon the competitive and profit-making economic system. Nimrod built the tower of Babel, the original Babylon, ancient Nineveh and many other cities. He **organized the world's first kingdom**. The name Nimrod, in Hebrew, is derived from "Marad," meaning **"he rebelled."**

The real origin of Christmas goes back to **ancient Babylon**. It is bound up in the organized apostasy with which shatan has gripped a deceived world these many centuries!

In Egypt, it was always believed that the **son of Isis** (Egyptian name for "Queen of Heaven") was born December 25th. Paganism celebrated this famous birthday over most of the known world for centuries **before the birth of Yahusha**.

Santa Claus

Santa Claus is a **pagan mockery of Almighty Abbah [Father] YHUH/YHWH**, with white hair, grandfatherly image, eternal, lives in the North, unlimited resources, omniscient of children's behavior, omnipresent for a night, hears confessions, comes as a thief, blesses children, and distributes judgment for works.

The name "Santa Claus" is **a corruption of the name "St. Nicholas," a Roman Catholic bishop who lived in the 5th century**. Look in the Encyclopedia Britannica, volume 19, pages 648-649, where you'll read: "St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, a saint honored by the Greeks and Latins on the sixth of December . . .

A legend of his surreptitious bestowal of dowries on the three daughters of an impoverished citizen . . . is said to have originated the old custom of giving presents in secret on the eve of St. Nicholas [Dec. 6], subsequently transferred to Christmas day. Hence the association of Christmas with Santa Claus . . .

Through the year, **parents punish their children for telling falsehoods**. Then, at **Christmas time, they themselves tell their little children this "Santa Claus" lie!** Is it any wonder many of them, when they grow up and learn the truth, begin to believe Yahusha is a myth, too?

One little fellow, sadly disillusioned about "Santa Claus," said to a playmate, "Yes, and I'm going to look into this "YAHUSHA" business, too!" **Is it ACCEPTABLE to teach children myths and falsehoods?** YHWH (Yahuwah, our Father) says "Thou shalt **not bear false witness!**" It may seem right, and be justified by human reason, but YHWH says "There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death!" "Old Nick" also is a term for the devil! Is there a connection? shatan appears as an "angel of light," to deceive! **(II Cor 11:14; Rev 12:9.)**

Christmas Tree

The modern Christmas tree originated in Germany. But the Germans got it from the Romans, who got it from the Babylonians and the Egyptians.

The following demonstrates what the Babylonians believe about the origin of the Christmas tree: "An **old Babylonish fable** told of an evergreen tree which sprang out of a dead tree stump. The old stump **symbolized the dead Nimrod**, the new evergreen tree symbolized that **Nimrod had come to life again in Tammuz!** Among the Druids the oak was sacred, among the Egyptians it was the palm, and in Rome it was the fir, which was decorated with red berries during the Saturnalia!" **(Walsh, *Curiosities of Popular Customs*, p. 242).**

The Source of Holly Wreaths, Yule Logs and Mistletoe

The ***Encyclopedia Americana*** states, "The holly, the mistletoe, the Yule log . . . are **relics of "pre-Christian" time.**" **In other words, paganism!** The Yule log was commonly used in a rite of **Teutonic nature worship**.

Frederick Haskin further states, "The use of Christmas wreaths is believed by authorities to be traceable to the **pagan customs of decorating buildings and places** of worship at the feast which took place at the same time as Christmas."

The *Encyclopedia Britannica*, under "Santa tales," states, "The European **mistletoe** is thought to have had special ritual significance in **Druidical ceremonies** and lives in folklore today, its special status as the Christmas mistletoe having come from Anglo-Saxon times." **Mistletoe is a parasite that lives on oak trees.** (Recall that the Druids worshipped in oak tree groves.) The **ancient Celts** (associated with the Druids) used to give mistletoe as an herbal remedy to barren animals to make them *fertile*. It is still referred to as "*all healer*" in Celtic.

Like mistletoe, **holly berries were also thought to be sacred to the sun god.** The original "sun log" came to be called the yule log. "Yule" simply means "wheel," which has long been a **pagan representation of the sun.** No wonder people today commonly speak of the "sacred yule-tide season."

How This Pagan Custom Got into the Church

The *New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge* explains clearly, in its article on "Christmas": "How much the date of the festival depended upon the pagan Brumalia (Dec. 25) following the **Saturnalia (Dec. 17-24)**, and **celebrating the shortest day in the year and the 'new sun'.** The **pagan Saturnalia and Brumalia** were too deeply entrenched in popular custom to be set aside by "Christian" influence . . .

The **pagan festival with its riot and merrymaking was so popular that Christians were glad of an excuse to continue its celebration with little change in spirit and in manner.** Christian preachers of the West and the Near East protested against the unseemly frivolity with which YAHUSHA's (our Messiah's) birthday was celebrated, while Christians of Mesopotamia accused their Western brethren of **idolatry and sun worship for adopting as Christian this pagan festival."**

Remember, the **Roman world had been pagan.** Prior to the fourth century, Christians were few in number, though increasing, and were persecuted by the government and by pagans. But, with the advent of **Constantine as emperor**, who made his profession of Christianity in the fourth century, **placing Christianity on an equal footing with paganism**, people of the Roman world began to accept this now-popular Christianity by the hundreds of thousands.

But remember, **these people had grown up in pagan customs**, chief of which was this **idolatrous festival of December 25th.** It was a festival of merrymaking, with its special spirit. They enjoyed it! They didn't want to give it up!

Now this **same article in the New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge explains how the recognition by Constantine of Sunday, which had been the day of pagan sun worship, and how the influence of the pagan Manichaeism, which identified the SON of YHWH with the physical Sun,** gave these pagans of the fourth century, now turning over wholesale to "Christianity," **their excuse for calling their pagan-festival date of December 25th (birthday of the Sun-God) the birthday of the SON of YHWH.**

YAHUSHA, the Messiah was not born on December 25th

YAHUSHA (AUTHENTIC SCRIPTURAL Name of Messiah) was not even born in the winter season! When He was born "there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night," (**Luk 2:8**). This could never have occurred in Judaea in the month of December. The shepherds always brought their flocks from the mountainsides and fields and corralled them not later than October 15, to **protect them from the cold, rainy season that followed that date**. Notice that the Bible itself proves in **Song of Solomon 2:11** and **Ezra 10:9**, that winter was a rainy season **not permitting shepherds to abide in open fields at night**.

"It was **ancient custom among Jews of those days to send out their sheep to the fields and deserts about the Passover (early spring)**, and bring them home at **commencement of the first rain**," says the **Adam Clarke Commentary (Vol. 5, page 370, New York Ed.)** Any encyclopedia, or any other authority, will tell you that **Yahusha was not born on December 25. The Catholic Encyclopedia frankly states this fact.**

Scriptures strongly indicate that Messiah was born in the **early fall during the Scriptural eternal festival of Tabernacles (Festival of Booths or Sukkot)**, which is the **seventh and last festival of Almighty YHUH/YHWH on His Scriptural timeline** — approximately six months after Passover.

Lev 23:41 'And you shall observe it as a festival to YHUH/YHWH for seven days in the year – a **law forever in your generations**. Observe it in the **seventh month**'

Symbolic to the birth of Messiah during this festival is the **NUMBER 7!** It is the number of **Spiritual PERFECTION**. This festival is the **SEVENTH and LAST Festival** of Almighty YHUH/YHWH and it took place during the **SEVENTH Scriptural month** (not the corrupted Gregorian calendar we have today) and **lasted for SEVEN days! Sukkot is also symbolic of Almighty YHUH/YHWH dwelling in a tabernacle (body) with us!**

Mat 5:17 "Don't assume that I (Yahusha, the Messiah) came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to **complete**. (what animal blood sacrifices could not do)

Rom 3:31 Do we then cancel the law (correctly referred to as Torah, meaning Instructions) through faith? Absolutely NOT! On the contrary, we **uphold the law (Torah)**.

Rom 7:7 What should we say then? **Is the law (Torah) sin? Absolutely not!** On the contrary, I would not have known sin if it were not for the law (Torah). For example, I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, you shall not covet.

YHWH is a jealous Almighty and will **judge** any association with other gods (**Ex 34:12-16**). Christianity is giving gifts unexpected without **obligation to reciprocate** (**Luk 14:12-14**). YHWH **condemns using pagan religious practices** in His worship (**Deut 12:29-31**). YHWH **condemns adding to or taking away from His commandments** (**Deut 12:32**). YHWH **condemns doing anything under green trees** in His worship (**Deut 12:1-4**). YHWH **condemns the heathen use of decorated trees** at a solstice (**Jer 10:1-4**). YHWH **commands us to separate from and not touch pagan religion** (**IICor 6:14-18**). YHWH **commands us to come out of Roman Catholicism** and her sins (**Rev 18:4**). YHWH **condemns turning to the left or right from His commandments** (**Deu 5:32-33**). Messiah instructed His Disciples to **teach us to observe only His commands** (**Mat 28:20**). YHWH **requires reverence and godly fear in worship** to avoid His fire (**Heb 12:28-29**). YHWH **seeks true worshippers to worship Him in truth**, not superstition (**Jhn 4:23-24**). YHWH **condemns fellowship with men having only a form of godliness** (**IITim 3:5**). YHWH **condemns anything different from His Word** as dark ignorance (**Isa 8:20**). YHWH **abominates anything popular with the world and esteemed by it** (**Luk 16:15**).

YHWH **condemns traditions in His worship as evil and vain hypocrisy** (Mar 7:5-13).
YHWH **hates the polluting of His esteemed Name with pagan idolatry** (Eze 20:39).
YHWH **condemns the superstitious idolatry and blasphemy of the Mass** (ICor 11:26).
YHWH **considers the birth of His Son worthy of honor rather than folly** (Heb 1:6).

it **breaks the first commandment** by having **other gods** - the sun god (Ex 20:3).
it **breaks the second commandment** by having **images** - a Christmas tree (Ex 20:4-6).
it **breaks the third commandment** by **taking His Name in vain** - "Christmas" (Ex 20:7).
it **breaks the fifth commandment** by **promoting children's greed** over parents (Ex 20:12).
it **breaks the tenth commandment** by **promoting covetousness** to children (Ex 20:17).

WHO will you serve?

**shatan and his perverted traditions through "Babylon", the RCC and man or
Abbah YHUH/YHWH and His INSPIRED WORD . . . your choice will determine who
you revere, serve, esteem and worship!**