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### **Christmas is Not Christian - Part 1**

**T**HERE ARE NOT MANY OF THE THINGS WE USE TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS THAT IS NOT IN VIOLATION OF GOD'S LAWS. With this and many other celebrations that we have, which are also in violation of God's Laws, with more Judeo-Christian pastors, ministers, teachers and etc., who are teaching Jewish Fables and other false teachings; is it any wonder that our country has more crime, rapes, dishonesty, thieves, murderers, baby killers and etc., than at any time in our history.

Although few 20th-Century American Christians seem to see any significance in it, it is true the Christian founders of America not only did **NOT** celebrate the December 25th 'Holiday,' but attempted to prevent its observance by others in the Colonies.

Following are two reproductions of two newspaper clippings which verify the Christian Colonists' action; articles which should make ever modern Christian want to know **WHY** Early American Christians did **NOT** celebrate "Christmas!" **"IT'S A FACT!** Christmas was not established as a legal holiday throughout the U.S. until late in the 19th century. In 1659 the Puritan colony in Massachusetts passed a law that anyone 'found observing any such day as Christmas or the like, either by forbearing labour, feasting or in any other way, shall be fined five shillings.' Many early Americans who refused to work on Christmas either went to jail or paid fines." (Arizona Currents December, 1968, page 5)

**CHRISTMAS WAS BANNED!** Boston (AP) -- "Christmas was once banned in Boston. The Puritans forbade the celebration of Christmas because it was a 'pagan feast.' Episcopalians were the first in Boston to observe the holiday. They were followed by increasing numbers of young

people who raised 18th century eyebrows with 'frolics, a revelling feast and ball.' But it wasn't until 1856 that the legislature - recognizing a losing battle when it saw it - gave in and made Christmas a legal holiday." (The Phoenix Gazette, December 22, 1967)

The next few pages will illustrate "modern" Christmas; the rest examines the "ancient" festival. You may be somewhat shocked, but we pray it will help you understand what is happening to our beloved America. "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." (**Psalm 1:1**)

### **IS CHRISTMAS CHRISTIAN?**

From the preceding, and from a realistic observation of the strange "going' on" during what is called "the Christmas Season," or "the Holidays," it is obvious that **MOST** of what passes for "Christmas" is decidedly NOT Christian. But how can this be, if indeed the day itself to which all this splendid and costly preparation leads is Biblical or of Christ?

The Bible teaches us that "the carnal [wordily] mind is enmity against God,"(Romans 8:7) and that the "world," i.e., people who love the world rather than God, actually hate Christ and Christians, as we read: "Ye shall be hated of all nations for My Name's sake,"(Matthew 24:9; 10:22; Mark 13:13; and Luke 21:17) and "because ye [disciples] are not of the world [order], but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."(John 15:19) John wrote to the Christians not to be surprised at being hated, "Marvel not, my brethren if the world hate you."**(1 John 3:13)**

World Thayer's Definition of Strong's #2889: kosmos;-

- 1) an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government
- 2) ornament, decoration, adornment, that is, the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 1 Pet. 3:3

**3) THE WORLD, THE UNIVERSE**

**4) THE CIRCLE OF THE EARTH, THE EARTH**

**5) THE INHABITANTS OF THE EARTH, MEN, THE HUMAN RACE**

**6) THE UNGODLY MULTITUDE; THE WHOLE MASS OF MEN ALIENATED FROM GOD, AND THEREFORE HOSTILE TO THE CAUSE OF CHRIST**

**7) WORLD AFFAIRS, THE AGGREGATE OF THINGS EARTHLY THE WHOLE CIRCLE OF EARTHLY GOODS, ENDOWMENTS RICHES, ADVANTAGES, PLEASURES, ETC., WHICH ALTHOUGH HOLLOW AND FRAIL AND FLEETING, STIR DESIRE, SEDUCE FROM GOD AND ARE OBSTACLES TO THE CAUSE OF CHRIST.**

**8) any aggregate or general collection of particulars of any sort**

**a) the Gentiles as contrasted to the Jews (Rom. 11:12 etc)**

**b) used of believers only, John 1:29; 3:16; 3:17; 6:33; 12:47 1 Cor. 4:9; 2 Cor. 5:19**

So that we should understand that that hatred was directed primarily at Jesus Christ, He told His Disciples, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated Me before it hated you." (John 15:18)

Yet those who pay no attention to Christ or His Word all of the rest of the year, those who fit the description of "the world," enter into the activities and ritual of "Christmas" with a frenzy that borders on a passion! How can this be so? How can the unbelievers be so stirred at this one time of the year to venerate a day proclaimed as the "very birthday" of Jesus Christ, when they pay no attention to Him the rest of the year?

## **Christmas is Not Christian - Part 2**

### **WORSHIP OF A PAGAN GOD! BIRTH OF CHRIST NOT CELEBRATED UNTIL 5th CENTURY**

#### **December 18, 1968, Phoenix Gazette:**

"Tempe - The Christmas world did not commemorate the birth of Christ until the 5th Century, according to Dr. Arnold Tilden, professor of history at Arizona State University. Christians considered it to be a pagan practice to celebrate birthdays, unless they occurred on the days on which a person was born to eternal life - the day of martyrdom,' he observed. 'Actually, it was the death-day which was celebrated, and most of the Saints' days on the calendar mark the day on which they died.' Over the years. Tilden has researched the history of Christmas customs, passing along his observations to students at this time of the year.

Actually, Christmas is the youngest of the Church holidays, although it has outstripped all others in importance,' he commented. The Western church was eminently practical, however. When it encountered pagan practices, it either stamped them out or adapted the festival rites to the Christian faith. In Germany, the church was successful in stamping out the eating of horse flesh because of its sacramental significance to pagans, while in Italy, it adopted the statues portraying Isis and the god- child Horus, merely renaming them Mary and Jesus. This same system of assimilation, the ASU historian explained, gave rise to Christmas as we know it...

Wherever the Christians went, they discovered that the latter half of December was the high season for festivals. It was the time of the winter solstice, when the days began to lengthen: the time when the Sun-God turned in his path and started back to his people: it was Saturnalia, a time for licentiousness, revelry, drunkenness and sensual pleasures. The Romans marked the day by feasting friends. There was a general exchange of presents (mostly wax dolls or tapers). Roman shops at this time resembled our own stores during the Christmas season. The Church was anxious to distract the attention of its new converts from these heathen feast days and assimilated them, clothing them in a new and Christian significance.

'The date of the actual introduction of Christmas is disputed,' Tilden states. 'However, in 354 A.D., Latins may have transferred the human birth of Christ to Dec. 25. Certainly, by 400 A.D. Christmas, as a Christian festival, was established in the West and gained some ground in the East. Attempts by the church to wipe out the Manichean heresy in the first half of the fifth century may have hastened the official adoption of the date.'

The Manicheans, he explained, believed God would not demean Himself to become man, but only took the form of man. Therefore, the apparent life and death of Christ were mere delusions. This belief was directly antagonistic to accepted teachings, and in the hope of destroying the creed, the church instituted Christmas, celebrating the actual, human birth of Christ. 'So Christmas entered the official list of holy days, taking on the features of the various nations among whom it was introduced, and adopting certain pagan rites from the religions which it supplanted,' said Tilden.

The Romans gave it the Latin name 'Dies Natalis' (birthday of God); The Italians 'Natale;' the Spanish 'Nadal;' and the French 'Noel.' The Germans retained their old heathen designation of 'Weihnachten,' while in Holland and England, it was referred to as 'the Mass of Christ,' or as we say 'Christ's Mass' (Christmas)."

Almost all Bible scholars who have made attempts to ascertain the actual birth day of Jesus, have admitted failure to find the "exact" date, but all have estimated it to be no earlier than September 20th nor later than November 6th on our present calendar.

This, coupled with the available evidence that neither the first century Christians, nor those of early America, observed any "birthday of Jesus," leads one to contemplate in wonder. Which is -- in spite of all evidence **AGAINST** December 25th being at or even near the "birthday" of Jesus, and in spite of the total lack of Scriptural admonition to Christians to observe any day at all in commemoration of Jesus' birth, the Churches, almost without exception, **APPROVE, AND PARTICIPATE IN, ALMOST ALL OF THE RITUALS BY WHICH NON-CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE "CHRISTMAS!"**

## THE WINTER FESTIVAL

Christmas - December 25 - is the day designated on our calendars as the day of Christ's birth. But is this really the day upon which Christ was born? Are today's customs at this season of the year of Christian origin? Or is Christmas another result of a mixture between paganism and Christianity?

A look at the word "Christmas" indicates that it is a mixture. Though it includes the name of Christ, it also mentions the "mass." Now the mass - with its rituals, elaborate ceremony, pagan prayers for the dead, transubstantiation rites, etc. is most assuredly a continuation of paganism. Considering then that the name of these pagan rites, the Mass, is connected with the name of Christ in the word "Christ-mas," we immediately see an attempt to merge two conflicting system together! Actually, to attach the name of Christ with the word "Mass," a pagan and heathenistic ritual, is but to pollute the Holy name of our God! And God says: "Pollute ye my holy name no more!" (**Ezekiel 20:39**)

The word "Christmas" is not found anywhere in the scriptures of course, and - as we shall see - December 25 is definitely not the date on which Christ was born. It is evident that our savior was not born during the middle of winter, for at that time of His birth, the shepherds were living out in the fields with their flocks. As the scriptures say: "There were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night." (**Luke 2:8**)

As is well known, the shepherds in Palestine did not "abide in the fields" during the winter season. The shepherds always bring their flocks in from the mountain slopes and fields not later than the fifteenth of October!

It is quite evident then that Christ was not actually born in the middle of the winter season. But, on the other hand, do the scriptures tell us what season of the year he was born? Yes, the scriptures indicate that He was born in the **FALL** of the year. For example, our Lord's public ministry lasted for three and a half years. (Daniel 9:27 etc) His ministry came to an end at the time of the Passover, (John 18:39) which was in the spring of the year. And so three and a half years before this would mark the beginning of His ministry in the **FALL** of the year. Now when Jesus began

His ministry, He was about thirty years of age. (Luke 3:23) This was the recognized age for a priest before he could become an official minister under the Old Testament. (Numbers 4:3) Therefore, since Christ began His ministry at the age of about 30 - and since this was in the fall season of the year - then thirty years **BEFORE** this would mark His birth as being in the early **FALL**, not December 25.

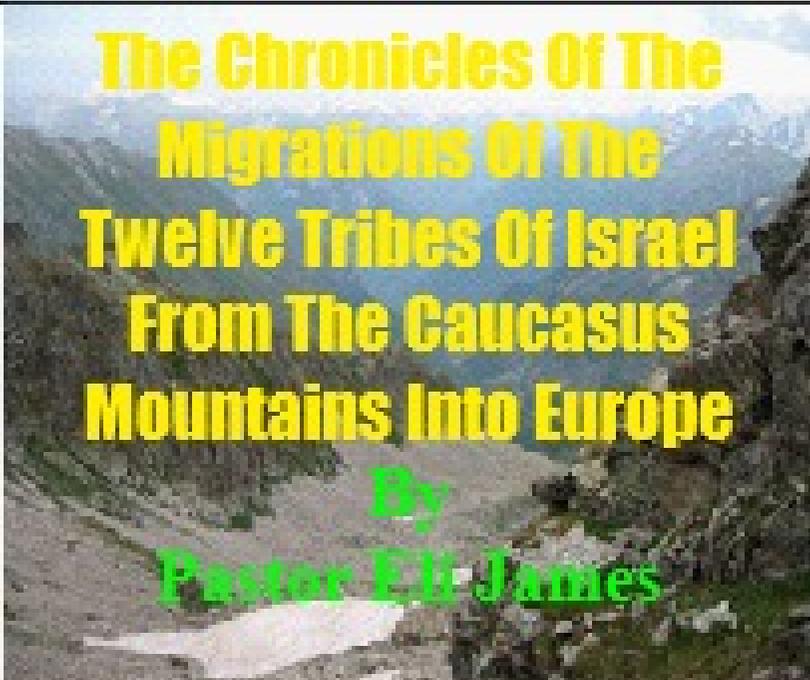


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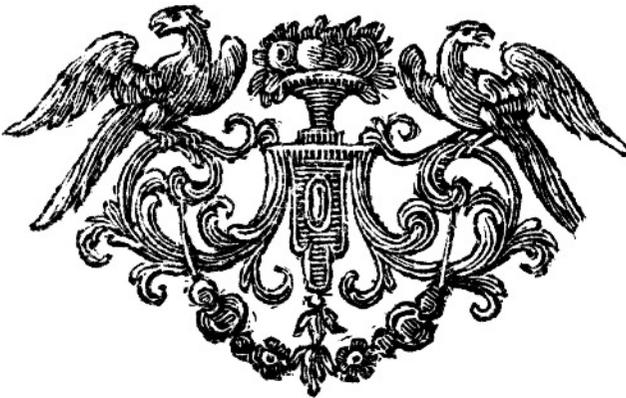
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