

Jeremiah 10:2-4



Thus saith יהוה, DO NOT LEARN the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven (stars); for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are WORTHLESS: 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, so that it does not fall.

Take heed to yourself that you do not become snared by following them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not ask about their gods, saying, "How did these nations serve their gods, that I too may do likewise?" You shall not do so to Yah your Elohim. For every abomination to Yah, which He hates, they have done to their gods; even their sons and their daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods. All the things I command you, be careful to do it. You shall not add to it, nor take away from it. (Deuteronomy 12:30-32)

Yah, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, "Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit." (Jeremiah 16:19)

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The History of Christmas



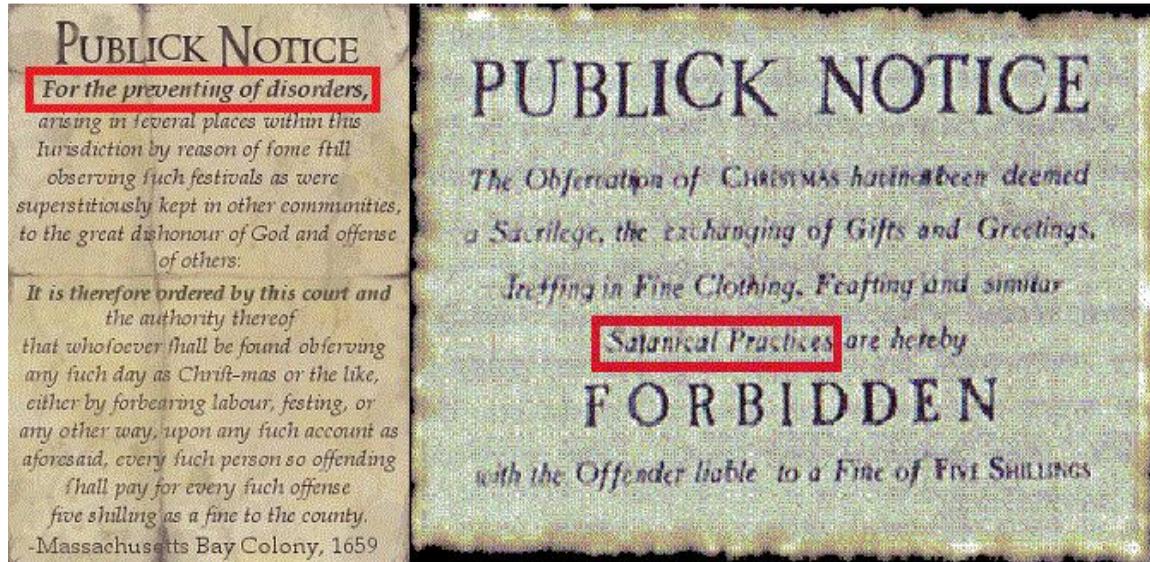
Elohim is a Spirit –
and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit,
and in Truth.
(John 4:24)

Why December 25th?

The Bible doesn't tell us when our Messiah was born. Rather, December 25th was the date of the winter solstice when our Roman calendar was established. For thousands of years before that, the winter solstice had been celebrated as the rebirth of the sun god. The tradition began in Babylon, when King Nimrod claimed to be the sungod in human form. The legend says that long after Nimrod died, his wife became pregnant. Rather than admit to sleeping around, she said she was impregnated by the sun while sunbathing nude on the roof of the palace. She claimed that her son, Tammuz, born at the winter solstice, was the reincarnation of Nimrod. When the Tower of Babel fell, the languages mixed, and the people dispersed, they took these traditions of sungod worship with them, under different names, to many different cultures.

In the days of our Messiah, the Romans celebrated Saturnalia at the time of the winter solstice, with drunkenness, orgies, and giving of gifts. This was renamed Christmas (Christ-mass, or the perpetual sacrifice {NOT BIRTH} of Christ) by the Roman Catholic Church sometime **after** 300 AD.

Many early settlers came to America to escape persecution from the church in Europe. They recognized that the official holidays of the church were directly at odds with scripture. In fact, because of its pagan roots, Christmas was once illegal in the American Colonies.



What about Hannukah?

It's no accident that Hanukkah frequently falls so close to Christmas. Celebration of the winter solstice, in honor of the sungod, is what led the Greek tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes to sacrifice a pig on the altar of the temple in Jerusalem, ca. 167 BC. This sparked the Maccabean revolt, followed by cleansing of the temple, which was the origin of Hanukkah. (Hanukkah is referenced in John 10, as the Feast of the Dedication.)



What Are We To Do?

We can not honor our Creator by keeping pagan holidays. The Holy Days He told us to keep are outlined in Leviticus 23. They are the weekly 7th Day Sabbath, Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits, the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), Trumpets, Atonement, Tabernacles, and the Last Great Day. He said we are to observe these “forever, throughout our generations, no matter where we live.” ROME has replaced these Holy Days with cheap counterfeits. Each of us has a choice to make – will we obey the commandments of our Creator? Or will we choose instead, the traditions of men?