## THE PAGIANITY WE INHERITED



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#### WHAT IS MESSIANIC JUDAISM?

• Messianic Judaism is actually 2,000 years old, dating back to the time of the Messiah Yahshua. Historically, Yahshua was Jewish. He was raised in a Jewish home and ministered to Jewish people in a Jewish land (Eretz Yisrael). His disciples were Jewish. The apostles were Jewish. The writers of the Brit Hadashah (New Covenant or New Testament) were Jewish, and for a time, the faith was strictly Jewish. Some historians believe that more than one million Jewish people in the first century A.D. believed that Yeshua was the Messiah, both in Israel and outside of Israel (Acts 2:37-42, 4:4, 21:20)

- It was always Yahweh's will for the Gentile nations to also receive His Salvation (Isaiah 49:6, 42:6). Yahweh told Abraham, that through him all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 12:1-3). At first, the early Messianic Jews did not understand that this was Yahweh's will and proclaimed the Good News of the Messiah only to Jewish People.
- Ironically, the big controversy in the first century was not if it was Jewish to believe in Yeshua (naturally it was) but whether Gentiles could come in without having to "become Jewish!" When Messianic Jews finally recognized the Yahweh's Salvation was also for the Gentiles, they began to share the Messiah with non-Jews as well as with Jews. As a result, many Gentiles throughout the Roman Empire began to come into this Messianic faith (Acts 15:1-31)\

- By the end of the first century A.D., the number of Gentile believers outnumbered the Jewish believers by a ratio of two to one! This occurred primarily because there were (and still are) more Gentiles in the world than Jewish people.
- Through the years, as the number of Gentile believers increased, they began to dominate this Messianic faith. Some Gentile believers, not understanding the Jewish roots of their faith and Yahweh's eternal covenant with Israel, wanted to split off and form a separate religion divorced from their Jewish roots (Romans 11:1-2). This "de-Judaizing process" continued until Gentile Christianity emerged as the dominant representative faith in the Messiah. In one of the greatest paradoxes in history, it became alien for a Jew to believe in Yeshua as his Messiah!

- David Chernoff

#### <u>JEWS ARE TO BE</u> THE LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

- Isaiah 42:6 "I will keep you and give you to be a Covenant for the people and a light to the Gentile (nations) to open the blind eyes; and to bring the captives from the prison."
- Acts 14:47 For this is what YHWH has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.
- Deut. 4:6 "Learn and observe [the Torah] for it is your wisdom and understanding in the eyes of the nations, who will hear of all these laws and proclaim that this is truly a great, wise and understanding nation."

- John 8:12 Then Yahshua spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."
- Zephaniah 2:11 YHWH will be awesome to them when he destroys all the gods of the land. The nations on every shore will worship him, everyone in its own land.

#### YAHSHUA HaMasciach KING OF THE JEWS



### YAHSHUA IS MY NAME

- I was born a Jew in Beit Lehem the city of David.
- I was given the name Yahshua son of Yahweh at my birth not Jesus Christ.
- I had my circumcision eight days after my birth.
- I had my Bar mitzvah and become a son of the Commandment.
- I taught the son's of Israel in the Temple.
- I was devoted to teaching Torah.
- I recited the 'Shema Yisrael' knowing that YHWH is one.
- I understood the writings of the prophets.
- I was the one who said, "Salvation is of the Jews!"
- I never read or taught from the New Testament, it didn't exist then.
- I did not go to Church. There were no Church buildings in those days either.
- I only taught in the Synagogues or the Temple.
- I did not convert to Christianity. I was born a Jew, and I died a Jew.
- I was nailed to the cross and crucified by the Romans.

- I never wore a cross, nor did any other Israelites.
- I worshiped YHWH on Saturday, Shabbat, not Sunday- the day of the sun.
- I kept Shabbat and read the weekly parashah from the Torah.
- I didn't give anyone a Christmas present, or an Easter egg.
- I did not keep the feast of the goddess Ishtah or Easter, but Passover.
- I have never eaten a hot cross bun, known as sweet raisin cakes that were once offered to false gods.
- I did not eat hot cross buns but Matzah (unleavened bread) on Pesach, commemorating deliverance from Egypt.
- I strictly observed the Ten Commandments and lived by the Torah, I am the living Torah.
- I never bowed down to an idol. Nor would I ever.
- I do not condone bowing down to graven images, nor to Caesar or any man.
- I did not live by the traditions of men but by the truth of the Eternal Yahweh.
- I never had a sun disk or nimbus around my head Yahweh is my 'Shekinah' light.
- I did not eat pork or shellfish I know it is forbidden 'treif' (non kosher).

- I observed all of the Levitical Kosher requirements.
- I observed all of Israel's feast days 'moe'dim' YHWH's appointed times.
- I sat in a Succah (booth) at feast of Sukkot.
- I did not sit on a throne, nor did I wear splendid garments, I humbled myself as YHWH's servant.
- I taught men to love Yahweh; and I did not set myself above the common people.
- I did not take any honour to myself, which belonged to YHWH alone.
- I discussed right doctrine with both the Sadducees and Pharisees.
- I was an eyewitness to the conquering of Israel by the Roman Legions.
- I will return and restore the Kingdom of David, as was foretold by my father YHWH.
  - Rachelle Cohen (My Grandmother)

Human history has allowed precious few ancient religious writings to survive the onslaught of the more aggressive and powerful political forces, which seek only to gain territory and wealth. Unfortunately, genocide and cultural eradication always go hand in hand with missionary zeal.

In many cases every trace of the conquered society's religious writings, practices, icons, and even buildings were destroyed, in the name of conversion from worship of gods considered evil, and religious customs labelled as heresies.

What generally results from past crusades is the conqueror's religion replacing or predominantly blending with the conquered culture's former religious practice, making its religion almost unrecognizable. Christianity falls into the latter category, having been the victim of the Roman Empire, primarily under the Emperor Constantine, who blended the Christian Church with the institutionalized "pagan" practices of Rome and eliminated any semblance of either the Jewish religious influence or the first church Yahshua established during his ministry.

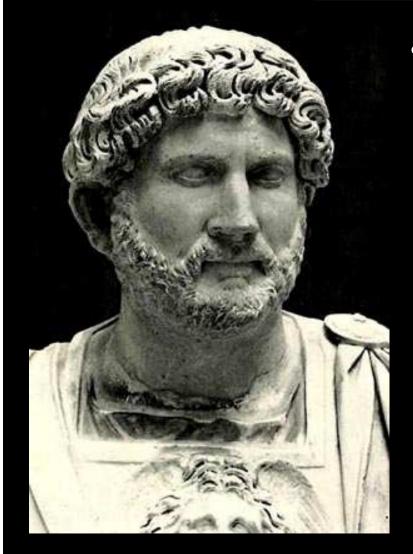
#### <u>JUDEA UNDER</u> THE ROMAN EMPIRE

- Judea is a term used by historians to refer to the Roman province that incorporated Judea, Samaria, and Galilee, and which extended over parts of the former regions of the Hasmonean and Herodian kingdoms of Israel.
- Rome's involvement in the area dated from 63 BC, following the end of the Third Mithridatic War, when Rome made Syria a province. In that year, after the defeat of Mithridates VI of Pontus, the proconsul Pompeius Magnus (Pompey the Great) lay siege to and entered the Jerusalem Temple in 70AD.

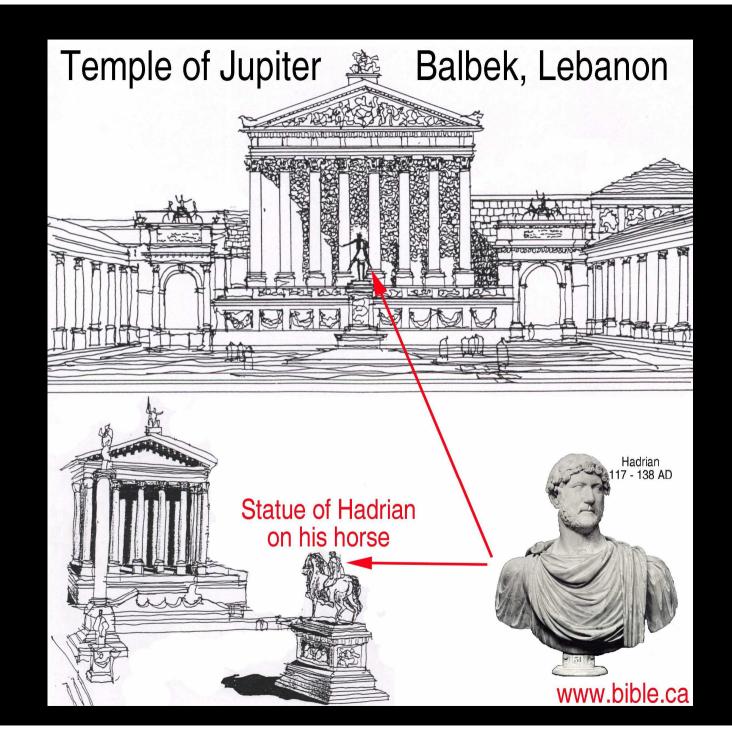
Subsequently, during the 1st century BC, the Herodian Kingdom was established as a Roman client kingdom and then in 6 AD parts became a province of the Roman Empire.



#### <u>EMPEROR HADRIAN</u> (117- 138 AD)



• Emperor Hadrian was the Roman ruler over Judea from 117- 138 AD. Hadrian fulfilled the prophesy in Micah about the ploughing of Jerusalem when he decimated the Temple. He then built a temple to Jupiter that remained as a place of pagan worship until Constantine's rule in 312 AD.



#### MICAH 3:12.

Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.



#### **EMPEROR CONSTANTINE THE GREAT**

#### <u>(306- 337 AD)</u>



Emperor Constantine The Great's reign lasted from 306-337 AD. In 312 AD, Constantine supposedly had a vision, when staring into the sun of a chi rho with an inscription that said; 'In hoc signo vinces' meaning 'in this sign, conquer'. He then ordered his soldiers to paint this symbol on their armour before the battle. Constantine and his army went on to defeat his enemy Maxentius, who stood between him and the Roman Empire at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge.

- After ascertaining the Roman Empire, he claimed the Christian God to be his secret to military success and believing it to be the key to uniting his empire, Constantine adopted Christianity as the official religion of Rome in 324 A.D. Virtually overnight Christianity went from being persecuted, to accepted and legal.
- Despite claiming the title of a 'Christian', Constantine continued to consult haruspices, indulged in a number of pagan superstitions, integrated pagan practices into Christianity, retained the pagan high priest title of 'Pontifex Maximus' and had 'Sol Invictus' meaning 'The Unconquered Sun God' inscribed upon his coins.



• Testified records from the underground vaults of the inner Vatican tell the truth about Constantine and his family. Constantinus Maximus was NOT really "Christianized" for he still worshipped the sun god "Sol" (Roman name for Nimrod) even until his death in 337 AD. He also had been ordering the killing of the true believers who were hiding in the mountains to survive, and to protect the Word of Yahweh. Constantine's desire to unite the empire through Christianity had nothing to do with an apparent 'new founded faith' in Yahweh, but his motives were impelled by a desire to expand his territory and gain power.

### THE POLITICAL CHURCH

- The Church and the Empire formed an alliance, which remains to this day. Very rapidly, the laws and policies of the Empire and the doctrine of the Church became one with Constantine as the interpreter of both law and policy. Constantine believed that the Church and the State should be as close as possible. This was accomplished by eliminating hundreds of books thought to be against "Church" doctrine and watering down what remained by blending Christian beliefs and practice with long established Roman sanctioned pagan worship.
- The church being heavily involved in politics and secular government rather than the occupation of true Christians, following the command of Yahshua in Matthew 24:14 and Matthew 28:19,20 to preach not any human government but God's Kingdom as the only real hope for mankind.

### **CONSTANTINE'S VISION**



The symbol that Constantine saw in his supposed vision was called a Chi-Rho, which is also known as a Labarum. To many, this symbol is the very first Christian symbol.

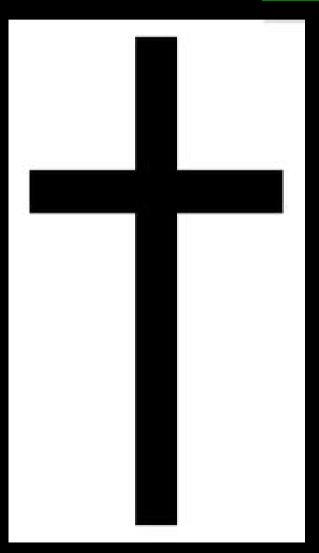
"Labarum is the name by which the military standard adopted by Constantine the Great after his celebrated vision, was known in ancient times. ... In form, the labarum of Constantine was an adaptation of the already existing cavalry standard of the Roman army; the pagan emblems were merely replaced by Christian symbols."



This alleged Christian symbol; the ChiRho, or Labarum, was known in antiquity as well known pagan symbol ... nearly 400 years before the "Christian" era! A symbol referred to in Plato's Tamaeus as a pagan emblem.

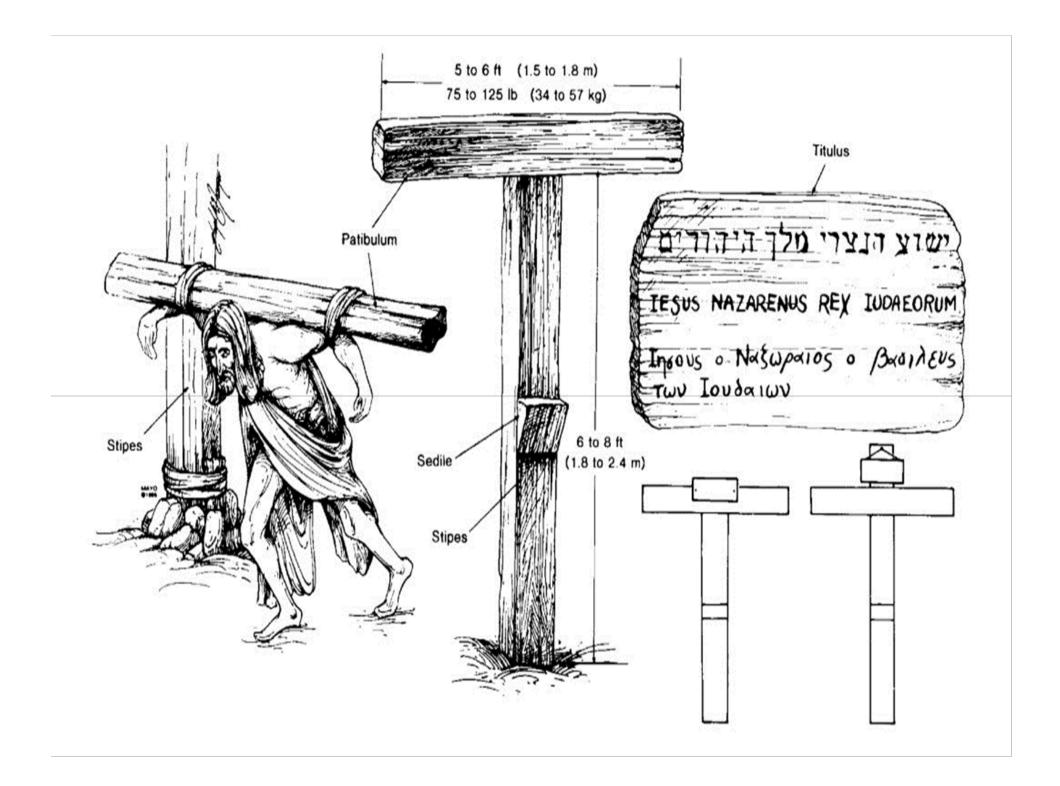
Not only was this pagan symbol well known in the pagan world centuries before Yahshua was even born, it was associated with something that has been completely overlooked...and for good reason! Note the "S" wrapping the bottom portion of the verticle pole in the above picture. This is the ancient astrological sign of 'serpents', the symbol of the pagan serpent healers!

#### PAGAN SYMBOLISM: THE CROSS

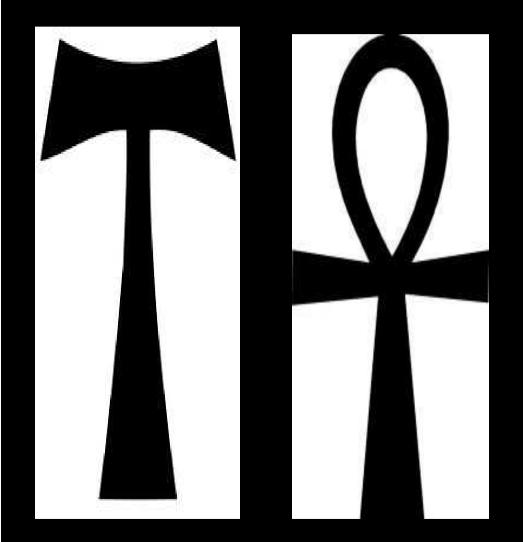


This image is a modern representation of the cross that Yahshua was crucified on. This cross is now synonymous with the worship of Jesus as the Messiah, however this symbol, for hundreds of years before our Messiah's existence symbolised the worship of a pagan sun-god. And people wonder why atheists and pagans mock us? We live in ignorance of the origins of 'our' traditions.

'My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.' -Hosea 4:6



#### THE ANCIENT 'TAU'



Yahshua was actually crucified on a 'tau', which looks similar to a capital T.

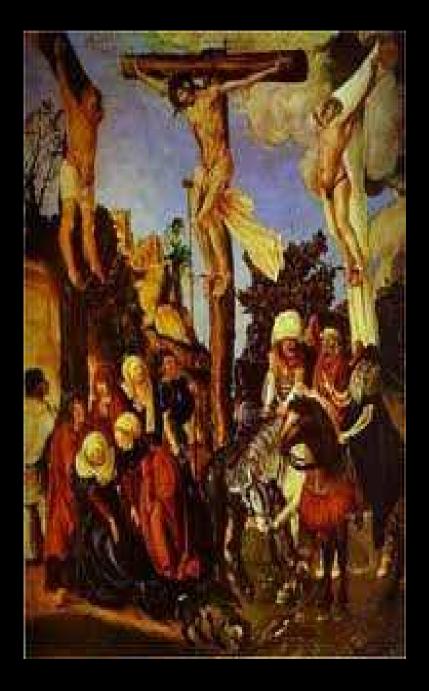
The tau symbol was originally representative of the Persian pagan sungod; Mithras.

This tau derives from the ancient Egyptian ankh, which is known as the key of life in Egyptian mythology.



Mithras is often depicted as having slain a bull.

The astrological sign of the bull is TAUrus, from where the term 'tau' originated.



- Crucifixion originated in Persia, under Alexander the Great and was then adopted by The Roman Empire. Note that worship of the sun- god Mithras, also began in Persia. When the Roman Empire conquered Persia, they took on the worship of 'Sol Invictus Mithras' which was the first time that Mithras' tau was used on Roman armour.
- The Roman's main method of execution was by crucifixion, so that each life taken upon the cross was a sacrifice to their sun- god Mithras. Which is why Yahshua and many other Jews were crucified on a cross. The tau/ cross has nothing to do with our Messiah, and everything to do with the worship of a pagan sun god.

### **CONSTANTINE'S CREED**

• After Constantine solidified his position to gain complete control of the western portion of the Roman Empire in 312, he instituted the Edict of Milan in 313 AD, a "Magna Carta of religious liberty," which eventually changed the Empire's religion and put Christianity on an equal footing with paganism. Almost overnight the position of the Christian Church was reversed from persecuted to legal and accepted



## The Edict of Milan

- Constantine issued a decree that every citizen must comply with in regard to the renunciation of all Judeo-Christian beliefs and the acceptance of the 'new Christian laws'.
- "I renounce all customs, rites, legalisms, unleavened breads and sacrifices of lambs of the Hebrews, and all the other feasts of the Hebrews, sacrifices, prayers, aspirations, purifications, sanctifications, and propitiations, and fasts and new moons, and Sabbaths, and superstitions, and hymns and chants, and observances and synagogues. absolutely everything Jewish, every Law, rite and custom and if afterwards I shall wish to deny and return to Jewish superstition, or shall be found eating with Jews, or feasting with them, or secretly conversing and condemning the Christian religion instead of openly confuting them and condemning their vain faith, then let the trembling of Cain and the leprosy of Gehazi cleave to me, as well as the legal punishments to which I acknowledge myself liable. And may I be an anathema in the world to come, and may my soul be set down with Satan and the devils."

- Furthermore, any follower of the "Jewish Messiah" (Yeshua HaMashiach) who wished to join this "holy community" was compelled to adopt a different set of rules and customs. Subsequently special creeds were drafted, to which the Christian would have to swear such as:
- "I accept all customs, rites, legalism, and feasts of the Romans, sacrifices, prayers, purifications with water, sanctifications by Pontificus Maxmus (high priests of Rome), propitiations, and feasts, and the New Sabbath "Sol dei" (Day of the Sun), all new chants and observances, and all the foods and drinks of the Romans. In other words, I absolutely accept everything Roman, every new law, rite and custom, of Rome, and the New Roman Religion."
- Additionally, in approximately 365 AD, the Council of Laodicea wrote, in one of their canons:
- Christians must not Judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day. Rather, honouring the Lord's Day (Sunday). But if any shall be found to be Judaizers, let them be anathema (against) from Christ".

#### THE NEW LAWS OF CHRISTIANITY

- Sabbath was no longer allowed to be kept on the Saturday, you had to observe 'The Lords Day' on a Sunday (Day of the Sun)
- All of the Jewish feasts that we are commanded by Yahweh to keep were abolished and outlawed.
- Anything remotely associated with Judaism was also outlawed.
- All of the Jewish feasts, convocations and traditions were replaced by new 'Christian' (pagan) observances.

#### <u>NOT MUCH HAS CHANGED!</u>

• Through a series of Universal Councils, Constantine and his successors completely altered doctrine without regard to biblical edict, set up a church hierarchy of his own design, and established a set of beliefs and practices, which are the basis for all mainstream Bible-based churches. The separation of the Protestants and the Roman Church caused a physical split but the beliefs and practices established by Constantine remained almost identical.

• Very little has changed since the 4th century Councils changed the face of Christianity. An effective practice instituted was the purging of any book in the formerly accepted biblical works, over 80% of the total, that church leaders felt did not fit within their new concept of Christianity. The doctrines and practices remaining in the surviving books were effectively eradicated by simply changing them by replacing clear scripture with Church-sanctioned doctrine.

# THE CATHOLIC HOLY BIBLE

CHURCH AUTHORIZED DOUAY-RHEIMS VERSION

PUBLISHED BY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CLASSICAL TEXTS PRES

In the Catholic Church the version used is the Douay-Rheims Bible consisting of 73 books. In the Protestant church only the 66 books approved by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1885 were included, which today is known as the Authorized King James Bible, are used. No other books, neither the Apocrypha, which was included in the original King James Bible, nor the 22 books mentioned or quoted in the King James Bible were included.

#### THE CHANGING OF THE HOLY SITES

• From 326-328 AD, Constantine's mother, Helena journeyed to Jerusalem to choose 'holy sites' for the new church state religion. At the time of her trip, Jerusalem was actually called Aelia Capitolina, the title under Emperor Hadrian, which no Jews were to end under the penalty of death. During Hadrian's rule, he built a temple to the Greek goddess Aphrodite, Helena then tore down the temple of Aphrodite and upon it's foundations built the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

 This was done so that pagans could continue to make their yearly pilgrimages through the city on Easter Sunday, which once celebrated the divinity of the pagan goddess Ishtar; also known as the 'Queen of Heaven. But because of the new Christian state religion, the pagans would now worship the new 'Queen of Heaven' upon their pilgrimages, in the form of The Virgin Mary.





- Helena then travelled to Bethlehem, where a temple to the Babylonian sun-god Tammuz had been built. The structure was a 'grove' or a 'cave', which was commonly used throughout history in worship of Tammuz.
- Helena once again demolished this site and upon it's foundations constructed 'The Church of The Nativity', the place in which people now kiss the floor while facing the sun in honour of 'Jesus', was the very location that child sacrifice was done on December 25th at the 'Child Mass' and where infants were slaughtered on Easter Sunday.



### **PAGIANITY**

 You can clearly see that Christianity was LITERALLY built upon paganism. Through Constantine, aspects of paganism have been infused into the foundations of Christianity, and as Christianity has grown, those pagan observances have become our traditions. What we have inherited is PAGIANITY! Christians and Catholics set up idols in their homes and in their temples, statues of Mary and graven images of the Messiah. They set up idols of Mary in a pagan Tammuz cave and worship at the feet of wood and stone. They depict Yahshua like a pagan sun god, with a sun-disk surrounding his head, doing Hindu hand gestures.

Note the Pagan sun- disk/ Nimbus surrounding Yahshua's head.

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Ardhapataka Hindu Hand Mudra

- Now let's have a look at what Yahweh has to say about worshipping graven images of Yahshua that include overt pagan symbols and gestures and bowing down to false idols...
- "You shall have no other gods before me. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I Adonai your Elohim am a jealous G-d"

- Exodus 20:1- 10

• Why should the nations say, "Where is their G-d?" Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands. They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see. They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell. They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat. Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.

- Psalm 115:2-18

#### <u>Note the idols of</u> <u>The Virgin Mary</u>

Also note the pagan Tammuz cave that encompasses Mary

## **CHRISTIANS?** CHRISTIANITY? CHRIST? **JESUS?** Those titles don't sound very Hebrew!?

#### The Origin of the word Christ & Christian

- The words Christ and Christian were originally spelled Chrest and Chrestian. These words originate from pagan terms used in antiquity. We are going to look into the pagan words from where the terms Chrest and Chrestian derived.
- First some definitions:
- <u>Pythian god</u>: Deriving from the word 'python', a Pythian god is mythological Roman deity who delivers prophesies.
- Oracle: A priest or priestess acting as a medium through whom advice or prophecy was sought from the Pythian gods in classical antiquity.
- **Soothsayer**: One who can forsee the future, or a fortune teller.

- <u>The Manteumata pythoCHRESTA</u>: The oracles delivered by a pythian god.
- <u>CHRESTerion</u>: Not only "the seat of an oracle", but an offering to, or for, the oracle.
- <u>CHRESTes</u>: One who explains oracles, "a prophet and soothsayer",
- <u>CHRESTerios</u>: One who serves an oracle or a god.

- CHRESTOS: A disciple on probation or a candidate for hierophantship (a teacher of holy things). When someone had attained to this through initiation, long trials, and suffering, they would then be 'anointed'.
- CHRISTOS or CHRIST: Literally signifying one who has been "anointed." This is a direct reference to what occurred during the pagan celebrations. Unction or anointing was one of the acts performed during the working of the rites of those ancient rituals, in the countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea.

## <u>CHRESTOS = CHRIST</u>

- According to Realencyclopaedie, the inscription Chrestos is to be seen on a Mithras relief in the Vatican. According to Christianity and Mythology, Osiris, the Sun God of Egypt, was reverenced as Chrestos.
- According to a French theological dictionary, it is absolutely beyond doubt that Christus and Chrestus, and Christiani and Chrestiani were used indifferently by the profane Christian authors of the first two centuries AD. The word Christianos is a Latinism, being contributed neither by the Jews nor by the Christians themselves.

## The Origin of the word 'Jesus'

- 'Je' translated into Greek is 'le'
- 'le' is Greek for 'Hail'
- 'Sus' or 'Sous' translated into Greek is 'Zeus'
- 'Jesus' when tranlated into Greek is 'lesous'
- 'lesous' is Greek means 'Hail Zeus'
- Therefore 'Jesus' etymologically stems from 'Zeus'; the chief pagan god of the ancient Greek Olympus.
- The Greeks used the ending –sus in naming many of their towns to give homage to their main deity Zeus. Thus, by following modern traditions, every time we utter the word 'Jesus', we are actually praising a pagan deity by saying 'Hail Zeus!'

#### ie = HAIL sous or sus = Zeus

lesous in Greek Means 'Hail Zeus.'

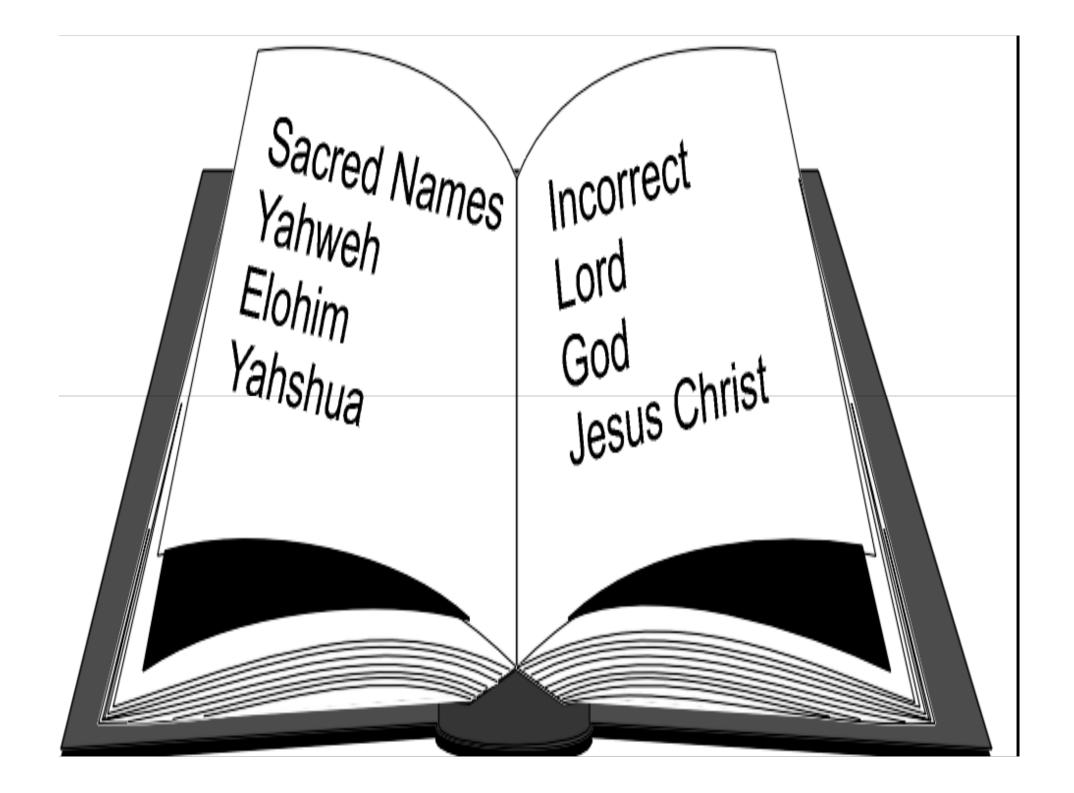
"IESOUS" is Greek For Jesus meaning --- "Hail Zeus"

#### THE TRUE NAME OF OUR MESSIAH

- Our Messiah's name was not Jesus or Christ. Not only do these words derive from paganism, but they do not even resemble Hebrew words, the letter 'J' doesn't even exist in the Hebrew alphabet, and was not even a part of the English alphabet until the 14<sup>th</sup> century.
- Our Messiah was a Hebrew, a Jew and the Son of The God of Avraam Yitzchak and Yaakov and would never have been called 'Jesus' or 'Christ' during his life and I'm certain he wouldn't have appreciated being called 'Hail Zeus'. His true name was 'Yahshua' meaning 'Yah is salvation' or 'Yah is Saviour'. More formally known as 'Yahshua HaMashiach', meaning 'Yahshua, the Messiah'.

## The Name of 'God'

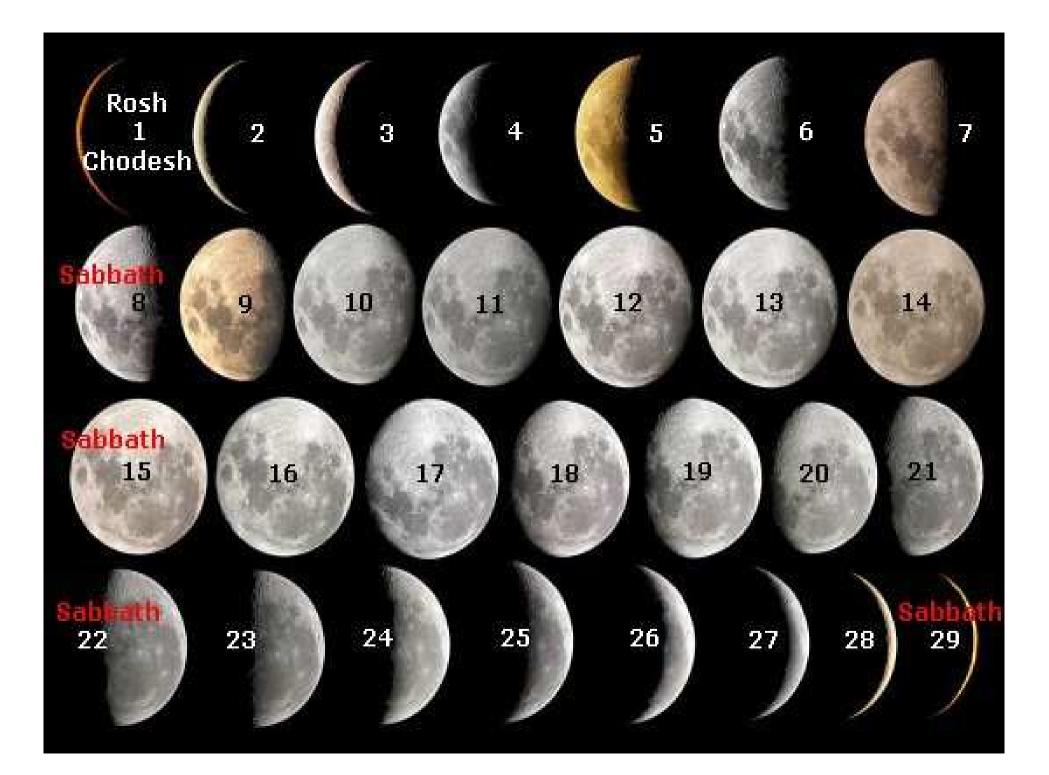
- 'Yah', 'Yahweh' or 'Yehovah' is the name of our God, the name of YAHshua's father. When you look at the name of his son, YAHshua, you can see that encompassed within his son's name, is his own name, signifying that his spirit is also within his son.
- Yahweh's name is not just 'God', just like my name is not 'daughter' or 'sister'. 'God' can refer to any deity, it is merely a title, not a name. 'God' could refer to Allah, Ganesh or Buddha, which is why we do not just pray to 'God' but to Yahweh, Yehovah, Yah the God of Avraham, Yiztchak and Yaakov, Our creator.
- The reason why there are a few different names for Him, is because we only know 4 letters of His name, which are Y,H,W or V, H. People have fashioned different versions of his name by using different combinations of vowels between the consonants to produce a name that can be audibly pronounced. Any of these names are accepted as His name.



#### THE CHANGING OF THE TIMES & SEASON

Scripture, history and archaeology agree: all ancient civilizations used luni-solar calendation. All the chronology in the bible, the dates, the days, months and years, are expressed in terms of the Biblical Lunar Calendar. This Calendar which was used in the day of Noah is the same calendar that was used by all ancient civilisations. It has 12 lunar months; each of 30 days.

The perfection of the luni-solar calendar as preserved by the Hebrews is well-summed up in the words of Joseph Scaliger as "the most ingenious and most elegant of all systems of chronology." The reason the Creator's method of timekeeping is the most accurate and precise, while at the same time the "most ingenious" is because built within it are checks and balances which require no man-made manipulation to keep perfect track of time.



### THE CREATOR'S CALENDAR

The creator's luni-solar calendar is no longer in use; as over the centuries, those who are against Yahweh have disposed of his calendar and fashioned their own solar calendars in complete defiance of Him and His people. These counterfeit calendars have been put in place to hinder believers, so that they have difficulty observing Yahweh's feasts at the appointed time.

"He will speak against the Most High God, oppress the holy people of the Most High, and plan to change the appointed times and laws."

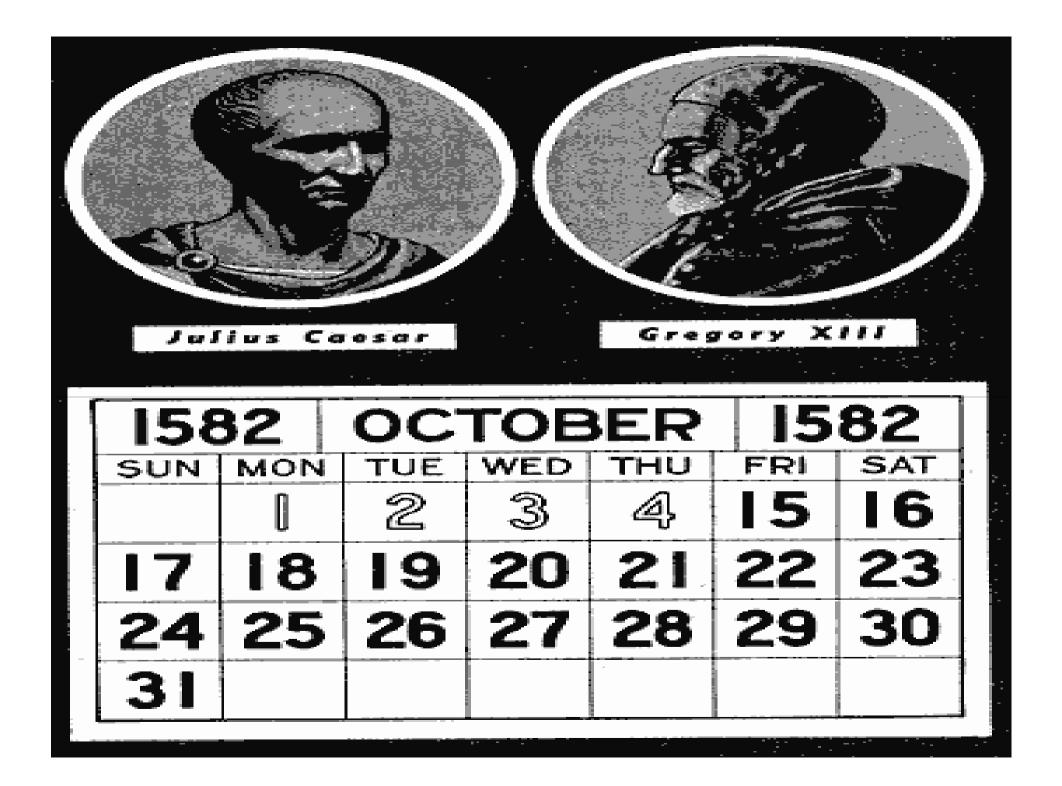
- Daniel 7:25

#### THE JULIAN CALENDAR

The Julian Calendar is a reform of the Roman calendar introduced by Julius Caesar in 46 BC. It took effect the following year, 45 BC, and continued to be used as the civil calendar in some countries into the 20th century. The calendar has a regular year of 365 days divided into 12 months. A leap day is added to February every four years. This calendar is uses purely solar calendation.

#### THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR

By 1582, The Julian Calendar began to accumulate inaccuracies, because it was slightly too long and caused an apparent 10-day error in the equinoxes by the Middle Ages i.e. the spring (vernal) equinox was by then arriving about March 31 on the Julian calendar, rather than about March 21. Pope Gregory decided to introduce a new and more accurate calendar with the assistance of the Italian astronomer Luigi Lilio Ghiraldi and the German Jesuit mathematician Christopher Clavius. Pope Gregory titled this new calendar, 'The Gregorian Calendar', and is the calendar that we still use today.



## YAHWEH'S FEASTS

The Edict of Milan clearly rejects the significance of 'Jewish' feasts, which are in fact Yahweh's feasts. The observation of any of these feasts were prohibited and outlawed from the new Christian religion. The abolition of Yahweh feasts by Constantine has evidently effected Christianity's development; this can be clearly seen through the lack of feast-keeping Christians in the modern-day church. Despite the fact that nearly every bible in circulation mentions these feasts and highlights the importance of observing them, many Christians ignore these passages; considering them to only be applicable to Jews. The laws, observances and feasts detailed within the bible do not only apply to the Jews, but to all followers of Yahweh and believers in Yahshua HaMashiach.

# Yahweh's Feasts Are Forever and for

#### WHAT ARE YAHWEH'S FEASTS?

 Passover (Pesach): Pesach is a spring festival that commemorates the liberation of the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, lasting seven or eight days from the 15th day of Nisan. Yahshua was crucified in atonement for mankind's sin on this day, and fulfilled this feast.

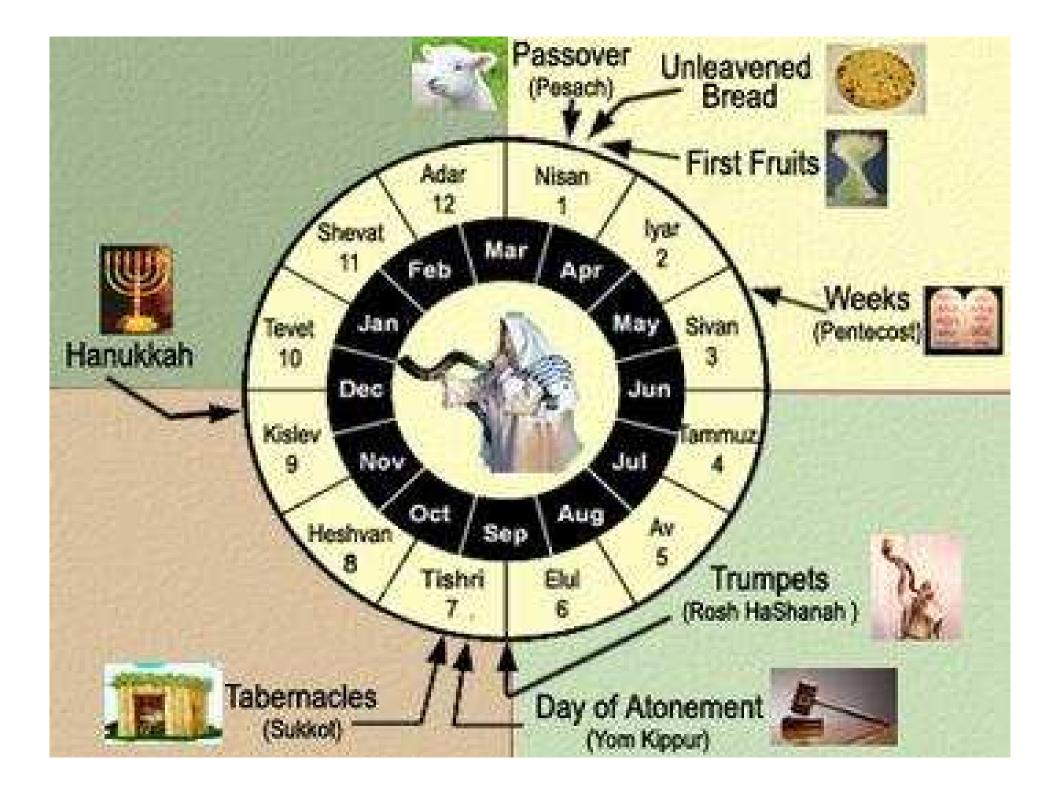
#### • The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Chag HaMatzot):

Chag HaMatzot is directly after Pesach on the 16th day of Nisan. During this festival, no leaven is to be eaten for 7 days. Leaven is any substance that causes food to rise (self raising flour, baking powder etc.) Leaven represents sin, and by taking all of the leaven out of our homes and not consuming any of it for 7 days, we are cleansing ourselves of sin. We also eat unleavened bread because it represents the haste in which the Israelites fled Egypt, they left in such a hurry that they could not wait for their bread to rise. Yahshua was buried on this day, thereby fulfilling this feast.

- First Fruits (Yom Habikkurim): Yom Habikkurim is a harvest festival on the 16th of Nissan celebrating Israel bringing the first fruits of the first harvest in the Promise Land into God's house to acknowledge Him as their source. Yahshua was resurrected on this day, and fulfilled this feast.
- Pentecost (Shavuot): Shavuot is also a harvest festival celebrated on the 6th of Sivan, but it also commemorates the revelation at Mt Sinai and the giving of the Torah to Moshe (Moses). Yashua fulfilled this feast through the descending of the Holy Spirit upon mankind.
  - Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah): Yom Teruah is observed on the 1st of Tishri. This day is also known as Rosh HaShannah; the Jewish New Year in which the high priest will blow the Shofer. This feast will be fulfilled by Yahshua upon his second coming.

- Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur): Yom Kippur is observed on the 11th of Tishri and is a day set aside to "afflict the soul," to atone for the sins of the past year. The 40 days prior to Yom Kippur is called Teshuva in which we are to repent for our sins before the Day of Atonement. This feast will also be fulfilled by Yahshua upon his second coming.
- Feast of tabernacles (Sukkot): Sukkot is observed on the 15th of Tishri for 7 days, we are instructed to 'dwell in booths' for this period. The 'booth' or 'sukkah' is intended as a reminiscence of the type of fragile dwellings in which the Israelites dwelt during their 40 years of travel in the desert after the Exodus from slavery in Egypt. This feast is still yet to be fulfilled by Yeshua the Messiah upon his return.

The immense importance of Yahweh's feasts or 'moedim' meaning 'appointed times' is magnified when looking at the scriptures pertaining to them...



#### WHAT DID YAHWEH SAY ABOUT THESE FEASTS?

And Yahweh spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'The feasts of Adonai, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts.' - Leviticus 23:1-2

"And this day (Passover) shall be unto you for a memorial; and you shall keep it a feast to Yahweh throughout your generations; you shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever"

- Exodus 12:14

#### Laying Down the Law

#### "These are the feasts of Yahweh, holy convocations, which you shall proclaim in their seasons"

- Leviticus 23:4

Three times a year all your men must appear before Yahweh your Adonai at the place he will choose: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Tabernacles. - Deuteronomy 16:16

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven"

- Ecclesiastes 3:1

"Scripture cannot be broken." - J<u>ohn 10:35</u>

### WHY ARE THESE FEASTS SO IMPORTANT?

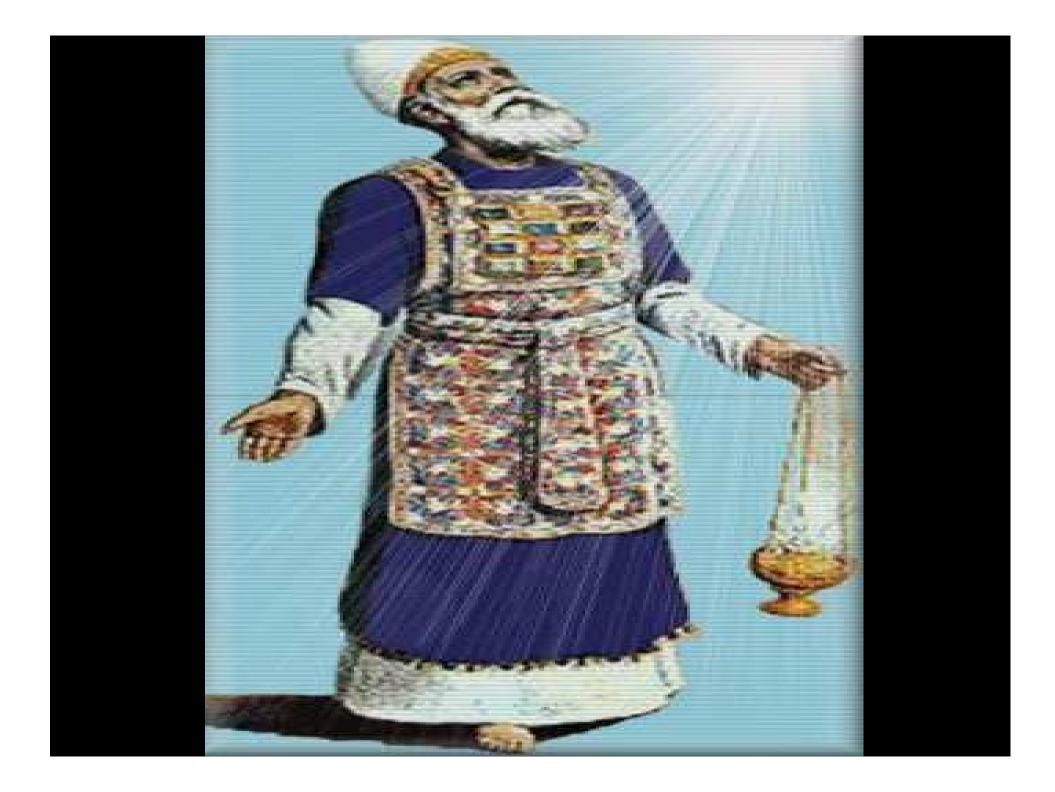
• Scripture reveals that we will be priests of Yahweh and Yahshua and will reign with him for a thousand years.

"He has made us kings and priests unto Yahshua and his Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever"

- Revelation 1:6

"They shall be priests of Yahweh and of Messiah, and shall reign with him a thousand years"

- Revelation 20:6



Peter says we will then be partakers of the promise made to Israel :

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness into his marvellous light"

#### - 1 Peter 2:9

We are called now and are preparing to be spiritual guides, to help others to know Yahweh and find the way of salvation. Because the Feast days will be continued in the Kingdom, we must learn all we can about these moedim. Moedim also means 'dress rehearsal' in Hebrew, because when we observing Yahweh's feasts on earth, we are rehearsing the observances that we will continue in the Kingdom.

- We have to be on Yahweh's timetable, how can we expect to have a relationship with him when we are living our lives in accordance with the structure of Paganism? We need to know when the Feasts are to be kept, what to do during these special observances, and how they show us the great plan of salvation – for we have been purchased by the blood of Yahshua HaMashiach.
- He expects us to be obedient as He is: "If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love" -John 15:10
- How can we expect to be a priest or a king in the Kingdom and teach Yahweh's ways if we have never kept His appointed times a day in our life? We cannot teach what we do not know! As a king or priest, how can we judge others for not keeping these Feast days if we have never kept them ourselves?

### **"WHAT ABOUT CHRISTMAS??**

### ISN'T THAT WHEN YAHSHUA WAS BORN?

### **SHOULDN'T WE CELEBRATE THAT?"**

**AND EASTER?** 

ISN'T THAT WHEN YAHSHUA WAS RESURRECTED?

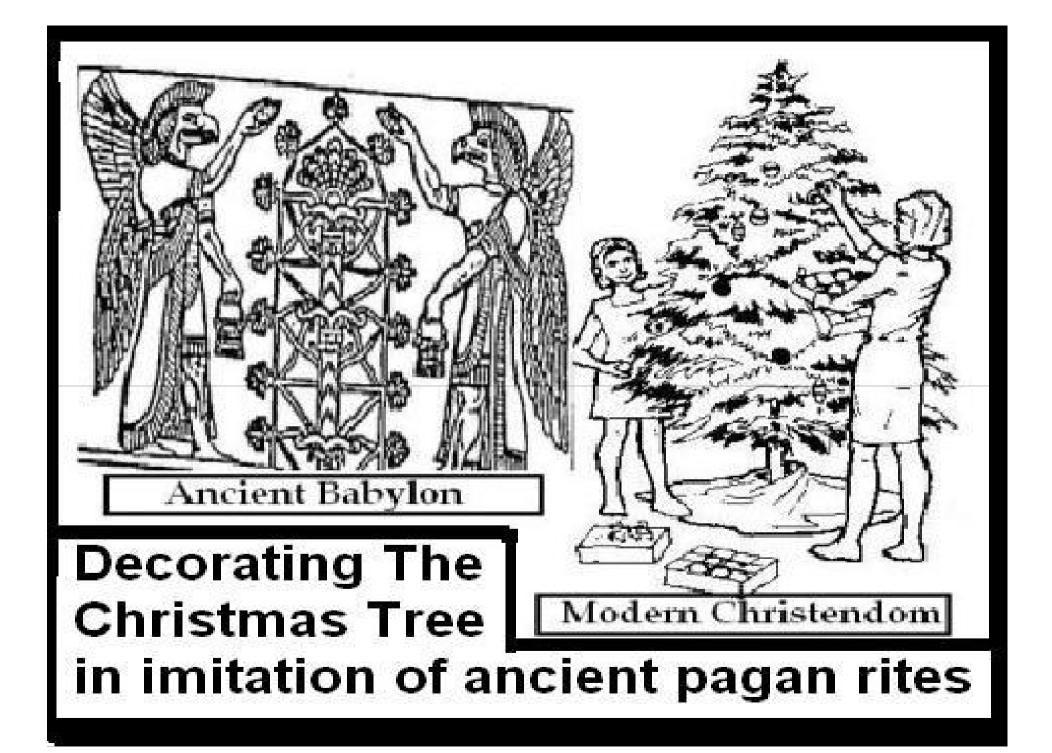
## THE PAGAN ORIGINS OF CHRISTMAS & EASTER

Pagan celebrations such as Christmas and Easter have over shadowed the true feasts of Yahweh. Not only does the bible not mention either of these festivals, but it actually condemns the keeping of pagan observances. Yet we continue to observe these pagan holidays and disregard the significance of Yahweh's feasts, despite the biblical emphasis made regarding them.



## **WHAT DOES DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup> REALLY CELEBRATE?**

- From its early Babylonian roots, the celebration of the birth or "rebirth" of the sun god on December 25th came to be celebrated under various names all over the ancient world such as; Apollo, Mithras, Horus, Attis, Dionysus, Hercules, Persius, Helios, Bacchus, Jupiter.
- Tammuz, the Babylonian sun god and son of Semiramis (Ishtar) and Nimrod, was born on the Winter Solstice, which on the ancient pagan calendar is December 25th. This day was celebrated as the day Nimrod was reborn as Tammuz, but is now celebrated as the birth of baby 'Jesus' amongst many Christians.



# SANTA CLAUS AND CHRISTMAS TREES

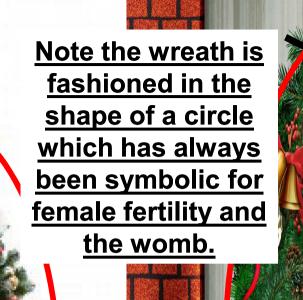
- Thousands of years before there was a "Santa Claus", there was another supernatural figure who would supposedly visit a tree and leave gifts every December 25<sup>th</sup>.
- After Nimrod's untimely death, his mother/ wife, Semiramis, propagated the doctrine that he had ascended into the sun and was now to be worshipped as the sun-god Baal. She also claimed a full-grown evergreen tree sprang overnight from a dead tree stump, which symbolized the springing forth unto new life of the dead Nimrod. On each anniversary of his birth, she claimed, Nimrod would visit the evergreen tree and leave gifts upon it.
- From this original fable peddled by Semiramis came the tradition for pagans to go out to the holy "groves" and leave gifts for Nimrod at an evergreen tree.



The ancient Babylonian "Christmas tree" became known as a symbol of fertility throughout the ancient world. The pole, balls, and tinsel represented various aspects of male fertility, while wreaths represented female fertility.

Throughout ancient paganism, fertility and sexuality were largely celebrated, and many deities were worshipped for these attributes.





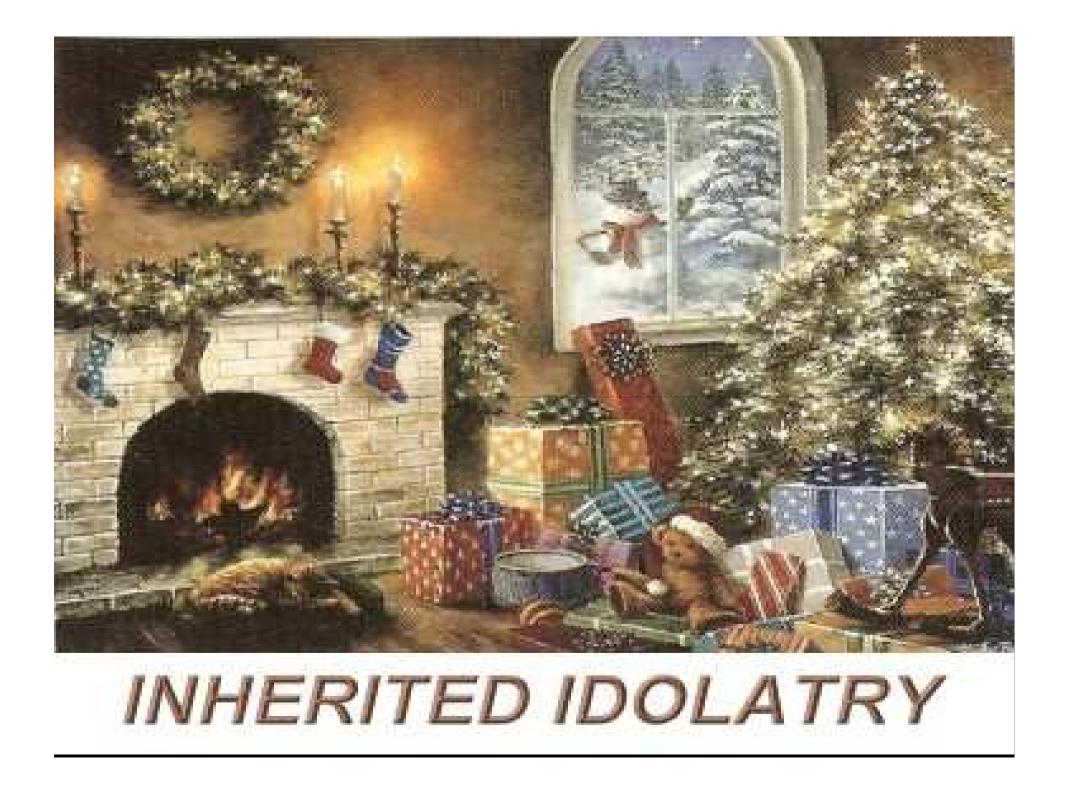
<u>Note:</u> <u>Tree: PHALLUS</u> <u>Balls: TESTES</u> <u>Tinsel: SEMEN</u>

## <u>YAHWEH WARNS US AGAINST</u> <u>PAGAN PRACTICES</u>

• In Jeremiah 10:1-4, Yahweh warns us against putting up these decorated trees like the pagans were doing....

'Hear what Adonai says to you, O house of Israel. This is what Adonai says: "Do not learn the ways of the nations or be terrified by signs in the sky, though the nations are terrified by them. For the customs of the peoples are worthless; they cut a tree out of the forest, and a craftsman shapes it with his chisel. They adorn it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so it will not totter."

- Jeremiah 10:1-4



- The Puritans understood that these practises were pagan. It comes as a surprise to most Americans to learn that the Puritans once banned Christmas trees in many areas of the United States because they were considered so pagan.
- Early Christians completely rejected these traditions. In the 3rd century, Tertullian wrote the following about these pagan celebrations....

"On your day of gladness, we [Christians] neither cover our doorposts with wreaths, nor intrude upon the day with lamps. At the call of public festivity, you consider it a proper thing to decorate your house like some new brothel. We are accused of a lower sacrilege because we do not celebrate along with you the holidays ..."

• So how and why have we come to accept pagan practises as Christian holidays?



- Well, by the time the Roman Empire legalized Christianity in the 4th century, most of the other religions in the empire were celebrating the birth of their gods on December 25th.
- Leading up to December 25th in ancient Rome, a festival known as Saturnalia was one of the biggest celebrations of the year. Saturnalia was a festival during which the Romans commemorated the dedication of the temple of their god Saturn. This holiday began on the 17th of December and it would last for an entire week until the 23rd of December.
- Saturnalia was typically characterized by gift-giving, feasting, singing and lots and lots of debauchery. The priests of Saturn would carry wreaths of evergreen boughs in procession throughout the pagan Roman temples.



- Later on, the Romans also started holding a festival on December 25th called Deis Natalis Solis Invicti, which means "the birthday of the unconquered sun." Basically it was a way for the empire to consolidate all of the December 25th "sun god" birthdays throughout the empire into one holiday.
- In the year 350 A.D., Pope Julius I declared that the birth of Jesus would be celebrated on December 25th from then on. When the Roman Catholics decided to make December 25th a "Christian holiday" in the fourth century, they simply adopted a long standing pagan holiday and kept most of the same pagan traditions.



"Pagans celebrated the birth of the Sun on the 25th of December." --THE MYSTERIES OF MITHRA by Franz Cumont [1903]



## <u>SO, WHEN WAS YAHSHUA</u> <u>BORN?</u>

• The date of Yahshua's birth is still under speculation, however one thing is for certain, he would NOT have been born on December 25<sup>th</sup> ;firstly because Yahweh would have never chosen for the birth of Yahshua to fall on a date that is directly associated with paganism. But more than that, the reality is that it would have been far too cold for shepherds to be out with their sheep at night in Israel on December 25th. The vast majority of Christian scholars now acknowledge this. So when was Yahshua actually born? Based on the information we have in the Scriptures, it appears that Yahshua was born in the fall. In particular, it seems most likely that his birth was during the Feast of Tabernacles, on approximately Tishri 15<sup>th</sup>.

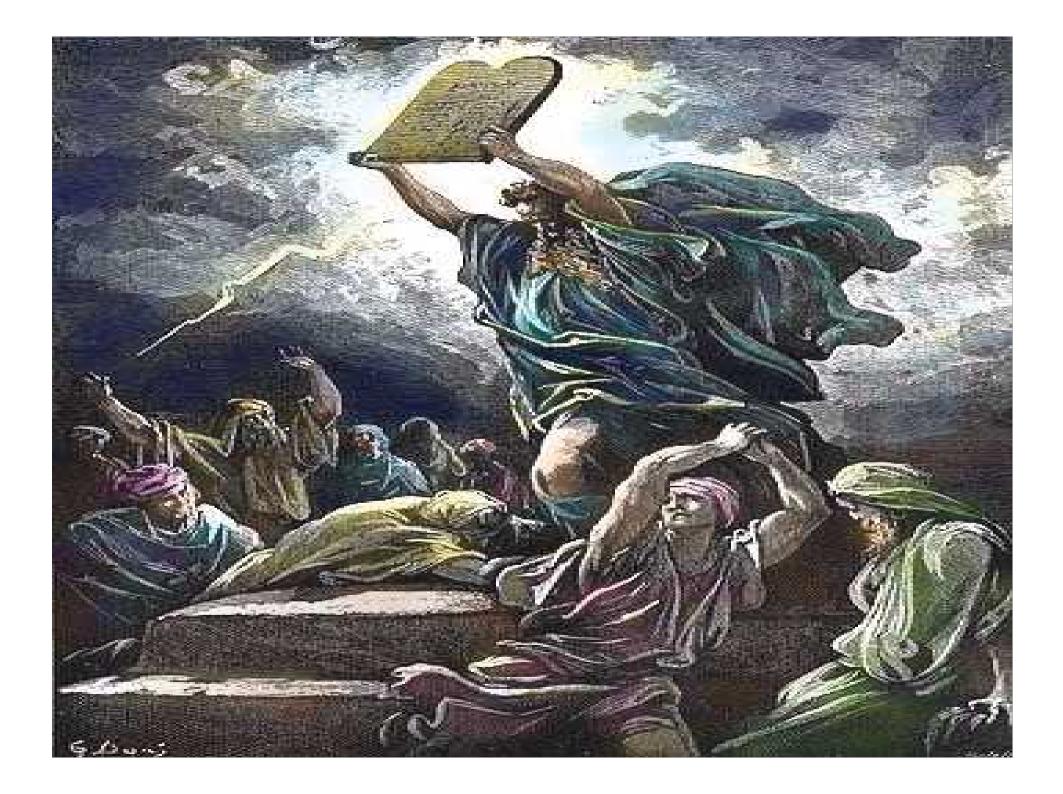


### THIS IS A YOUTUBE VIDEO THAT NAVIGATES THROUGH THE KEY SCRIPTURES THAT HELP US TO DETERMINING YAHSHUA'S TIME OF BIRTH

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f5ozUNbo8F4&feature=player\_embedded#!

#### PLAY FROM 0.00 TO 5.17

- Many Christians will protest and justify celebrating December 25th because to them it is all about Yahshua. However, that was the same excuse that Aaron used when he and some 3,000 Israelites worshipped the golden calf while Moshe was up on the mountain getting the Law of Yahweh. Aaron actually said that the worship of the golden calf was being done to Yahweh as we read in Exodus 32:5....
- When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to Yahweh." But we know how that turned out. Yahweh was not pleased. At all. In fact, He was furious. In Exodus 32:10 Yahweh spoke of the Israelites to Moshe saying: "Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."
- In the same way, Yahweh is not pleased when we celebrate pagan holidays and keep traditions that have been pagan for thousands of years and say that they are in honour of Him.



## WHAT DOES EASTER ACTUALLY CELEBRATE?

 Easter originated from the same Babylonian paganism as Christmas does. The goddess of fertility named Semiramis, who we spoke of in the previous slides was also known as 'Ishtar', which is where the term 'Easter' derived from. In many cultures she is also referred to as the 'Lady or Queen of Heaven' who is now worshipped and idolised as 'The Virgin Mary' amongst Catholics. It has already been established that Ishtar was the mother and wife of Nimrod; who was worshipped as a sun god.

## THE RETURN OF THE PAGAN GODDESS

The Babylonians celebrated the day of Ishtar / Easter as the return of the goddess of Spring – the re-birth or reincarnation of Nature and the goddess of Nature. Babylonian legend says that each year a huge egg would fall from heaven and would land in the area around the Euphrates River. In her yearly rebirth, Ishtar would break out of this egg and if any of those celebrating this occasion happened to find her egg, Ishtar would bestow a special blessing on that person. Do you remember going on Easter egg hunts as a child? I bet you didn't know you actually were searching for a bare breasted fertility goddess in a giant egg.



 When Ishtar broke out of the egg, she would prove her divinity by turning a bird into an egg-laying rabbit (Easter bunny). Ishtar's priests, in honour of her fertility, would impregnate celestial virgins upon her alter and then sacrifice the three month old infants upon the same alter the following year as the sun rises on Sunday morning (Easter sunrise service). They would then take eggs (Easter eggs) and dip them in the blood of these sacrificed infants.

 When Nimrod died, Ishtar claimed that he had ascended into the sun and was to now be worshipped as 'Baal', the sun god. Soon after Nimrod's death Ishtar became pregnant, claiming that the rays of the sun god Baal (Nimrod) had caused her immaculate conception. When this child was born she named him Tammuz and proclaimed that he was the reincarnation of her dead husband/son; Baal (Nimrod). Tammuz was eventually killed by a wild boar, following his death, Ishtar proclaimed that there was to be a 40 day period of weeping for Tammuz each year prior to the anniversary of his death (Lent). Ishtar also issued a decree that because Tammuz was killed by a wild boar, that a pig was to be eaten that Sunday (Easter Ham).



### **YAHWEH HATES PAGAN PRACTISES**

- "On judgment day many will tell me, `Yahweh, Yahweh, we prophesied in your name... and performed many miracles in your name.' But I will reply, `I never knew you. Go away; <u>the things you did were unauthorized.'"</u> - Matthew 7:22,23
- "You MUST NOT worship Yahweh your Elohim in their way, because in worshiping their gods, they do all kinds of detestable things that Yahweh HATES; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods. See that you do all I command you; do not add to it or take away from it."
  - Deuteronomy 12:29-32

## Friday night to Sunday Morning. Is that 3 days and 3 nights?

The vast majority of Christians celebrate Easter Sunday sunrise as the day of Yahshua's resurrection. After all the Sunrise services seem to imply that this is when Yahshua arose from the dead. However, as previously explained, the Sunday sunrise service is purely in place to celebrate the pagan goddess Ishtar, not to commemorate Yahshua's resurrection. For some reason, Modern day Christians are also unable to count to three, because from Friday night to Sunday morning, is not three days and three nights.

- Yahshua said, "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth (Matthew 12:40)." <u>"Three days and three nights" means seventy-two hours.</u> Yahshua defined the length of a day in John 11:9. Our Lord said, "Are there not twelve hours in a day?" Well, if there are twelve in a day, then there are twelve hours in a night. And therefore, three days and three nights would be 72 hours.
- If Yahshua was <u>placed in the grave at sundown</u> as the Scriptures teach. See Luke 23:54; "And that day was the preparation, and the Shabbat drew on."
- <u>Then His resurrection had to be seventy-two hours later</u> <u>at sundown.</u> If you accept a Sunday morning resurrection then that means that Yahshua stayed in the grave for <u>three days and four nights</u>, which is just not biblical.

Have you ulletever wondered how Yahshua could be crucified on Friday night and be resurrected on Sunday morning after being buried for three days? Well, that's impossible! By no the stretch of imagination is it possible to stretch the period from Friday evening to Sunday morning into "three days and three nights."

### The Resurrection Was Not On Sunday!



After three days I will rise again. ~ Matthew 27:63 ~

- Once again, paganism has managed to out-smart majority of the Christian population, if something doesn't make any logical sense, maybe it's because it isn't the truth? In a modern religion which has been tainted by the perversion of paganism, we must question that which seems inaccurate or unbiblical and assess how scripturally correct our 'traditions' truly are.
- Yahshua said 'I am the way, the TRUTH and the life' As followers of Yahshua, we must seek truth, the truth of Yahweh and his word and eradicate the pagan practises that we continue to keep as long standing 'Christian' traditions.

# "I will punish...all those following pagan customs."

(Zephaniah 1:8) (NLT)

## WHY DO CHRISTIANS WORSHIP ON A SUNDAY?

- Christian's worship on a Sunday, for the same reason that they call Yahshua 'Jesus', because after the Edict of Milan was released to the public, everything remotely associated with Judaism was outlawed. The Saturday sabbath or shabbat, ordained by Yahweh as a holy convocation was no longer to be kept, instead the 'Lord's Day' on Sunday was now to be observed each week. In keeping with the pagan theme of sun-worship, it is not the least bit coincidental that worship was decreed to be done on a SUNday.
- Nowhere in the bible does it mention that the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the week, being Sunday, as holding any reverence. Yahweh ordained the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week as a holy convocation, which originally was the Saturday, but in order to reinforce the lie of the Sunday Sabbath; many Western calendars now illustrate Sunday as the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the week.

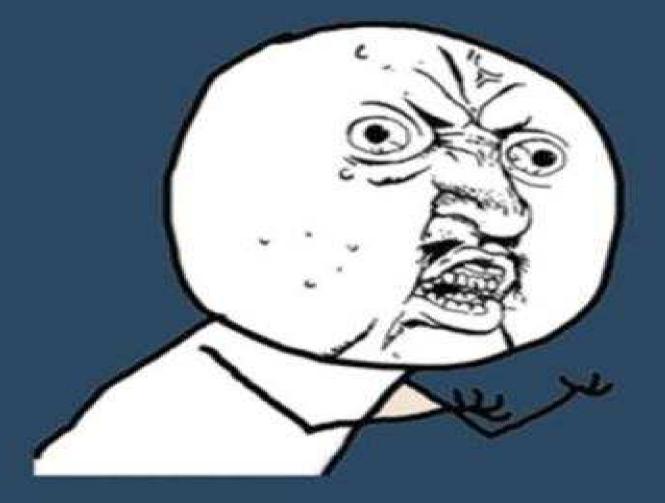
Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of Yahweh in all your dwellings. - Leviticus 23:3



## THE TRUE SHABBAT

• Shabbat lasts from Friday sundown, until Saturday sundown, a time in which we are to do no work and focus upon Yahweh's word. Even the most of devout modern Christians who worship on Sunday, don't even spend the entire day doing so, many attend the two hour morning service at Church and then run their own errands for the rest of the day or go to work. Is that really showing our dedication to keeping Yahweh's laws? After all that he has done for us, sacrificing his own Son so that we may have eternal life... You think we could take one day out of our lives to show our appreciation. He rewards those who are faithful to him, for those who love Him, keep His commandments.

# **LUKEWARM HYPOCHRISTIANS**



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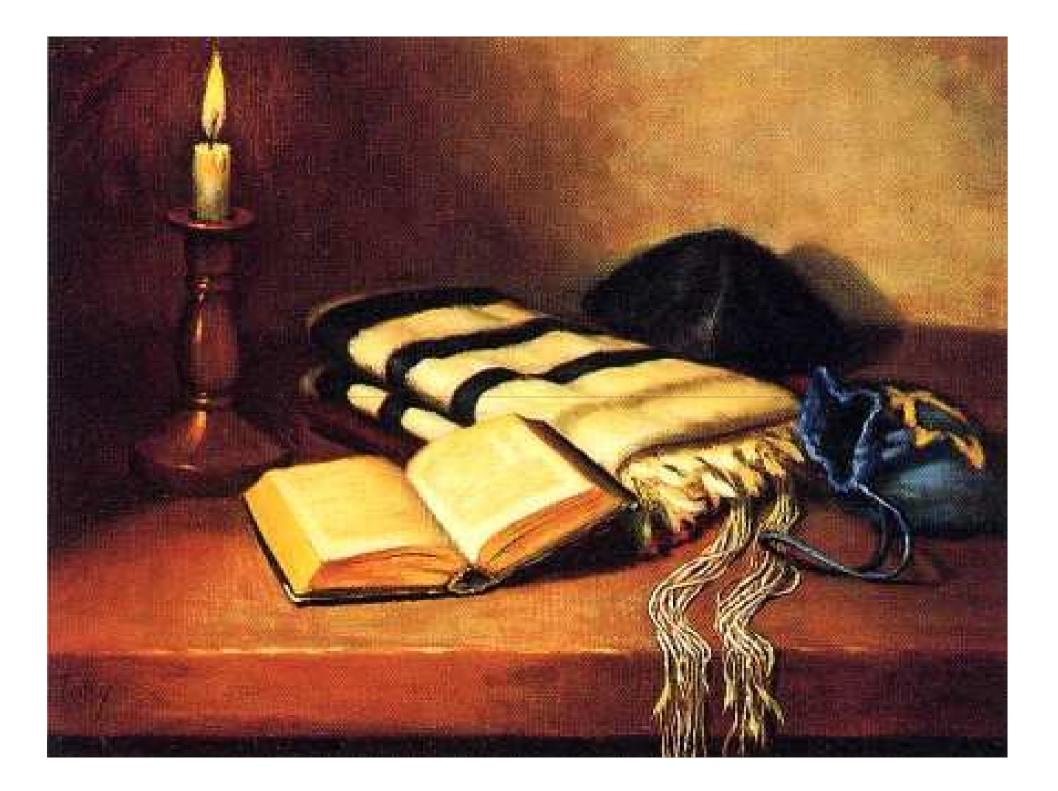


## YAHWEH'S VIEW ON: SHABBAT

And hallow my Shabbat; and they shall be a SIGN between me and you, that you may know that I am YAHWEH your Elohim"

#### - Ezekiel 20:20

Six days you shall labour and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Yahweh your Elohim. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days Yahweh made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore Yahweh blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.



## **PROFANING THE SHABBAT**

- All throughout history man has profaned the day Yahweh sanctified for rest. It was true even in the days when Isaiah was a prophet of Israel. Yahweh told him to stand in the gates of Jerusalem and instruct the rulers and people in Shabbat keeping, and rebuke them for their Shabbat desecration.
- - Isaiah 56:2-6, 58:13, 66:23
- 150 years later the prophet Nehemiah asked the people:
- Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, "What evil thing [is] this that you do, by which you profane the Shabbat day? 18 "Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our Elohim bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring added wrath on Israel by profaning the Shabbat."
- - Nehemiah 13:17



 Today is no exception. Keeping the Shabbat is not a popular thing amongst Christians. We find large numbers of people reserving the Shabbat for worldly things rather than for holy things. Many start out to work on Sabbath morning. Many others spend the day doing their dirtiest cleaning chores, attending sports activities, buying, selling and just overall ignoring the Sabbath commandment. In the last 50 years, even keeping the sabbath on the first day (Sunday) is ignored by those who believe in keeping it. Especially on days that it is inconvenient for them.



3 Let no foreigner who is bound to Adonai say, "Adonai will surely exclude me from his people." And let no eunuch complain, "I am only a dry tree."

4 For this is what Yahweh says:
"To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose what pleases me and hold fast to my covenant —

5 to them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will endure forever. 6 And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of Adonai, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—

> 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations. "

> > - Isaiah 56: 3-7

In at least 108 different languages of earth the name for the seventh day that corresponds with our "Saturday" is a word meaning "rest day" or "Sabbath". The following chart lists some examples:

<u>LANGUAGE</u>	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day <mark>6</mark>	Day 7
English	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Latin	Dios Solis (Day of the Sun)	Lunae (Moon)	Martis (Mars)	Mercurii (Mercury)	Jovis (Jupiter)	Veneris (Venus)	Saturni (Saturn)
Spanish	Domingo	Lunes	Martes	Miercoles	Jueves	Viernes	Sabado
Italian	Domenica	Lunedi	Martedi	Mercoledi	Giovedi	Venderdi	Sabato
African (Maba)	Ahad (One)	Ettenin (Two)	Ettelet (Three)	Araba (Fourth)	Xamis (Fifth)	Dzumma (Assembly)	Sab (Sabbath)
Russian	Voskresenje	Ponedjeljnik	Vtornik	Sereda	Cetvertok	Pjatnica	Subbota

## <u>SHABBAT IS A BLESSING!</u>

• This is why keeping the Shabbat is so essential to our spiritual growth. If we have one day out of the week that we can withdraw ourselves from the world and its influences and concentrate on keeping the day holy by worshipping, praying and studying Yahweh's word, it truly strengthens our faith and keeps us growing spiritually. Soon, keeping the Shabbat is no longer just a day of rest but rather a way of life! Often, the keeping of the Shabbat will keep us from falling away. The idea of breaking it becomes unthinkable because it is the way we live! Just as it would be unthinkable to not go to work during the week. Ask anyone who keeps the Shabbat the way Yahweh wants us to and they will testify that it is truly a blessing!! Most importantly, it is keeping the fourth commandment.



### THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GIVEN TO THOSE WHO KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

- Those who use the Shabbat day as a day for pursuing worldly pleasure, work or profit are not only missing out on a true spiritual blessing that will keep our minds and bodies strong, but are also missing out on receiving the blessing of His Ruaach HaKodesh (Holy Spirit), which leads us into all truth. Yahweh gives His Spirit to those who obey Him!
- Acts 5:32 "And we are His witnesses to these things, and [so] also [is] the Holy Spirit whom Yahweh has given to those who obey Him."

# Since the time of Constantine's Edict of Milan, Christianity has disowned it's Hebraic roots, and taken on pagan

traditions instituted by Roman sun-worshippers. Many Christians still live their lives in ignorance, however, unintentional ignorance is not a sin, but rebellion is. Knowing how Yahweh truly wants us to live, and continuing to worship in the traditions of paganism is rebellion against Yahweh. I hope that through this presentation that you feel convicted to keep Yahweh's everlasting ordinances, for they are not a thing of old, but are eternal. Yahweh never issued an expiry date for his laws, they apply to ever generation.

In at least 4 places in the Old Testament, we are commanded that the Feast Days are intended to be kept "for ever." (Ex. 12:14, 17; Lev. 23:41; 2Chr. 2:4).

The Saturday Shabbat, Yahweh's feasts and appointed times, and the Hebrew titles of our God and Messiah are not merely intended for the Jewish population, but for all followers of Yahshua from all walks of life.

Old habits do indeed die hard, for someone who has spent their entire life calling him 'Jesus Christ', celebrating Christmas and Easter and attending Sunday Church service, it can be a long process trying to correct your thought patterns and ingrained habits. Though nothing is impossible for those who those who love Yahweh, and you will receive blessings in the kingdom to come for your devotion to keeping his commandments. Yahweh just wants you to show your love for him through your obedience to his Word, and making an effort to keep his commandments demonstrates that.

John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments."