

to Saturn, the god of agriculture, and to the renewed power of the sun), also took place at this time, and some Christmas customs are thought to be rooted in this ancient pagan celebration” (1977, Vol. 6, p. 666).

YAH again warns us of keeping the ways of the nations, in 2 Thessalonians 2: 10-12:

*“And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth; that they might be saved. And for this cause Elohim (God) shall send them strong delusion; that they should believe a lie. That they all might be damned who believeth not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness”.*

Though these may seem like harsh words, the scriptures leave no room for error. It clearly spells out the indulgencies of the nations. To ignore the origins of Christmas and other pagan holidays is to be willfully blinded. Since the nations are so caught up in these customs and traditions it often proves easier to “go along to get along”.

So, before the first tree is lit up, or the first bow is placed on a gift, or before the first note is sung in a carol, remember the words of YAH as stated in Revelation 18:4: *“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, Come out of her my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues”.*

For a more in-depth look on this subject, please visit our website at [www.nccicharlotte.com](http://www.nccicharlotte.com) and look at a more in-depth article titled *Paganism* or contact us at 704-553-7625.

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2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.



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The crisp and aromatic winter air revolves around white lights and festive wreaths. In homes everywhere the sight of well-decorated trees and brightly-covered packages are stretched as far as the eye can see. The smell of savory foods and baked goods permeate the air. Ahhhh! The Christmas season is upon us once again.



The purpose of this brochure is to bring to light one of the most celebrated fables and traditions of men, vs. what YAH (God) has commanded us in the scriptures. Reader, we are warned repeatedly throughout the scriptures about following after the traditions of men rather than seeking after the things of YAH. 1 Timothy 1:4 states: *“Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith, so do.”*

**Jeremiah 10: 1-4** gives us a very clear illustration of the traditional Christmas tree. Why would YAH advise us not to place a Christmas tree in our home if this is a practice that he has sanctioned and a holiday to be celebrated by all? Jeremiah has this to say about this particular tradition: *“Hear ye the word which YAH speaks unto you, O’ House of Israel. Thus said YAH, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain, for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.”* Let us further examine the origins of this holiday.

Merriam-Webster defines Christmas as follows:

Christ-mas

Etymology: Middle English *Christemasse*, from Old English *Cristes mæsse*, **literally, Christ's mass** 1 : a **Christian** feast on December 25th or among some Eastern Orthodox on January 7th that commemorates the birth of **Christ** and is usually observed as a legal holiday

This definition clearly states that Christmas literally means Christ's mass. Mass is a Catholic gathering under Catholic precepts, this would prove to be very difficult since the Messiah was a practicing Hebrew of the Hebraic culture. In short, he would not have celebrated mass or the precepts of it.



If we research a little further it seems a bit odd that the winter solstice begins around the time of the celebration of Christ's so-called birthday. The definition of solstice spells out the time frame of this celebration.

Sol-stice

Etymology: Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *solstitium*, from *sol* sun + *-stit-*, *-stes* standing; akin to Latin *stare* to stand -- more at **SOLAR, STAND**

1: Either of the two points on the ecliptic, at which, its distance from the celestial equator is greatest and which is reached by the sun each year about June 22nd and December 22nd.

2: The time of the sun's passing, a solstice, which occurs about June 22nd to begin summer in the northern hemisphere and about December 22nd to begin winter in the northern hemisphere?

Lew White's book titled *Fossilized Customs* gives the origins of the birthday celebration and is explained as “The popular celebration of one's annual birthday is acknowledged to be, by all authorities on ancient customs, a Pagan ritual from

Babylon. The Babylonians served the sun, moon, planets, and constellations”. Scriptures, along with secular materials, portray a very simple and plain picture. The celebrating of this holiday has very little to do with Christ (Messiah) or honoring YAH. The prophet Isaiah says it best in Isaiah 30:1: *“Woe to the rebellious children, said YAH, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin”*.



During this time of the year many individuals go into debt with needless spending, by taking out loans and maxing out their credit cards in order to appease their child or children, a spouse, family member or friend.



Endless news reports show people shoving and pushing in malls and departments stores all across the country simply to get the latest and hottest item for a

gift. Many believe they are practicing righteousness by partaking in these non biblical holidays, but what they are really doing is following after the traditions of men. Proverbs 14:12 *There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

Encyclopedia Americana: The reason for establishing December 25th, as Christmas is some what obscure. But it is usually held that the day was chosen to correspond to pagan festivals that took place around the time of the winter solstice, when the days begin to lengthen, to celebrate the rebirth of the sun. The Roman Saturnalia a (festival dedicated