

Christmas



“Ye shall know the truth,
And
the truth shall make you free.”
John 8:32

The Birth of The Saviour King

“There were in the same country (of Bethlehem) shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.” “And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.” “And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.” *Luke 2:8-10*

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David (Bethlehem) a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.” “And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.” *Luke 2:11,12* (God provided our sacrificial lamb, born to die for our sins, according to his promise.) *Genesis 22:8, Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14, 9:6,7*

“And they (the shepherds) came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger (the wise men from the east did not go to the manger in Bethlehem).” *Luke 2:16*

“And when the days of her (Mary’s) purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished (33 days later), they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord.” *Luke 2:22* “And to offer a Sacrifice (**for her sins**) according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” *Luke 2:24, Leviticus 12:8*

“And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.” *Luke 2:39*

“Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star (*Numbers 24:10*) in the east, and are come to worship him.” *Matthew 2:1,2*

“When they had heard the king (he sent them to Bethlehem), they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before (led) them, till it came and stood over where the young child (who was about 2 years old) was (to a house in the town of Nazareth in Galilee).” *Matthew 2:9*

“And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh (God providing for the support of His Son).” *Matthew 2:11*

“And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.” *Matthew 2:12*

“And when they (the wise men) were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be there until I bring

thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.” *Matthew 2:13*

“Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.” *Luke 2:16*

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“The word Christmas comes from the early English phrase **Christes Masse**, which means **Christ’s Mass**.”(The Catholic **Abomination**.)

“In Great Britain, children **hang their stockings** by the fireplace, hoping that **Father** Christmas will leave them Christmas treats.”

“The **mince pie** developed from mutton pies. English cooks originally baked the pies in the **shape of a manger**.”

“In France, children put their shoes on the doorstep on Christmas Eve so that *Petit Noel*, or the **Christ Child**, can fill them with gifts.” (Jesus, Almighty God, still kept as a child as in Sun God worship. A woman, the Queen of heaven with the child, the Sun God in her arms.)

“Some Swiss also believe that **animals** can **speak** at midnight on Christmas Eve, and that **they kneel** in honor of the Christ Child.”

“The Italians...According to legend, *La Befana*, a kind of aged **fairy queen**, comes **down the chimney** with gifts for the children.” “Children listen eagerly for the **bell** she is supposed to ring.”

“A Norwegian custom is shooting in Christmas, which goes back to the ancient belief that **witches appear on Christmas night**.” “When young people go visiting, they creep up to the house and shoot a gun to frighten any witches.”

“In Finland, villagers cut **pine boughs** and pile them in a long, green carpet for the Christ Child from the top of a hill to the center of the village.”

“The Poles bake **small wafers** called oplatki with figures of the Nativity, and have them **blessed by the priest**.”

“In Yugoslavia, the Serbs serve roast pig in honor of *Bozhitch*, **an ancient sun god whose name means Christmas**.”

“In Japan, **the ancient god Hoteiosho** makes an excellent **Santa**, because he has eyes in the back of his head. With these extra eyes, he can watch how the children behave.”

“**St. Nicholas** served as bishop of Myra, in Asia Minor, in the A.D. 300's.”

“The Norse believed that the **goddess Hertha** **appeared in the fireplace** and brought good luck to the home.”

“In 1823, an American minister and poet, Clement C. Moore, first described Santa’s fur trimmed suit and his sleigh with reindeer in the poem “A Visit from St. Nicholas,” later called “The Night Before Christmas.”

“People in Scandinavia once **worshipped trees**. When they became Christians, they **made** their **sacred evergreen tree** part of **Christian** festivals.”

“The Romans exchanged **green tree branches** for **good luck** on the *calends* (first day) of January. The English took this custom over for Christmas.”

“The custom of burning the *Juul* (Log) came from the Norse and Anglo-Saxons. They burned a huge oak log once a year to **honor Thor, the god of thunder**.”

“Ancient Celtic priests, called **Druids**, used to give people sprigs of the plant (**Mistletoe**) as a **Charm**.”

“In the A.D. 100’s, the **bishop of Rome (the Pope)** urged his people to sing “in celebration of the birthday of our Lord. Christmas carols go back to the A.D. 400’s, when most of them were written in Latin. Priests strolled around their parishes on Christmas Eve singing carols.”

“**St. Francis of Assisi** is known as the **father** of caroling, because only church officials had been encouraged to sing carols before his time. In 1223, St. Francis placed a *crèche*, or miniature **Nativity scene**, in his church at Graecia, Italy.”

“In A.D. 354, **Bishop Liberius** of Rome (**the Pope**)

ordered the people to celebrate on December 25. He probably chose this date because the people of Rome already observed it as the **Feast of Saturn**, celebrating the **birthday of the sun**."

"The Puritans in England did away with the observance of Christmas by law in 1643. Colonists (the Pilgrims) in New England copied the English laws. The blue laws of the Massachusetts Bay and New Haven colonies even outlawed mince pies."

God's Words

"Thus saith the Lord, 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 gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not." *Jeremiah 10:2,3,4*

"Whilst their (heathen) children remember their altars (where they lay their gifts) and their groves by the **green trees upon the high hills." *Jeremiah 17:2***

"Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and **under every green tree: And ye shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars (Obelisks), and burn their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the**

graven images (statues) of their gods (Goddess and Saints whom they pray to), and destroy the names of them out of that place.” *Deuteronomy 12:2,3*

“There shall not be found among you.....**an observer of times**(Holidays and Holy days)” *Deu 18:10*

“Neither shalt thou use **enchancements** (1. the state of being under the influence of a magic spell or charm. 2. Something that charms or delights greatly.), **nor observe times.**” *Leviticus 19:26*

“But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? **Ye observe days** (Holidays and **Holy days Abominations**) , and months, and times, and years.” *Galatians 4:9,10* (Holy days, Abominations, like roads, all lead to the Pope of Rome and Hell.)

“The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” *John 4:23,24*

“The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” *2Tim 2:19*

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