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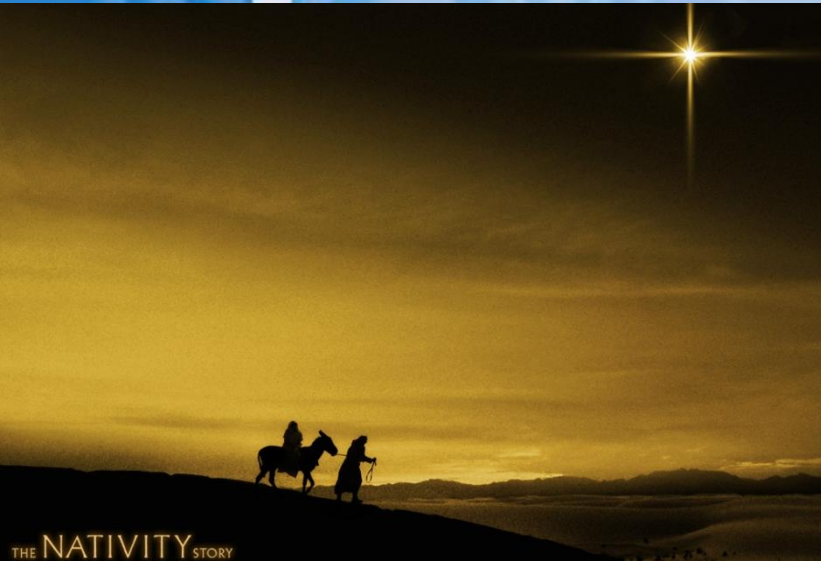


'Tis the Season to be Pagan: Christmas and It's Origins

AN ARK OF COVENANT MINISTRIES PRESENTATION

Christmastime

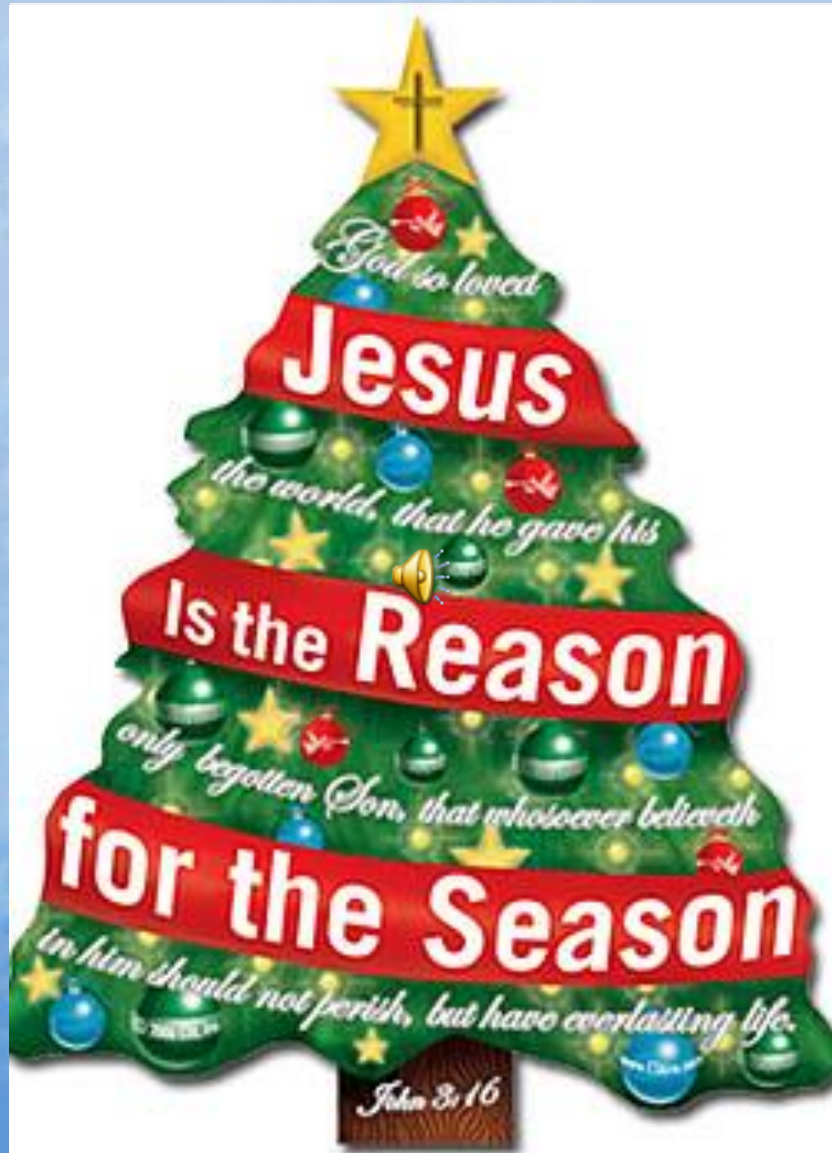




Nativity of Jesus Christ of Nazareth

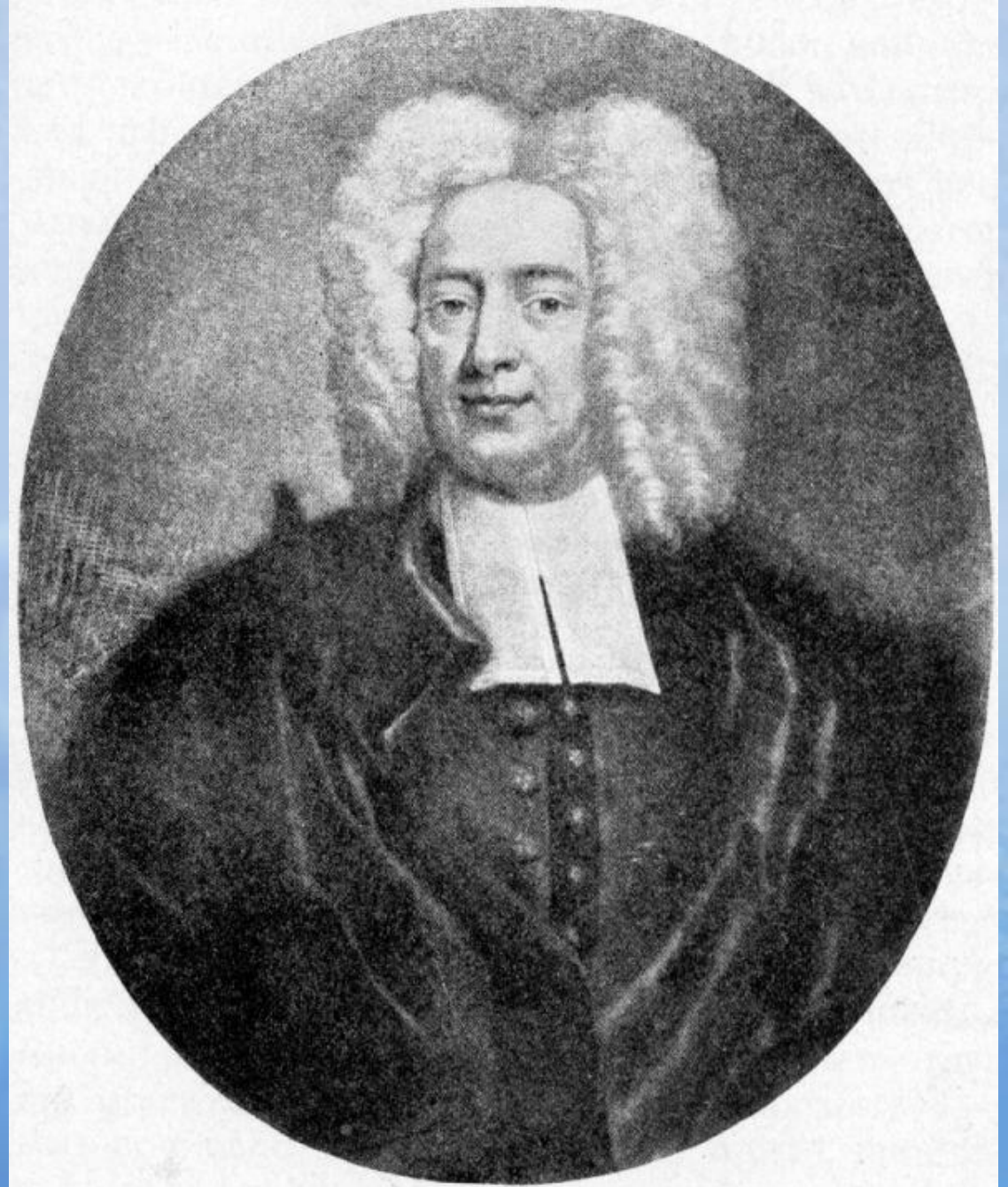


- As told in the Gospels of
 - Matthew 1:24-25
 - Luke 2:1-7



Christmas was Once Never Celebrated by Christians

- The early Church, starting with the Apostles of Jesus Christ, never celebrated the birth of Jesus.
- Much later in history around 1652 in England, a Puritan Minister said Christ is not honored during Christmas
- Earliest Nativity celebration was found to be celebrated at least 300 years after the start of the Apostolic Church
- 354 is the earliest date of celebration of Jesus birth



Reverend Cotton Mather

December 25th Date Setters?



Gregory of Nyssa 335 – 395



John Chrysostom 347–407



Gregory Nazianze 329 – 25 January 389 or 390

The Winter Solstice

Stonehenge

Winter Solstice December 2013



WINTER SOLSTICE
SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2013

Sun Worship on December 25th before
Christ's Birth



Nimrod



Semiramis and Tamuz



Women Weeping for Tamuz Ezekial 8:13-16

- Sun worship is an abomination to the Lord.
- Why do we celebrate Jesus birthday on the same day as this god?

Nimrod and Semiramis Also Known as

Nimrod

Osiris in Egypt
Baal in Phoenicia
Adonis in Greece
Cupid in Rome

Semiramis

Isis in Egypt
Ashtoreth in Phoenicia
Aphrodite in Greece
Venus in Rome



Baal is also Known as

Mithra in Persia
Osiris, Horus, and Ra in Egypt
Attis of Rome in Rome

- Mithra, Osiris and Attis are sun gods whose birthday's are on December 25th
- It is Mithra that is important here because he was known as the god of the unconquerable sun



Mithra the Unconquerable Sun

- The birthday of the unconquered sun “was probably first celebrated in Rome by order of the Emperor Aurelian (270-5), an ardent worshipper of the Syrian sun-God Baal” (Miles 23).

Roman Feast of Saturnalia

- In addition to worshiping Mithra, Saturn, the god of seed sowing and wealth was also honored during this time in a celebration called Saturnalia.
- [History of Saturnalia Clip](#)
- On December 25th the festival of Saturnalia ended with the exchange of gifts. It is from here that we derive our giving of gifts today on Christmas.
- This tradition of gift giving did not come from the wise men giving Jesus frankincense, myrrh and gold.

What Have We Learned so Far?

- Jesus birth was fixed by the Catholic Church around 300s
 - Because Saturnalia and sun god worship was so popular, pagans were reluctant to give it up to convert to Christianity.
 - So the December 25th birthday of the sun god Mithra, now became the birthday of the Son of God, Jesus.
- Christians once never celebrated Christ on this day because of its pagan origins

Can We know when Christ was Born?

- There is no Biblical evidence that directly states when Christ was born
- There is also no Biblical command that we should celebrate His birth
- This does not mean that we cannot celebrate His birth, but if we are going to celebrate it, we can't deliberately do so on the same birthday as another pagan god. 🛎
- In Joshua 24:14-15 “Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve;...”

The Christmas Tree and Star on Top

- [Clip about the Christmas Tree and the star atop it](#)
 - The star that is placed atop the Christmas tree is sometimes an eight pointed star also known as the sunburst or solar wheel.
 - Solar wheel is representative of sun god worship. Surprisingly, it is seen in Roman Catholic Churches.
- Christmas Tree Represents an Obelisk
 - Obelisks are found all over the world. According to Masonic and occult history, the word ‘obelisk’ literally means ‘Baal’s shaft’ or Baal’s organ of reproduction. “It is almost always placed in the center of a circle, which represents the female genitalia and the physical sexual act.”
 - [Obelisk Clip](#)
 - But how does the [Christmas tree](#) relate to the obelisk? The Christmas Tree took the place inside the pagan home of the obelisk as a picture or symbol of the sun god”





UNDER
THE
MISTLETOE



Why Kiss Under Mistletoe

- “The Celts believed that the slimy berries were drops of semen from the cosmic bull that impregnated the fecund goddess Earth...”
- Possibly, this is the reason why mistletoe is related to fertility.
 - It is placed in the bedroom to promote conception
 - It is as a remedy to prevent infertility
- This is why a woman standing under it can be kissed and not resist

Santa Claus

- Linked to Oden, god of death rode on an eight legged horse which came to represent the 8 reindeer. Rudolph was added later to make 9 reindeer.

- Oden also carries with him dark helpers called Krampus which later evolve into the elves we know today.

- Krampus is also known as Knecht Ruprecht who punishes bad children

- Linked to St. Nicholas of Patra known for his secret gift giving

- Linked to Shamanism, a practices that involved reaching altered states of consciences to access the spirit world

- Shaman have bells as Santa has them on the harness for reindeer

- Shaman wear red as Santa does

- Shaman are said to have magical gifts of prophecy. Santa's reindeer are magical.

- Why does Santa come down [chimney](#)?



Should Christians Celebrate Christmas

- What then can we say about celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on a day which the Lord never told us to? As long as we don't acknowledge Mithra or the other sun gods, or Santa, or put up a Christmas tree, or participate in drunken revelry or decorate our homes with greenery and lights, as non Christians do, December 25th can still be a special day to remember Christ's birth, right?
- In light of the information presented here, while celebrating Christmas for the sole purpose of remembering and honoring Jesus birth may seem right in our eyes, we have to stop and think if it is right in the eyes of God.



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