### MYTH BUSTERS Part IV – the Finalé

# Exposing the Roots of Paganistic Myths and Beliefs in Modern Christianity

Jude 1:3; 2 Tim. 3:12-4:4 & Rev. 17 & 18

#### **Review:**

- 1 Timothy 4:1-3:
- 1. Doctrines/teachings of <u>deceitful</u> spirits and <u>demons</u>
- 2. Forbid Marriage
- 3. Forbid Certain foods at certain times

#### Rev 2:12-15 & 20:

- 1. Teachings that lead people to stray away from the Truth
- 2. Teaching idolatry is O.K.

#### Rev 2:12-15 & 20:

- 3. Blending Paganism with Christianity
- 4. Separation of <u>Clergy</u> from the Laity → the laity are just lower class dumb folk

Rev 2:12-15 & 20: Jezebel -> Babel -> Babylon → Pagan Sun God Worship → Ba'al, Ashtoreth (*Easter*), Tammuz

Rev 2:12-15 & 20:

Jezebel -> Babel -> Babylon →

Ancient <u>SUN</u> god worship

It all Goes BACK to Babylon

#### Rev Chapters 17 & 18:

- 1. Harlot-Woman is Mystery Babylon
- 2. Rides on back of anti-christ's Kingdom
- 3. Commits Spiritual Immorality with Governments / Kings of the Earth

#### Rev Chapters 17 & 18:

- 4. Drunk with the <u>Blood</u> of the saints martyrs of Jesus Christ
- 5. Is both a Religious Institution and a City
- 6. Full of riches and opulent clothing

Rev Chapters 17 & 18:

7. GOD is calling HIS <u>People</u> out of that Bablyonian/Pagan Religious system...

#### **Question:**

With all of this prophetic evidence – who / what do you think God is talking about???

No need to Answer now... (1 Peter 5:13)

1 Peter 5:13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark.

Peter was writing this from ROME – which He calls Babylon. Interesting... Indeed!!!

### So – Who is this Harlot who rides on the Beast?

"I know for certain that the papacy is the kingdom of Babylon and the power of Nimrod (Genesis 19:8-9)"

Martin Luther (1520 A.D.)

"The Babylonian Captivity of the Church"

To the Protestant Reformers – those that fought for our beliefs – they thought of the Roman Catholic Church as the HARLOT in Rev. 17 & 18

Please find and read – Foxe's "Book of Martyrs"

And

"A Woman Rides the Beast"
by Dave Hunt

#### Encyclopedia Americana:

"Christmas -- it was according to many authorities not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian Church as the

#### Encyclopedia Americana:

"... Christian usage in general was to celebrate the death of remarkable persons rather than their birth. A feast was established in memory of the birth

Encyclopedia Americana:
"... of the Saviour in the Fourth
Century. In the Fifth Century the
Western Church ordered it to be

#### Encyclopedia Americana:

"... celebrated forever on the day of the old Roman Feast of the birth of Sol." (i.e.: December 25th, Birth Day of Mithras – "Natalis Sol Invitus")

William Prynne (Puritan Protestant):
"Our Christmas lords of Misrule,
together with dancing, masques,
mummeries, stage-players, and such
other Christmas disorders, now in use

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"... Bacchanalian festivals; which should cause all pious Christians eternally to abominate them"

Because of his attitude toward

Christmas and the pagan rituals still
observed by the professing Christian
Church, William Prynne was placed in a
pillory and his ears were cut off.

### William Prynne (Puritan Protestant): 1660-1669 – Oxford Graduate

Facts about "Christmas"

1. The Early Church did NOT celebrate this "holiday" – for over 300 years

Facts about "Christmas"

2. Almost all the rituals, symbols, decorations derive from pre-Christian Pagan Worship of false gods and idols.

Facts about "Christmas"

3. Mithra – the son of the Sun God... his birthday for centuries prior to Christ was December 25<sup>th</sup>...

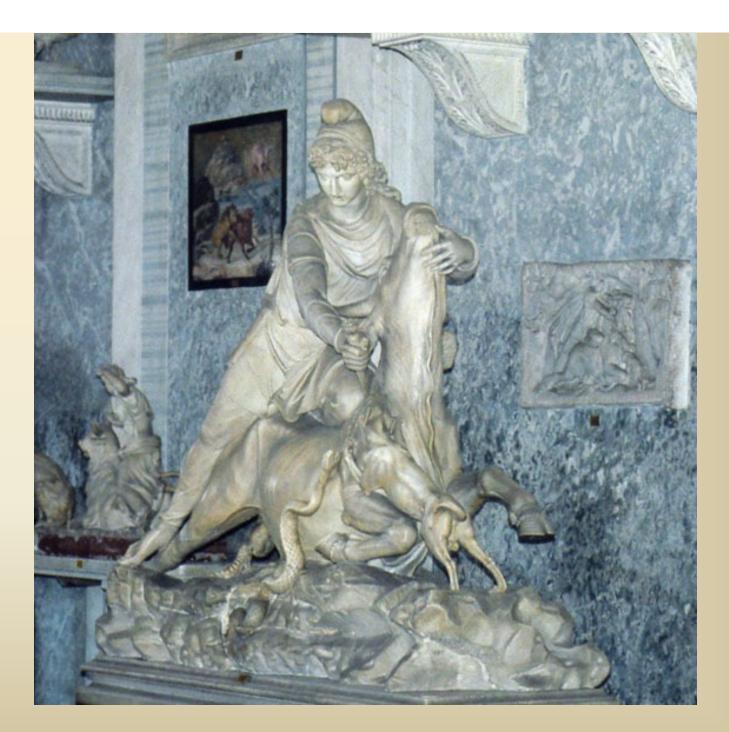
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3. Mithra = Tammuz
Natalis Sol Invictus → from which we get the term "Nativity"

Mithra
Notice
His Hat



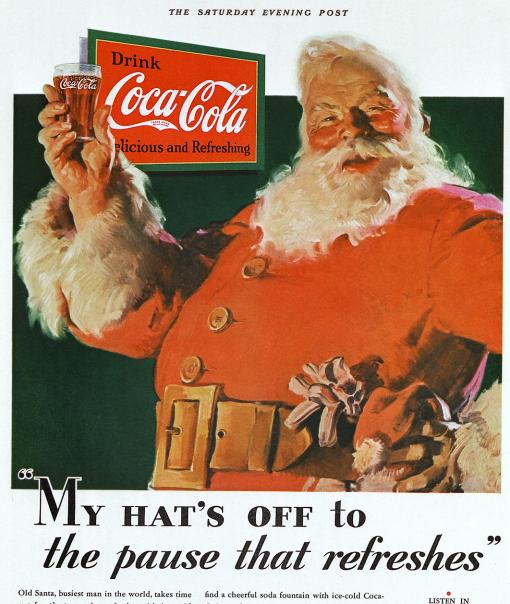
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4. <u>Santa Claus</u> – from St. Nicolas into god-like qualities, chief of the elves, an elf himself... the god Odin with black Pete... whipping bad kids, etc.

The Coca-Cola Santa Claus created by artist Haddon Sunblom

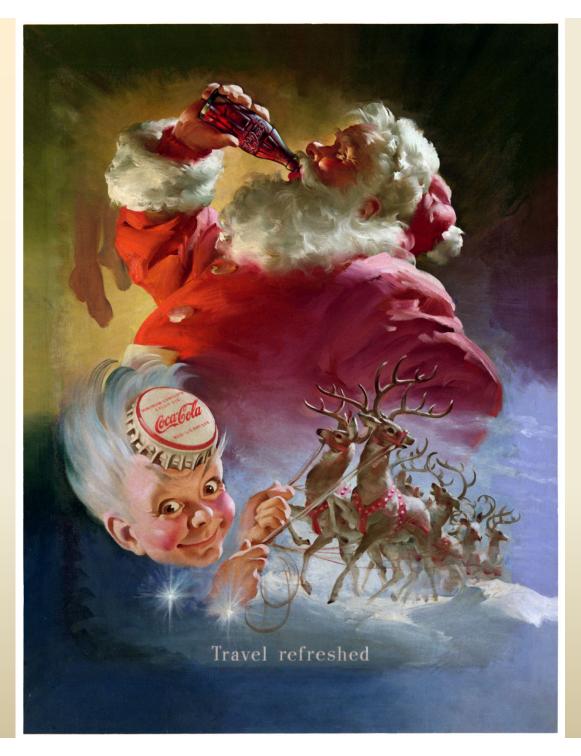


had its debut in 1931 in *The* Saturday Evening Post.

out for the pause that refreshes with ice-cold Coca-Cola. He even knows how to be good to himself. And so he always comes up smiling. So can you. Wherever you go shopping, you

The Coca-Cola Co., Atlanta, Ga

OVER NINE MILLION A DAY , , , IT HAD TO BE GOOD TO GET WHERE IT IS



In the 1949 Coca-Cola Santa Claus artwork, Santa appears with another character created by artist Haddon Sundblom - Sprite Boy.

Facts about "Christmas"

5. Christmas Trees – male fertility
symbol from pre-Christian times – from
Ba'al, Ashtoreth, and Tammuz worship

Facts about "Christmas"

5. <u>Christmas Trees</u> – used in the Roman Feast Saturnalia and *Mithra* celebrations around the time of Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – gifts given to each other from under the tree, etc.

Facts about "Christmas"

6. Yule – as in "Yule Tide" celebration... comes from old Norse Wotan/Odin worship of the son of the Sun God

Facts about "Christmas"

6. Yule – worship of the son of the Sun God coming back to life after winter solstice. (It echos back to Tammuz from Babel)

Why you do what you do, regarding *Christmas* is between you and God...

But, is it based on God's Word? Why are you doing what you do?

Is it because of <u>peer pressure</u>, human traditions, <u>comfort</u>, the <u>relatives</u>... or because you are convinced from God's Word you should do it that way?

**See Romans 14:1-13** 

#### **Romans 14:5-6a**

(5) "One person regards one day above another, another regards every day alike.

**Romans 14:5-6a** 

(5) "... Each person must be <u>fully</u> convinced in his own mind.

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(6) He who observes the day, observes it for the LORD,..."

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Easter →

This <u>Word</u> is not found in any English Translations of the Bible, except for KJV

Easter → The Word is "Pascha" (Greek)
μετὰ τὸ πάσχα
In Acts 12:4 – it is erroneously
translated in the KJV Bible

"Pascha" πάσχα (Greek)
It is the word we use for "Passover"

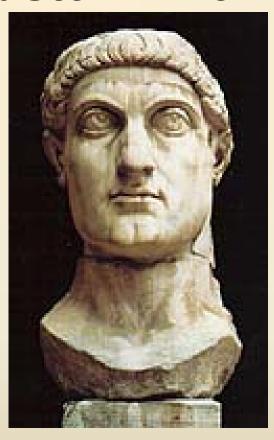
There is no indication of the observance of the <u>Easter</u> festival in the New Testament, or in the writings of the Apostolic Fathers...

The first Christians continued the observance of the Jewish festivals, though in a new spirit,

as commemorations of events which those festivals had foreshadowed," (Encyclopaedia Britannica, 11th edition, p.828). *Jesus* is the fulfillment of Passover

Easter – Her Origins - not a pretty site...

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1. Supposedly converted to Christianity in 313 AD (Milvian Bridge – sign of the cross in the SUN)

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2. Presided over the Nicaean Creed Council in 325 AD. His titles were Pontifex Maximus, Vicarius Christi, and Bishop of Bishops

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3. Wrote a letter to those who did not attend meeting stating "Easter" is better than "Passover"

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4. Eastern/middle-eastern church rebelled against "Easter" and chose to keep Passover as Biblical remembrance of Christ's Death & Resurrection

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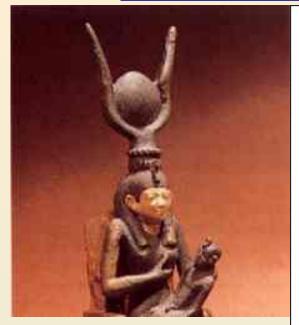
4. Eastern/middle-eastern church already knew that "Easter" was a pagan goddess from Babylon... that is why they rejected it (her).

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5. "Easter" → Eostre → Isis → Ishtar → Ashtoreth → Ashera → Astarté
 That Pagan goddess already had:

5. That Pagan goddess already had a "Good Friday" (fish Friday -> Fish God – "black Friday") celebration AND

5. That Pagan goddess already had an "Easter Sunrise" celebration... as well many years prior to Christ. PAGAN SUN GOD WORSHIP







Constantine – working with a persecution wearied church – caused spiritual immorality – and blended a pagan "Easter" celebration with Christianity – and it became what we have today

Why Rabbits and Eggs?
They are the Female Fertility symbols of Venus, Aphrodite, Astarté, Ashtoreth, Ishtar, Isis... that is why Rabbits and Eggs are prevelant during Easter

Temple prostitutes of Adonis – had children with woman who offer themselves to Astarté in her Temple.

Then when these woman come back a year later... with their 3 month old children

They offer their 3 month old children as a sacrifice by slitting their throats and spilling their innocent blood on the Altar of Astarté

Then they took hard-boilded eggs and dipped them in the Blood of the innocents... that is how "decorating" Easter eggs began.

Now you see the connection between Easter eggs and children. Not a pretty site indeed.

Rabbits and Eggs... Rabbits multiply
Venus, Aphrodite, Astarté, Ashtoreth,
Ishtar, Isis... that is why Rabbits and
Eggs are prevelant during Easter FEMALE FERTILITY SYMBOLS

#### **Halloween**

All Saints Day -> Roman Church sought to Christianize a very evil celebration of the dead and departed spirits... it still has those old PAGAN trappings today... need I say more...?

#### **The Harlot of Rome**

She sought to Christianize many pagan worship celebrations and in the process she became Paganized herself... and she has not changed since then.

#### Lessons:

1. This should be a Warning to Us... we need to avoid compromising with paganistic practices – that may seem Christian on the surface...

#### Lessons:

2. Any "church" organization can become like that "Harlot" – spiritually committing immorality with the World and Paganism

#### Lessons:

3. After seeing all the evidence from Scripture and from History for the past 4 weeks... you must decide what you will do with it – in light of God's desires.

Regarding the Harlot of Rome, God says, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues..."

Revelation 18:4