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CHRISTMAS STORY

# PAT ROBERTSON DECLARES CHRISTMAS IS

## **PAGAN**

"It's all completely pagan" Robertson said in a recent interview, "but we have Christianized it!" He says as he chuckles about man's ability to consecrate what has declared an abomination.

Where did the pagan traditions originate? On the plains of Shinar or in the mind of Ham? Genesis 10; 6-11, And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan. And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabtechah: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan. And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth, and Calah,

Nimrod is mentioned in the Bible but his wife is not. What do we know about Semiramis? She is known by many names -Ishtar, Easter, Isis, Aphrodite, Ashtoreth, Astarte. If these names are not in the Bible, How do we know about them? **Epic of Gilgamesh and other** Mesopotamian sources.

The names of people and places are important

Joshua 9:10

And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth\*. Ashtaroth was a city in the land of Bashan east of the Jordan River. It has a similar name and was most likely named for Nimrod's wife.

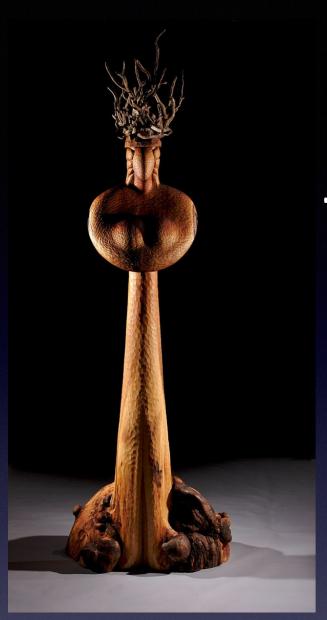
#### **Exodus 34:13**

Instead, you must tear down their altars, smash their sacred pillars, and chop down their Asherah poles.

Asherah named after Astarte

After Nimrod's death, Semiramis promoted the belief that he was a god. She claimed that she saw a full-grown evergreen tree spring out of the roots of a dead tree stump, symbolizing the springing forth of new life for Nimrod. On the anniversary of his birth, she said, Nimrod would visit the evergreen tree and leave gifts under it. His birthday fell on the winter solstice at the end of December.

From Forerunner Commentary



The fertility symbols





Of the Ancient world?

Jeremiah 10; 2 - 5, 2 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 silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.

# Isaiah 14; 3, 7 - 8 And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord

shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,

The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

## Pat Robertson mentioned the Roman law was suspended during Saturnalia, Based on the Greek Kronia, Saturnalia became a 2 week long holiday. All government was shut down and all work stopped at the time of the winter solstice.

From, John Matthews, The Winter Solstice: The Sacred Traditions of Christmas (Godsfield Press, 1998) and other sources.

### I have some questions about that...

- 1. Why would Joseph travel to Jerusalem for a census during a time when no one would be available to count him?
- 2. Why would he take his pregnant wife into a situation where complete disregard for any law be prevalent?
- 3. Why would people of average intelligence not question these things before?

## The results are the same



### **Excuses believers make to celebrate Christmas**

We are celebrating the birth of Jesus So you need a tree and lights for a birthday party?

Jesus is the reason for the season

Why the need for a 2 month long shopping spree?

But that's not what it means to me...

Really???

Where in the Bible is mankind granted the authority to Christianize or to consecrate the unholy to make it holy?

ושועו were here right now, who would he instruct us to celebrate and worship? What days would ישוע instruct us to observe?