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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 יהוה 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?**

If **ישוע** were here right
now, who would he
instruct us to celebrate
and worship?

What days would **ישוע**
instruct us to observe?