


O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum du bist ein edler Zweig!

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Shalom Brethren,

This week I am going to show you where we get the notion to have a Christmas tree and how our ancestors in Israel kept it. I am also going to show you how the infamous Christmas tree is in fact a prophecy and each year when they cut down the tree they are in fact reminding themselves of this prophecy that is throughout your bible. At least that is what they are supposed to be doing.

No I am not endorsing the Christmas tree. Like Yehovah I am condemning it because of what it represents.

It is once again that time of year and you have no doubt heard all the arguments for and against the keeping of Christmas. They are the exact same ones people used for the keeping of Chanukah. We are not doing it as the pagans do. We do not keep those traditions. What we do is dedicated to Jesus or to Yehshua depending on which one you keep.

Today all over you hear people saying bring Jesus back into the Christmas story. Or keep the Chanukah season about the Maccabees and not the Chanukah bush. People say they do not do the traditions but stick to the true story. They will read the book of Maccabees or if they are Christian they will read the book of Luke which was part of our Torah study last week. But in both cases they are trying to justify why they should continue to keep this pagan time of the year.

Read how the Puritans kept Christmas. Most people think highly of the Puritans so this should be interesting.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_in_Puritan_New_England

Christmas celebrations in Puritan New England (1620-1850?) were culturally and legally suppressed and thus, virtually non-existent. The Puritan community found no Scriptural

justification for celebrating Christmas, and associated such celebrations with paganism and idolatry. The earliest years of the Plymouth colony were troubled with non-Puritans attempting to make merry, and Governor William Bradford was forced to reprimand offenders. English laws suppressing the holiday were enacted in the Interregnum, but repealed late in the 17th century. However, the Puritan view of Christmas and its celebration had gained cultural ascendancy in New England, and Christmas celebrations continued to be discouraged despite being legal. When Christmas became a Federal holiday in 1870, the Puritan view was relaxed and late nineteenth century Americans fashioned the day into the Christmas of commercialism, liberal spirituality, and nostalgia that most Americans recognize today.

Puritan view of Christmas

Christmas was a target in the ideological warfare of the European Protestant Reformation.[1] Most Anabaptists, Quakers, Congregational and Presbyterian Puritans regarded the day as an abomination while Anglicans, Lutherans, the Dutch Reformed and other denominations embraced the holiday and joined Roman Catholics in celebrating it.[1][2] When the Church of England promoted the Feast of the Nativity as a major religious holiday, the Puritans attacked it as residual Papist idolatry.[1]

The Puritan community in New England heaped contempt upon the holiday, called it 'Foolstide',[3] and suppressed attempts to celebrate the day for several reasons. First, no holy days were sanctioned in Scripture,[1][4] and secondly, they saw men dishonoring the Lord by engaging in the most egregious and excessive behaviors during the Christmas season.[1][4] The Puritan also argued that December 25 was ahistorical, and Jesus was more likely to have been born in September or October. They regarded the selection of the December date as an early Christian hijacking of a Roman festival,[1] and, in their view, to celebrate a December Christmas was to defile oneself by paying homage to a pagan custom.[1] The Puritan view prevailed in New England for almost two centuries.[4]

The Puritan year was one of the most leisure less ever adopted by mankind with approximately 300 working days compared to the 240 typical of worldwide cultures from Ancient Rome to modern America.[5] Days of rest in the New England calendar were few, and restricted to Sabbath, election day, Harvard commencement day, and days of thanksgiving and public humiliation.[5] Non-Puritans in New England bridled at the loss of the traditional holidays of England such as Christmas and eschewed the strictures against the merrymaking, gaming, feasting, sporting, and revelry associated with them.[5]

Christmas in Puritan New England

The Plymouth Pilgrims put their loathing for the day into practice in 1620 when they spent their first Christmas Day in the New World toiling in the fields, building their first structure, and going about routine tasks – thus demonstrating their complete contempt for the day.[6]

A year later on December 25, 1621, Governor William Bradford led a work detail into the forest and discovered some recent arrivals among the crew had scruples about working on the day.

[1][5] Bradford noted in his history of the colony, Of Plymouth Plantation:

“On the day called Christmas Day, the Governor called [the settlers] out to work as was usual. However, the most of this new company excused themselves and said it went against their consciences to work on that day. So the Governor told them that if they made it [a] matter of conscience, he would spare them till they were better informed; so he led away the rest and left them.”[7]

When the Governor and his crew returned home at noon they discovered those left behind playing stool-ball, pitching the bar, and pursuing other sports.[6] Bradford confiscated their implements, reprimanded them, forbade any further reveling in the streets, and told them their devotion for the day should be confined to their homes.[1]

Massachusetts and Connecticut followed the Plymouth colony in refusing to condone any observance of the day.[1] When the Puritans came to power in England following the execution of King Charles I, Parliament enacted a law in 1647 abolishing Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide.[1][6] The Puritans of New England then passed a series of laws making any observance of Christmas illegal.[8] A Massachusetts law of 1659 punished offenders with a hefty five shilling fine.[6][8]

In the article about Chanukah being Mithraism

(https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=692) I showed you how the Festival of Lights which is what Chanukah is, is the same as Christmas and as Deepavali and Chaharshanbe Suri which are the exact same pagan festivals with different names celebrated by different cultures wrapped in different coloured Christmas paper. It is all Mithraism, the worship of Mithra which Yehovah hates. Keep reading and learn why!

This week I have to tell you about the infamous Christmas tree. You all know the song

O Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum du bist ein edler Zweig!
Du grünest uns den Winter, die liebe Sommerzeit

O fir tree, o fir tree,

You are a noble branch.

You become green to us in the winter

As to the summer time.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/O_Tannenbaum

A Tannenbaum is a fir tree (German die Tanne) or Christmas tree (der Weihnachtsbaum). Its evergreen qualities have long inspired musicians to write several “Tannenbaum” songs in German.

The best known version was penned in 1824 by a Leipzig organist and teacher named Ernst Anschütz. The melody is an old folk tune. The first known “Tannenbaum” song lyrics date back to 1550. A similar 1615 song by Melchior Franck (1573-1639) goes: „Ach Tannenbaum, ach Tannenbaum, du bist ein edler Zweig! Du grünest uns den Winter, die liebe Sommerzeit.“

<http://www.funtrivia.com/askft/Question8733.html>

The use of evergreen trees in connection with celebrating the Christ mass at the winter solstice is believed to have originated in Germany in the 1500's. There were instances of many families, whether rich or poor, celebrating the holiday with fanciful decorations on fir trees. There are even references to the selling of Christmas trees in the villages were gathered from the forests. Over the next couple of centuries, the tradition of the Christmas tree was established from London to Lisbon, and from Paris to St. Petersburg. In the late 1700's, during the American Revolution, Hessian mercenaries introduced the custom to this country. The Germans are also given credit for introducing the Christmas tree in Canada, where in 1781 a German immigrant named Baron von Riedesel put up the first Christmas tree (a balsam fir) in Sorel, Quebec. Equally famous is Charles Minnegerode, another German immigrant, who is fondly remembered for having introduced the custom in Williamsburg, Virginia, in 1842. The first documented instance of the retailing of Christmas trees in America occurred in 1851, when a Pennsylvanian by the name of Mark Carr hauled two ox sleds loaded with trees down from the Catskill Mountains to the city of New York.

I have shared this little bit of trivia about the German people bringing the tree to North America for one reason. The Germans are descendants of the Assyrians who came from Asshur. Asshur was the leading group of people who followed Nimrod. When Nimrod was executed it was Asshur that helped to glorify him. One of those ways was by the emblem of the fir tree.

Some people dare you to find where we are told to keep Christmas in the scriptures. Today I am going to show you. We are not told to keep Christmas, but ancient Israel did keep it long before there was ever a Yehshua or a Jesus. This week I am going to show you so that you will know that our ancestors, the Twelve Tribes of Israel also kept Christmas just like many of you now do. And it is still wrong!

We will begin in Jeremiah 10: 1 Hear the word which ???? speaks to you, O house of Yisra'el. 2 Thus said ????, "Do not learn the way of the gentiles, 1 and do not be awed by the signs of the heavens, for the gentiles are awed by them. 2 Footnotes: 1 Lev. 18:3, Dt. 12:30 & 18:9, Ezek. 11:12 & 20:32, Eph. 4:17, 1 Peter 4:3. 2 Dt. 4:19 & 17:3. 3 "For the prescribed customs of these peoples are worthless, for one cuts a tree from the forest, work for the hands of a craftsman with a cutting tool. 4 "They adorn it with silver and gold, they fasten it with nails and hammers so that it does not topple. 5 "They are like a rounded post, and they do not speak. They have to be carried, because they do not walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they do no evil, nor is it in them to do any good." 6 There is none like You, O ????. You are great, and great is Your Name in might. 7 Who would not fear You, O Sovereign of the nations? For this is Your due, for among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their reigns, there is none like You. 8 They are both brutish and foolish, an instruction of worthlessness is the tree. 9 Silver is beaten into plates; it is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the craftsman and of the hands of the smith; draped in blue and purple; all of them are the work of skilled ones.

Jeremiah lived during the fall of Judah in 586 BC. Yes in 586 BC Jeremiah was scolding not just Judah but Israel who had already gone into captivity 137 years previously. Jeremiah was scolding all of the tribes for cutting down trees and fastening them with nails and decorating them with silver and gold.

Burt Ives sings the Christmas song Silver and Gold in the movie we all watched called Rudolph the Red nose reindeer.

Stephen also spoke of Christmas just before he was stoned in Acts 7: 42 “So Elohim turned and gave them up to worship the host of the heaven, as it has been written in the book of the Prophets, ‘Did you bring slaughtered beasts and offerings unto Me during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Yisra’el? 43 ‘And you took up the tent of Molek, and the star of your mighty one Kiyyun, images which you made to bow before them.

This star is today the Star of David and is often put at the top of the Christmas tree. Kiyyun Molech is none other than Nimrod whom we have already talked about. But the Star you can read about at https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=331 where I show What Pagan sign represents your faith. The star is another symbol of Nimrod.

<http://www.ccg.org/english/s/p222.html>

Acts quotes Amos 5:25-27 to show that Israel, and now Judah, had always been idolaters.

Amos 5:25-27 “Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? 26 You shall take up Sakkuth your king, and Kaiwan your star-god, your images, which you made for yourselves; 27 therefore I will take you into exile beyond Damascus,” says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts. (RSV)

The terms Sakkuth and Kaiwan are rendered in the RSV and held to designate known Assyrian deities. While in the wilderness, Israel had a pure direct relationship with God that did not require sacrifice (Jer. 2:2-3; Hos. 2:14-20; 9:10). The MT is held by Green (Interlinear Bible) to read the booths of your king (SHD 5522 and 4428) and Kiyyun (SHD 3594), your images (SHD 6754) the star (SHD 3556) of your gods (elohim). The term kiyyun is actually derived from SHD 3559 kuwn (pronounced koon) to stand erect, hence as a statue and thus an idol or phallus.

To this day, the star of the god Remphan or Kaiwan or Chiun stands on the Israeli flag as the star of David, which it is not. It and the crescent moon stand on the flag of Islam also, symbolizing the Morning Star of the planet, which is the god of this world (2Cor. 4:4). It is of note that the terms Kaiwan/Kiyyun and Remphan are understood to be interchangeable from New Testament and Old Testament. The Septuagint (LXX) renders the text the tabernacle of Moloch and the star of your god Raephan (‘Raiphan) (cf. Brenton’s translation of the LXX).

The Peshitta has the term Malcom and Chiun in Amos 5:26.


But you carried the tabernacle of Malcom and Chiun your idol, the star which you made a god to yourselves.

Moloch and Malcom are the same deity. Thus the tabernacle or Sukkoth was understood to be that of Moloch and the star was of Raiphan as at the translation of the LXX, or Malcom and Chiun from the Aramaic (cf. Lamsa's translation of the Peshitta). We are dealing with the fertility rites of Moloch and the Raiphan system. This fertility system has underpinned Israelite idolatry from the Exodus, through the kings, and at the time of Amos, and right after the captivity to the time of the Apostles.

The Soncino commentary sides with the identification of the deities as the Assyrian Siccuth and Kaiwan, the latter being Saturn.

So let us see where the Christmas tree comes into religion and what it represents.

<http://philologos.org/eb-ttb/images/fig36.htm>

From BRYANT: the first figure, the divided bull, is from vol. iii. p. 303;  the second, the god on the fish, from the same vol., p. 338. The former is just another symbol of that which is represented by the mighty tree cut asunder (see Christmas and Lady-day). That tree represented Nimrod as "the mighty one" cut in pieces in the midst of his power and glory. The divided man-bull symbolises him as "The prince" who was cut asunder in like manner; for the name for a prince and a bull is the same. The fish over the bull shows the transformation he was supposed to undergo when put to death by his enemies; for the story of Melikerta, who with his mother Ino was cast into the sea, and became a sea-god (SMITH's Class. Dict., "Athamas," p. 100), is just another version of the story of Bacchus, for Ino was the foster-mother of Bacchus (SMITH, sub voce "Dionysus," p. 226). Now, on the second medal, Melikerta, under the name of Palaemon, is represented as triumphantly riding on the fish, his sorrows being over, with the fir-tree, or pine, the emblem of Baal-Berith, "Lord of the Covenant," as his ensign. This, compared with what is stated ... about the Christmas-tree, shows how the fir-tree came to be recognised in the character of the Christmas-tree. The name Ghelas above the divided bull and the fish is equivocal. As applied to the fish, it comes from Ghela, "to exult or leap for joy," as dolphins and such like fished do in the sea; as applied to the divinity, whom both the fish and the bull represented, it comes from Ghela, "to reveal," for that divinity was the "revealer of goodness and truth" (WILKINSON, vol. iv. p. 189).

<http://www.a-voice.org/tidbits/xtree.htm>

A more modern source concurs 'Baal-Berith (the Babylonian Tammuz) was symbolized as an evergreen, or immortal tree. The Christmas tree, then decked with gold (deity), and silver (unlimited provision), represents the deified, reincarnation life of Nimrod, which has sprung forth from the dead tree stump.'¹⁵ From yet another online source the following information is cited, 'Since the earliest of times, trees, especially green evergreens, were worshipped by the pagans. To them it represented life and freshness. Since it was EVER green, it always had life.

The trees were worshipped as symbols of life, fertility, sexual potency and reproduction (emphasis in original).¹⁶

Remember what we just read in Jeremiah about the tree being decorated with silver and gold.

Referring back to another old source we turn to Alexander Hislop. He has this to say about the origin of the Christ 'mass' tree, 'The Christmas tree, now so common among us, was equally common in PAGAN ROME AND PAGAN EGYPT (emphasis in original). In Egypt that tree was the palm tree; in Rome it was the fir; the palm tree denoting the Pagan Messiah as Baal-Tamar the fir referring to him as Baal-Berith. The mother of Adonis, the sun god and great mediatorial divinity, was mystically said to have been changed into a TREE, and when in that state to have brought forth her divine son. If the mother was a tree, the son must have been recognized as the 'Man the branch.' And this entirely accounts for putting the Yule Log into the fire on Christmas-eve, and the appearance of the Christmas tree the next morning. The Christmas tree, as has been stated, was generally at Rome a different tree, even the fir; but the very same idea as was implied in the palm-tree was implied in the Christmas fir; for that covertly symbolized the new-born God as BAAL-BERITH, 'Lord of the Covenant,' and thus shadowed forth the perpetuity and everlasting nature of his power, now that after having fallen before his enemies, he has risen triumphant over them all. Therefore, the 25th of December, the day that was observed at Rome as the day when the victorious god appeared on earth, was held as the *Natalis invicti solis*, 'The birthday of the Unconquerable Sun. Now the Yule Log is the dead stock of Nimrod, deified as the sun god, but cut down by his enemies; the Christmas tree is Nimrod redivivus – the slain god comes to life again.'¹⁷

Please note here that in different cultures the same pagan gods were often worshipped with different names. Once again a modern source will be cited for the final time. 'The first decorating of an evergreen tree was done by pagans in honor of their god Adonis, (sounds a lot like ADONAI does it not...) who after being slain was brought to life by the serpent Aesculapius. The representation of this slain god was a dead stump of a tree. Around this stump coiled the snake Aesculapius symbol of life restoring. And lo – from the roots of the dead tree comes forth another and different tree – an evergreen tree symbolic to pagans of a god who cannot die! In Egypt this god was worshipped in a palm tree as Baal-Tamar. The fir tree was worshipped in Rome as the same new born god as Baal-Berith, who was restored to life by the same serpent, and a feast was held in honor of him on December 25th called the "Birthday of the unconquered Sun." Now in Babylon's "Mystery" system of idol worship the sun was called "Baal," so when Tammuz the son of the queen of heaven was worshiped as God he was also revered by the name of Baal. The Roman Catholic Church has brought down through the ages to us, the paganism of Baal or the worship of the sun, mingled with the worship of Aesculapius the serpent.'¹⁸

Now knowing and understanding that the Fir tree dates back to Nimrod and how he was cut down by Shem and executed. (you can read this article at

https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=462 Shem and the Execution of Nimrod A Prophecy for our time). That tree then becomes the Yule log or the branch which is another name for Yehshua the BRANCH. Now consider carefully what is being said when we read: Around this stump coiled the snake Aesculapius symbol of life restoring. The Serpent Satan is claiming to be able to give and restore life. Restore life to what, a Christmas tree? No, to Nimrod and his government.

We now must go to Daniel where Yehovah gives a prophecy using the very same pagan symbols knowing exactly to whom they applied.

In Daniel the fourth chapter we read of how Nebuchadnezzar the King of Babylon had a dream. Read the following in light of what you have just read about the Christmas tree.

1 Neb'uk'ad'nettsar the sovereign, to all peoples, nations and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be increased to you. 2 I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders which the Most High Elah has worked for me. 3 How great are His signs, and how mighty His wonders! His reign is an everlasting reign, and His rulership is from generation to generation. 4 I, Neb'uk'ad'nettsar, was at rest in my house, and prospering in my palace. 5 I saw a dream and it frightened me, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head alarmed me. 6 So I issued a decree to bring in all the wise ones of Babel before me, to make known to me the interpretation of the dream. 7 So the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the diviners came in, and I related the dream to them, but its interpretation they did not make known to me. 8 And at last Dani'el, whose name is B'lteshatstsar, according to the name of my elah, came before me. In him is the Spirit of the Set-apart Elah. So I related the dream to him, saying, 9 "B'lteshatstsar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Setapart Elah is in you, and no secret is too difficult for you, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation. 10 "Now the visions of my head on my bed were these: I looked, and saw a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height great. 11 "The tree became great and strong, and its height reached to the heavens, and it was visible to the ends of all the earth. 12 "Its leaves were lovely, and its fruit plenty, and in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it. 13 "In the visions of my head on my bed, I looked and saw a Watcher, even a set-apart one, coming down from the heavens. 14 "He cried aloud and said this, 'Hew down the tree and cut off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it, and the birds from its branches. 15 'But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. And let it be wet with the dew of the heavens, and let his portion be with the beasts on the grass of the earth. 16 'Let his heart be changed from man's, let him be given the heart of a beast, and seven times pass over him. 17 'This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the command by the word of the setapart ones, so that the living know that the Most High is ruler in the reign of men, and gives it to whomever He wishes, and sets over it the lowest of men.' 18 "This dream have I seen, I, Sovereign Neb'uk'ad'nettsar. And you, B'lteshatstsar, reveal its interpretation, since all the wise ones of my reign are unable to make known to me the interpretation. But you are able, for

the Spirit of the Set-apart Elah is in you.” 19 Then Dani’el, whose name was B’lteshatstsar, was stunned for a short time, and his thoughts alarmed him. The sovereign responded and said, “B’lteshatstsar, do not let the dream or its interpretation alarm you.” B’lteshatstsar answered and said, “My master, the dream is to those who hate you, and its interpretation to your enemies! 20 “The tree you saw, which became great and strong, whose height reached to the heavens and was visible to all the earth, 21 whose leaves were lovely and its fruit plenty, and in it was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and on whose branches the birds of the heavens sat – 22 it is you, O sovereign, for you have become great and strong. And your greatness has grown, and has reached to the heavens and your rulership to the end of the earth. 23 “And as the sovereign saw a Watcher, even a set-apart one, coming down from the heavens, and he said, ‘Hew down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field. And let it be wet with the dew of the heavens, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him’ – 24 this is the interpretation, O sovereign, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my master the sovereign: 25 “That you are going to be driven away from men, and your dwelling be with the beasts of the field, and you be given grass to eat like oxen, and you be wetted with the dew of the heavens, and seven times pass over you, till you know that the Most High is ruler in the reign of men, and that He gives it to whomever He wishes. 26 “And they that gave the command to leave the stump of its roots of the tree: your reign remains yours, from the time you come to know that the heavens are ruling. 27 “Therefore, O sovereign, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your crookednesses by showing favour to the poor – your prosperity might be extended.” 28 All this came upon Sovereign Neb’uk’ad’netstsar. 29 At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the palace of the reign of Babel. 30 The sovereign spoke and said, “Is not this great Babel, which I myself have built, for the house of the reign, by the might of my power and for the esteem of my splendour?” 31 The word was still in the sovereign’s mouth, when a voice fell from the heavens, “Sovereign Neb’uk’ad’netstsar, to you it is spoken: the reign has been taken away from you, 32 and you are driven away from men, and your dwelling is to be with the beasts of the field. You are given grass to eat like oxen, and seven seasons shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High is ruler in the reign of men, and He gives it to whomever He wishes.” 33 In that hour the word was executed on Neb’uk’ad’netstsar, and he was driven from men and he ate grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens till his hair had grown like eagles’ feathers and his nails like birds’ claws. 34 And at the end of the days I, Neb’uk’ad’netstsar, lifted my eyes to the heavens, and my understanding returned to me. And I blessed the Most High and praised and made Him great who lives forever, whose rule is an everlasting rule, and His reign is from generation to generation. 35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are of no account, and He does as He wishes with the host of the heavens and among the inhabitants of the earth. And there is none to strike against His hand or say to Him, “What have You done?” 36 At the same time my understanding returned to me, and for the preciousness of my reign, my esteem and splendour were returning to me. And my counsellors and nobles sought me out, and I was reestablished to my reign, and excellent greatness was added to me. 37 Now I,

Neb'uk'ad'netstsar, am praising and exalting and esteeming the Sovereign of the heavens, for all His works are truth, and His ways right. And those who walk in pride He is able to humble. This tree is none other than Babylon. This tree and this dream are relived each year when you cut down your Christmas tree. This tree of this mighty empire was cut down, Just as Nimrod was cut down so too was Babylon. He was in fact giving a prophetic warning of a future event.

In the dream was this line 'Hew down the tree and cut off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. This is exactly what Shem had done to Nimrod. Cutting him down and sending each of his limbs and body parts to all the nations of the world at that time as a warning against the apostasy than Nimrod had been teaching them.

Also in this prophecy is another line-16 'Let his heart be changed from man's, let him be given the heart of a beast, and seven times pass over him.

The man was Nimrod and the government he ran grew into the Metropolis of Nineveh and it grew into the Empire of Babylon of which Nebuchadnezzar was now in charge of. This system which began with the thoughts of one man grew into the government which in the bible is constantly referred to as the beast. The Beast is representative of the government that runs this empire back then and does so even to this very day. That beast is now rising up under the Assyrians who are today known as the Germans and the European Empire.

We read in Revelation of a woman that rides the Beast. This is the government of Nimrod.

[Europa.jpg](#)

(You will notice that this modern image of Europa riding the beast is the very same description of the myth of Europa and of the whore in Revelation. Notice that the bull is the beast, and is the same thing Israel made a golden image of at Sinai after coming out of Egypt. This bull or Beast or Government is also depicted on the following coin with the tree.)

This time during this dream it occurred in the life of Nebuchadnezzar.

But we are given another huge clue in Chapter three when Nebuchadnezzar had the dream about the great image.

Just as the serpent Aesculapius is a symbol of being able to restore life, so are the bands of bronze and iron around the stump a symbol of restoring life. It is in chapter 2 that we read what these bronze and iron bands represent.

We read in Daniel 2 an extremely interesting story.

1 And in the second year of the reign of Neb'uk'ad'netstsar, Neb'uk'ad'netstsar had dreams. And his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him. 2 And the sovereign gave orders to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the practisers of witchcraft, and the Chaldeans to declare to the sovereign his dreams. So they came and stood before the sovereign. 3 And the sovereign said to them, "I have had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream." 4 And the Chaldeans spoke to the sovereign in Aramaic, "O sovereign, live forever! Relate the

dream to your servants, and we shall reveal the interpretation.” 5 The sovereign answered and said to the Chaldeans, “My decision is firm: if you do not make known the dream and its interpretation to me, your limbs shall be taken from you, and your houses made dunghills. 6 “But if you reveal the dream and its interpretation, you shall receive gifts, and rewards, and great esteem from me. So reveal to me the dream and its interpretation.” 7 They answered again and said, “Let the sovereign relate to his servants the dream, and we shall reveal its interpretation.” 8 The sovereign answered and said, “I know for certain that you would gain time, because you see that my decision is firm: 9 “If you do not make known the dream to me, there is only one decree for you! For you have agreed to speak lying and corrupt words before me till the time has changed. So relate the dream to me, then I shall know that you shall reveal its interpretation for me.” 10 The Chaldeans answered the sovereign, and said, “There is no one on earth who is able to reveal the matter of the sovereign. Because no sovereign, master, or ruler has ever asked a matter like this of any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. 11 “And the matter that the sovereign is asking is difficult, and there is no other who is able to reveal it to the sovereign except the elahin, whose dwelling is not with flesh.” 12 Because of this the sovereign was enraged and very wrath, and gave orders to destroy all the wise ones of Babel. 13 So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise ones. And they sought Dani’el and his companions, to kill them. 14 Then with counsel and wisdom Dani’el answered Aryok’, the chief of the sovereign’s guard, who had gone out to kill the wise ones of Babel – 15 he answered and said to Aryok’ the sovereign’s officer, “Why is the decree from the sovereign so urgent?” So Aryok’ made the decision known to Dani’el. 16 And Dani’el went in and asked the sovereign to give him time, and he would show the sovereign the interpretation. 17 Then Dani’el went to his house, and made the decision known to H’ananyah, Misha’el, and Azaryah, his companions, 18 to seek compassion from the Elah of the heavens concerning this secret, so that Dani’el and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise ones of Bab’el. 19 Then the secret was revealed to Dani’el in a night vision, and Dani’el blessed the Elah of the heavens. 20 Dani’el responded and said, “Blessed be the Name of Elah forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. 21 “And He changes the times and the seasons. He removes sovereigns and raises up sovereigns. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who possess understanding. 22 “He reveals deep and secret matters. He knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with Him. 23 “I thank You and praise You, O Elah of my fathers. You have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of You, for You have made known to us the sovereign’s matter.” 24 So Dani’el went to Aryok, whom the sovereign had appointed to destroy the wise ones of Bab’el. He went and said this to him, “Do not destroy the wise ones of Babel. Bring me in before the sovereign, and I shall show the interpretation to the sovereign.” 25 Then Aryok’ brought Dani’el in a hurry before the sovereign, and said thus to him, “I have found a man among the sons of the exile of Yehudah, who does make known to the sovereign the interpretation.” 26 The sovereign answered and said to Dani’el, whose name was B’lteshatstsar, “Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and its interpretation?” 27 Dani’el answered before the sovereign, and said, “The secret which the sovereign is asking – the wise ones, the astrologers, the magicians, and the diviners are unable to show it to the sovereign. 28 “But there is an Elah in the heavens who

reveals secrets, and He has made known to Sovereign Neb'uk'ad'netstsar what is to be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed, were these: 29 "As for you, O sovereign, on your bed your thoughts came up: What is going to take place after this. And He who reveals secrets has made known to you what shall be after this. 30 "As for me, this secret has not been revealed to me because I have more wisdom than anyone living, but for our sakes who make known the interpretation to the sovereign, and that you should know the thoughts of your heart. 31 "You, O sovereign, were looking on, and saw a great image! This great image, and its brightness excellent, was standing before you, and its form was awesome. 32 "This image's head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, 33 its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. 34 "You were looking on, until a stone was cut out without hands, and it smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. 35 "Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing-floors. And the wind took them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain and filled all the earth. 36 "This is the dream, and its interpretation we declare before the sovereign. 37 "You, O sovereign, are a sovereign of sovereigns. For the Elah of the heavens has given you a reign, power, and strength, and preciousness, 38 and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You are the head of gold. 39 "And after you rises up another reign lower than yours, and another third reign of bronze that rules over all the earth. 40 "And the fourth reign is as strong as iron, because iron crushes and shatters all. So, like iron that breaks in pieces, it crushes and breaks all these. 41 "Yet, as you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the reign is to be divided. But some of the strength of the iron is to be in it, because you saw the iron mixed with muddy clay. 42 "And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the reign is partly strong and partly brittle. 43 "And as you saw iron mixed with muddy clay, they are mixing themselves with the seed of men, but they are not clinging to each other, even as iron does not mix with clay. 44 "And in the days of these sovereigns the Elah of the heavens shall set up a reign which shall never be destroyed, nor the reign pass on to other people – it crushes and puts to an end all these reigns, and it shall stand forever¹. Footnote: 1Dan. 7, Ps. 22:28, Jer. 30:11, Joel 3:16, Obad. 15-17, Hab. 3:12¹³, Zeph. 3:8, Hag. 2:22, Rev. 11:15. 45 "Because you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great Elah has made known to the sovereign what shall be after this. And the dream is true, and its interpretation is trustworthy." 46 Then Sovereign Neb'uk'ad'netstsar fell on his face, and did obeisance before Dani'el, and gave orders to present to him an offering and incense. 47 The sovereign answered Dani'el, and said, "Truly your Elah is the Elah of elahin, the Master of sovereigns, and a revealer of secrets, since you were able to reveal this secret." 48 Then the sovereign made Dani'el great and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler

over all the province of Babʻel, and chief of the nobles, over all the wise ones of Babʻel. 49 And Daniʻel asked of the sovereign, and he set Shadʻrak, Mʻyshak, and Abeʻ-NEGʻo over the work of the province of Babʻel, and Daniʻel in the gate of the sovereign.

When the Babylonian empire fell in 539 BC it was taken over by the Medes and the Persian. They were the arms of Silver.

But we read around the tree were bands of Bronze. This is represented in the dream of the statute by Alexander the Great and Grecian Empire which would reawaken the Empire once again to a new life. This Empire would last a short time and then begin to grow weaker and then back to sleep after the death of Alexander.

It was not only the Empire of the Babylonians that would have a great influence on pollution of the Torah, but so did the Hellenist and then later again so did the Romans mixing the truth of Torah with false teachings.

The band of Iron is once again awakening the Babylonian Empire and this great image of Nebuchadnezzar when the Holy Roman Empire comes to life.

We know that these empires are the work of Satan's system and not of Yehovah's. Satan is again the symbol around the stump of the Christmas tree that was cut down. Satan has given it renewed life. It is a fake and not the resurrection that scriptures speak of. But he does keep resurrecting this unholy empire that stretches back to the time of Nimrod and to Babylon.

If you look up Aesculapius you will be directed to Asklepios or Asclepius. He was in Greek mythology a Doctor, One who practices with ointments. Pharmaceuticals if you will, Witchcraft.

He is depicted with a stick and serpent wrapped around it and is able to raise people back to life. Once again we see Satan trying to copy Yehovah. In Numbers 21 we read how Moses raised up a serpent on a pole so that the people would be healed of the snake bites. This pole was symbolic of the tree that Yehshua was to be nailed to later on which Yehshua tells us of himself in John 3:13-14.

Satan is trying to mimic the Messiah. But once again we are shown how the serpent of Moses ate up the serpents of Pharaoh in Egypt in Exodus 7:11-12.

In chapter 5 of Daniel we read another great prophecy of the hand writing on the wall. This is the exact time when the Babylonian Christmas tree was to fall just as Nebuchadnezzar did in Chapter 4, And just as Nimrod did by the hand of Shem.

I have to point out something to you. In the Prophecies of Abraham I show you how the destruction of this tree occurs at the same time in the Sabbatical cycle throughout history. You really should read the book to learn about this.

But in chapter 5 we are told when the tree would spring back to life once again. Although the bands indicate a resurrection during the Grecian and then the Roman empires, the expression Mene, Mene, Tekel Upharsin tells us exactly when this stump would come back to life.

From The Prophecies Of Abraham I share the following.

<http://www.remnant-prophecy.com/Remnant-Prophecy/2520-5.htm>

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN

Now Belshazzar saw the message that the hand had written on the wall, and the message troubled him. Now why did it trouble him? Could he understand the message on the wall? In part he did. It wasn't just the handwriting on the wall, it was the message that he wanted to understand because it was written in his language. What was actually written there was a number.

Each of the words written there was a measurement of weight.

25 And this [is] the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. (Daniel 5:25)

The four words stood for MENE = 50 SHEKELS, MENE = 50 SHEKELS, TEKEL = 1 SHEKEL, UPHARSIN = 25 SHEKELS... THE TOTAL EQUALED 126 SHEKELS.

The Bible says in Ezekiel:

12 "And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs..." (Ezekiel 45:12)

THE SHEKEL IS 20 GERAHS:

Exodus 30:13; Leviticus 27:25; Numbers 3:47; Numbers 18:16; Ezekiel 45:12...

$20 \times 126 = 2,520$ GERAHS, OR SEVEN TIMES

He saw the number on the wall and he didn't understand what it meant. Daniel comes in and discerned that this was not a good thing. You see, Daniel understood what the 2,520 meant—scattering. He knew it meant God's judgment on the kingdom. That's why he said, 'Your kingdom is weighed and wanting, divided, numbered and finished!' ...THAT NIGHT BELSHAZZAR'S KINGDOM WAS FINISHED.

He had transgressed pass the point of no return. His kingdom would be rent from him.

MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN = 2,520 or, The Scattering.

This destruction of Babylon was the beginning of the prophetic message of Belshazzar's grandfather, Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar or Babylon was restored after the seven year period in which Nebuchadnezzar was insane. Belshazzar was the beginning of this prophecy and after the 2,520 year period Babylon would be restored.

During those seven times, or years which is 2520 days, ($7 \times 360 = 2520$), Nebuchadnezzar's reasoning was taken away. He couldn't see clearly, but at the end of that seven times, Yahweh restored his understanding.

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. (Daniel 8:23)

Understand brethren, that Nebuchadnezzar represents Satan and all of his empires down through the ages. He may be in a stupor at the moment, but soon he will understand the very deep meanings of Scriptures. Get ready!!

Belshazzar's lack of humility and refusal to learn the lessons of history visited upon his grandfather resulted in grave consequences for his kingdom. As we have already quoted Edmund Burke, the philosopher, who so aptly put it: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Just like ancient times, people are going to be amazed at this future system. They are going to marvel, "Who is like the Beast?" (Verse 4), just like mankind did long ago when they marvelled at the immensity of Babylon's nine-story walls and said, "What's the use? If you can't beat 'em, join 'em."

Yehoveh further defines this future system with its mix of political and religious power as "Babylon" in Revelation 17:1-6. In verse four the politico-religious system is identified as "having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations." Note that a religious vessel is being used in a wrong fashion just like long ago on that night before Babylon fell.

When we add the 2,520 years to the year that Cyrus defeated Babylon in 539 B.C., we end up in the year 1982 C.E. When we add seven more years onto that, we come to 1989 C.E.

In both 1982 and in 1989 the Pope told the world to come back to its roots. A clear reference to this mighty tree that once was; the pope was telling people to get back to their Christian catholic roots.

Then German wall came down in 1989 helping to reunite East and West Germany and Europe. Then in the news recently have been those statements by Pope Benedict. You can read much of what has been happening by going to an article by Barry Chamash at http://www.cephaslibrary.com/israel_welcome_to_jerusalem_pope_benedict_xvi.html as we watch the pope set up his ruler ship from Jerusalem.

Remember the snake that was wrapped around the tree.

Now in the last days as I have shown you repeatedly in the Sabbatical and Jubilee teachings found at https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=251 and in the Prophecies of Abraham which you can order at https://sightedmoon.com/sightedmoon_2015/?page_id=601

These last days this stump of the Fir tree which represented Nimrod and Satan is coming back to life, being resurrected by Satan. This last empire of Babylon is taking shape in Europe as we write. An army is being created. Germany which before Babylon was known as Assyria is leading this empire to it last resurrection. It will soon come down on the USA and UK in full

military force to which we will lose just as we did in 723 BC when Israel was vomited out of that land.

The Christmas tree is a yearly reminder of the impending destruction of the USA and UK. The Christmas tree spoken of in Jeremiah and spoken of by Stephen just before he was killed was also used in prophecy by Daniel. In chapter 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Yehovah through Daniel shows in separate chapters things surrounding this Christmas tree also known as Nimrod and Babylon. He does this to warn us of what is to come based on the history of what already has been.

When the watcher spoke in Daniel 4:13 "In the visions of my head on my bed, I looked and saw a Watcher, even a set-apart one, coming down from the heavens. 14 "He cried aloud and said this, 'Hew down the tree and cut off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it, and the birds from its branches.

It is the same as reading in Revelations 18: 4 And I heard another voice from the heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.1 Footnote: 1Jer. 51:6 & 45. 5 "Because her sins have piled up to reach the heaven, and Elohim has remembered her unrighteousnesses. 6 "Render to her as she indeed did render, and repay her double according to her works. In the cup which she has mixed, mix for her double.

In both cases we are warned to get away from the falling tree so we do not get hurt.

Those who do not know history will be caught up in it when it is repeated. How much are you studying? How much TV are you watching? How much time are you wasting now when we are in the last stretch of these last days? Yehshua will be here in less than 23 year, what are you doing to get ready? If you did not know this then watch the Sabbatical and Jubilee DVD and read the book the Prophecies of Abraham.

Yehshua is coming and He is going to cut down this Christmas tree which is the worship of Nimrod for the last time. He will not decorate it but instead will utterly destroy it so that it never comes again.