

# YAIY NEWS



## Holiday Madness

Who claims to be omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, issuing judgment to all mankind and wears Mithra's cap with a ball on the end of it, symbolizing rulership of the world?

Most adults consider Saint Nicholas, popularly known as Santa Claus, to be a fictional character, a children's story invented to introduce young children to the concept of an all-powerful, all-knowing, ever-present deity, to be replaced later in life by a belief in "God." Little do people realize that Saint Nicholas portrays Mithra, a Zoroastrian/Roman god who was worshipped as the Most High, and has now been "resurrected" to accomplish the same purpose among Christians. Paul addresses the Gentiles in:



Mithra

Ephesians 2:1-3 *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

The fourth day after the winter solstice (December 25<sup>th</sup>) was anciently dedicated as a holy day for pantheists to worship the birth of Zeus, Mithra, Nimrod, Tammuz and other sun gods. Catholicism anointed this day as Christ-Mass, a holy night and day that isn't a Holy Convocation at all, and thus syncretized pagan worship with a belief in the Messiah of Israel.



Nicholas, a powerful man in a red suit, a friend to wild horned animals that magically fly through the air and who wears Mithra's cap, has replaced the god, Mithra.

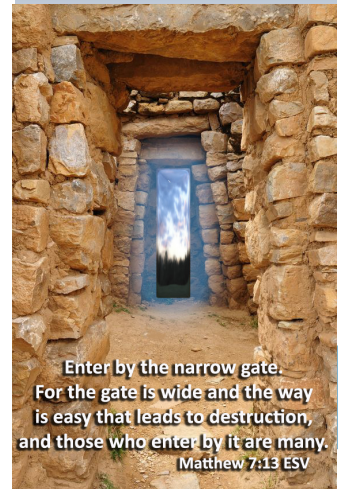
Maybe Saint Nicholas IS the ruler of this world, or at least the "prince of the power of the air," with his sleigh and flying reindeer. He carries the name of the Nicolaitans.

The Greek word for Nicholas is *Nico-laos*, meaning the laity of Nike, or worshippers of the Greek goddess of Victory. She proclaimed Zeus as "Lord of Lords." The Nicolaitans (see Rev 2:15) brought false doctrines to the people of Yahweh. Eventually, Nicholas was made a "saint" by the Roman Church – and is celebrated today at the time of Christ-Mass.

This day has been received by all Christian denominations as Christmas, which even the governing bodies of the United States of America have set apart (the very definition of making something "holy") as a national holiday. This is sheer madness! And, I suggest to you for your consideration that this "madness" has been prophesied in the Word of Yahweh.

"... inquire not after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? Even so will I do likewise.' Thou shalt not do so unto Yahweh thy Elohim: for every abomination to Yahweh, which He hateth, have they done unto their gods...What thing so ever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it,"

Deuteronomy 12:30-32 KJV



Enter by the narrow gate.  
For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction,  
and those who enter by it are many.  
Matthew 7:13 ESV

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## Holiday Madness...,cont.

Deuteronomy 28:28 *Yahweh will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart.*

And, why would He do that? What happens if we turn aside from any of the words which He commands us, to the right or the left, or go after other gods to serve them?

### Curses

Deuteronomy 28:15 *But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you ...*

Then Yahweh lists the numerous curses, among which are these:

Deuteronomy 28:25-28 *Yahweh will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth. Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall frighten them away. Yahweh will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed. Yahweh will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart.*

Disobedience is easily seen when comparing His Law with the doctrines that have been established within the most predominant religion in the world.

Consider the Sunday Sabbath, All Hallowed's Eve (and its accompanying All Saints Day), Easter Sunday Sunrise services, the 40 days of Lent (AKA 40 days of weeping for Tammuz), birthdays (reminiscent of offering cakes to Ishtar (Easter), the Queen of Heaven, complete with candles representing light (remember, Satan, Lucifer, transforms himself into an angel of light, 1Corinthians 11:14), Valentine's Day, the man-made New Year's Day and last but not least, Palm Sunday.

Have you noticed that from Christmas Day to New Years, and from Palm Sunday to Easter is 8 days, a deliberate attempt to imitate Yahweh's Appointed Times? Passover to the last day of Unleavened Bread and the first day of Tabernacles to the Last Great Day are 8 days each.

Do we see any madness, any blindness or any confusion of heart today? Examples of this are too numerous to mention.

### Blessings

What if we, as a nation, were to give heed to Yahweh's commandments? What would He do then?

Deuteronomy 28:1-3 *Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that Yahweh your Elohim will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of Yahweh your Elohim: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country ...*

Will we as a nation learn, and repent, before it is too late? Yahweh enumerates many, many blessings. For obedience to His commandments:

Deuteronomy 28:9-14 *Yahweh will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim and walk in His ways. Then all peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of Yahweh, and they shall be afraid of you. And Yahweh will grant you plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your ground, in the land of which Yahweh swore to your fathers to give you. Yahweh will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And Yahweh will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of Yahweh your Elohim, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them.*

Ecclesiastes 12:13 *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim and keep His commandments, for this is man's all.*

We have the ability to end this holiday madness for ourselves, once we start obeying our heavenly Father.

Elder John Fisher

## Tosefta Teachings vs. Yahshua's Teachings

Tosefta writings are said to predate the Mishnah (C.E. 200) and Talmud (C.E. 500). Tosefta in Hebrew means "Supplement." It's interesting to see how Yahshua apparently addressed some of the sage's traditions (clearly written in the Tosefta) during the first century by His words and His actions. Notice these example written in the Tosefta writings compared to what we find in the New Testament letters:

### t. Berakot 5.26

A. The House of [Rabbi] Shammai say, "They wash their hands and then mix the cup " [m. Ber. 8:2], B. lest liquids on the outer surface of the cup become unclean through contact with [unclean] hands and in turn render [the inside of] the cup unclean. C. The House of [Rabbi] Hillel say, "The outer surface of the cup is always deemed unclean."

**Matthew 23:25-26 NASB** *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also."*

**t. Berakot 6.18** R[abbi] Judah says, A man must recite three benedictions every day: (1) "Praised [be You] who did not make me a Gentile"; (2) "Praised [be You] who did not make me a pagan"; (3) "Praised [be You] who did not make me a woman." B. "A Gentile—as Scripture states, 'All the nations are nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.' " C. "A pagan—for a pagan does not fear sin." D. "A woman—For women are not obligated to perform all the commandments."

**John 4:27 NASB** *At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman...yet no one said, "What do You seek?" or, "Why do You speak with her?"*

## Philippine Disaster Report

Report from Elder Eddie Tadea in the Philippines:

Shalom!

The typhoon Yolanda was indeed so devastating that the areas hit are beyond recognition. It was the deadliest disaster in Philippine history that left more than 10,000 who were feared dead. My heart melted when I saw the devastation and the condition of the victims of this super typhoon. Though brethren from Mindanao and Luzon regions were hardly affected, I have relatives living in Tacloban and I just learned and am very thankful that even though their properties were damaged but their lives were spared. I've been trying to contact Elder Vidal who was in Colon, Palawan during the typhoon and this area was also hit but I cannot contact him because all communications are down in that area. We're praying they are kept safe by Almighty Yahweh.

Thank you for your prayers and concern for the brethren and the Filipino people. We indeed live in difficult times, and the Bible has so much to say about these times. But losses and tragedies have a way of putting everything into perspective. It is during this time that our values are clarified and it help us to figure out priorities and make us realize what matters most.

May Almighty Yahweh continue to bless, keep and guide us in times of trouble.

*Please keep the Philippines  
in prayer to Yahweh  
for help and relief*



In Yahshua,  
Eddie

## Booklet is Ready for Ordering

We now have the booklet, *Our Savior Spoke the Sacred Name*, ready for ordering.



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## New Spanish Mini-Studies

We are grateful for the help of getting five more Spanish Mini-studies prepared. They are in the final stages of being checked over for any errors and will then be posted online. We also will be printing these for those who request them, but on regular letter sized paper. The process of reformatting all of the YAIY mini-studies is taking time, but we hope to have a new working format in which the Spanish ones will also be done.

**The Authority to Baptize**  
*La Autoridad Para Bautizar*



**Baptism's Deeper Meaning**  
*El Significado Más Profundo Del Bautismo*

**Spirit Realm**  
*El Reino Espiritual*

**The Age of Accountability**  
*La Edad De La Responsabilidad En Las Escrituras*

**Sabbath Keepers: Why not keep all the Commandments?**  
*Guardador del Día de Reposo: ¿Por qué no Guardas Todos los Mandamientos?*

## Prayer List

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