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What are the origins of Valentine's Day?

Every February 14th, most of the world celebrates a holiday with ancient and questionable origins, called Valentine's Day. Everywhere you go, you'll likely see boxes of chocolates, greeting cards, heart shapes, and cupid images with bows and arrows. Many people believe that Valentine's Day is the celebration of love. Love is obviously a good thing, and Yahweh is love, but just how innocent is the celebration of this pagan holiday?



While the origin of Valentine's Day is not completely clear, we do know that the ancient Romans kept a pagan fertility festival in the dead of winter called Lupercalia. It is likely that this is where Valentine's Day stemmed from. Many people have also wondered where the little cherub called Cupid came from. There is strong evidence that Cupid was actually the Greek deity of love called Eros.

Another aspect of Valentine's Day is the influence by manufacturers of greeting cards and retail merchants to pressure people into purchasing expensive gifts to somehow "prove" their love to the people in their lives. The implication is that if they don't buy their spouses jewelry and boxes of candy, it must mean they don't really care. There is obviously nothing wrong with buying gifts for our loved ones, but the Bible tells us that the real way we care for one another is by treating others the way we want to be treated. True love is giving up our lives for one another.

Satan is our adversary, which means enemy or opponent. He hopes that Yahweh's people will celebrate worldly holidays and not Yahweh's real holidays. He makes pagan holidays look fun and exciting. It is up to Yahweh's people to choose life. Ultimately, the world's holidays are empty and meaningless, while Yahweh's Holy days show us the plan of salvation. Let us worship Yahweh in spirit and truth.

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Do you remember?

1. Where did Cupid come from?

- A. The Greek deity Eros.
- B. Athena.
- C. Thor.
- D. Romulus.



2. What was the name of the Roman holiday similar to Valentine's Day?

- A. Saturnalia.
- B. Halloween.
- C. Lupercalia.
- D. Purim.

3. When was Lupercalia celebrated anciently?

- A. At the summer solstice.
- B. In the dead of winter.
- C. At the winter solstice.
- D. Right before Christmas.



4. What does adversary mean?

- A. Friend.
- B. Cousin.
- C. Helper.
- D. Enemy or opponent.

5. What is the best way to show love?

- A. Buy your spouse expensive jewelry.
- B. Buy the best chocolates.
- C. Celebrate a pagan holiday.
- D. Treat others as you want to be treated.



Gifts to Yahshua

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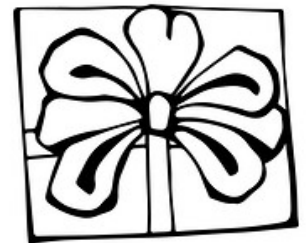
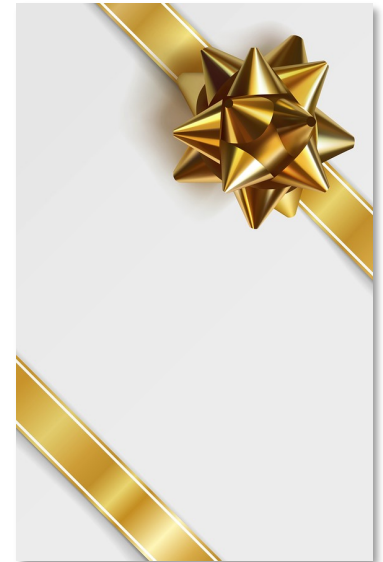
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Gifts to Yahshua

When Yahshua was on this earth, many people gave Him gifts. Read the Scriptures provided to find out which gifts were given by the people below:

1. Name the gifts given to Yahshua by the wise men. (Matthew 2:7-11)
2. What gifts did the soldiers at Yahshua's impalement give Him? (Mark 15:16-23)
3. What did Joseph of Arimathea give Yahshua? (Mark 15:43-46)
4. Name the gift that Nicodemus gave Yahshua. (John 19:39)
5. What did the young boy give Yahshua? (John 6:8-11)
6. What did the widow give Him? (Mark 12:42-43)
7. What did the eleven disciples give Yahshua? (Luke 24:36-42)
8. What did the two disciples give Him? (Mark 11:1-2)
9. What did the multitude at Passover give Yahshua? (Matthew 21:8)



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