

'I have just finished watching this video in its entirety. I had to attend my Shabbat service here in my locality. Nevertheless, I had to come back to finish watching this because this is what I've been talking to the Father about as well as going back to seek understanding, which is John 1:1. My brother the Father used you and I am amazed and excited!! Glory to His name. No one and I mean no one that I've been searching has been able to answer the questions I had regarding John 1:1 until today!! I am just in awe of the Father and His Spirit and I cannot find the words to articulate what I'm experiencing. HalleluYAH to his precious name and I bless Him because of you Marcus Da Costa! Be encourage and continue teaching His truths!! Bless you and Shalom!'

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#### Learning Summary

- The circumstances as to how Greece and Rome came dominate Israel.
- What 'Biblical Cultural Eisegesis' means, and how reverse engineering it helps you to understand the true interpretation of scripture.
- How the name of Yeshua came to be known as Jesus and YeHoVaH came to be known as the LORD via this process.
- How Greek and Roman connotations embedded in their names, stirred readers away from comprehending their hebraic meanings and how those meanings manifested in scripture.
- The process and compilation of the TaNaKh; Septuagint; the Latin Vulgate; and modern translations of the Bible.
- The biblical process of marriage in accordance to hebraic culture and the law of YeHoVaH.
  - How to establish biblical households and Spirit-filled families

...and much more!

Because the purpose of the gospel records is to make manifest the son of Abraham; the son of David; and the son of God, it is obvious that one can't fully comprehend what the gospel records are communicating in isolation from the TaNaKh - where these terms and phrases are first introduced. It therefore should come as no surprise that when those of the nations, who have nor desire any association with the TaNaKh, nor the law of YeHoVaH, begin to wade influence over the theological transmission of the faith once delivered to the saints, that they through Biblical Cultural Eisegesis supplant the TaNaKh as the gospel's base.

As a result, the impact for many, is the purpose of the gospel records not manifesting in the lives of those who read them.

# Luke 2:6

- 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"**525** Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family.<sup>202</sup> Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest.<sup>203</sup> The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night:

The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.

The angels and shepherds praise him And the magi advance with the star,

For you are born for us,

Little Child, God eternal!<sup>204</sup>

**526** To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom.<sup>205</sup> For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God".<sup>206</sup> Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us.<sup>207</sup> Christmas is the mystery of this "marvelous exchange":"

Although the scriptures are vague with regards to the birth of Yeshua, preferring to focus on the purpose as to why he was born, the world has been deceived into believing and therefore celebrating a lie that intends to distort and distract people away the gospel and the life that can be found within them.

To celebrate Christmas and all it's associated traditions, as a means to recognise and initiate the born again process, is to give heed to a gospel in name only, the words of men void of the Spirit and therefore has no life within them.

#### John 1:1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not...
10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

- 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
  - 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
  - 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

"No one knows for sure on what day Christ was born. Dionysus Exiguus, a sixth-century monk, who was the first to date all of history from December 25th, the year of our Lord. Other traditions gave dates as early as mid-November or as late as March. How did Christmas come to be celebrated on December 25th? Cultures around the Mediterranean and across Europe observed feasts on or around December 25th, marking the winter solstice. The Jews had a festival of lights. Germans had a yule festival. Celtic legends connected the solstice with Balder, the Scandinavian sun god who was struck down by a mistletoe arrow. At the pagan festival of Saturnalia, Romans feasted and gave gifts to the poor. Drinking was closely connected with these pagan feasts. At some point, a Christian bishop may have adopted the day to keep his people from indulging in the old pagan festival...

Many of the pagan customs became associated with Christmas. Christian stories replaced the heathen tales, but the practices hung on. Candles continued to be lit. Kissing under the mistletoe remained common in Scandinavian countries. But over the years, gift exchanges became connected with the name of <u>St. Nicholas, a real but legendary figure of 4th century Lycia</u> (a province of Asia). A charitable man, he threw gifts into homes.

Around the thirteenth century, Christians added one of the most pleasant touches of all to Christmas celebration when they began to sing Christmas carols. No one is sure just when the Christmas tree came into the picture. It originated in Germany. The 8th century English missionary, St. Boniface, Apostle to Germany, is supposed to have held up the evergreen as a symbol of the everlasting Christ. By the end of the sixteenth century, Christmas trees were common in Germany. Some say Luther cut the first, took it home, and decked it with candles to represent the stars. When the German court came to England, the Christmas tree came with them. Puritans forbade Christmas, considering it too pagan. Governor Bradford actually threatened New Englanders with work, jail or fines if they were caught observing

Christmas, as known today, is a culmination of pagan rituals and traditions of the nations.

A theological foundation in Christianity, once the leadership and influence of the church shifted from those with the TaNaKh embedded into the fabric of their customs, history and culture, to Rome, those of the nations, pagans who dominated the region.

The observation of Christmas is just one of many examples of Biblical Cultural Eisegesis, whereby gentile and pagan rituals, worship and traditions are presupposed into the scripture as a means to celebrate the good news of the birth of Jesus - contrary to the council of scripture.

## Luke 2:8

- 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
- 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings (euaggelizō G2097, to announce good news ("evangelize") especially the gospel:—declare, bring (declare, show) glad (good) tidings, preach (the gospel)) of great joy.

  which shall be to all people.
  - 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Through theology, the transmission of pagan rituals, customs and traditions have been evangelised with great joy as the glad tidings, the gospel, via the celebration of Christmas. As a consequence, care has not been taken to establish biblical households nor raise Spirit-filled families. The Christian Gospel that includes Christmas, Easter, Good Friday, Resurrection Sunday, Lent and a Sunday Sabbath, to name but a few of it's Holy Days, is a counterfeit Gospel.

As a consequence, like the Jews, the religious leaders, who were unable to see how Yeshua qualifies as Messiah, because of the leaven filled religion of Judaism, Christianity has ill prepares mankind to be blessed through him nor prepared for his imminent return.

The good news, the gospel as was shared to the Shepherds, is that in the city of David, Bethlehem, the son of Abraham, the son of David, the son of God was born, who is the saviour of all men and if we follow and believe in him we shall be saved.

## Ephesians 2:11

- 11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles (G1484 éthnos, eth'-nos; probably from G1486; a race (as of the same habit), i.e. a tribe; specially, a foreign (non-Jewish) one (usually, by implication, pagan):—Gentile, heathen, nation, people.) in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; 12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
  - 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
  - 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
  - 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

- 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
  - 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
  - 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
- 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

In times past believers in Yeshua Messiah were Gentiles, heathens, pagans according to the flesh.

However, now they're no longer strangers or foreigners but fellow citizens with the saints and household of God.

Therefore, the rituals, customs, and traditions of the Gentiles, because you're now part of the commonwealth of Israel, must be put away.

But, that doesn't mean you go into Judaism, which comes from Babylon, but you come into the commonwealth of Israel, which Father spoke the manifesto for himself.

Christianity, therefore, through Biblical Cultural Eisegesis, ill prepares people for establishing biblical household and raising Spirit-filled families because it's base is not the scripture, the word made flesh, the Messiah, nor the purpose as to why he was sent, but the words of men, that Father has no obligation to adhere to.

#### Luke 2:12

- 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
- 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
- 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
- 15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
  - 16 And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
  - 17 And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
  - 18 And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
  - 19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
- 20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

- The birth of the son of Abraham, by whom all nations shall be blessed, was glad tidings, the gospel to all people.
- Because through him, his sacrifice we obtain remission of sins, redemption from the curse of the law unto the receiving of the Holy Spirit, to become the children of God having received the word.
  - This is the glad tidings, this is the gospel Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were written to reveal.
- The counterfeit Christian gospel that includes Christmas at it's base, doesn't point people to the adoption of sons, via the Spirit, because of a redemption from the curse of the law, by the remission of sins because it predicates sin adding to and taking away from the law.
- Therefore, like the Jews, the religious leaders who searched the scriptures believing from them they had life, many believers in Jesus today are disqualified from it.
- 'Exploring the Gospels', therefore, in order to acquire the life found within them, is essential for all who call upon the name of God and the name of the saviour he sent, as comprehending and following it's revelation leads to life.

