

offered in Rhodes was probably a Baal, for there are traces of Phoenician worship in Rhodes. It may be conjectured that the Saturnalia was originally a celebration of the winter solstice. (*Classic Encyclopedia*)

The Christian church didn't know how to deal with unrepentant pagans, especially when the Caesars took over as the high priest (*Pontifex Maximus*), therefore, they were willing to bend and blend pagan practices in with church teachings.

St Nickolaus, the Saturnalia, the birthday of Mithras as *Solis Natalis Invictus*, as well as rituals and customs of peoples all around the world, were inculcated into the modern day Christmas practices.

One might say that we don't do child sacrifices in today's world, but you are sacrificing your child or children on the altar of the false pagan deities if you persist in teaching and leading them into the errors of heathenism and paganism as found in the Christmas rituals.

Another most important point is the fact that the Greeks and Romans gave the names Cronus and Saturn to a cruel Phoenician god named Baal. Thus, Baal worship continues to thrive in today's world.

SATURN

Who was Saturn? He was primarily the Roman god of agriculture. The sickle was his instrument.

Alexander Hislop has done much to uncover "Mystery Babylon" (Rev. 17:5) in his book entitled *The Two Babylons*. On page 269 he writes, "If we know the Apocalyptic name of the *system*, that will lead us to the name of the *head* of the system. The name of the system is 'Mystery' (Rev. xvii. 5). Here, then, we have the key that at once unlocks the enigma. We have now only to inquire what was the system by which Nimrod was known as the god of the Chaldean Mysteries. That name, as we have seen

was Saturn. Saturn and Mystery are both Chaldean words, and they are correlative terms. As Mystery signifies the Hidden system, so Saturn signifies the Hidden god. To those who were initiated the god was revealed; to all else he was hidden. Now, the name Saturn in Chaldee I pronounced Satûr; but, as every Chaldee scholar knows, consists only of four letters, thus—Stûr. This name contains exactly the Apocalyptic number 666: —

S = 60
T = 400
U = 6
R = 200
666"

Mr. Hislop does an excellent job of tracing the whole Mystery system back to Nimrod after the flood, but he lacks linking it to the original individual before the flood. That individual is none other than Cain!

HIDDEN

Adam and Eve had taken of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, bringing sin, corruption and death not only upon themselves, but their posterity (Ro. 5:12). Their firstborn son, Cain slew his own twin brother Abel becoming the first murderer.

While Adam and Eve had been banished from the Garden of Eden, Cain was banished from the face of Yahweh, "And Yahweh said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And **now art thou cursed from the earth**, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength;

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a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto Yahweh, My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be **hid**; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. And Yahweh said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And Yahweh set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. And Cain went out from the presence of Yahweh, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden," Gen. 4:9-16.

The Hebrew for "hid" is presented in the English as *cathar*, but the Hebrew letters are samek, tau, resh (rts, RTS [remember that Hebrew reads from right to left, thus the English would be STR). Samek (s)= 60, Tau (t) = 400, Resh (r)= 200 = 660.

The Chaldeans added the waw (w), which equals to 6 into the mix, thus the word "Satur/Stur = 666." The Chaldean, Hebrew and Phoenician languages were all sister languages. They possessed the same letters and the same numbering system for each.

AGRICULTURAL GOD

Saturn, the Hidden One, was the god of agriculture. Cain was a tiller of the ground, a farmer (Gen. 4:2).

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In the process of time, both brought an offering to Yahweh. Cain brought of the fruit of the ground (because he was a farmer) while Abel brought of the firstlings of the flock and the fat thereof (Gen. 4:3-4).

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Abel's offering, but not Cain's. Why? Because Abel's offering was a type of the sacrifice that Yahshua would make several thousand years in the future, but Cain's offering showed no real foresight nor understanding of the coming blood sacrifice of the Messiah.

Cain became angry and jealous, so he argued with Abel in the field and slew him. (Gen. 4:8).

ROMULUS AND REMUS

Interestingly, Rome had its own version of two twin brothers named Romulus and Remus. Their story, while mythological, has Biblical types and examples in it.

They were born of the vestal virgin Rhea. Mother Eve, of course, was a virgin until she had relations with her husband Adam.

Because of an evil uncle, the boys were placed in a basket or ark in the river Tiber. This smacks of Moses' miraculous deliverance in the ark in the river Nile.

Their basket came to rest in the roots of a fig tree. Again, the fig tree is associated with Adam and Eve in the book of Genesis, chapter three.

The twins, of course, are likened to Cain and Abel. Romulus slew Remus. Cain slew Abel.

As we have already linked Cain and Saturn, Saturn fled from Greece to Italy/Latium where he built a city. Cain had to flee from the face of Yahweh to the land of Nod, where he built a city named after his own son Enoch.

Rome was famous for consolidating pagan teachings and gods into her own brand of religion.

Romulus eventually disappeared in a storm and was subsequently deified as the god Quirinius. He was eventually included in a trinity with Jupiter and Mars.

The whole thing has to do with "Mystery Babylon the great," things hidden that need to be brought to the light of day and carefully scrutinized. They need to be compared with the Scriptures so that we can understand how the people became so deceived, and yet, continue in that deception to this day. None of it pleases Yahweh.

Jude warns, "But these speak evil of those things

which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. **Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain**, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core," vv. 10-11.

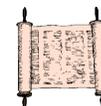
The Christmas season and celebration is a hodge-podge of ancient pagan **legends** and **myths**. We have been able to trace the whole matter all the way back to Cain. Cain, a murderer, was of his father the devil who murders, slays through deceit and lies.

Yahshua told the people of His day that Yahweh is spirit and must be worshipped in spirit and in truth. (Jn. 4:24) Legends and myths may have a little truth behind them, but they are surrounded with lies and deceit. It is true that the Savior was born, but not on December 25th. Therefore, for one to think that they are serving the Father and Son's birth with Dec. 25th is a lie and not acceptable to them.

If you love your Creator; if you love His word, which is truth, then you will embrace truth and turn from falsehood, legends and myths. As the Scriptures exhort, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and Yahweh hath remembered her iniquities," Rev. 18:4-5.

Revelation goes on to declare that the kings of the earth and the merchants will weep in the day of her fall. Will you be one of those weeping and wailing also, or of those who rejoice because of the judgment that will be poured out? Repent while there is yet time to do so.

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THE SATURNALIA

Long before the Christians had designated December 25th as the birthday of the Savior, the Romans were observing a festival period at the end of the year called the Saturnalia. It appears many of the customs of the Saturnalia were inculcated into the end of the year Christmas observance. Who was this deity Saturn? The truth is shocking.

By Jerry Healan

The Saturnalia was a feasting period appointed by the Romans in honor of their god Saturn. Historically, it was held from December 17th to the 23rd. During the festival **schools were closed**; no war was declared or battle fought; no punishment was inflicted.

Distinctions of rank were laid aside: slaves sat at table with their masters or were waited on by them, and the utmost freedom of speech was allowed them. Gambling with dice, at other times illegal, was now permitted. **All classes exchanged gifts**, the commonest being wax tapers and clay dolls. **These dolls were especially given to children**, and the makers of them held a regular fair at this time. Varro thought these dolls represented original sacrifices of human beings to the infernal god. **There was, as we have seen, a tradition that human sacrifices were once offered to Saturn**, and the Greeks and Romans gave the name of Cronus and Saturn to a cruel Phoenician Baal, to whom, e.g. children were sacrificed at Carthage. The Cronus to whom human sacrifices are said to have been