

# Who Is The Idol Shepherd?





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*“Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price,”* Isa. 55:1.

*“...freely ye have received, freely give,”* Mat. 10:8.

# WHO IS THE IDOL SHEPHERD?

*The book of Zechariah speaks of an idol shepherd whose arm will be dried up and right eye utterly darkened. Who is this idol shepherd? The answer is astonishing, amazing, yet true!*

*By Jerry Healan*

Zechariah has this to say about the idol shepherd, "And Yahweh said unto me, 'Take unto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. For, lo, I will aise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that be cut off, neither shall seek the young one, nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still: but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! The sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened,'" Zech. 11:15-17.

The idol shepherd is a foolish shepherd. He does not visit, seek, heal, nor feed. He rather eats and tears in pieces. He leaves the flock.

Zechariah, chapter 11, is not an easy chapter to understand but all scripture must be understood as to how it applies to Yahshua the Messiah, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify (witness) of Me," Jn. 5:39.

What is Zechariah, chapter 11 speaking of then? Verses 12-13 speak of the thirty pieces of silver which were paid to Judas to betray Yahshua, Mt. 26:14-16; 27:3-10.

Two staves had been prepared by Yahweh. One was called Beauty, the other Bands. Beauty represented Yahweh's covenant made with Israel, verse 10. Bands represented the union (brotherhood) of Judah and Israel, verse 14.

Yahweh said He would break His stave called Beauty, the covenant, in one day. He did so on the day of Passover when Yahshua was sacrificed, for Yahshua had fulfilled, satisfied the requirements of the law while the People had not, "For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, He saith, 'Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,'" Heb. 8:7-8.

Zechariah also says that Yahweh will cut off three shepherds in one month; and my soul lothed them, and their soul also abhorred me, verse 8. Who are these shepherds? Who was shepherding Israel in Yahshua's day? Wasn't it the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees? Didn't they abhor Yahshua? NOTE: the Hebrew word used for "abhorred" is *bachal* which means, to loathe, abhor. The Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees hated Yahshua. They became His adversaries (Satan's) at His every turn. Every good and righteous work was withstood, condemned and accused. Yahshua told them that they were of their father, the devil, Jn.8:44.

Zechariah 11:8 also says that Yahshua would "lothe" them (the shepherds). The Hebrew word for "lothe" is *qatsar* which means; to dock off, i.e. curtail (trans. or intrans., lit. or fig.); especially to harvest (grass or grain) and is translated:- cut down, much discouraged, grieve, harvest man, lothe, mourn, reap (-er), (be, wax) short (-en, -er), straiten, trouble, vex.

The first part of the verse says, "I will cut off three shepherds in one month. The Hebrew word for "cut off" is *kachad* which means; to secrete, by act or word; hence (intens.) to destroy and is translated:- conceal, cut down (off), desolate, hide. Yahshua came to the temple at Jerusalem as recorded in Matthew, chapters 21 - 23. In these chapters He silenced all opponents, the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees. He then proclaimed woes on them until finally He stated, "Behold, your

house (temple, religion) is left unto you desolate," Mt. 23:28, Lk. 13:35.

His warnings to the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees were that they stood in danger of being cut down, cut off, shut out of the kingdom of Yahweh, Lk. 13:25-28.

The last thing to consider about Zech. 11:8 is that Yahweh said, "I will cut off three shepherds in one month." The actual Hebrew rendering is: "in month one." It is the same method used in Gen. 1:5 where the English version says, "And the evening and morning were the first day," but the Hebrew reads, "And was evening and was morning day one," (*The Interlinear Bible*).

Yahshua cut down, cut off the three shepherds, the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees in month one, the first month (Abib, Nisan) at the Passover sacrifice!

Verse 5 explains that these shepherds would slay the sheep not holding themselves guilty and sell them saying, "Blessed be Yahweh; for I am rich." Such were the conditions of the people when Yahshua walked among them for the rulers and counsellors of the people had made Yahweh's laws of no effect by their traditions, thereby bringing death to the flock and they used the dedication of wealth to the temple (corban) to excuse themselves from taking care of parents and other family members. Through their shrewd manipulations, they made themselves rich at the expense of the flock and then blessed Yahweh for it.

Yahweh calls Israel the flock of slaughter. They had the two staves, Beauty (the covenant) and Bands (the union, the brotherhood of Israel and Judah). They were fed with the word of Yahweh by the prophets, verse 7. The three shepherds abhorred Yahweh and Yahshua, making His word of no effect. Yahweh then says, "I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and that that is to be cut off (destroyed), let it be cut off

(destroyed); and let the rest eat every one the flesh of another," verse 9. What does this mean, "Let every one eat the flesh of another?"

Yahshua said that He was the Shepherd of the sheep, Jn. 10:11, 14. His sheep must eat His flesh, Jn. 6:48-57. Israel turned to other deities, other shepherds, Dt. 32:15-18. He gave them over to an idol shepherd (Zech. 11:15-17) to eat his flesh.

Who is this idol shepherd? Whose flesh did Israel begin to eat? The book of 2 Kings records the captivity of the kingdom of Israel in chapter 17. The king of Assyria besieged Samaria, Israel's capital, three years. He took them to Assyria, placing them in Halah and Habor as well as in some of the cities of the Medes.

Chapter 17 testifies that Israel had sinned against Yahweh, their Elohim, rejecting Him, His statutes, ordinances and covenant. They secretly served the deities of the heathen before them, serving idols (v. 12). They left all the commands of Yahweh making molten images of two calves and a grove, serving the host of heaven (astrology) and Baal. Paul reveals that all of Israel, but 7000 men, had bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

Baal became the idol shepherd. Who was Baal? Was this deity's name Baal or was Baal a title? The word baal means; master, husband, owner, etc. Yahweh actually used this word of Himself when He said, "Turn, O backsliding Israel, saith Yahweh; for I am married (baal - master, husband, owner) unto you," Jer. 3:14.

Baal's true name has been purposely concealed, covered up so that it is not easily recognized today. Hopefully the time has come to make it known.

Israel was taken into captivity because of Baal worship. They became lost to history being known as the "lost ten tribes." A

trace into history will reveal the lost identity, however.

## THE CELTS

After Alexander's conquest of Persia a people called "Celts" began to migrate into western Europe from the Caucasus and "Iberian" area of what is now known as Georgia in southern Russia. The Celts were divided into tribes of Gauls, Goths, Belgaii, Anglii, Saxons, Lombards, Germanii, Teutons, Scotti, Gaels, etc. Western Europe and the British Isles became their home.

They were also known as Iberians, giving the name to Spain as the Iberian Peninsula. Ireland also became known as Hibernia. Tacitus wrote that the Roman general Agricola contemplated adding Hibernia (Ireland) to the empire, but he rendered the name "Hibernia" as "Ibheriu." (*America B.C.*, by Barry Fell). The Iberian Celts also named one of the Spanish rivers as the "Ebro."

The Iberians were Hebrews. Iberia, Hibernia and Ebro come from "Ibriy" which is the Hebrew word for Hebrew. Ibriy comes from Eber, one of the descendants of Shem in the lineage of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel), Gen. 10:21-25. Ibriy (Hebrew) means; an Eberite, a descendant of Eber. Many Frenchmen today bear the name of "Hebert" pronounced Eber (Ay `bear).

The Iberians were also Celts. They spoke the Celtic language and lived by and under the Celtic customs. The Celts were Hebrews. They were the "lost ten tribes" of Israel.

Israel had been cast out of the land of Canaan because they would not repent of Baal worship. The Celts continued in their worship of Baal.

A custom of Scottish Celts is revealed in "*The Life and Death of a Druid Prince*," by Anne Ross and Don Robins.

On May day (May 1), a group of boys would gather together,

kindle a fire, make oatmeal cakes (one for each boy present) taking charcoal from the fire and blackening one of the cakes. They were placed in a hat. Everyone was blindfolded, and then drew out a cake from the hat. Whoever drew the black piece was the devoted person, and was figuratively sacrificed to Baal. He had to leap through the fire three times, (p.p. 37). Yahweh condemns Israel and Judah for building the high places of "Baal" and causing their sons and daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, Jer. 32:35.

The Celts had a pantheon of deities, but they had three mighty ones (elohim). They were Taranis, the thunder deity; Esus, the lord and master; and Teutates, the overall deity of the people ("*The Life and Death of a Druid Prince*," p.p. 45).

E. Raymond Capt wrote in his book titled, "*The Traditions of Glastonbury*," that the Celts had a "trinity," emanating from the god-head. They were known as "Beli," the creator as regards the past; "Taran," the controlling providence of the present and "Yesu," the coming Saviour of the future. Druidism thus anticipated Christianity and pointed to the coming Saviour under the very name by which Christ was called!!! (p.p. 9).

E Raymond Capt also wrote in another book titled, "*Stonehenge and Druidism*," "It is of interest to note that the Druids revered a form of the cross. It was their custom to search diligently for a large handsome oak tree, having two large armlike branches. When viewed in conjunction with the trunk of the tree they formed a cross. This cross" was then consecrated by cutting characters for the word "Hesus," spelled "Yesu," upon the RIGHT branch. Upon the middle trunk they cut the word "Taranus," upon the left branch, "Belenus," and over them all the word "Than," meaning God.

"Hesus" or "Yesu" was the supreme God whom they worshipped as the great "ALL-HEAL" and they believed in Him as "Saviour" of the world. In both the Druidic religion and the Hebrew religion (NOTE: The Druids were the Celtic priest-



hood, in other words the priesthood of Israel, the Hebrews, Ibriy) of patriarchal times we can see a parallel preparation for the coming of Christ. The Old Testament prophets proclaimed that the promised Messiah would come as a babe, grow to be a great teacher, and finally be revealed as Redeemer.

Through the ministry of the Druids, the same doctrines were believed, with the expectation of the same Saviour, HESUS (JESUS). In the ancient British tongue, "Jesus" had never assumed its Greek, Latin or Hebrew form, but remained the pure Druidic "Hesus" or "Yesu." Talisen, a Welsh bard of the sixth century wrote, "Christ, the Word from the beginning was in the beginning our Teacher, and we never lost His teachings. Christianity was a new thing in Asia, but there never was a time when the Druids of Britain held not its doctrines."

Despite its practice of pagan rites in "high places" and "sacred groves," it was the Druidic faith, rooted in Druidism, that nurtured the essential divine truths and prepared Britain for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. When Christianity reached Britain, Druidism merged with it. Many of the Druidic priesthood became ministers in the early Christian Church. They went on to carry the message of Christianity to the far nations of the world," (p.p. 78-80).

The Druids and Celts were (are) the descendants of ancient Israel. Israel was cast out of the land of Canaan because they would not repent of the worship of the pagan Baal. Baal was worshipped as a trinity. One of their deities that they worshipped was Esus, Hesus, Yesu (Jesus). That Yesu, Hesus and Jesus are one and the same there can be no doubt because when Billy Graham went to Russia recently, everytime he said the name Jesus, the interpreter would say Yesu. We also know that the Spanish pronunciation for Jesus is "Hesus." Yesu (Yesu, Jesus) was worshipped as Lord and Master of the

Celts and as their coming Saviour.

What does Yahweh say about all this? "I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in My name saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed.' How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies?

Yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; which think to cause My People to forget My name by their dreams which they tell every man his neighbor, as their fathers have FORGOTTEN MY NAME FOR BAAL," Jer. 23:25-27.

The Celtic world worshipped Baal. Their Saviour's name was Esus, Hesus, Yesu (today called Jesus)! The modern day Christian world has forgotten the name of the Most High and His Son. Ask one what the Heavenly Father's name is. He will have to say God or Lord because His name has purposely been taken out of the scriptures. Ask what the Saviour's name is and he will respond with Jesus, the name of Baal, not the true name "Yahshua," because it also has been cleverly removed, covered up.

The Psalmist cried out, "O Elohim, how long shall the adversary reproach? Shall the enemy blaspheme Thy name for ever?.....Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O Yahweh, and that the foolish people have blasphemed Thy name," Psa. 74:10, 18. (NOTE: the words blaspheme and blasphemed is the Hebrew "na' ats" also meaning to scorn, abhor, contemn, detest.)

Yahweh's enemies, His foes, His adversary (Satan) has caused His name and the name of His Son to be hidden. Satan hates Yahweh and His Son Yahshua. He seeks to be worshipped as the Mighty One himself. He has deceived the whole world (Rev. 12:9) blinding them to the truth of their names. Yahweh's people turned to sacrifice to devils (Dt. 32:17), to gods whom they knew not.

Satan turned Israel to Baal worship. Baal was the ancient pa-

gan sun deity. Israel continues to worship Baal today under the name of Jesus. Israel has forgotten who they are and who the true Elohim is. The proverb has come true that says, "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fist? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? WHAT IS HIS NAME AND WHAT IS HIS SON'S NAME, IF THOU CAN TELL?" Prov. 30:4. Israel cannot answer this proverb's question today.

## **INSTRUMENTS OF A FOOLISH SHEPHERD**

Let us return to Zech. 11 to the prophecy of the idol shepherd now and carefully analyze. Yahweh said, "Take unto thee the instruments (implements, apparatus) of a foolish (impious, perverse, silly) shepherd," Zech. 11:15.

One of the instruments (implements) through which Hesus or Yesu or Esus was worshipped was the mistletoe. Mr. Capt writes, "Because mistletoe grew upon the oak, it became sacred to the Druids and was held symbolic of the coming Deliverer or "Branch." Mistletoe was known as the "All Heal," A title which bears a strange resemblance to the words of Malachi's concerning the "Sun" who should "rise with healing in His wings." (Mal. 4:2). This "Branch" was not only foretold by the prophets of ancient Israel but was sung also by the poets of classic antiquity. Virgil mentions "the golden branch," and Homer speaks of the "golden rod" or "branch." A parallel can be seen in the writings of three of the Old Testament prophets - Isaiah (11:1), Jeremiah (23:5; 33:15) and Zechariah (3:8; 6:12) - referring to the coming Messiah as "the Branch,"....."Hesus" or Yesu was the Supreme God whom they worshipped as the great "All-Heal" and they believed in Him as the "Saviour" of the world." (p.p. 78-79).

Alexander Hislop also has this to say about the mistletoe in his book entitled "*The Two Babylons*," "Let the reader look at

the singular practice still kept up in the South on Christmaseve, of kissing under the mistletoe bough. That mistletoe bough in the Druidic superstition, which, as we have seen, was derived from Babylon, was a representation of the Messiah, "The man the branch." The mistletoe was regarded as a divine branch - a branch that came from heaven, and grew upon a tree that sprang out of the earth. Thus by the engrafting of the celestial branch into the earthly tree, heaven and earth, that sin had severed, were joined together, and thus the mistletoe bough became the token of Divine reconciliation to man, the kiss being the well-known token of pardon and reconciliation," (p.p. 98-99).

All of this sounds so right, so true because Yahshua is "The Man the Branch." He did come down from heaven. He is the One Who heals us of all our infirmities. He is the Saviour, Deliverer, the Mediator, the One Who reconciles us to Yahweh.

The mistletoe, however, proves to be an implement, an instrument of a foolish (worthless) shepherd for it is spread by bird dung. It is a parasite. Its berries are poisonous! Yahshua is clean, holy, pure undefiled. There is nothing clean about dung. Dung symbolizes idolatry.

The mistletoe, a parasite, lives off of its host, sucking, robbing the tree of the life-giving sap that flows to its branches. It will eventually kill the natural tree branch taking its place as an unnatural branch. Yahshua does not live off of us as a parasite. We, rather, must live off of, by Him. We must eat and drink of Him if we are to live forever.

The mistletoe is poisonous. Yahshua is life-giver, not life-taker. His doctrines are for light, life, love truth, peace, joy unspeakable. The engrafting of the mistletoe kills. The engrafting of Yahshua through the Holy Spirit imparts life. An holy "kiss" from Yahshua does impart reconciliation, but a "kiss" under the mistletoe is for adultery, idolatry and death!

Mistletoe IS NOT an instrument given to Israel by Yahweh for the purpose of worship in truth. It is an idea or dream of the false prophets (Jer. 23:25-27) concocted through philosophy, vain deceit in the mind of man under Satan's sway, who hates Yahweh and stands ready to corrupt and pollute everything that is holy, precious and clean.

## CHRISTMAS

December 25 is another instrument of the foolish, idol shepherd. It is an easily proven fact that Yahshua was not born anywhere near the time of Dec. 25. Luke says that there were shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night, Lk. 2:8. The winter was too severe for shepherds to tend their flocks by night. They would shut up their flocks at night in pens and corrals from October-November through April-May. The true facts prove that Yahshua was actually born between April-May through October-November the exact opposite time of the year that is presently observed.

Anne Ross and Don Robins wrote in "*The Life and Death of a Druid Prince*," "Most of the great calendar feasts of the Celtic year were later placed under the protection of the church! Imbole was assigned to St. Brigit, Lughnasa became Lammas, the First Fruits festival (Pentecost); Samain was changed to All Saints Day (Halloween), and the solstice feasts of midsummer and midwinter became St. John's Day and Christmas respectively," (p.p. 35).

Alexander Hislop reveals that Dec. 25 was the day appointed for the birth of the son of the Babylonian queen of heaven ("*The Two Babylons*, p.p. 90). He also reveals that it was observed by the Romans as *Natalis Invicti Solis*, "The birth-day of the unconquered sun." (p.p. 97).

Mr. Capt wrote, "When Christianity reached Britain, Druidism (pagan Baal worship) merged with it." (*Stonehenge and Druidism*, " p.p. 80).

When Christmas, December 25, is celebrated as the birth day of Yahshua, it is a lie. A lie is opposite to the truth. Dec. 25 falls in the opposite time of the year than when Yahshua was actually born. Yahshua said, "Elohim (Yahweh) is Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth!!! (Jn. 4:24).

December 25 is nowhere commanded to be observed by Yahweh. December 25 is a vain, philosophical figment in the mind of man, a deceitful lie. False prophets prophesy false dreams (Jer. 23:25-27).

## **EASTER**

Easter is another tool, instrument, implement of the false idol shepherd. What would the name of a pagan goddess have to do with the death and resurrection of Yahshua? Ishtar (also known as Astarte and Astoreth) was the queen of heaven. Yahweh has much to say about (against) her worship. He first calls her the goddess of the Sidonians in I Ki. 11:5,33. He then calls her the abomination of the Sidonians in II Ki. 23:13.

One of the mannerisms of her worship is recorded in the book of Jeremiah, "Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and pour out drink offerings to other elohim, that they may provoke me to anger. Do they not provoke me to anger? saith Yahweh: do they not provoke themselves to confusion (Heb. "bosheth;" shame [the feeling and the condition, as well as its cause]; by impl. [spec.] an idol) of their own faces?" Jer. 7:17-19.

The *Jamieson, Fawcett and Brown Commentary* has this to say about Jer 7:18; "Cakes were made of honey, fine flour, etc. in a round flat shape to resemble the disc of the moon, to which they were offered.....The Phoenicians called the moon Ash-toreth or Astarte: the wife of Baal or Moloch, the king of

heaven. The male and female pair of deities symbolized the generative powers of nature; hence arose the introduction of prostitution in the worship. The Babylonians worshipped Ash-toreth as Mylitta, i.e. generative. Our Monday, or Moonday, indicates the former prevalence of moon-worship," p.p. 606.

Israel still worships the queen of heaven today. She is worshipped through the Easter (Ishtar) ceremony. Cakes are still made to her. They are called "hot-cross buns."

The generative powers of nature are still observed through eggs and rabbits (an unclean animal) which are pagan symbols of fertility.

The worship of Baal and his wife is steeped in ancient pagan sun and moon worship. Easter sunrise services are a tradition of Baal which Yahweh condemns, "And He brought me into the inner court of Yahweh's house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of Yahweh, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of Yahweh, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east," Ez. 8:16.

Easter is an observance for the death and resurrection of the pagan sun deity. Its observance and symbols (images, idols) have never been commanded by Yahweh. True enough, the resurrection of Yahshua is a thing for every man to greatly rejoice over, but we are commanded to observe His death till He come, I Cor. 11:26.

Easter is an instrument of the foolish idol shepherd to turn the people from the true worship of Yahweh into idolatry, into following false prophets who only dream dreams and prophecy lies (Jer. 23:25-27).

## **BANDS**

Yahweh said that He cut His other staff asunder which was Bands, representing the brotherhood of Judah and Israel,

Zech. 11:14.

How was this done? Judah and Israel, though outwardly appearing to be united today, are at odds, variance with one another through religion! The Jews worship Baal through their Judaic tradition while Israel worships Baal through the Christian tradition.

Stephen witnessing to the high priest and Jews of His day said, "Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Molock, and the star of your deity Remphan, figures (types, symbols) which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon," Acts 7:43.

Israel and Judah began to worship Baal through figures, types, symbols that were never commanded by Yahweh.

Ezekiel confirms this, "As for the beauty (glory, splendor) of His (Yahweh's) ornament (excellency), He set it in majesty (Yahweh gave all Israel His tabernacle, priesthood, ark of the covenant and law through which they were to worship Him): but they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things therein: therefore have I set it far from them. And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it. My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute My secret: for the robbers shall enter into it and defile it," Ez. 7:20-22.

Both Israel and Judah are worshipping a foolish (impious, perverse) shepherd today. Israel worships an idol shepherd. His name is Jesus! The instruments through which he is worshipped are false deceitful images that were never commanded by Yahweh.

Christmas trees, Christmas decorations, reindeer, a jolly fat elf, angels, manger scenes, valentines, eggs, rabbits, the sun, the ghouls of Halloween and stars are false deceitful images leading Yahweh's people into idolatry, pagan Baal idol wor-



ship.

## THE CROSS

One of the major images of Baal worship was the cross. We have read Mr. Capt's report on how the Druids would select an oak tree having two branches forming a cross. They would then consecrate the cross by cutting characters for they word "Hesus," spelled "Yesu," upon the right branch. "Taranus" was carved in the middle and "Belenus" on the left branch. Over them all was the word "Than" meaning God (p.p. 78).

Alexander Hislop says, "The cross was originally no Christian emblem at all, but was the mystic Tau of the Chal- deans and Egyptians - the true original form of the letter T - the initial of Tammuz." (p.p. 197). Hislop also says, "But when it is considered that the Buddhist, like the Babylonian cross, was the recognized emblem of Tammuz, who was known as the mistletoe branch, or "All-Heal" then it is easy to see how the "sacred initial" should be represented as covered with leaves, and how Rome in adopting it, should call it the "Medicine which preserves the healthful, heals the sick, and does what mere human power alone could never do." (*The Two Babylons*, p.p. 201). The Tau was the sacred symbol of Osiris of Egypt, Budda of China, the deity of rain to the Mexican Indians, Tammuz of Babylon, etc. Tammuz was also known as Marduk and Bel to the Babylonians. Bel is the Baal of the Phoenicians or Sidonians of Canaan.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica*, 14th Edition has this to say about Tammuz; He was the Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian deity who died and rose annually with dying and reviving vegetation, originally "Dumu-zi," "the son who rises, goes forth (from the nether world," but generally interpreted "faithful son".....The interpretation as "the son who rises," "the resurrected child,".....it is clear, that the main principle of this cult is the resurrection of the dying god."

There are many titles of the youthful god, loved by his sister, the earth and heaven goddess, Innini (Ishtar), who descends yearly into Aralu (under-world) at the time of his death to bring him back to earth in her bosom.

The liturgical wailings for Tammuz during the period of his sojourn in aralu are numerous and describe every aspect of the theological doctrines concerning him. (article "Tammuz," Vol. 21, p.p. 776-777).

What we have just read here is the description of what is observed today as "Lent," the fasting, wailing period of 40 days culminating in Easter sunrise services in which Ishtar has descended into the dark nether world (the period before sunrise) and brings the dead deity back to life (symbolized by the sunrise itself).

Yahweh strongly condemns this worship in the book of Ezekiel, chapter 8, "Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.' Then He brought me to the door of the gate of Yahweh's house which was toward the north; and behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz. (Lent). And He brought me into the inner court of Yahweh's house, and behold, at the door of the temple of Yahweh, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of Yahweh, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. (Easter [Ishtar] sun-rise services). Then He said unto me, 'Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke Me to anger: and lo, they put the branch to My nose," v.v. 14-18. (Note: The KJV renders "their nose" but Bullinger states that the primitive text read "My nose.")

The cross, a branch of a tree to the Druids (Israel), represented Tammuz in Babylonian worship while to the Druids

"Yesu" (Jesus) was represented. The cross representing Jesus, would symbolize him as the "BRANCH." It also must be the image of jealousy spoken of in Ez. 8:3-5.

## THE SHEPHERD

Yahweh says, "Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock," Zech. 11:17.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* says of Tammuz, "He is described as the shepherd who left his flocks, as the shepherds sat in the fields wailing for Tammuz,".....Pantibiblas of the Greek, near Erech, seems to have been the original seat of the cult, and in the Sumerian tradition of the ten pre-diluvian kings, the name of one at Badtibira is Dumuzsipa, "Tammuz the shepherd"; one of the names of Tammuz is Tibira,".....under the title Sibzianna, "Faithful shepherd of heaven," he was identified with Orion." (p.p. 777).

The *Britannica* also has this to say about Tammuz the shepherd, "It is obvious that a cult which is based upon the death and resurrection of a propitiating god and upon the love of a divine mother who wails for her son, has direct connection with the facts and the theological views based upon them which gave birth to Christianity. But the form of the cult which apparently most directly affected the origins of Christianity is that in which Marduk of Babylon was identified with Tammuz. At the Nisan or new year festival at Babylon, Bel (Marduk) was said to have been imprisoned in the lower world, and a priestess weeps at his sepulchre. A malefactor was slain with Bel and they descend together to the land of darkness. Beltis, his wife, descends to hell to seek him, and Bel's garments are given Ishtar (mother of Tammuz). Bel was laid in a sepulchre, from which he soon comes forth." (p.p. 777).

Such are the instruments (implements) of the foolish (perverse, impious) shepherd. He is an idol (good for noth-

ing, vain, vanity, no value, thing of nought) shepherd that leaveth (fail, forsake, loosen, relinquish) the flock.

This foolish, idol shepherd shall not visit those that be cut off (perish, dead, the dead. He cannot resurrect them). He does not seek the young one (the straying according to Bullinger. Yea, the Christian shepherd encourages straying from Yahweh's truth). He shall not heal that that is broken (the wounded, sick), nor feed that that standeth still (the weak): but he shall eat the flesh of the fat (an apt description of modern day Christianity which feeds on its flock like the mistletoe parasite, taking away the wealth while promising only empty false lies in the name of its false shepherd) and tear their claws (hooves) in pieces (the split hoof represents the clean animal when the cud is also chewed, but the cleanness is torn away through false implements of worship) Zech. 11:15-17.

## **THE TRUE NAME**

It is a fact that the Saviour was a Hebrew of the tribe of Judah and that the language spoken was Hebrew or Aramaic and not Greek. Bullinger says in the *Companion Bible* that the Greek name Iesous is the same as the Hebrew Jehoshua (Yehoshua), or the abbreviated form Joshua (Yahshua) (cp. Heb. 4:8), and means [the] Salvation of Yahweh, or Yahweh the Saviour.

He then says, "The name "Jesus" is the name associated with the shame.....demons or his enemies irreverently call Him "Jesus." (Ap. 98. X). I have taken this out of context to prove a point.

If the name Jesus is a name associated with shame, a name of irreverence given the Saviour by His enemies, then why should we use it when speaking of Him? Remember how Psa. 74 speaks of the enemy blaspheming His name? Wouldn't Jesus, then, be the name of blasphemy?

Isaiah wrote speaking of Israel, "Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.' For thus

saith the Master Yahweh, 'My People went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there, and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what have I here; saith Yahweh, 'That My People is taken away for nought? They that rule over them make them howl,' saith Yahweh; 'And My name continually every day is blasphemed," Isa. 52:3-5.

Yahweh says His name and the name of His Son is blasphemed every day. Yahweh's name has been replaced in the scripture with Lord while Yahshua's name has been replaced with Jesus which are names associated with blasphemy, shame, confusion, idol worship.

### **THE RETURN TO EGYPT & SHAME**

Jeremiah writes, "Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with Me, O house of Israel, saith Yahweh. A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and supplications of the children of Israel: for they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten Yahweh their Elohim.....For shame (bosheth; an idol, confusion) hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. We lie down in our shame, and our confusion (disgrace) covereth us: for we have sinned against Yahweh our Elohim, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice of Yahweh our Elohim," Jer. 3:20-21; 24-25.

Jeremiah is further inspired to write, "Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other Elohim whom ye know not; and come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations? Is this house, which is called by My name become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith Yahweh," Jer. 7:8-11.

Yahweh here condemns Judah for seeking to mix pagan Baal, idol worship with His true worship which robs, steals away His glory to another.

Yahweh continues in Jer. 7:17-18 explaining about the family worship of Ishtar, the queen of heaven, by the children gathering wood, the fathers kindling a fire and the women making cakes (hot cross buns) to her.

He then says, "Do they provoke Me to anger? saith Yahweh: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion (bosheth; an idol, shame) of their own faces?" Jer. 7:19.

Both Israel and Judah turned to idols, idolatry, shame and confusion. Jeroboam, king of Israel made two calves of gold setting one in Bethel and the other in Dan, I Ki. 12:26-29.

The significance of calf worship is that the deities of Egypt, both Osiris and Isis were worshipped through bulls, cows and calves.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* has this to say of Isis, "She commonly wore the horns of a cow, and the cow was sacred to her," (Article *Isis*, 14th Ed., Vol. 12, p.p. 708).

It says of Osiris, "Originally Osiris seems to have been an agricultural deity of Syrian origin, who entered Egypt with the conquering dynastic people, and was chiefly venerated at Mendes, where he comes to have adopted a locally worshipped animal, the goat, if he did not bring him with him. Then in a manner for which various explanations might be given, he later on became identified with two local gods of the dead, the hawk Sokri, and the bull (Apis) at Memphis, and eventually, under the middle kingdom with another local dead god, Khen-tamentiu ("Chief of the Westerners") at Abydos," (14th Ed., Vol. 8, p.p. 58, article "*Egypt - Religion*).

Israel, in the wilderness sojourn, sought several times to return to Egypt. Yahweh, through Moses' leadership, would not permit it. Israel entered the land of Canaan where the *Britan-*

*nica* article specifies the origins of Egypt's false pagan religion stems from. Israel then began to worship Baal, turning from the true worship of Yahweh, back to the deities from which they had been delivered when they came out of Egypt.

The *Britannica* article says, "At Memphis a triple (tri-une) Osiris, Ptah-Socharis-Osiris, was confounded with the local deity Ptah, as well as Sokri (Socharis), and the bull Apis was his animal." (Remember the triple deity of the Celts? The branches of the oak tree had "Yesu," "Taranus" and "Belenus" carved on them).

Osiris was the Egyptian sun deity. He was worshipped through the symbol of the ankh, the symbol of life which is a tau cross with the aten or sun-disc on top. (*Ency. Brit.* 14th Ed., Vol. 8, p.p. 59).

Thus the Babylonian Tammuz, Phoenician Baal, Egyptian Osiris, Celtic "Yesu," "Esus," "Hesus," "Jesus" are all one and the same!!!

## **THE CHERUB**

Osiris, the sun deity, would be represented at times as a hawk. Osiris was generally human headed but the bull was also associated with him. At other times, the Sphinx, a symbol of the sun deity, had a human head and a lion's body.

These four items, the hawk/eagle, man, bull and lion are representatives of a cherub, Ez. 1:5-10; 10:1-20; 41:18-19.

Isaiah chapter 14 and Ezekiel chapter 28 speaks of Lucifer (Isa. 14:12), son of the morning, having fallen from heavenly places, a man (v. 16) who sought to be exalted above Yahweh (v.v. 13-14), an abominable branch (v. 19). He is called a cherub in Ez. 28:14, having been in Eden, the garden of Elohim (v. 13), a king of Tyrus (v. 12) who will lose his position because of religious corruption (v.v. 17-18).

He is being worshipped today in various forms (Buddaism,

Hinduism, Etc.) but one of the most deceptive forms to the modern day western world is in the form of Christianity under the false irreverent name of Jesus.

## **THE RIGHT HAND**

Satan, worshipped as Bel, Baal, Osiris, Yesu, Jesus is the idol shepherd of Zech 11. Yahweh says the sword shall be upon his (right) arm and his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened, v. 17.

Zechariah saw Yahshua the high priest (a type of Yahshua, the Saviour, the heavenly High Priest) standing before the angel of Yahweh, and satan at his right hand to resist him. And Yahweh said unto Satan, "Yahweh rebuke thee, O Satan; even Yahweh That hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" Now Yahshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel, Zech. 3:1-3.

Satan resists Yahweh's true worship today through false idolatrous worship. He has even perverted and corrupted the true name of the Saviour! One Jesus is presented as the son of the right hand of Yahweh (Psa. 110).

Satan has sought to set himself at Yahweh's right hand. He has clothed the Saviour in filthy, corruptible, perverted, deceitful garments.

His right eye will be blinded into darkness! His right arm withered so that it cannot save!

Who will you worship? Jesus, who is the right eye and right arm of modern-day christian idolatry? Or Yahshua, Who is the Son of Yahweh's right arm, the apple of His (right?) eye? (Psa. 17:8).

Yahshua said, "And if thy right eye offend (skandalizo [from whence comes scandle]; to entrap, i.e. trip up [fig. stumble] [trans.] or entice to sin, apostasy or displeasure) thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one



of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell (geena). And If thy right hand offend (skandalizo) thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell (geena)," Mt. 5:29-30.

How can our eye or our hand cause us to apostasize? Do we look to idol worship with our eye? Do we worship holding our hands out to idols and images? Yahshua said, "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light," Mt. 6:22. In another place it is said, "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men," Jn. 1:4.

Yahshua must be the light that our eyes behold and that in spirit and truth. He is clean, pure, holy. We must worship Him in the way that Yahweh commands, according to scripture and not according to the traditions of this world.

Yahshua continued in Mt. 6:23, "But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness." Yahweh condemns the worship of modern day Christianity as wicked and evil. The eye of wickedness and darkness must be plucked from us so that our body might not be cast into the fire.

Our hand and arm must be stretched out to our heavenly Father, Yahweh, through Yahshua, not an imposter who leads one into Baal worship.

We who have bowed the knee to Baal (Jesus) must turn, repent, cast off the right eye and hand (arm) of Christianity if we are to avoid Geena!

## **PAUL'S WARNING**

Paul was inspired to warn us that Messiah would not come except there be a falling away (apostasy, rebellion) first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition (destruction),

who opposeth (to be opposite, adversary) and exalteth himself above all that is called Elohim (Yahweh) (Isn't that what Lucifer did? Isn't that what the modern-day Christian Jesus does?), or that is worshipped; so that he as Elohim sitteth in the Temple of Elohim, shewing himself that he is Elohim.

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth (katecho: have, hold [fast], keep [in memory], possess, retain, seize on, take, withhold) will let, until he be taken out of the way (out of the midst).

And then shall that wicked (lawless one) be revealed (apokalupto; to take off the cover, i.e. disclose), whom the Master shall consume with the spirit of His mouth and shall destroy (katargeo: to be [render] entirely idle [useless]:- bring to nought, put away [down]; Satan is consigned to the abyss) with the brightness of His coming: even Him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause Yahweh shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie (We have already seen how the Christian world worships Jesus through deceit, lies): that they might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness (lawlessness)," 2 Thes. 2:3-12.

The man of sin is now revealed. Jesus is the man of sin that leaves the flock. He cannot resurrect. He cannot heal. He does not strengthen the weak nor seek after the strayed. He sits today, in the temple of Yahweh showing himself that he is elohim. He is the idol shepherd, the foolish (impious, perverse) shepherd. He has lead the flock into idolatry, lies, deceit.

The coming beast, therefore, the son of perdition, the child of the devil will come in the name of Yesus, Hesus, Jesus, the name of shame and confusion.

Yahshua, the Master from heaven, will come in glorious brightness, in the name of Yahweh and truth. He will utterly destroy all of the deceitful ways in which man has attempted to worship Yahweh.

Let us, therefore, repent, turn to the true Shepherd Who gave His life for the sheep. The One Who opens and no man shuts and no man opens. The One Who will lead us into the ways of His Father Yahweh.



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