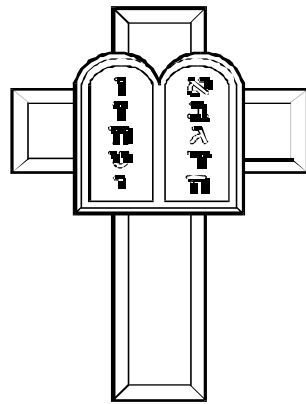


# The Glorious Celebration of Christmas

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There is a woman among our family's relatives who had her husband present me with an article entitled "Kwanzaa, Christmas and God's Word", by William Bowmer. The term "Kwanzaa" was new to me; so I was interested to learn from the article to what it refers!

A growing number of African-Americans celebrate, from December 26 to January 1, a festival they call Kwanzaa, derived from African harvest celebrations.

Bowmer's apparent purpose in referring to Kwanzaa was only to point out what he termed its "synthetic" nature, being a time of celebration instituted as late as 1966! Bowmer went on then to state:

Many do not realize that Christmas is just as synthetic as is Kwanzaa.

A statute of law that fails to provide its own definition for a term used within its language must abide by the common understanding of the term; and Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language defines "synthetic" as:

3. artificial; not real or genuine

If the Kwanzaa Harvest Celebration is "artificial", what is the "real" one?

Is it when the harvest has not come in?

In Africa, what we experience as the middle of Winter is for them the middle of Summer!

And what is "synthetic" about Christmas or the celebration of Yeshuaw's birth?

If Christmas is an "artificial" celebration of Yeshuaw's Birth, where is the genuine?

Who are Bowman and his detractors from the spirit of Christmas to say that the joy in the hearts of millions over the coming of the Christ child is artificial and not genuine?

Only one of whom I know could possibly be so insulting and demeaning of such a sacred and joyful observance; and that is Satan himself, who hates everything and everyone who glorifies Yehovaw in any way! Bowmer pointed out that

religious scholars acknowledge that Jesus Christ was not born on December 25.

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By some unusual comparisons of holy scripture and certain historical writings it can be determined that Yeshuaw was probably born around the end of July! But what has the precise timing of that got to do with anything?

Is not the tremendous impact that Yeshuaw made upon the world in Yehovaw's behalf born of the astounding fact that Yeshuaw did come into the world as the child of the Virgin Mary?

Is Yehovaw going to punish His children for finding great joy in the fact of His Son's birth as one of them?

Quoting from the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Vol. III, p. 499, Bowner declared that

neither Christ nor the apostles celebrated His birth and, for generations afterward, His birthday was neither known nor celebrated by professing Christians.

The Apostle John wrote that

<sup>30</sup>Many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book! <sup>31</sup>But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that, believing, ye might have life through His name! (John 20:30 and 31)

Is there anything in all the observance of Christmas that works against that life-giving faith?

Does a celebration that brings to mind the amazing events surrounding Yeshuaw's birth do anything other than encourage faith in Him?

Is not the source of our knowledge of such marvelous things a part of Yehovaw's Holy Bible?

Yehovaw said, through His Apostle Paul:

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God! (Romans 10:17)

Preach the word! Be instant, in season and out of season! (2nd Timothy 4:2)

Bowmer would have us consider that

the (Church) Fathers of the 2nd and 3rd centuries, such as Clement of Alexandria, Origen, and Epiphanius, contended that Christmas was a copy of a pagan celebration.

How can Christmas, a traditional time throughout the world for celebrating the birth of Yeshuaw ha Mawshiyakh, be a copy of "a pagan celebration", since pagan people would

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be the last ones in the world to admit to Yeshuaw's birth or appreciate its awesome significance? Bowman continued:

Only in the 4th century AD did professing Christians throughout the Roman Empire set aside December 25 - a day holy to worshipers of Mithras and Sol Invictus - to celebrate Christ's birth. An Almanac from Rome notes a December 25, 336 AD observance of Christmas, though other cities resisted this innovation for decades more.

Praise Yehovaw that Israel's celebration of His Son's coming into the world began some place at some time! And, if it was set up in competition to the preoccupations of the heathen, why should anyone loving Yehovaw and His Son be doing anything other than dancing and clapping his hands over the idea? Bowman continued:

Correspondence by Cyril of Jerusalem (ca. 348-386 AD) shows that as late as 385 AD the Church in Jerusalem was not keeping this Christmas celebration.

I find myself lamenting, along with our Beloved Lord, Jerusalem's blindness! Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them who are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! (Matthew 23:37)

So what are we to make of all this?

Do a growing number of African-Americans not have the sovereign, God-given, unalienable right to celebrate, from December 26 to January 1, a festival they call Kwanzaa, derived from African harvest celebrations?

What makes the decision of a few people to celebrate something of their choice "synthetic"?

Who is it who chooses to insult his or her neighbor rather than love him or her and appreciate him or her and rejoice for whatever cause in which he or she is rejoicing, if he or she is not rejoicing in someone's harm?

Did Yehovaw not give, in the Garden of Eden, to Adam, our human dominion, commanding that we "have dominion ... over every living thing that moveth upon the Earth"? (Genesis 1:26)

So, when we have found a cause for celebrating, who is to say that we cannot, unless we are celebrating Satan or his evil works?

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Who would have a problem with celebrating the coming into the world of our Lord Yeshuaw ha Mawshiyakh other than "every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh" (1st John 4:3), of which the apostle John declares "is not of God"! (Verse 3)

This is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world! (1st John 4:3)

Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God! (1 John 4:2)

Is that not what Christmas is all about, confessing that Yeshuaw ha Mawshiyakh "is come in the Flesh"?

So are not we "of God" who revel in the joy of that confession and praise Yehovaw that the world joins with us in that Confession at least one season of days in the year if not more?

In his article Bowmer goes on to quote Yehovaw's commandment for "the Feast of Tabernacles" (Leviticus 23:34), stating:

The Feast of Tabernacles, also called "the Feast of Ingathering" is, like Kwanzaa, an "harvest festival" (Exodus 23:16; 34:22); but it carries a deeper and God-given meaning. God uses the Feast of Tabernacles to teach Christians about the future Kingdom of God on Earth, during which Jesus Christ, born to be a king (Luke 1:32-33), will rule all nations (Revelation 11:15). Under Christ's coming millennial rule, all of mankind will keep the Feast of Tabernacles. (Zechariah 14:16-17)

During the Feast of Tabernacles, God's People reside in temporary dwellings as a reminder that we are all strangers and pilgrims on this Earth (Hebrews 11:13). They rejoice that under Christ's soon-coming rule, the world will be at peace and His "harvest" will encompass all nations, not just the "firstfruits" He is calling today.

There is nothing whatsoever wrong with those statements, except what Bowmer tries to make of them, as in his final assessment of all this information and his condemnation of those who are in his estimation sufficiently foolish to celebrate anything other than that specifically commanded by Yehovaw:

Kwanzaa-keepers today are doing just what Christmas-keepers did long ago - using, for spiritual purposes of their own devising, a time of celebration already honored by civil society.

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"Christmas-keepers ... using for spiritual purposes of their own devising a time of celebration already honored by civil society"?

People rejoicing in the fact of Yeshuaw's birth is a "spiritual purpose of people's own devising"?

Is Bowmer telling me that my joy in celebrating what Yehovaw did in giving Yeshuaw to the world is a spiritual purpose of my own devising - that I simply made up that cause for rejoicing and am sufficiently foolish to express that joy sometime in the year if not every day in the year?

Am I being told that because Satan inspired his servants to do something on a certain day of the year that such a day is off limits to me for any purpose pleasing to me and my Lord God?

Since when is Satan running things around here?

As Satan's servants are doing their foul thing, why should I not at that very same time be off in my corner doing my righteous thing and all the more so for the noise of their rebellion, my effort being to glorify the Lord God, Who is giving Satan's servants the very breath and life of their rebellious beings?

Who is to say otherwise?

Where is Yehovaw's commandment forbidding that I glorify Him and His precious Son or anything about His magnificent Son any time I want to?

I was not born on January 3rd of the year 2004; yet members of my family celebrated the fact that I was born eighty years previous to that day. I cannot find a commandment of Yehovaw specifically requiring the observance of my birthday; so is my family presumptuous and evil for having celebrated any such thing?

Yehovaw's commandment second to the First and Great Commandment is that we love our neighbors! (Matthew 22:35 to 40) Was my family fulfilling that commandment by rejoicing that I, their neighbor, had been born eighty years ago?

Is a man evil who dares to celebrate a promotion given him by his employer, simply because a commandment of Yehovaw cannot be found in His law specifically requiring such a celebration?

The First and Great Commandment is that we love Yehovaw! That is a composite name embracing all three Persons of the Godhead, One of Whom is Yehovaw the Word, Yehovaw the Son, Yeshuaw ha Mawshiyakh in Hebrew or Jesus the Christ in English! Yehovaw's Gift of Yeshuaw to the children of Israel, One Person of the Godhead come

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down to become a brother and friend to them, was one of the most awesome events in human history, so notable that shepherds saw

<sup>13</sup>a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men! (Luke 2:13 and 14)

Are the people evil who have joined with that heavenly host, praising Yehovaw and celebrating with them the memory of that stupendous occasion? Yehovaw said, through His Psalmist:

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto Thy name! (Psalm 18:49)

Thou art holy, O thou Who inhabitest the praises of Israel. (Psalm 22:3)

Some of the most beautiful music in the world has been created to facilitate the praising of Yehovaw for His gift of Yeshuaw:

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life! (John 3:16)

Bowmer made this astounding assumption:

Billions keeping Kwanzaa and Christmas are missing out on the Inspiring Truth that God has given us through His Word.

Who is this man to assume that anyone finding pleasure in a few days of celebrating an harvest of food or in celebrating the birth of Yeshuaw "are missing out on the inspiring Truth that God has given us through His Word"?

The observance of Christmas is based upon Yehovaw's word; and He found fault with the children of Israel

because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things! (Deuteronomy 28:47)

Bowmer continues with respect to Yehovaw's Feasts:

His Annual Holy Days reveal His Plan for humanity with a depth not known to those who instead keep their own man-made holidays.

I hear Bowmer asking, Why don't you do your celebrating when Yehovaw has commanded you to, on the Days of His Feasts?

And I will ask Brother Bowmer, Where did you get the Idea that I and millions of others among the children of Israel do not celebrate Yehovaw's specially commanded days for

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feasting, studying into and appreciating their awesome prophetic significance, simply because there are other days in the year to which we have attached other things of value?

Yehovaw's Feasts are mandatory for the children of Israel; and He commanded them:

Ye shall not add, unto the word that I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you. (Deuteronomy 4:2)

Yehovaw said, through Yeshuaw:

In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men!  
(Matthew 15:9)

But since when are People going around saying, "Thus saith the Lord: on December 25 of each year thou shalt celebrate the birth of My Son"?

But who other than the dourest of neighbors would do other than rejoice that the world does celebrate that astounding birth at some time in the year?

Has Yehovaw commanded the children of Israel "Thou shalt not celebrate the birth of My Son"?

Where does Bowman and his company of sour-faced detractors get off telling me that I am foolish for rejoicing that Yeshuaw's birth has caught the attention, imaginations and spirits of people the world over?

What do Bowmer and his pitiful associates find wrong in my joining the worldwide chorus:

Joy to the World! The Lord is come!

Hark the Herald Angels sing, Joyful to the Newborn King!

There is a nasty, mean, ugly and hateful spirit moving these detractors from the world's celebration of Yeshuaw's birth!

The other day I clarified, with the part of our family with which I am privileged to live, that all members of our family at large are welcome to come and visit us and the wonderful children in our home, as a part of the Christmas season that always invites and encourages fellowship among us; so I extended that invitation to the woman whose husband gave me Bowman's article to consider! Her cold and insulting response was to say:

I choose to remain in my own home!

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And with her must remain the precious daughter who loves her cousins in our community and who longs for the opportunity to play with them, as our children feel the same toward that precious lonely little cousin of theirs!

But I praise Yehovaw that His mighty hand is upon that lonely little girl for my sake and that her mother's sadly misguided disfellowshipping of all the rest of us for these sick and evil reasons shall not prevail, for the joy we share in the world's pleasure in His Son Yeshuaw!

**Amen! Alleluia!**

The remedy I have shown for what ails spiritually disoriented people in the world invariably takes one back to the fundamental message of Yehovaw's ministry through Faith Harvest Israel, which is the name of my ministry; and that message I have called "Yehovaw's Gospel According to Floyd"! It is the distillation of my thirty-four years of study in the King James version of Yehovaw's Holy Bible! And I discuss it on a page entitled "Gospel", which can be found in the Directory of Pages in the Vault of our primary website:

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I have written a free ebook relating to Yehovaw's Gospel, entitled "31321000 My Dream at Last", which contains Yehovaw's gospel according to my best understanding; and I have formatted this work as an Adobe Acrobat PDF file, about which you can learn by going to the catalog page entitled "eBooks" in the Vault of the above website!

Taking Yehovaw's gospel to heart leads to great supernatural rewards by the power of ha Kodesh Ruakh, His awesome Holy Spirit; and I have discussed those rewards at great length in another free ebook entitled "32421800 Supernatural Rewards", which also can be found in the catalog page entitled "eBooks" in the Vault of the above website!

I have also written a free ebook entitled "12100000 Lord of Lords, Famous Prophet or Just a Man?", in which I show why Yehovaw's sending Yeshuaw into the world was such an astounding event! It, too, can be found in the catalog page entitled "eBooks" in the Vault of the above website!

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