

# FAMILY BREAKDOWN - THE REMEDY - WEEK TEN

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At this time of the year we enter a time of mixed emotions. It is the period known as Christmas. There are always moments of joy and moments of sadness. Some families become closer for a period, others grow further apart. Depending on the environment it is either a taste of “heaven” or a taste of “hell”. This time of the year brings with it an increase in death and injuries on the roads. I understand suicides increase and divorce proceedings intensify. With this in mind I wonder what the true meaning of the term “spirit of Christmas” actually means. No doubt those who use it associate it with joy, giving and community gatherings. For Christians it is an important time, when they celebrate the birth of Jesus. Of course we cannot escape this time of the year without witnessing the so called jolly guy in the red suit. Many businesses would struggle if it wasn't for the Christmas period. One cannot argue against the importance of Christmas, but how should the Children of Israel respond to Christmas?

To help us with our response let us view some words from Yeshua, His Talmidim, Kings and prophets of Israel; words that can be applied to this period called Christmas.

15 “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. 21 “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23 And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’ Matthew [7:15-23](#) [ESV]

19 You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’”Mark 10:19 [ESV]

2 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2Peter 2:1 [ESV]

126 The time has come for Adonai to act, because they are breaking your Torah.

127 Therefore I love your mitzvot more than gold, more than fine gold. 128 Thus I direct my steps by [your] precepts; every false way I hate. Psalm 119:126-128 [CJB]

The false witness will not go unpunished, whoever utters lies will be destroyed. Proverbs 19:9 [NJB]

To tell the truth is to further justice, a false witness is nothing but deceit Proverbs 12:17 [NJB]

If you research the topic of Christmas and its associated claims, you have to conclude that it is built on pagan practices and lies. Millions of parents lie to their children each and every Christmas. The sad fact is that most who are engaged in this are those claiming to follow HaShem the Holy One of Israel. So we have a situation whereby some “family members” are engaged in acts of idolatry, acts that cause division within the “family home”. There is no truth associated with Christmas and it must be an abomination to HaShem. We must ask: Who are these family members that engage in such lies and deceit? Is it the House of Judah or the House of Ephraim? Is it the Orthodox Jew or the Christian? This is an easy question to answer. It is the House of Ephraim, the Christian, that engages in this abomination and no excuse can be provided to justify such behaviour. Sadly many do not know that it is an abomination to HaShem, because they have been taught and led by false teachers and prophets. Those of us who adhere to Torah want nothing to do with this abomination and anyone found guilty of promoting Christmas should be removed from teaching the word of HaShem.

The reality is that Christmas is a time of falsehood, darkness and death. Christmas offers no healing for our fragmented family, the nation of Israel. HaMoshiach would never be

found celebrating such an abomination, and to claim Yeshua was born on this day is just one more lie. To associate Yeshua with this day is heresy and if He was found celebrating this day or promoting it would instantly disqualify Him as HaMoshiach. Talk about putting traditions before and above the Torah, this must qualify at the top of “the tree” for such. What I am saying may seem harsh, but one must shout sometimes to gain attention when danger lurks. Make no mistake HaShem is not pleased when the Children of Israel reject and ignore His Torah, such as His appointed times and replace them with their own. It is worth remembering the Holy One of Israel is a jealous God and expects His children to be jealous of His Torah and to guard it accordingly. If we love HaShem then should we not love His instructions and His “House rules”?

Ephraim can show their love of and trust in Yeshua as HaMoshiach in a far greater way by following Him, instead of expecting Him to follow them. I need to ask those who celebrate Christmas and claim it as biblical the following. Do you love your traditions above HaShem? Can you find a commandment from HaShem to celebrate Christmas? Are there instead warnings within the instructions of HaShem not to celebrate such days? Do you condone lies and deceit? Have you done your homework on the origins of Christmas?

For those who believe Yeshua to be HaMoshiach please consider the following. Celebrating Christmas is actually showing very little regard for Yeshua. He came to free and lead you out of such idolatry. These celebrations that engage pagan rituals and cause idolatrous behaviour bring shame upon the Children of Israel. Everyone outside of the House of Ephraim knows that Christmas is not a biblical appointed time and is full of fantasy and lies.

If anyone reading this actually celebrated Christmas, I encourage you to seriously consider reviewing your decision. Make an effort to study the subject and do not be persuaded by peer pressure. HaShem will guide you via His Torah and if you follow His instructions you will find yourself returning home to be under His nurturing Hand. HaShem is full of patience, mercy and forgiveness and loves His Children. Let us return this love by discarding any behaviour that causes division not only between HaShem and His children, but between family members. If you are trying to persuade those from Judah to believe in and join in Christmas celebrations, then stop, as this is bringing idolatry into the family House. Focus on and practice the things that please HaShem not on the things that displease Him. Don't put your hope and trust in fancy lights and false

promises. Put your trust in and teach your children the Word of HaShem not the lies of the enemy. Christmas dinner does not belong on the table of the KING of Israel.

Truly there is no God like our God, the God of Israel and no nation like the Nation whom He elected.

Blessings to all citizens of biblical Israel,

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