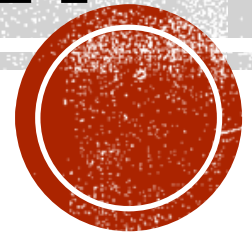


WHAT ABOUT...#2: Christmas Trees, Decorations, and Santa?



**WHAT ABOUT...#2:
CHRISTMAS TREES, DECORATIONS, AND SANTA?**

**1. Of Course There's a War on
Christmas - There Always Has
Been (We Can't Make the World
Christian at Christmas)**

***(Matthew 2:16-18;
Revelation 12:1-6)***



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Matt. 2:16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men.



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¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.”



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**Rev. 12:1 And a great sign
appeared in heaven: a
woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown of
twelve stars.**



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**² She was pregnant
and was crying out in
birth pains and the
agony of giving birth.**



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**³ And another sign
appeared in heaven:
behold, a great red
dragon, with seven heads
and ten horns, and on his
heads seven diadems.**



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⁴ His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it.



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⁵ She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,



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**⁶ and the woman fled into
the wilderness, where she
has a place prepared by
God, in which she is to be
nourished for 1,260 days.**



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2. Of Course Santa (and Frosty, Rudolph, etc.) are Too Much - But We Can Make Great, Godly Holiday Memories for Our Kids Without Embracing 'Elijah' or 'Freedom is Everything!' Spirituality
(1 Kings 19:9-10, 14-18; Galatians 5:13)



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1 Kings 19:9 There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”



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¹⁰ He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”



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**¹⁵ And the LORD said to him,
“Go, return on your way to
the wilderness of Damascus.
And when you arrive, you
shall anoint Hazael to be
king over Syria.**



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**¹⁶ And Jehu the son of Nimshi
you shall anoint to be king
over Israel, and Elisha the
son of Shaphat of Abel-
meholah you shall anoint to
be prophet in your place.**



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**¹⁷ And the one who escapes
from the sword of Hazael
shall Jehu put to death, and
the one who escapes from the
sword of Jehu shall Elisha put
to death.**



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**1⁸ Yet I will leave seven
thousand in Israel, all the
knees that have not bowed
to Baal, and every mouth
that has not kissed him.”**



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Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.



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**3. Of Course the World Goes Too Far at Christmas (Charlie Brown WAS Right!) - But We Get(!) This Great Opportunity to Worship and Reflect Jesus...and Share the Real Reason for the Holiday!
(*Luke 2:8-14*)**



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**Luke 2:8 And in the same
region there were
shepherds out in the
field, keeping watch
over their flock by night.**



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⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.



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10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.



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**11 For unto you is born
this day in the city of
David a Savior, who
is Christ the Lord.**



WHAT ABOUT...#2:

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**12 And this will be a sign
for you: you will find a
baby wrapped in
swaddling cloths and
lying in a manger.”**



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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 among those with whom he is pleased!”





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Charlie Brown.

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