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We do Thanksgiving – Not.....

.....Tree Worship!  
(See article on Thanksgiving/Christmas)

## DENOUNCING AMERICA

It is well known that in countries dominated by the Islam religion persecution of Christians is carried out on a daily basis – in fact, torture, maiming and imprisonment, are nothing new. Harsh treatment such as this is also given to those of the Islam faith who infringe upon its laws. In America we have opened our country and welcomed millions of Muslims who have enjoyed the freedom of our laws and the blessings we have. We have not stoned any of them nor have we cut off even one toe, let alone head, of any of them! But our history these last ten or more years has shown that crimes by Muslims have been committed against our country – violent ones (need we remind anyone of 9-11?!). So for some reason or other (sarcasm) we are rather aware of the fact that there are many, many Muslims that certainly seem to hate us and want to destroy us!

But so-called “liberals” in America want to bend over backward to show Americans as a mean-spirited bigoted racist people because we are very uneasy about and very untrusting of Muslims, this due to the actions of their more radical members. Among these bleeding hearts of pretentious Christian persuasion are many of our larger church bodies in the United States, such as listed in the article below, quoted from the Institute on Religion and Democracy (Oct.10). (Many of our larger church bodies are members of the old National Council of Churches/World Council of Churches which was documented for its leftist leanings as far back as the 40’s; or they are aligned with some such ecumenical organization of like persuasion today. Comments by J.Fowler, Ed.)

**DENOUNCING AMERICA AT ISLAMIC PRESS CONFERENCE:** Did you know that United Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, evangelical and other church officials very recently gathered with the Islamic Society of North America for an “interfaith summit” and press conference in Washington, D.C. , to denounce a supposed “anti-Muslim frenzy” in America?...Portraying Americans as bigoted and “Islamophobic,” these church officials and others claiming to speak for you and your church slammed our country as supposedly a dangerous place for Muslims to live. Of course, they cited opposition to the Ground Zero mosque as their evidence...Does skepticism about building a megamosque at the site of 9-11’s carnage at the hands of radical Islamic terrorists necessarily equal hatred? Many church officials evidently think so! – *Institute on Religion and Democracy.*

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## EVOLUTION VS CREATION

Ken Ham, author of “The New Answers Book No. 1” and others defending the faith against evolutionary scientism, answers the question, “How Did Animals Spread All Over the World from Where the Ark Landed? (in part): “...after the Flood, God desired the ecological reconstruction of the world, including its vulnerable animal kinds, and the animals must have spread out from a mountainous region known as Ararat.”

He uses the multiplication of dogs as an example of how animals could have quickly populated the earth: “Two dogs came off Noah’s ark and began breeding more dogs. Within a relatively short time period, there would be an incredible number of dogs of all sorts of different shapes and sizes. These dogs then began to spread out from the Ararat region to all parts of the globe.

“As these dogs spread around the world, variations within the dog kind led to many of the varieties we find today. But it is important to note that they are still dogs. This multiplication of variations within a kind is the same with the many other kinds of animals.”

“One accusation thrown at biblical creationists is that kangaroos could not have hopped to Australia, because there are no fossils of kangaroos on the way. But the expectation of such fossils is a presuppositional error. Such an expectation is predicated on the assumption that fossils form gradually and inevitably from animal populations. In fact, fossilization is by no means inevitable. It usually requires sudden, rapid burial. Otherwise the bones would decompose before permineralization. One ought likewise to ask why it is that, despite the fact that millions of bison used to roam the prairies of North America, hardly any bison fossils are found there. Similarly, lion fossils are not found in Israel even though we know that lions once lived there.”

(Note by J.Fowler, Ed: We also recommend Ken Ham’s books “The New Answers No. 2” and his “No. 3” – for great reading and such helpful “fodder” to use against the Evolutionists of today who are teaching their theory as if it is truth (knowing deep down that it isn’t!). They have no proof for their claims. They mess up the minds of our school children. Heb. 10:31: “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. And Gal.5:7: “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” We believe the theory of Evolution is based on lies. Rev. 21:8 tells us where all liars go: “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers.....and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”)

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## TURMOIL IN AMERICA

(Notes taken from American Policy Center’s DeWeese Report, Sept, 2010) Tom DeWeese blames the turmoil in America today on the old Weathermen terrorist units formed by the revolting college students in the 1960’s who advocated Communism for our nation. They professed themselves to be Marxist, Leninists, Maoists and the like. DeWeese says that from these revolters came the trouble makers of today. Even then they attacked Ford, General Motors, Chrysler and Shell, declaring the air to be dirtied by them – this was the seed of the powerful Environmental Movement today. They were anti-nuke activists that changed their name to “Greenpeace.” They got into government social service jobs and political offices effecting subtle changes in legislation and policy that led to more government control.

DeWeese: “Now, it’s been over 40 years. The young Turk revolutionaries have turned gray, balding and plump. But they did their job well. Because by now most of our government agencies, social services, news media, entertainment centers, institutions, charitable agencies, colleges, and multinational corporations are influenced, if not run by those who once marched in the street and pledged to lead a ‘long revolution toward a new America.’”....”The green agenda has invaded every aspect of our society. In 1992, the mother of all tools to impose the revolution was rammed down every nation on earth. It was called Agenda 21 and it’s policy of Sustainable Development became the blue print for the final victory over freedom . It involves every agency of the Federal Government, and is roaring through state and local governments. It affects how and where we can build our homes. How crops can be grown. What crops to grow. It seeks to dictate the kind of foods we are allowed to eat. Or, whether we are to be allowed to take natural supplements or if

they will be under the control of public/private partnerships in the pharmaceutical industry.”

DeWeese warns that Sustainable Development is driven by those who want to change our society into ‘little Soviet’ units, infiltrating every branch of our government, from township to the Federal level.

He traces the roots of what’s happening now to America to the communists that have infiltrated our society. (I remember well the days when the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy tried to expose these rats and the then Pres. Eisenhower and our government officials pooh-poohed his efforts and nothing was done to follow up on all the work he did to expose them! Jfj)\*\*\*\*

Glen Beck of Fox News has painstakingly shown us on his nightly TV program how many of these people with the one-world Commie philosophy are now entrenched with our current administration – many of them “Czars” as we pointed out in our last issue. He works feverishly to educate everyone about our past history, our Constitution and the histories of these “Benedict Arnolds” who have influenced legislation such as Cap & Trade, the Healthcare Bill, etc., to ruin our form of government.\*\*\*\*\*

Then we have former Sen. Jesse Ventura telling us about all sorts of weird conspiracies of an even more startling nature being perpetrated in reality right now – in many cities of the U.S., this on his weekly TV show. Hard to believe, but he takes us right there – to see such things as huge prison facilities, heavily fenced in with barbed wire to keep people in, looking a lot like the old Nazi concentration camps – complete with a railroad operating right into it. There are thousands of black 4-body size caskets stored on the property. The program showed Ventura trying to question the people running the place (in Colorado) and not getting good answers as to what people these places were for, who was in there, etc. It showed Ventura having an interview with a senator who helped write the legislation to form these facilities – *who said he didn’t know anything about them!*

Ventura also covers many other conspiracies – such as the UFO dilemma, and underground quarters built under American airports to provide safe havens for top government officials! If we can believe all this - *Someone’s forgot to shut the barn door – a lot of barn doors!*

**Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive.** (Sir Walter Scott.)

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*We know the Lord will be coming back soon. Until He does we better stay alert and fight off the satans of this world best we can with His help! Luke 21:26-27: “Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken, (27) And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”* \*\*\*\*\*

### SHARIA LAW

In the Dec. 2010 Prophetic Observer, Noah Hutchings asks, “Does Sharia Supercede our Constitution?” There are 30,000 Muslim residents in Oklahoma, and Hutchings says Oklahomans are independent, patriotic and stubborn when it comes to “changing our laws or trespassing on our red earth than most citizens of other states.

Two years ago illegal immigrants took over our parks and malls to the extent they were inaccessible to local residents. Our state legislature passed a law imposing heavy fines for those who hired illegals, and in one week we had our malls and parks back. Oklahoma passed a law to provide funds for the erection of a Ten Commandments memorial in front of our state capitol building. There are a number of other laws passed by Oklahoma to protect our culture and freedom of speech that might be offensive to our liberal pro-Communist, and homosexual proponents in government and educational institutions.

“One law passed by the citizens of Oklahoma on Nov. 2 was State Question 755 which deals with international law, and specifically sharia law, in our courts. ...It makes courts rely on federal and state law when deciding cases. It forbids courts from considering or using international law. It forbids courts from considering or using sharia law.....Sharia law is Islamic law, based on two principle sources, the Koran and the teaching of Mohammed.....If a Muslim converts to Christianity, he can be killed. If a child or wife is determined by the husband or father that either has disobeyed or dishonored sharia law, they can be killed by cutting their heads off, arms off, etc.

“Already in the U.S. international law is taking precedence over constitutional law, and cases favorable to Muslims are being decided by sharia law.”

Hutchings quotes Janet Levy of AmericanThinker.com: “Is the U.S. today a defacto shariah state? A close look at recent events points to some alarming conclusions about the tenets of sharia law taking hold in our once-proud constitutional republic and the unwitting, unequal application of existing U.S. laws. The result is that when it comes to religious expression, Muslims now enjoy more freedom of religion and speech under our Bill of Rights than non-Muslims. Equal protection under the laws of our country holds for Muslims far better than for non-Muslims.”

Hutchings says that even tho the amendment was approved by 70% of the voters, a federal judge (Nov. 8) has issued a temporary restraining order blocking it until a hearing (Nov.22) on it will be held due to a lawsuit filed by the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Oklahoma. Hutchings: At stake is our Constitution with freedom of speech and freedom of worship. Will we remain a free and independent nation or just another peg in a coming world government? (He is definitely not happy with “our pro-Muslim president and our now international federal court system which is seemingly out to destroy our Constitution rather than protect it.)

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### CHURCH BLOOPERS

Don’t let worry kill you off - let the Church help.....  
.....At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be “What is Hell?” Come early and listen to our choir practice.....The sermon this morning: “Jesus Walks on the Water.” The sermon tonight: “Searching for Jesus.”

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### WHAT MEXICANS SAY ABOUT US

(Nov.10 report from the California Coalition for Immigration Reform)  
Augustin Cebada, Brown Berets: “Go back to Boston! Go back to Plymouth Rock, Pilgrims! Get out! We are the future. You are old and tired. Go on. We have beaten you. Leave like beaten rats. You old white people. It is your duty to die. Through love of having children, we asre going to take over.”

Richard Alatorre, Los Angeles City Council. “They’re afraid we’re going to take over the governmental institutions and other institutions. They’re right. We will take them over – We are here to stay.”

Excelsior, the national newspaper of Mexico: “The American Southwest seems to be slowly returning to the jurisdiction of Mexico without firing a single shot.”

Prof. Jose Angel Gutierrez, University of Texas: “We have an aging white America. They are not making babies. They are dying. The explosion is in our population – I love it. They are s.....g in their pants with fear. I love it.”

Mario Obledo, Calif. Coalition of Hispanic Organizations and California State Secy. of Health, Education and Welfare under Gov.

Jerry Brown, also awarded the presidential Medal of Freedom by Pres. Bill Clinton: “California is going to be a Hispanic state. Anyone who doesn’t like it should leave.”

(There are many more such quotes in the report. The author adds at the end, “When I was young, I remember hearing about the immigrants that came through Ellis Island. They wanted to learn English. They wanted to breath free. They wanted to become Americans. Now too many immigrants come here with demands. They demand to be taught in their own language. They demand special privileges, - affirmative action. They demand ethnic studies that glorify their culture.”) (Comments by Jf: Besides the liberals in this country there are some Christian groups that say the Lord isn’t concerned about foreigners coming to America who seem to want to take over our country, whether they are Mexicans, Muslims, whoever; that He is concerned only with the souls of these people and our main purpose is to lead them to Him for their salvation. Our Pioneer Baptist church supports missionary families in Mexico, and our prayers are always with them and the Mexican people. We also pray for the souls of the Muslims. BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN IN OUR OPINION THAT AMERICANS SHOULD LET THESE FOREIGNERS RUN COMPLETELY OVER US!! OUR LEADERS NEED TO SEE THAT THEY OBEY OUR LAWS AND LOVE OUR COUNTRY AS WE DO, OR GET OUT – OUT – OUT!!!!)

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## THE NEW START TREATY

*Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty – Obama and Harry Reid repudiate*

*Ronald Reagan*

On Nov. 15, I called Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ) and asked him to vote against this New Start Treaty. The Heritage Foundation’s “Action for America” warned that this treaty put Russia’s military interests before our own. Their 12/6/10 report gives reasons why this treaty should not be ratified: It deals with only SOME of Russia’s nuclear threats, none of China’s, N. Korea’s, Iran’s or Venezuela’s. It imposes limits on our missile defense. We should follow Ronald Reagan’s wise mantra, “trust but verify.” Sen. Kit Bond, Sen. Intelligence Commission, warns the treaty is NOT verifiable. (jf: As of 12/7, this writing, the Senate hasn’t passed it. Pray this dangerous treaty fails!)

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## BACK DOOR AMNESTY

Judicial Watch, 12/6/10: The cost of providing social, medical, law enforcement and educational services to Illegal immigrants from every level of government is now estimated at an astounding \$113 BILLION per year!

And now incredibly, the radical Obama

administration is putting into motion a scheme that will sidestep Congress, ignore the will of the people, and grant BACK-DOOR AMNESTY to millions of these illegals now living in our communities!

Here is what we know for sure about Barack Obama: (1) The president and his inner core of people are closely allied with the hardcore left-wing, open borders groups like LaRaza and the ACLU.

(2) Obama is in deep political trouble with a growing majority of Americans over his Justice Dept.’s lawsuit to overthrow Arizona’s tough new immigration enforcement law. (3) The Obama crowd has no qualms about lying to the American people, especially when it comes to “buying” Hispanic votes and keeping power! And the new Congress is less liberal and less ready than the old to rubber stamp amnesty legislation from Obama. This is why Obama administration is slowly but surely rolling out this Back-Door Amnesty scheme.

A memo (Feb. 26) was leaked from the Dept. of Homeland Security which argued that, “A bold administrative program would transform the political landscape by using administrative measures to sidestep the current state of Congressional deadlock and inertia.”

Judicial Watch is circulating a U.S. Citizen Survey and a Petition to Protest Back-Door Amnesty for Illegal Aliens.

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## HOMOEROTICA

*(Apparent theme of the Smithsonian Institute’s National Portrait Gallery’s Christmas Season Exhibition)*

The Blaze, Nov. 29, 2010: According to CNSNews.com says writer Meridith Jessup, the federal-funded gallery’s exhibit features “images of an ant-covered Jesus, male genitals, naked brothers kissing, and other atrocious paintings. David C. Ward, a National Portrait Gallery historian, is co-curator of the exhibit.

*Many people are up in arms over this display. We believe God has a special place in Hell for Ward and his ilk (the Smithsonian people, their patrons and artists who condone/participate in this filth. (Jf: I, for one, will never, ever subscribe to their magazine again – never found much of any intelligence in it anyway!)*

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## RELIGION IN THE NEWS

Christian Freedom International, Nov. 2010:

Christians in Pakistan are facing severe retaliation from militant Islamic groups like the Taliban. There are increasing violent attacks on Christian churches and homes. Christians are the poorest of citizens; many serve as slaves to the wealthy Muslims, working in brickyards in order to pay their debts and survive. CFI provides food, medical treatment, Bibles and other support to them.

Voice of the Martyrs (Dec. 2010): Their VOMedical program helps suffering Christians in Nigeria, Indonesia, India, Columbia, Burma, China and elsewhere. One story tells of James Kake who was attacked by three Muslims with machetes in Nigeria, after they burned his church. They cut him and beat him till he was unconscious, because he is a Christian. VOM provides medical care and other assistance.

The Voice in the Wilderness, (Fall, 2010):

“Have you noticed the tattoos in churches today? I’m talking so-called conservative, even fundamental churches. One report says

## HERITAGE

Ungoverned passion and false pride  
Blacken history’s vilest page.  
They spread their fires far and wide  
To burn to dust our heritage.

Truth, righteousness, and charity  
Can write the play and set the stage  
For brotherhood and liberty  
To glorify our heritage.

Is good and great – the only sage  
Who can snap sin’s  
hard whipping rod  
And give us back our heritage.

- Albert Leonard Murray

36% of Americans now have tattoos and there is a one in three risk of Hepatitis C being contracted by receiving a tattoo.

**Christians in Defense of Israel (Dec.2010):**

(some quotes from)“The President and those who represent the U.S. are calling for a Jewish halt to building in Jerusalem and for further negotiations with known terrorist organizations, Hamas and the Palestinian Authority. The Palestinians are claiming Jerusalem as their capital city”.....Yasser Arafat: “Anyone who relinquishes a single inch of Jerusalem is neither an Arab nor a Muslim.” Hamas leader: “We are announcing a war against the sons of apes and pigs (the Jews) which will not end until the flag of Islam is raised in Jerusalem.”.....”During a conference in Washington D.C. Prime Minister Netanyahu commented, ‘The connection between the Jewish people and Jerusalem cannot be denied. The Jewish people were building Jerusalem 3,000 years ago and they are building Jerusalem today’. He added that the city was ‘not a settlement – it’s our capital.’”...On the other hand, the U.S. is negotiating a proposal to turn the Middle East into ‘a region free of nuclear weapons.’ Reportedly Israel is the only country in the Middle East with a nuclear capability. THIS PREPOSTEROUS PROPOSAL EQUATES ISRAEL’S RIGHT TO DEFEND HERSELF WITH IRAN’S DETERMINATIION TO WIPE ISRAEL OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH!”

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A preacher's little boy inquired, "Daddy, every Sunday when you first come out to preach, you sit on the platform and bow your head. What are you doing?" The father explained, "I'm asking the Lord to give me a good sermon." The little boy asked, "Why doesn't he?"  
*(Publication Internationl Ltd.)*

**MISC. CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

**BBI** classes have continued November and December and class members received certificates on 10/10 for studies through October. Classes are: Old Testament Synthesis, and New Testament Sythesis, taught by Pastor Fowler; and Doctrines of the Bible, taught by Alan White.

**10/8** Pastor and some of the men camped in the woods; did some target shooting.

**10/17** and **10/24:** Pastor’s birthday party & his & Cheryl’s 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv. party celebrated.

**10/16-20** Ramona Juhasz visited her folks in Oregon. She and



Cecilia Hui will gradua te from their nursing courses **Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Ramona’s graduation will be at 10:00am, and she will receive a Bachelor of Science In Nursing degree; and Cecilia will receive her degree in Practical Nursing at 4:00pm. This, at Lewis-Clark State College. A

graduation celebration will be held at their home.

**11/26** The youth enjoyed ice-skating.

**11/28** We enjoyed our Thanksgiving Day fellowship and dinner Sunday afternoon and evening. We enjoyed a great meal, games throughout the day, drawing prizes, gift exchange, everybody a turn at swatting the piñata and the men enjoyed a turkey shoot in the afternoon. Top shooters were: Pastor Fowler, shotgun, first. Fred Fowler, Jr., second place; and Alan White third. Booby prize (a cozy blanket) was shared by brothers Brett and Grant.

**12/2** Mrs. Cheryl Fowler and Mrs. June Fowler visited with Alberta Bentham, our member in the Orchards Rehab. Center. Alberta is doing fine and she was able to visit us at church on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. However she was having difficulty with her legs. Our prayers are with Alberta.

In December, Julie Smith, Missionary to Spain will speak.

**OUR GRATITUDE TO OUR VETERANS AND THOSE SERVING TODAY!**



We are all proud of our service men and women and we celebrated their Veterans Day (11/21) and Pearl Harbor Day with them. The following are quotes from MILITARY, a publication “dedicated to military personnel who defended their country and to those who fought for the freedom of people of other nations.”

In Dec. 2010 issue, Editor John Shank was criticized by someone who wrote in complaining about too many of his staff’s political views being expressed, not enough about the Korean War, etc.

Shank replied (in part): “We’ve covered this before but it bears repeating. What our government leaders do has a direct effect on our military through the Dept. of Defense. Certainly legislation has detrimental effects on our soldiers in how they conduct themselves in wartime as well as peacetime and it also affects troop morale. How can we have an effective military if our government leaders want to use the military for their social experiments? This is precisely why we strongly express our political views against this administration and the liberal socialist democrats who want to destroy our military capabilities. No, we are not warmongers, we just prefer to have a strong military that is capable of defending us from enemies foreign and domestic. A strong offense is the best defense. Our government leaders are sworn to provide for the defense of ‘we the people.’ That is their first and foremost function so that we are free to conduct our lives without fear. So, in essence this is why we strongly support our military and those who serve and those who have served!”

We say “amen” to that! God bless all of our veterans and all serving their country now. We pray that they will all turn to the Lord Jesus Christ for guidance and strength!

## WHY WE CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING DAY RATHER THAN CHRISTMAS DAY

(Notes taken from Pastor Fowler's sermon, Wed., 12/8/10)

Because it is that time of year  
This verse has come your way.  
To tell you why I can't condone  
This pagan holiday.

"Merry Christmas" is a phrase  
You'll hear this time of year  
Expressing heartfelt sentiments  
To those you hold most dear.

Let's "Keep Christ in Christmas"  
Is another timely phrase  
It's Satan who is glorified –  
Beware his subtle ways!

The above verse is taken from the poem, "Let's Take Christ Out of  
Christmas!" printed by The Conversion Center, Inc.

Pastor Fowler used material from The Conversion Center's Reports on "When was America's First Christmas" and "How Christmas Came to America", and reported some facts from it per the following:

Historians have identified the first Thanksgiving down to details of the menu, and they can describe the beginnings of the first Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labour Day and others. But as to when was the first Christmas? That's more difficult. Christians who settled the new world did not observe the 25th of December – they purposely ignored it, believing it to be no more than pagan superstition. During the Reformation major nations of Europe separated themselves from the Pope in the 16th century and did away with the traditions of Roman Catholicism, including the Christmas Mass....When the Puritans took over the British government, troops broke up Christmas celebrations, tore down decorations and arrested clergymen on that day, - some actually thrown in prison. This attitude was shared by the Pilgrim Fathers and most early Settlers, who were Protestants....The first permanent village in America was Jamestown, 1607. Christmas was not condoned. Dec.25 in Plymouth, Mass.,1620, was just like any other day. Until the 1630's when boatloads of Roman Catholics bumped into the Eastern Seaboard... The Roman Catholics most likely celebrated Christmas the first year they landed (1634). A Jesuit priest recorded the Christmas of 1633 when the Roman Catholics and their servants were enroute to America on two little sailing vessels and they celebrated Christmas by drinking wine and other spirits to excess and were sickened – a dozen of them dying.(End of CCI's quotes.)

Pastor Fowler said that when he went to Africa last year the Refuge Baptist minister, Pastor Joah, told him, "I am so glad that you don't celebrate the birthday of the Devil!"

Genesis Ch. 10:8-10 tells about Nimrod, the mighty hunter before the Lord; and his kingdom was Babel....in the land of Shinar. Gen. 11:4 tells how Nimrod and followers wanted to build a city and a tower, "whose top may reach unto heaven" – they wanted to worship the stars as gods. All of our pagan worship today, including the celebration of Dec. 25th stems from Babylon!

England ordered Dec.25th to be a market day; and eating plum pudding was considered a heathen practice. The American colonies banned the Christmas festivities.

Some material Past. Fowler took from The Two Babylons, by Alexander Hislop.

"The festivals of Rome are innumerable; but five of the most important..are Christmas-day, Lady-day, Easter, the Nativity of St. John and the Feast of the Assumption....All of these can be proved to be Babylonian....How comes it that that festival in the honour of the birth of Christ was connected with the 25th of December? There is not a word in the Scriptures about the precise day of His birth, or the time of the year when He was born....It could not have been on the 25th of December. At the time the angel announced His birth to the shepherds of Bethlehem, they were feeding their flocks by night in the open fields....The cold of the night from December to February is very piercing; and it was not the custom for the shepherds..to watch their flocks in fields later than around the end of October."...."Long before the fourth century and long before the Christian ear itself, a festival was celebrated among the heathen at the precise time of the year, in honour of the birth of the son of the Babylonian queen of heaven; and it may be presumed that in order to conciliate the heathen and to swell the number of the nominal adherents of Christianity, the same festival was adopted by the Roman Church, giving it only the name of Christ. ..This tendency..to meet Paganism halfway was very early developed. Tertullian, about the year 230, bitterly lamented this....That Christmas was originally a Pagan festival, is beyond all doubt."

Pastor Fowler referred to Jer. 44, the chapter where God threatens severe punishment to the Jews for burning "incense to the queen of heaven, and pouring out drink-offerings unto her" (Vs.17,18). Nimrod's wife (also known as Isis) gave birth to Tammuz, who died, was "reborn", and was worshipped as a god. Ezekiel 8:14 tells how the women were weeping for Tammuz. And this is the basis of the pagan festival which the Roman Catholics adopted as Christmas, inferring that this "Queen of Heaven" referred to Mary, the mortal mother of Jesus Christ.

Worshipping in the groves, "high places", was the big reason that the Israelites were ousted from their promised land and delivered by God into the hands of the Babylonians and Assyrians. The pagans worshipped their green tree gods there. (See Deut. 12:1-4) They brought gifts and put them under the green trees for their gods. This is duplicated in the importance played upon today's Christmas tree, and the gifts piled under it, not for sacrifice to our Lord Jesus Christ, but to further the fallacy of the pagan festivals, as adopted by the early Roman Church. Many Christians today do not realize this.

This was but a brief outline of the whole sordid history of this Dec.25th holiday called very inappropriately "Christmas!" We celebrate Thanksgiving Day instead, as a great day to thank the Lord for His mercy and goodness to undeserving mankind. Pastor Fowler and all of us at Pioneer Baptist Church pray that Christians examine this history for themselves and decide if they are doing what God truly wants them to do when they celebrate, and teach their children to celebrate, the green tree and the presents more than they do the Lord, and assign such an idolterous history of the pagan December 25th date as that of His birth!



Artwork (above) by Emerson White,  
(below) and Teresa Hui



### NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES

**Past. St. Sol Joah, Brother Weah and Pastor Duo, Monrovia, Africa (Refuge Baptist Church):** Pastor Joah writes and expresses his gratitude and that of all the folks there in their area for our church giving “sacrificially” “in our commitment to the Lord and to His work....and we pray the Lord and you that we will not disappoint you.” Pastor Duo was able to go to the interior preaching to several churches, strengthening them; they are able to make many more trips now. They celebrated Refuge Baptist Church’s anniversary Nov. 6; with Ricks Institute for the venue, and soccer and other sports to be enjoyed. Past. Joah has been ill again with malaria, but recovering.

**Dan & Lou Freeman, Taiwan/China:** Freemans’ last report dated Oct/2010 related that several brethren had been taken, Dan included, and one was given a 10-yr. sentence for his crime of preaching “without a license.”

They all prayed and fasted for him and he was released under house arrest. They have been going through some very tough times trying to find facilities for their meetings. Our church has sent them a special donation to help.

**Chris & Elizabeth Robertson, Ixtlan Del Rio, Mexico:** Their church has started a Bible Institute (Instituto Biblico Bautista). They have helped Bro. Joel start a church in Pueblo Nueva; and there are 15 other towns surrounding Pueblo Nueva that do not have Bible-preaching churches. They planned to start a Bible study in Terrero with the goal of starting another church, as of their Nov./2010 report.

**Sharon Goodman, Malawi, Africa:** Her Sept. 26 report tells about a mobile Bible College on the road; and she was a part of the team traveling west over into Mozambique, and also east of it. They showed the Jesus film every night and taught every day. They held special classes with the village ladies where traditions are so contrary to the Bible. They baptized in two of the villages, using the Shire River. The village people lost 17 people to crocodiles this year so no one excited about getting baptized there!

**Anthony Yamat, Filipino Missionary to the Philippines:** Anthony’s November report related his visits to Tennessee and Florida for missions conferences. He is still seeking more support, and tho their school ministry is ongoing with the sharing of the Gospel (there in Marietta, Ohio), he hopes to be able to go back to the Philippines soon. He also mentions his future wedding.

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*In regard to your salvation.....*

If you are not sure of your salvation, please call Pastor Fred Fowler at 509-243-4274, eve. hours, or visit us online at: [www.biblevslies.com](http://www.biblevslies.com) We invite you to share our praise of Jesus Christ! Address: 18750 Cloverland Rd., Asotin, WA 99402 (30 min. up the grade from Asotin)

Sun.School – 10:00am; Worship – 11:00am. Eve. 7:30pm, and Wed. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7:30pm.

*“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more as you see the day approaching.” Heb. 20:25.*

