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The Golden Calf & Modern Christian Holidays

The Golden Calf: Exodus 32

- The Israelites made a golden calf and said: "Tomorrow is a feast to Yehovah" (Exodus 32:5).
- They said it was for Yehovah, but it was a pagan ritual rebranded.

Result:

- Yehovah was not pleased, and 3,000 people died for mixing pagan customs with His worship (Exodus 32:28).

Christmas & Easter: Pagan Roots

- Christmas comes from Saturnalia (a Roman sun god festival).
- Easter is named after Ishtar/Astarte (a fertility goddess).
- Modern Christians claim: "It's for Jesus now," saying, "It doesn't matter where it came from, it's about what it means to us."

Does this sound familiar? The Israelites did the same thing with the golden calf.

What Does Yehovah Say?

- Deuteronomy 12:30-31: "Do not inquire about their gods... You shall not worship Yehovah your God in that way."
- Mark 7:7: "In vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

| Summary Comparison: | |
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| Ancient Israel | Modern Church |
| Made a golden calf | Celebrate pagan-rooted holidays |
| Said it was "for Yehovah" | Say it's "for Jesus" |
| Yehovah was angry | Scripture warns not to do this |

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| Grace isn't a license to repeat error