



**Terrigal
Christian Israelite Church**

24th December 2023

Welcome to Church!



O, come, all ye faithful

O, come, all ye faithful, joyful and
triumphant,
O, come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem,
Come, and behold Him, Born the King of
Angels,
O, come, let us adore Him,
 O, come, let us adore Him,
 O, come, let us adore Him,
 Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God, in the Highest,
 O, come, let us adore Him,
 O, come, let us adore Him,
 O, come, let us adore Him,
 Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this happy
morning,
Jesus, to Thee be glory given,
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing,
 O, come, let us adore Him,
 O, come, let us adore Him,
 O, come, let us adore Him,
 Christ, the Lord.

I heard the bells

I heard the bells on Christmas day,
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom,
Had rolled along the unbroken song,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head,
“There is no peace on earth” I said,
“For hate is strong and mocks the song,
Of peace on earth, good will to men.”

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,
“God is not dead, nor doth He sleep,
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men.”



Dedication of Tess

Proverbs 22:6

“Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed
be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive
every one that is indebted to us. And lead us
not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11: 2-4

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Summer Series: December 2023 to February 2024

Part 1 – Posses & Parties

Christmas - A Universal Celebration:
*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace,
good will toward men.*

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

3rd
December

- Belshazzar
The Writing on the Wall

10th
December

- The Wedding Feast

18th
December

- Esther
A Party with a Purpose

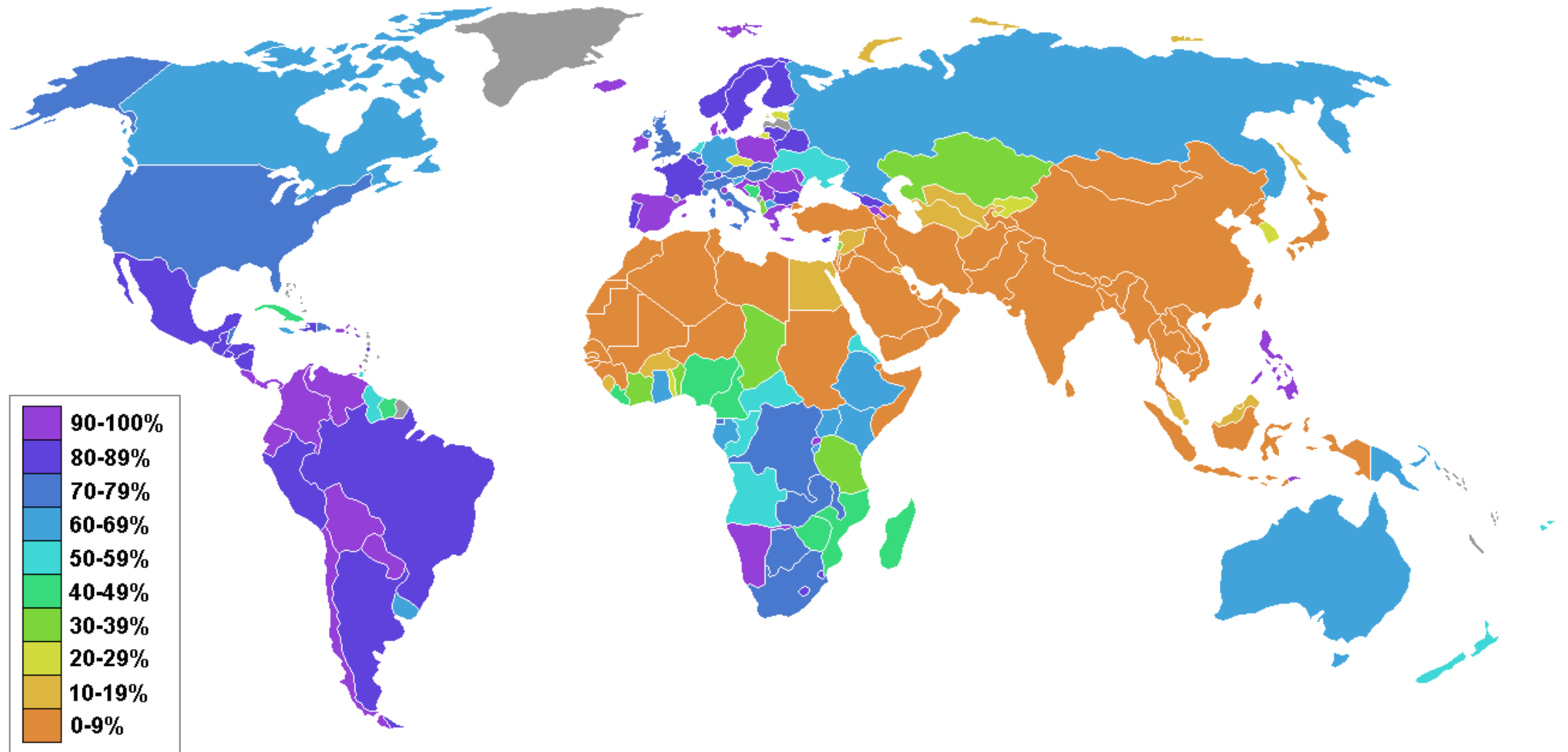
24th
December

- *Christmas*
A Universal Celebration

31st
December

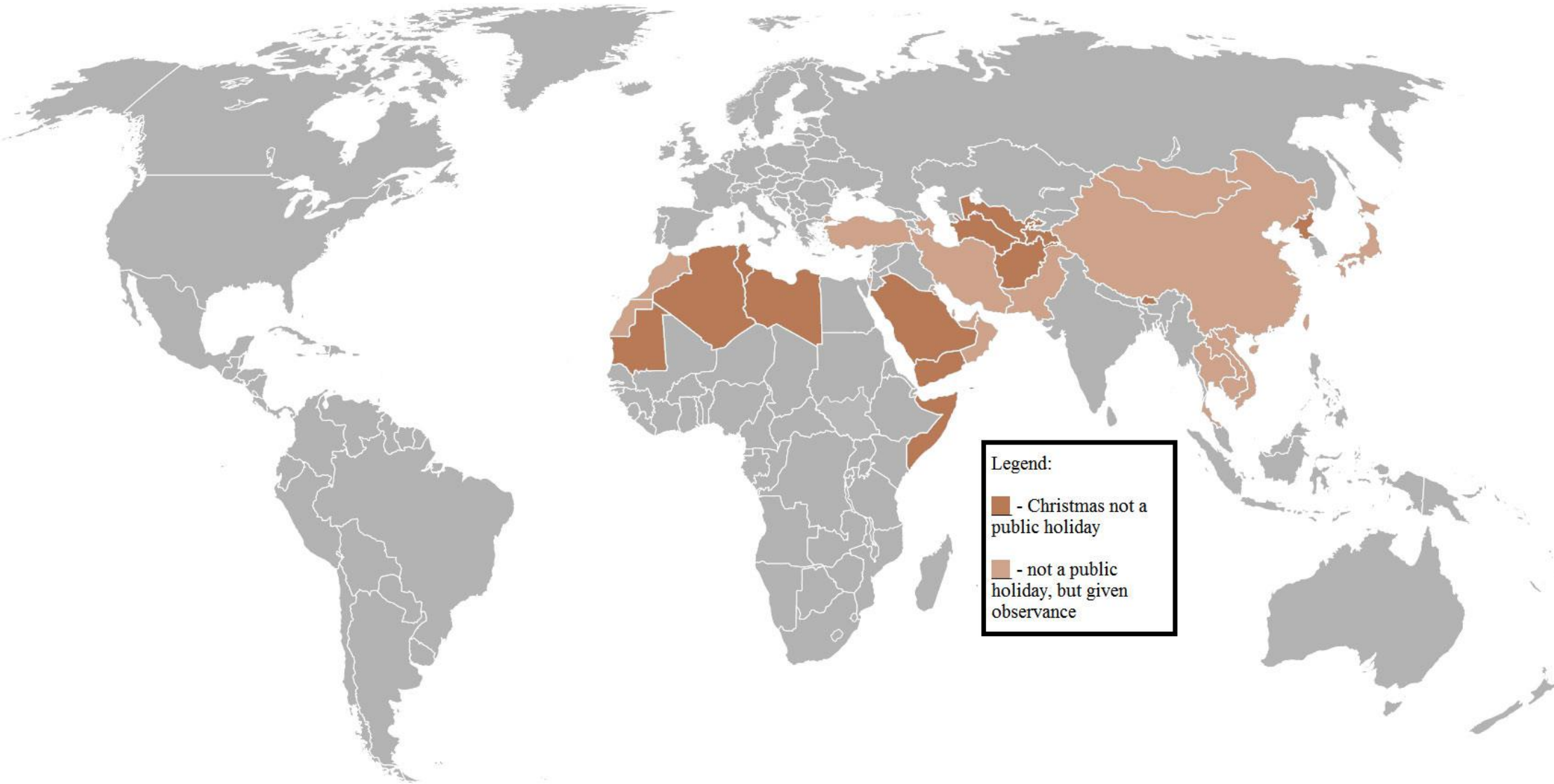
- The Marriage of the Lamb

Christmas - A Universal Celebration?



Christians as a percentage of Country Population

Christmas - A Universal Celebration?



Countries where Christmas is Celebrated

Christmas Origins

21 OR 22 DECEMBER – NORTHERN HEMISPHERE WINTER SOLSTICE



In an old list of Roman bishops, compiled in A. D. 354 these words appear for A.D. 336:

"25 Dec.: natus Christus in Betleem Judeae."

December 25th, Christ born in Bethlehem, Judea.

This day, December 25, 336, is the first recorded celebration of Christmas.

- This was in the time of the First Christian Emperor “Constantine”
- Recorded about 10 years after the Council of Nicea

Nicene Creed (325)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of all things visible and invisible.	From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father [the only-begotten; that is, of the essence of the Father, God of God,] Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;	
By whom all things were made [both in heaven and on earth];	And in the Holy Ghost.
Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down and was incarnate and was made man;	
He suffered, and the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven;	[But those who say: 'There was a time when he was not;' and 'He was not before he was made;' and 'He was made out of nothing,' or 'He is of another substance' or 'essence,' or 'The Son of God is created,' or 'changeable,' or 'alterable'— they are condemned by the holy catholic and apostolic Church.]

Christmas Origins

21 OR 22 DECEMBER – NORTHERN HEMISPHERE WINTER SOLSTICE



Romans

- AD 274, the emperor Aurelian made this the date of the festival **Dies Natalis Solis Invicti**, the birthday of Sol Invictus or the 'Invincible Sun'

Germanic Peoples

- Until 700AD England and France had Pagan worship known as “Yule”
- “Yule” – and the worship of Norse Gods was prevalent until 1100AD in Scandinavia

Jews

- Hanukkah – the celebration of the recovery of Jerusalem and rededication of the temple in the Maccabean Revolt

➤ With the exception of the Jews Hanukkah, all other celebrations have been replaced by the Celebration of the Birth of Jesus

➤ All Nations recognise this as a “Christian Event”

- Perhaps this is why the South Australian Government is busy trying to remove its name from its public holiday act:

“The new Public Holidays Bill 2023 replaces the Holidays Act 1910, removing references to Anzac Day, **Christmas** and the King’s Birthday, only referencing the dates of the "fixed" public holidays.”

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² The same was in the beginning with God.

³ All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

⁴ In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

⁵ And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

⁷ The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

⁸ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

⁹ That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

¹¹ He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.



2 Corinthians 4:1-7

Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

² But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

³ But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

⁴ In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

⁵ For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

⁶ For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Revelation 3

¹⁴ And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;

¹⁵ I know thy works, *that thou art neither cold nor hot*: I would thou wert cold or hot.

¹⁶ So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

¹⁷ Because thou sayest, *I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing*; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

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Hymn 124

What a friend we have in Jesus
 All our sins and griefs to bear!
 He gives privilege to carry
 Everything to God in prayer!
 Oh, what peace we often forfeit –
 And what needless fears we bear –
 When we do not simply carry
 All our needs to him in prayer!

Have we great and sore temptations,
 Mighty floods of trials to bear?
 We should never be discourag'd
 For the Lord can hear our prayer,
 There's no other friend so faithful,
 Who doth ev'ry sorrow share,
 There's but One who knows our weakness –
 Then to that One take your care.



O Holy Night

The Stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Saviours birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn'

Fall on your knees
O hear the angels voices
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night divine, O night, O night divine

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by his cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger.
In all our trials born to be our friend.

He knows our need,
to our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!

Truly he taught us to love one another
His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall he break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of Joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us
Praise His holy name!

Christ is the Lord!
O Praise his name forever.
His power and glory evermore proclaim
O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Thanks for coming to



2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

Coming Up Next Week –

Christmas Day Service – 9:30am

Sunday Church – 11:30am

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