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**Who were the Nicolaitanes?**

The doctrines of this body of heretics has never ceased to puzzle Church historians.

They have always imagined that the Nicolaitanes had to be a

small sect which separated from the great worldly body of

professing Christians. It has never occurred to the scholars

that the Nicolaitanes might be that great body of professing

Christians which has departed from the true Church of God!

What does the word "Nicolaitane" mean?

It has nothing to do with the deacon Nicolas (Acts

6:5), as some have assumed. The original Greek word

"Nicolaitane" means one who is "a follower of Nicolas." Who

was that Nicolas of whom they were followers? God reveals

that He hates the doctrine of that man (Rev. 2:15).

But what does the name "Nicolas” come from? It

comes from two Greek words -- nikos and laos. Nikos means

"conqueror" or "destroyer" and laos means "People." The

original Nicolas was the conqueror-or destroyer of the people!

That was merely the Greek word for Nimrod -- the original arch rebel

who conquered the people and founded man-made civilization

within two centuries after the Flood!

While Nimrod was alive, by his dictatorial rule

he put himself in the place of God. And when he died\ his

admirers CONTINUED TO WORSHIP HIM AS A DIVINE HERO. They CALLED

HIM "BAAL,” a name found throughout the Old Testament. "Baal"

means "master" or "lord." It was only natural that Nimrod should

bear that name, for he put himself in place of the true

Lord or Master of all the universe.

But "Baal" was not Nimrod's only other NAME! HE HAD

MANY others. One of these names was "Santa," commonly used

throughout Asia Minor. This name of Nimrod may be found In

Lempriere’s Classical Dictionary.

Now you might ask, "Is there any connection between

Nimrod, who was called Santa, and 'Santa Claus'?"

"SANTA CLAUS" is but a shortened form of "Santa

Nicholas" or "Saint Nicholas" The followers of' "St. Nicholas"

or Nimrod are termed "NICOLAITANES" IN THE NEW TESTAMENT! So

those people -- who falsely called themselves "Christians"

continued to honor Nimrod in the days of the Apostle John!

just as they do today!

Today, on what date is "St. Nicholas" or Nimrod

especially HONORED? Is it December 25? Yes! But why?

The Romans used to celebrate December 25 as the

Saturnalia -- the birthday of Saturn or Nimrod. And is it any

wonder that December 25, Nimrod's purported birthday is STILL

CELEBRATED IN HONOR OF "NICHOLAS" -- NIMROD -- THE FIRST GREAT

DESPOT.

Yes, Santa Claus -- just a shortened form of Nicolas,

the Greek name for Nimrod -- is Nimrod deified. It is he

-- and not Jesus Christ -- whom the professing Christians serve

to this day, and whom they honor at Christmas! And there were

individuals in the Church of' God in those days who tolerated

such practices and even indulged in them!

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