

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all the nations; and then shall the end come." – Matthew 24:14

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Dear Brethren and Friends:

Warm greetings to all of you who are dedicated to supporting the Work of the Eternal God.

You should receive this member letter prior to the annual Feast Days—especially the Feast of Tabernacles which is going to be celebrated and kept where God has placed His name. This year, God led us to select Feast sites in Pismo Beach, California, USA, and also in North Wales, in the United Kingdom.

The Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement picture Christ's return and the banishment of Satan. It is so very important that these events will happen soon. Just look at all the problems facing this world today—be it the news about assassinated people in Mexico due to drug cartel wars going on in that country; the flooding in Pakistan; the increasing U.S. debt which is virtually impossible to reduce or eliminate, leading to an inevitable collapse of the U.S. economy in due time; the ongoing real fear of war in the Middle East; terrorist threats; earthquakes; hurricanes and tornadoes; volcanic eruptions; droughts; and other terrible occurrences. The average thinking person has to ask: "What's wrong with this picture?"

The answer is clear: We have gotten it all wrong because Satan rules this world. Ever since the rejection of God's ways and His government by Adam and Eve, the world has been in a deteriorating downward spiral, facing utter oblivion. It gets pretty bad when Christ pronounces that unless our days were shortened, no flesh would be saved alive. Left to our own devices and our tendencies to destroy, we would obliterate all human and animal life from the face of the earth. A pretty grim future would await this planet, if God were not to intervene. Thankfully, man will not be allowed to take it that far. Jesus Christ will return to save us from ourselves, and to bind Satan so that he cannot deceive the nations anymore. While politicians and governmental leaders promise us peace and prosperity, we know that they are unable to bring us peace. As Paul says in Romans 3:17: "And the way of peace they have not known."

Christ's return and the establishment of God's Kingdom here on earth is the only hope for mankind. And you and I—God's saints—can have a part in this. While we do not participate in the political affairs of this rotten evil and Satan-inspired world, we WILL be ruling this earth under Christ for a thousand years in the Kingdom of God. We will rule on this earth over this earth—teaching and guiding mankind to live a better way of life, which will lead to true prosperity, peace and joyous fulfillment. That is what the Feast of Tabernacles pictures—a time when mankind will have access to the Holy Spirit. And the Last Great Day or the Eighth Day foreshadows the joyous time when all who have lived and died, without knowing and understanding God's way of happiness, will be granted their opportunity to live righteously—as God had intended from the outset.

Mankind will have to choose whether to obey or reject God's ways and laws. This will be true for the people living throughout the Millennium and during the Great White Throne judgment period. But when their minds are open to the truth of God, and when they will be able to compare their past destructive ways of Satan with the peaceful ways of God, most—we believe—will make the right choice.

Knowing all of this, we are to show God today how much we appreciate His plan for mankind. We are commanded in Leviticus 23 and in many other passages to keep the annual Holy Days—the feasts of the Lord, not of man. In order to be able to attend these commanded holy assemblies of God's people—especially the Feast of Tabernacles—we are to faithfully save our second tithe. We are also admonished to rejoice before God at the place that He chooses for us. Although we are to rejoice in the physical sense (having saved enough money to buy during the Feast what our hearts desire), the real meaning of and purpose for our joy is found in the spiritual aspects—the godly fellowship highlighted by messages which have been prepared for this special occasion.

Christ's return and His rule on earth is the only solution for mankind. The Feast of Tabernacles pictures a time when there will be true peace on earth—when man does not want to learn anymore how to fight wars. War and hatred are learned from an early age. Man is trained in the "art of war." Wars have become commonplace. A world without wars seems to be unimaginable. But with God nothing is impossible. Rather than hating others, people will learn to love. And love is the fulfillment of the LAW of God. We in God's Church today must embrace and proclaim and live with all our being the gospel of the Kingdom of God—a gospel of love and peace. We are to seek peace and pursue it. As true peacemakers, we will live God's law of love.

In the future, the law of God will flow from Jerusalem—the new capital of the world. Man will be taught to keep all of God's laws, including the true Lord's day—the weekly Sabbath, which is to be observed from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset. No more cheap Satanic substitutes will be permitted to be kept, such as Sunday, an ancient pagan holy day on which the sungod was worshipped. People will also be taught to keep God's Feast of Tabernacles, as mentioned in Zechariah 14 and in other places.

The Feast of Tabernacles pictures a time of peace and harmony when people's minds will be open to the truth of God's Word. This is truly a time to look forward to, so it is incumbent upon us to make every effort to be there and to partake attentively of the spiritual food. We are to visualize in our minds the time when God's entire plan will have become reality. Anticipating what the annual Holy Days picture, let us ensure that we all will have a great and fulfilling Feast.

With brotherly love,

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