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April 20, 2002, we discussed spring and its references in the Bible – we found that spring was a time of war ... fall, however, is a time of harvest – of reaping what you have sown

A magician is trained at deception – watch the right hand and you are distracted from the left.

Communications are similar. I can give a compliment to a person about ... what does that say about my opinion about their ... -- nothing! It may mean I have thought about it at all; it may mean I don't like it; it may mean I don't want to discuss it; it may mean I hate the thought of it.

Politicians are well trained at this form of communications. A few weeks ago, Nita and I attended a political meeting. The forum leaders talked about their proposed increase in taxes. They talked about the comparison of the resultant tax rates to others in the area. They did not talk about how many people they were adding to staff that were unnecessary or other expenditures that may not be needed.

The devil works this way also. Christmas is loaded with “good” things – Luke’s version of the Nativity is truthful; there is nothing wrong with talk about peace and good will toward men; gifts to family and friends are not inherently bad. However, the devil is not telling people about his ability to divert people from God’s teachings – about God’s holy days.

This nation has a multitude of holidays – MLK, Presidents’ Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving. There is nothing inherently wrong with these days. They all have some redeeming qualities and they all divert peoples’ attention from God’s Holy Days.

In the Statement of Beliefs of the Fairview Texas Church of God, we have a statement about the Holy Days:

### **11. HOLY DAYS**

Seven Holy Days (also known as High Sabbaths) were set apart by God to be observed in three separate seasons of each year. They are Passover, Days of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Day of Trumpets, Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day. Each has historical meaning, future implications and Messianic revelations.

**Feast of Tabernacles**

**Leviticus 23**

- 33 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,
- 34 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: "The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD.
  - Exodus 23.16 "and the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your labors which you have sown in the field; and the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have gathered in the fruit of your labors from the field.
    - Remember this verse – we will come back to it shortly
  - Numbers 29.12 'On the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work, and you shall keep a feast to the LORD seven days.
  - Deuteronomy 16.13 "You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress.
    - 14 "And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates.
  - Ezra 3.4 They also kept the Feast of Tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings in the number required by ordinance for each day.
  - Nehemiah 8.13 Now on the second day the heads of the fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to understand the words of the Law.
    - 14 And they found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month,
  - Zechariah 14.16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.
  - John 7.1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.
    - 2 Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.
    - 3 His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go

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into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing.

- 4 "For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world."
  - 5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.
  - 6 Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.
  - 7 "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil.
  - 8 "You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come."
  - 9 When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.
  - 10 But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.
- 35 'On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it.
  - 36 'For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a sacred assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it.

#### **Deuteronomy 14**

- 23 "And you shall eat before the LORD your God, in the place *where He chooses* to make His name abide, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always.
  - Deuteronomy 12
    - 5 "But you shall seek the place where the LORD your God chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His name for His dwelling place; and there you shall go.
    - 6 "There you shall take your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave offerings of your hand, your vowed offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks.
    - 7 "And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.
  - Deuteronomy 15
    - 19 "All the firstborn males that come from your herd and your flock you shall sanctify to the LORD your God; you shall do no work with the firstborn of your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your flock.
- 24 "But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, or if the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far

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from you, when the LORD your God has blessed you,

- 25 "then you shall exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses.
- 26 "And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires: for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household.

**Exodus 23**

- 16 "and the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits of your labors which you have sown in the field; and the Feast of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you have gathered in the fruit of your labors from the field.

**Exodus 34**

- 22 "And you shall observe the Feast of Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the year's end.
  - Notice the tie between the two harvests. After the time "firstfruits" is closed – after Christ has returned and set up His Kingdom – there is yet to come a harvest of souls into God's Kingdom – the two resurrections.

**John 1**

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- 2 He was in the beginning with God.
- 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.
- 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.
- 6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all 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 gives light to every man coming into the world.
- 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.
- 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
- 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
- 13 who 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 became 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.

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**Revelation 21**

- 1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.
- 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.
- 4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
- 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."
- 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.
- 7 "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.
- 8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
- 9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."
- 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
- 11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.
- 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
- 13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.
- 14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
- 15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.
- 16 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal.
- 17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel.

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- 18 The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.
- 19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald,
- 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoptase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.
- 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.
- 22 But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.
- 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.
- 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.
- 25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).
- 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.
- 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

**Revelation 22**

- 1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.
- 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.
- 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.
- 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.
- 6 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.
- 7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."
- 8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.
- 9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."
- 10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for

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the time is at hand.

- 11 "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."
- 12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work."
- 13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."
- 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.
- 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.
- 16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."
- 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.
- 18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;
- 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.
- 20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!
- 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Let's prepare for the Feast of Tabernacles as we prepare for the Kingdom of God and our final Tabernacle with Him.