

## **FEAST OF TABERNACLES AND CHRISTMAS, WHICH?**

### **FEAST OF TABERNACLES**

1. Ordained by God through Moses the prophet. "Ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD." – Lev. 23:33-36, 39-44; Deut. 16:13-17.
2. Celebrated by Jesus Christ "the greater and more perfect tabernacle" now among men in spirit. (John 7:1-14, 37-38; Heb. 8:2; 9:11; Rev. 21:3)
3. Commanded by God through prophecy for His True worshippers to celebrate yearly at the end of the world in which we are now. – Zech. 14:16-19.
4. A solemn festival – the first and last days being holy convocations. (Lev. 23:35,36; Num. 29:12,35; John 7:37,38)
5. More attention is given to the word of God than to eating and drinking. The Ministers of the Church interpret the law of God to the understanding of the people as the priests of old and Jesus Christ did. "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scriptures hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (Deut 31:10-13; Neh. 8:18; John 7:14, 37-38).

### **CHRISTMAS**

1. Originated from "a noisy pagan festival in honour of the god of the sun". "On that day (25th Dec.) the pagans at Rome celebrated the feast of the Sun".
2. Not celebrated by Jesus Christ; neither by Mary nor the Apostles, but by nominal adherents of Christianity". (Hislop- The Two Babylons)
3. No mention of it in the whole Bible. "No such festival as Christmas was ever heard of till the third century..." (Hislop- The Two Babylons) The 25th of December was chosen to celebrate Christmas in the third Century."
4. It has many pagan characters. (Kellet – A Short History of Religions) "Another thing that robs us of the meaning of Christmas is traditionalism. Do not some even join pagan customs with their Christmas celebrations?"
5. Notorious for its riotous merry-making – its revellings having been borrowed from Saturnalia, a festival in honour of a Roman god of agriculture by name Saturn. It is always characterized by excessive eating and drinking.

There is no single evidence in the Bible to show that Jesus Christ was born on the 25th of December. Rather, December 25 is the birth anniversary of pagan rulers or deities such as Nimrod, Mithra or Sol and Not, we repeat, the birth-day of Jesus Christ.

On what ground therefore do you celebrate Christmas? The reason that almost the whole world is celebrating it is not spiritual or biblical and therefore not enough or justifiable for you to do same. The law of God says, "Thou shall not follow a multitude to do evil..." (Exod. 23:2)

The Feast of Tabernacles is God-ordained – a Feast of rejoicing, a feast of blessing and protection. – Lev. 23:33-44, Zech. 14:16-19; Rev. 21:3.

The Truth Only Shall Make You Free! – John 8:32.