Israelites as the Feast of Tabernacles. It also includes two important days, the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement.

The Feast of Trumpets is a one-day feast. Throughout the Bible are numerous Scriptures which speak of trumpets. The priests were to blow the trumpets for an alarm, before going into battle, and for many other reasons. The seven angels in Revelations were given seven trumpets. "The Feast of Trumpets was to be a memorial of blowing of the trumpets" as can be read in Numbers 29:1. Could it be that the Feast of Trumpets was established for that day when Israel shall see the return of Jesus Christ as King of Kings to this earth?

The Day of Atonement is a national day of fasting. This is a day of repentance for all Israel.

These two days and the eight days of the Feast of Tabernacles are celebrated in the Hebrew month of Tishri. On our calendars this means either late September or early October.

One of the greatest events of all history takes place at the Feast of Tabernacles, that is the Incarnation or the Birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was born on the first day of this Feast and circumcised on the eighth day.

As with Passover and Pentecost, there is also a celebration of the Birth of Christ observed by the orthodox church world. It is called Christmas. many years ago, though, the date was changed to December 25.

Having briefly explained each of God's Feast Days, I would like now to mention a few of the tremendous blessings that flow to those who celebrate Yahweh's Feast Days. They are a time to grow and learn about the truth of Christ, His Law, His Church, His Doctrine, His Sacraments, and most of all His Kingdom. They offer an opportunity for fellowship, a time to "love Yahweh thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind", and "to love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 22:37-40) They help to remind us who our God really is and who we are. From this we see many tremendous blessings springing forth.

These Feasts must be celebrated in a way pleasing unto God, because remember, they are ***His***. Many of the same benefits result from orthodox observances, but we must celebrate them Yahweh's way instead of man's way. Christians of today have made up their own feasts just as Israel did in the Bible at the time of Jeroboam. Of those Isaiah said in his book, "Your new moons and your appointed feasts, my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me: I am weary to bear them." (Isa. 1:14) Notice ***your*** new moons and ***your*** appointed feasts. These are not Yahweh's feasts; they are man's. Also remember that this verse doesn't make any mention that we should ***not*** observe His Feast Days! Only man's appointed feasts does He hate.

God's Feast Days are a most significant part of each year, and Yahweh truly blesses His children who keep them.

The great Feast of Passover is now very close at hand. With prayer and faith in God we hope to see you serving and praising Yahweh at this 1983 Feast of Passover.

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FROM THE EDITOR

IN HUMBLE THANKSGIVING

I want to thank all of the dear Christian Kingdom people who have stood behind THE CHURCH OF ISRAEL at Schell City with your prayers and love for the truth of Yahweh and the great and glorious Gospel of the Kingdom. To those who have been inspired to support this National Kingdom Ministry with your tithes and donations, we are profoundly grateful. On behalf of all those who are responsible for meeting payments for expenses incurred in this National Kingdom Ministry, we are especially thankful to Jesus Christ and to those He has inspired to support this work. Since we pass no collection plates, request no pledges, and make no requests for help of any kind, bill no one for anything, we are placing ourselves in the total custody of Almighty God. When people support this work, we know that it is because they are moved by inspiration of God the Holy Spirit. May the God of Israel bless every Christian Soldier who has made it possible for us to operate our Christian Day School here at the CHURCH OF ISRAEL, who has made it possible for the WATCHMAN to be sent out to several thousand families, who has made possible the shipment of thousands of cassette tapes already in 1983, who has made possible our Home Bible Study program, and help fund the expenses of hosting three annual Feast Days where National Gatherings of people meet at Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles of each year. May Jesus Christ be praised for the faithful, dedicated, and committed Christian Soldiers who have supported this CHURCH in its warfare against Satan, his minions, and in standing for CHRIST, His Church, His Law, His Doctrine, and His Coming Kingdom into this earth.

Pastor Dan Gayman, his wife Deloris, and their six children - oldest son Douglas, then Robin, Tim, Julie, Dana, and Jon.

SPRING IS COMING TO MISSOURI

We are now moving into late March and ending one of the mildest winters on record here in the Midwest. We have had very little cold, almost no snow, and weeks and weeks of mild weather with lots of sunshine and occasional rain. It has been like living in Florida and we have really enjoyed it. We have spent very little time cutting wood and shoveling snow. Families in our congregation are now in the process of planting large gardens and preparing for a bountiful harvest of vegetables and other foods throughout the summer and into the fall. Our congregation is now in the process of preparing for the coming Passover and the cleaning of dormitories and preparing our facilities for the Israelites who will come from all parts of the nation to celebrate this glorious Festival of Passover and unleavened bread. This will be a time of great fellowship, study, and growth into the Word of God. We are expecting an overflow congregation and at this time all of our available rooms, houses, and apartments are reserved by Israelites coming in from throughout America. Everyone who works full or part time in the local congregation has been exceptionally busy preparing for the Passover season. Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lent have been working every day in the office filling orders, meeting the needs of the Home Bible Study Course and fulfilling other demands made upon this ministry. Mr. Wilfred Wagher has been busy remodeling and preparing one of our dormitories for use during Passover and all of our teachers, Mr. and