

## Will the Global Economy Signal Jesus Christ's Return?

*What possible connection could Christ's return have with the global marketplace?*

**W**e are now experiencing a major turndown in the world economy. What has happened is 'the most dangerous shock in mature financial markets since the 1930s' (*Time*, 20 October 2008). It is high time we take a serious look at global economic news and trends in the light of biblical prophecy. Revelation, the last book of the Bible, is the only New Testament book specifically devoted to prophecy. It is literally 'the revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants – things which must shortly take place' (Revelation 1:1).

The 18th chapter describes a dominant system of international trade supported by corrupt political and religious hegemonies whose 'sins have reached to

heaven' (verse 5). But the Bible clearly shows that the return of Jesus Christ will bring about this end-time system's collapse and destruction.

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(Revelation 13:17). It will stringently regulate commerce.

Before very recent occurrences it would have seemed almost absurd to predict such a drastic global change in economic outlook and practice. After all, our society greatly values individual freedom. What could possibly induce the citizens of civilised nations to accept such intrusive controls over their right to buy and sell as they please?

**An earlier time of economic turmoil**

This scenario has already been played out once in the last century. The collapse of the world's free economies,

trade wars and economic turmoil during the Great Depression of the 1930s helped catapult Adolf Hitler to power. Hitler's solutions restored Germany to a world power and made him a hero among most of his own people until the military defeat of the Nazis in 1945.

People who were adults at the time of the Great Depression are rapidly passing from the scene. Their recollections of plummeting wages, loss of homes and jobs and pervasive hunger seem long ago and far away. At one point in the 1930s unemployment reached more than 25% in America.

The stock markets went crazy and corporate shares fell in value overnight. As wages dropped, debt repayment became more and more difficult.



The Great Depression: job queue.



The Great Depression: soup line.

**Mortgage defaults skyrocketed.** Business earnings dropped, and large corporations went bankrupt.

People became aimless and idle – hunger and fear became their constant companions. It was a downward spiral into economic oblivion. Little wonder that our parents and grandparents referred to the human disaster they experienced as the Great Depression.

Today few people in the industrialized world have any concept of what happens when deflation – a drop in prices and wages – sets in.

The beginnings of the threat of deflation are already emerging as a direct result of the current economic crisis. A recent leading headline in the *International Herald Tribune* bears this out. It said: *'Deflation Threat Grows Worldwide.'* The article continued: 'As dozens of countries slip deeper into financial distress in alarming unison, a new threat may be gathering force: the prospect that goods will pile up without buyers and prices will steadily fall, suffocating fresh investment and worsening joblessness for many months and even years. *The word for this syndrome is deflation, or falling prices, a term that generates chills among professional economists.* Deflation accompanied the Great Depression of the 1930s' (1-2 November 2008, emphasis added).

During times of such economic deprivation, people sometimes respond favourably to exceptionally strong and decisive leaders who show promise of quickly bringing order out of chaos. Drastic problems can lead to drastic solutions.

People want immediate action, not principles and platitudes. The leaders most likely to spur their followers to action are those who, to accomplish their own agendas, have no objection to trampling on the rights of others. They get things done, but at an appalling cost to freedom and dignity.

In the end they reward only those

who provide the support they need to keep themselves in power. They call themselves benefactors and statesmen. History sees them as despots and tyrants.

This is what happened in Central Europe between 1929 and 1945 as rulers

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assumed dictatorial powers and plunged the planet into a global conflagration.

**Will history be repeated?**

Bible prophecy indicates that a similar scenario will unfold just before Christ returns. It reveals that 10 heads of state will throw their power, authority and support behind a super-leader whom the Bible compares to a clever and powerful animal, a 'beast' (Revelation 17:12-13). The political entity this leader will create is likewise characterised as a beast – a cunning animal that preys on the very ones it purports to protect.

The Bible indicates that managing the global economy – successfully controlling what can be bought or sold – may be a major reason that this system will be adopted. For this to happen, the international community may have to enter an economic crisis so enormous and threatening that the nations will agree to a desperate solution.

If history repeats itself, a bold and daring new plan may be presented and adopted. And, as before, the loss of individual rights and freedoms built into this new socio-political system may well be presented as only temporary. But the Bible shows that what ultimately follows will become so appalling that only the return of Christ can stop it.

Let's look back nearly two millennia to see how the Bible describes that time.

**Ancient origins**

In committing to writing the revelation that Jesus Christ gave to him concerning this political and commercial system, the apostle John first connects us with this evil system's spiritual roots. According to the Bible, an unseen spirit being, a fallen angel called Satan the devil, rules the earth behind the scenes. This malevolent spirit is increasingly angry as he sees the approaching end of his influence.

John speaks of that 'great dragon . . . that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world' (Revelation 12:9). That enraged adversary has committed himself to make war against those who 'keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ' (verse 17). He and his army of unseen demon spirits are the unrealised driving force. (See also 1 John 5:19. To understand further, request our free booklet *Is There Really a Devil?*)

Next the apostle John refers to the physical and cultural origins of this ungodly system that is yet to arise from deep in the reservoir of ancient human tradition. 'I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion' (Revelation 13:1-2).

These are the exact characteristics the prophet Daniel ascribed to the ancient kingdoms of Greece, Persia and Babylon. John is telling us that there is a direct link between some of the dominant characteristics of those kingdoms and the socio-political system that Jesus Christ will destroy. Ancient Babylon, in particular, destroyed the temple of God in Jerusalem, conquered the kingdom of Judah and took its people into captivity. As such, it has symbolically become the ultimate adversary of God's people.

Notice who will manipulate the world's final super-dictator from behind

the scenes: 'The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority' (verse 2). Satan is never far from the action. It is his agenda that will really shape the policies of what will emerge.

### The important religious connection

At the present time the nations of Europe appear to be becoming more and more secular. But this era will end. The new system (described above) will embody much more than socio-political aspects. It will also have strong religious support. The apostle John introduces 'another beast' that, in some ways, resembles a lamb but speaks 'like a dragon' (verse 11). This beast performs miracles and 'deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast . . .' (verses 13-14). These miracles will abruptly bring our secular era to an end.

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These verses describe a great religious deceiver who is referred to as 'the false prophet' in Revelation 19:20. His influence will be enormous. 'He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name' (Revelation 13:16-17). Also he 'causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast . . .' (verse 12).

By throwing the full force of his deceptive religious power behind the socio-political schemes of the first beast, this false prophet will be the one primarily responsible for persuading humanity to accept and support this major development in the world's economic and political structure. Those who acquiesce

will be enslaving themselves to the state.

### The masters of commerce

In the end the modern-day merchants and traders will make this Babylonish system function (Revelation 17:5). Their trade will include 'merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet . . . every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble . . . fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and [even] souls of men' (Revelation 18:12-13).

Today, as we experience a major credit crisis in the banking system, it is appropriate that we reflect on how human greed will dramatically affect the future of mankind.

We have no way of knowing the precise time when it will happen, but the Bible reveals that at some point a general breakdown of the world's economy will trigger a massive rethinking of social, political and economic values. (To some extent this has already occurred, perhaps as a warning of what will happen in future.)

Out of the chaos of that time a clever and powerful political 'beast' will emerge with vast military and economic powers. For a short time his economic policies will lead some to revel in their wealth and power.

But this system will succeed only because opposition will be smashed. Those who will not submit to this economic system will be excluded or killed (Revelation 13:15-18).

### Dawn of a new era

The book of Revelation shows that God will send Jesus Christ back to earth to bring man's selfish way of life to an end. 'After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honour and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous

are His judgements, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her'" (Revelation 19:1-2).

At the return of Christ the political and economic culture that was perfected by ancient Babylon, embodying enslavement of its people, will be permanently destroyed.

At that time 'the merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, "Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! For in one hour such great riches came to nothing'" (Revelation 18:15-17).

Also 'the kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, "Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgement has come'" (verses 9-10).

One of the first things Jesus Christ will do when He returns will be to permanently terminate this world's last great experiment with this Babylonian type of political, religious and economic culture. Then the sufferings of 'this present evil world' (Galatians 1:4) will come to an end and Christ's joyous rule will begin.

Roger Foster  
Senior Writer, *The Good News*

### Recommended Reading

What lies ahead? Where are our economic, social and political problems ultimately heading? To understand, request or download our free booklets *The Gospel of the Kingdom*, *The Book of Revelation Unveiled* and *Are We Living in the Time of the End?*

# How the Church Observes God's Festivals

*A very successful Feast of Tabernacles was held this autumn in Stirling, Scotland.*

**T**he Feast of Tabernacles, also called the Feast of Ingathering, is really an annual festival of temporary dwellings. It reminds us of our short physical existence on earth, the time God has given for us to learn His eternal values (see Psalm 90:10-12). In a sense, the gathering is also like a yearly family reunion of those committed to following Jesus Christ and the way of life He always exemplified.

More than 500 people attended in Stirling, Scotland (many of them from

total to the value of the Feast. Bob and Evelyn Fahey from Chicago and Beloit, Wisconsin, were visiting areas that Mr Fahey had pastored when living in the British Isles. He provided the opening night sermon, as well as a Bible Study on being true disciples of Jesus Christ, and he brought the Last Great Day sermon about God's merciful judgment.

The yearly DVD provided by our Home Office in Cincinnati, Ohio, was entitled 'Our Heritage of Faith'. It covered subject matter that was typical of the

reach out to the people of the British Isles with the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, and to support an increasing number of members and congregations. (The United Church of God follows the tradition of taking a free-will offering only on each Holy Day of the three commanded seasons (see Deuteronomy 16:16-17).

Many visitors were appreciative of the planning that had resulted in a smooth-running Feast. The local congregation had also done much to help organise events with a special Scottish flavour. The weather was much milder than normal for this time of the year. A number of local residents remarked how 'lucky' we were with the weather! Church members viewed it as a blessing from God.

If you are wondering if you should keep God's festivals, be sure to request or download our free booklet *God's Holy Day Plan: The Promise of Hope for All Mankind*.

You may also be asking: 'How can I afford to attend a Feast?'

## How God provides the finances

In His wisdom, God teaches us to save a tenth of our net income for the observance of His festivals. This enables us to 'rejoice' with our families and dwell in various types of rented accommo-

dation. We are picturing the temporary nature of our physical life, and also remembering that God caused the Israelites to wander in the desert for 40 years (see Leviticus 23:42-43).

The Jewish historian Josephus, who lived about the time of Christ and came from a family of priests, documented



Above, Service in Albert Halls, Stirling.  
Right, Choir performance.

outside the British Isles) for the eight-day autumn festival of services and activities. Countries represented included Australia, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, France, Malawi, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States, the West Indies, and Zambia.

## Festival sermons and Home Office DVD

The messages given by elders from America, Britain, and Canada were piv-

messages during the Feast – valuing our godly calling and heritage of biblical truth that we

have, which we must protect and train others to faithfully continue. (Visit [www.ucg.org.uk/sermons/Feast08](http://www.ucg.org.uk/sermons/Feast08).)

We were very grateful for the generous offerings that were given on the two Holy Days at the beginning and end of the Feast period. The funds will be of great benefit in enabling the Church to



the understanding of his time regarding this festival tithe.

In *Antiquities of the Jews*, we find the following statement summarising and paraphrasing God's commandments given through Moses: 'Let there be taken out of your fruits a tenth, besides that which you have allotted to give to the priests and Levites. This you may

indeed sell in the country, but it is to be used in those feasts and sacrifices that are to be celebrated in the holy city: for it is fit that you should enjoy those fruits of the earth which God gives you to possess' (Book 4, chapter 4, section 8, emphasis added). This dovetails with God's instructions in Deutero-



Although the need for physical sacrifices ended with Christ's one perfect sacrifice of Himself, God expects us to continue to observe His festivals, as shown by the practice of the apostles and early New Testament Church. Today the members of the United Church of God, an International Association, understand and observe God's deeply meaningful annual festivals. They first reveal and then remind His people year after year of the plan of God for humanity. These annual occasions were ordained by God Himself (Leviticus 23:1-4). They belong to Him. He is the owner.

Peter Hawkins

Co-ordinating Pastor, British Isles

Top to bottom: Ivan Veller plays hymns and traditional tunes on the bagpipes; Richard and Emma Kennebeck visiting from the Home Office; John Schroeder with Spanish-speaking members from Colombia and Spain.



nomony 14:22-27, where the festival tithe is explained.

Additional details and biblical proof may be found in our booklet *What Does the Bible Teach About Tithing?* You may request your own free printed copy online or view the full text at [www.ucg.org/booklets/AT](http://www.ucg.org/booklets/AT).

# Insight Into an Autumn Festival

*Why do members of God's Church observe this festival?*

*Good News Supplement* writer Gerhard Marx, and his wife, Diana, attended the Feast of Tabernacles at Schluchsee, in the Black Forest of Germany. Mr Marx served as a guest speaker.



In mainstream Christianity, harvest songs are part of the hymn-sheet at services and sung in the autumn when leaves begin to fall. But surprisingly there is no directive for their adherents to observe a harvest festival, even though the Bible commands God's people to observe an annual autumn feast.

## Bible-based Holy Days and festivals

The festival in question is named in Exodus 23:16 as 'the feast of the ingathering at the end



Left, Children's choir performing; above, Paul Kieffer, director of the German work.

of the [harvest] year', although in other parts of the Bible God calls it the Feast of Tabernacles because He made the Children of Israel live in tents during the wilderness years. It lasted eight



'Thy Word is truth', is what Jesus said in John 17:7. For our beliefs we turn to the Bible to tell us what doctrines we are to incorporate into the worship of God. Whether it's the festivals we observe or the doctrines we accept as being from our Creator, we are not

we wish to give you a brief insight into this autumn festival as observed around the world. This year, the United Church of God kept the Feast of Tabernacles in more than 50 different locations around the world, five of which were in Continental Europe – in Portugal, France, Italy, Germany and Estonia.

During this eight-day Feast, messages are given each day expounding God's word and His plan for humanity. The service is interspersed with hymn-singing and other appropriate music provided by the brethren. Apart from the first and last day of the Feast, which are holy convocations, outings into the beautiful countryside are available as well as visits to historic sights in the surrounding area. Children are also very much

days, with the first and last days being a holy convocation or commanded assembly. This autumn Feast was one of seven occasions when the Israelites were called together before God. We read in Leviticus 23:4, 'These are the feasts of the LORD, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times.' These appointed times were in the spring, summer and autumn (see Deuteronomy 16:16, emphasis added throughout).

### Feast kept by Christ and the apostles

So these seven annual Holy Days, culminating with the harvest Feast of Tabernacles and finally the Last Great Day immediately following, continued to be kept by Jesus Christ and the disciples in New Testament times (John 7:1-14; 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; 16:8, etc). They are also observed by God's Church today for very good reason. They explain God's plan of salvation for both Israel and the rest of the world according to God's time frame. The harvests in the Holy Land roughly correspond to Holy Days picturing spiritual harvests of salvation.

God's true Church throughout the ages has been very careful in worshipping the Creator in the way He commands in the Bible. His people are not to borrow religious practices and festivals from the non-Christian world (see Deuteronomy 12:29-31).



to stray from the revelation that God has provided in His Word. Accepting outright pagan concepts in the worship of God (called syncretism) isn't an option His people have, even if they are dressed up in Christian attire. Christmas is a prime example of this.

(To understand further, request or download our free booklet *Holidays or Holy Days: Does It Matter Which Days We Celebrate?*)

One of the revealed biblical truths is that we worship God by keeping His feasts at the appropriate time of the year. To explain more about these seven Holy Days culminating in the Feast of Tabernacles, please write for our free booklet *God's Holy Day Plan: The Promise of Hope for All Mankind*.

### How the Feast is observed

In this issue of *The Good News Supplement*



Top to bottom: Performance of Festival choir; family from Latvia; Schluchsee scene; nearby waterfall.

involved with games and songs. It's a time to drink in spiritual nourishment as well as relax in beautiful natural surroundings.

The Feast itself is a time of rejoicing for young and old alike. At this autumn time Feast-goers are to 'rejoice before the LORD', as we read in Deuteronomy 16:13-14. 'You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days . . . and you shall rejoice in the feast, you and your son and your daughter.'

We rejoice not only for the blessings of the year, but especially because these days signify God's plan of salvation as mirrored by the agricultural harvests in the Holy Land.

Gerhard Marx



# Questions & Answers

**Q** Please throw some light on prophetic events regarding Africa, Nigeria in particular.  
*Reader from London*

**A** God uses some particular nations much more than others in order to fulfil major biblical prophecies. As far as we can know and understand, Nigeria and other African countries aren't destined to play a major part in their fulfillment at the time of the end. In some respects this is largely a matter of geography. The Bible focuses on Europe and the Middle East as the prime places where God's prophecies will finally be played out. The gathering of armies at Armageddon to fight the returning Christ, for example, occurs in the Middle East.

This doesn't take away from the fact that when Jesus Christ returns to inaugurate His millennial rule, Nigeria and other non-Israelite nations in Africa will play their role in helping bring about a prosperous and bright future under the leadership of the Messiah.

Overall it is very important to understand prophecy by seeing how God has worked in the past to fulfill His plan and purpose for humankind. Our Creator initially chose the people of Israel to show others how to live in the light of His Word and His law. 'Israel was holiness to the LORD, the firstfruits of His increase' (Jeremiah 2:3).

Overall they failed to obey God. Yet He did use them to perpetuate His Word (Romans 3:1-2). The books of the Old

Testament were called 'the Holy Scriptures' (Romans 1:2; 2 Timothy 3:15). The apostle Paul even states that on account of Israel's stumbling, salvation had begun for people of other nations. Notice Romans 11:11: 'I say, then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall to provoke them to jealousy, *salvation has come to the Gentiles*' (emphasis added throughout). Yet ultimately 'All Israel will be saved' (Romans 11:26). Their future salvation is outlined in Romans chapters 9 through 11.

The Israelites were chosen to portray God's revealed way of life, but that doesn't mean that they were ever any better in the Creator's eyes than other peoples. 'You only have I known of all the families of the earth; Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities [sins]' (Amos 3:2). This He did to both the House of Israel and the House of Judah. Because of their persistent sinning, both the northern 10 tribes centered in the nation Israel (or the House of Israel, sometimes called Samaria) and the House of Judah in the south were taken into captivity by Assyria and Babylon, respectively.

God's Word, both Old and New Testaments, makes it plain that God is not a respecter of persons. In His sight all human beings are equal. Notice what the apostle Peter said in Acts 10:34-35: '*In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.* But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.' This attribute of God is also shown in the Old Testament.

Notice Isaiah 66:1-2 where God says: 'To this one will I look: on him who is poor [in attitude] and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.'

Although God chose the ancient Israelites to live and perpetuate His way of life based on His revealed law, the prophets never saw Him as being a God for the Israelites only. They were to be a light to the Gentile nations. Notice that Abraham saw God as being the '*judge of all the earth*' (Genesis 18:25). The prophet Isaiah called the temple of the Israelites 'a house of prayer for all nations' (Isaiah 56:7).

God does have a right to choose whomever He wishes in order that His plan of salvation may be brought to full fruition. The Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar learned this telling point as he recalled his painful humbling in Daniel 4:30-37. In verse 32 he is told that it is 'the most High [who] rules in the kingdom of men and gives it to whomever He chooses.' In verse 35 this king came to realise that 'all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing. He does according to His will in the armies [hosts] of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand or say to Him, **What have You done?** Later in the New Testament the apostle Paul reflects on this same point (see Romans 9:14-21).

To understand much more of God's prophetic purpose for all nations, request or download our free booklets *The Gospel of the Kingdom* and *You Can Understand Bible Prophecy*.

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# Letters From Our Readers

## **The Good News**

*Editor's Note: All the letters under this heading except one are from readers who have recently renewed The Good News.*

Thank you for sending me *The Good News* magazine. I love and enjoy reading all the Bible prophecy articles, expecting the end-time events we will live through. Keep up the good work.  
*M G L, Croydon*

Please don't stop sending these magazines. For some of us believers they are the only source of genuine Bible preaching. We can't get it these days unless we subscribe to supermarket religion – all colour and no substance.  
*P A, Southampton*

*The Good News* has always been of great help. I converted from being Muslim to Christian.  
*Reader from London*

These *Good News* publications are very beneficial. As pensioners and senior citizens, my wife and I really appreciate the contents and get great encouragement from them.  
*R A, Antrim, Northern Ireland*

*The Good News* has been a blessing. Each time I read through an issue, it touches the depths of my heart. It is inspiring, educative and well structured. I pray God will bless everyone involved in producing this publication.  
*O N O, London*

It is a real joy to read your magazine and then pass it on to someone in hospital. It has helped patients to overcome fear during their stay in the hospital. It is

a real joy to know the love they have for the Lord and Saviour in their lives.

*R B, Banbridge, Northern Ireland*

As usual *The Good News* is sequentially pleasing. Sorry for the communications break. I am still very interested. Life struggling activities have continued to occupy me, hence the slack.

*F I, Dublin*

## **Bible Study Course**

Thank you for your inspiring publications. They are life-changing and are helping to give my life direction and meaning at last. *The Bible Study Course* is very well constructed and I am learning more all the time. The articles and lessons are so well written and provide answers to so many of my questions.

*L M, Winchester*

I wanted to say how much I have enjoyed the *Bible Study Course*. It has made things more understandable. I'd also like to thank you very much for sending the magazines and for your newsletters as well. I will shortly be sending you a donation.

*J G, Isle of Wight*

## **Why personal troubles?**

Nothing in my life is going right. I have bad health. Why can't I have the one person I desire in my life?

*Reader in Eastern England*

• We suggest you request our free booklet *Making Life Work*. One chapter title is 'Keys to a Healthy, Long Life'. The last chapter, 'Does Life Have Greater Meaning and Purpose?' may help you put your romantic wishes into proper perspective. Read the next letter.

## **Marriage and Family: The Missing Dimension**

Thank you for the magazine and the booklet about *Marriage and Family*. I'm just taking it all in at the moment. I feel like I'm holding my breath. I will write again soon.

*E F, London*

## **Spreading the Gospel of the Kingdom**

I enjoy reading your publications and some of the free literature. I am a member of an evangelical free church that concentrates on the true doctrine. I am pleased to send a small gift for the furthering of your good work.

*F E K, Peterlee*

Thank you for continuing to send your valued literature. Please find enclosed cheque to help you carry on with your vital work.

*Mrs J H, Accrington*

Thank you so much for the free booklets and *The Good News* magazine. I have been gaining better understanding of the Scriptures and many questions have been finally answered. I'm so excited by your ministry! God bless you for the work you do.

*P C, London*

## **Feast of Tabernacles**

Thank you for the MP3 disc you sent me on the Feast of Tabernacles. I made it last for the entire eight days to keep me aware of what it means to us. I thank you for the card you sent me with the greetings from many people.

*D H, Basingstoke*

• Note the two articles about the Feast of Tabernacles in this issue.