



WELCOME TO THE

Christmas
PARTY



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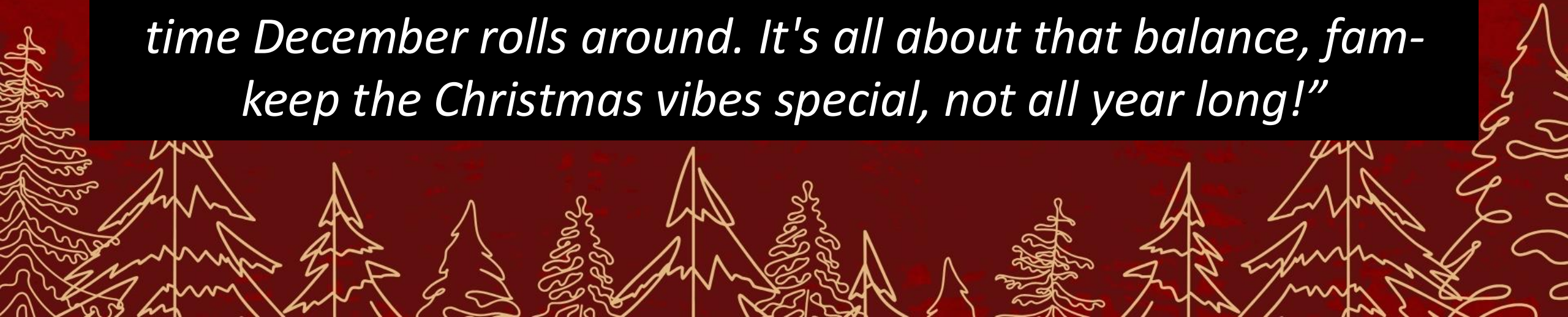


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“Yo, I get it-Christmas jams are lit, but listening to them in July might kinda mess with the vibes, you know? It's like trying to wear a hoodie in the middle of summer. People might look at you like you're wildin', and honestly, it can take away from the magic when it's actually the holiday season. Plus, if you're blasting jingle bells in the heat, you might get tired of it by the time December rolls around. It's all about that balance, fam-keep the Christmas vibes special, not all year long!”





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**God is a
God of Celebrations!**



**What does
God celebrate?**



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redemptive things.

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They were theological in that the observance of the festivals presented the participants with lessons on the reality of sin, judgment, and forgiveness, on the need for thanksgiving to God, and on the importance of trusting God rather than hoarding possessions.

They were typological in that they anticipated a greater fulfillment of the symbolism of the feasts. It is not surprising that each of the major feasts is in some way alluded to in the New Testament. On the other hand, the festivals could become meaningless rituals and were subject to the criticism of the prophets (Isa 1:13-14).

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1. Passover

2. Unleavened Bread

3. First Fruits

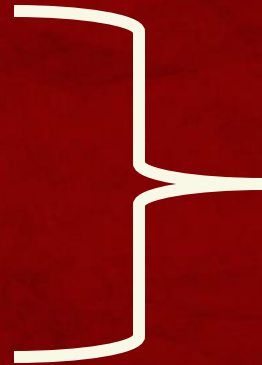
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5. Trumpets

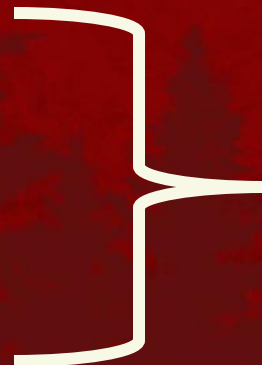
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7. Tabernacles

8. *Sabbath*



The Spring Festivals



The Fall Festivals



A Weekly Festival

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- ⁷ In distress you called, and I delivered you;
I answered you in the secret place of thunder;
I tested you at the waters of Meribah. Selah
- ⁸ Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- ⁹ There shall be no strange god among you;
you shall not bow down to a foreign god.
- ¹⁰ I am the Lord your God,
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

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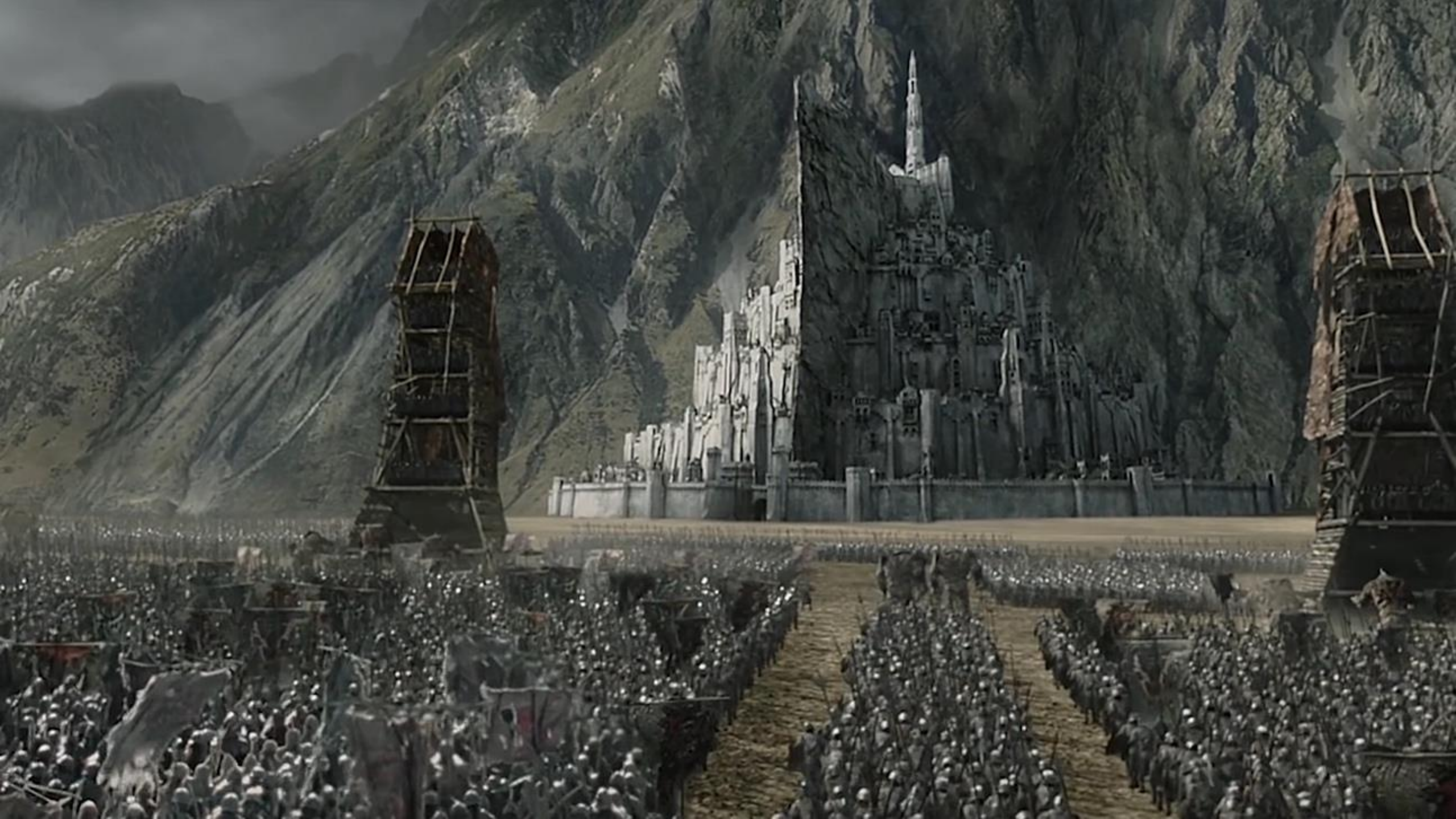
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Leviticus 16:16

¹⁶ Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.

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Psalm 103:12

*“as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”*

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“The holy God who is offended by sin is also the compassionate and gracious God who delights to cleanse and forgive it.” – Jay Sklar

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Restored relationship

Hebrews 10

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¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹² he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Hebrews 9

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¹⁵ Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 9

Day of Atonement

²⁶ ...But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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Tabernacles

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“He doesn’t simply meet us at our place of need; he lives in our place of need. He never tires of sweeping us into his tender embrace. It is his very heart. It is what gets him out of bed in the morning.”

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“The cumulative testimony of the four Gospels is that when Jesus Christ sees the fallenness of the world all about him, his deepest impulse, his most natural instinct, is to move toward that sin and suffering, not away from it.”

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“Jesus walked the earth rehumanizing the dehumanized and cleansing the unclean. Why? Because his heart refused to let him sleep in. Sadness confronted him in every town. So wherever he went, whenever he was confronted with pain and longing, he spread the good contagion of his cleansing mercy.”

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