"Merry CHRISTMAS, Happy HOLYdays, & SAVIOR's Greetings"

#3: "SAVIOR's Greetings" (Matthew 1:20-21) Dr. Rick Stedman

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- Should we say, "Season's Greetings" or "Savior's Greetings"?
- What does the Bible say about "seasons"?
- 1) God made and changes the <u>natural</u> seasons. (Genesis 1:14; Acts 14:17)
- 2) God also makes and changes the <u>theological</u> seasons. (Daniel 2:21; 7:25; Acts 1:7)
 - kronos (time) vs kairos (season) (1 Tim 2:6; Titus 1:3)
- 3) We are in a <u>new</u> and <u>final season</u> now. (1 Peter 1:5; Hebrews 9:9, 10: Rev 1:3; 22:10)
 - "The last days." (Acts 2:17, page 756)
- 4) This final season is the season of the Savior.
 - In the OT, only God (Yahweh) was the Savior! (Isaiah 43:11; 45:21; Hosea 13:4; Luke 1:47)
 - In the OT, the Messiah is never called the Savior. (Psm 28:8; remember, Messiah is the human king.)
 - At Christmas, a true surprise occurred:
 - The Savior (God) became a baby (human)!
 - Immanuel = "God with us" (Matthew 1:23, 25) (Mt 2:11; Lk 2:11; Jn 3:17; 4:42; Jn 20:28)
 - The baby's name is Jesus. ("Yahweh-saves")
 - Jesus was born to save sinners.
 - "Of whom I am the worst." (1 Timothy 1:15)
 - "For those who believe in Him." (1 Timothy 1:16)
 - "And receive eternal life." (1 Timothy 1:16)
- 5) This final season of believing is almost over!
 - "The Judge is standing at the door!" (James 5:9)
- → What are we saying when we say: "Season's Greetings? "Now is your season for a Savior!