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I counsel thee to
buy of me gold
tried in the fire...
Revelation 3:18





Is There Something We've Been Missing?

HANUKKAH FOR BELIEVERS:

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John 10:22-23 KJV*

“And it was at Jerusalem the **feast of the dedication**, and it was winter. And Yeshua walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.”

Ἐγένετο δὲ τὰ ἐγκαίνια ἐν τοῖς Ἱεροσολύμοις καὶ χειμῶν ἦν καὶ περιεπάτει ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ ἐν τῇ στοᾷ τοῦ Σολομῶντος

LXX Hebrew Equivalent

- Greek: τὰ ἐγκαίνια.
- Septuagint Hebrew equivalent: חֲנֻכָּה.
- חֲנֻכָּה = Hanukkah = Strong's #H2598, TWOT#693b
- Meaning: make new, renew; as opening a way not there before open, dedicate, consecrate, begin, initiate, inaugurate.
- i.e. **Feast of Dedication.**

First Dedication cir.1500 BCE

Numbers 7:1-2 KJV

“And it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them; That the princes of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who *were* the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered...

First Dedication cir.1500 BCE

Numbers 7:10-11 KJV*

“And the princes offered for **dedicating (hanukkah)** the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar. And Yahweh said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the **dedicating (hanukkah)** of the altar.”

First Dedication cir.1500 BCE

Numbers 7:88 KJV

“And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace offerings were twenty and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the **dedication** of the altar, after that it was anointed.”

הַנִּזְבָּח = dedication = hanukkah
Strong's #H2598, TWOT #693b

Second Dedication cir.1000 BCE.

2 Chronicles 5:1,3 KJV*

“Thus all the work that Solomon made for the house of Yahweh was finished...Wherefore all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month.”

2 Chronicles 7:4 KJV*

“Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before Yahweh.”

Second Dedication cir.1000 BC

2 Chronicles 7:5 KJV*

“And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people **dedicated** the house of Elohim.”

הִנִּיחַ = dedicated = hanak'ed

hanak = Strong's #H2596, TWOT #693

Means to narrow; figuratively, to initiate or discipline, dedicate, train up.

Second Dedication cir.1000 BC

1 Kings 8:63 KJV*

“And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto Yahweh, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel **dedicated (hanak)** the house of Yahweh.”

Second Dedication cir.1000 BC

2 Chronicles 7:8-9 KJV

“Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt. And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the **dedication** of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.”

הַגִּבָּה = dedication = hanukkah

Strong's #H2598, TWOT #693b

Cleansing After Defilement

2 Chronicles 28:1-2 KJV*

“Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not that which was right in the sight of Yahweh, like David his father: For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim.”

Cleansing After Defilement

2 Chronicles 28:3-4 KJV*

“Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom Yahweh had cast out before the children of Israel. He sacrificed also and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.”

Cleansing After Defilement

2 Chronicles 29:5, 16 KJV*

“And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of Yahweh Elohim of your fathers, and carry forth the **filthiness** out of the holy *place*...

And the priests went into the inner part of the house of Yahweh, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the **uncleanness** that they found in the temple of Yahweh into the court of the house of Yahweh. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron.”

Cleansing After Defilement

2 Chronicles 29:15-16 KJV*

“And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of Yahweh, to cleanse the house of Yahweh. And the priests went into the inner part of the house of Yahweh, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of Yahweh into the court of the house of Yahweh. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad into the brook Kidron.”

Cleansing After Defilement

2 Chronicles 29:17 KJV*

“Now they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of Yahweh: so they sanctified the house of Yahweh in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.”

Dedication After Destruction

Ezra 6:14-15 KJV*

“And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the Elohim of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.”

Dedication After Destruction.

Ezra 6:16-17 KJV*

“And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the **dedication (hanukkah)** of this house of Elohim with joy, And offered at the **dedication (hanukkah)** of this house of Elohim an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel.”

Dedication After Destruction

Nehemiah 12:27 KJV

“And at the **dedication** of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the **dedication** with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.”

8 Days to 'Dedicated'.

- Priests consecrated the priesthood for 7 days, then on 8th day began their work (Leviticus 8:33)
- Oxen & sheep kept 7 days then on 8th day dedicated to Yahweh (Exodus 22:30)
- Baby boys circumcised on the 8th day (Leviticus 12:3)
- Hezekiah cleansed temple & rededicated it to Yahweh on 8th day (2 Chronicles 29:16-17)

TWOT 693b 'Hanukkah'.

“Judging from Israelite practice, the initial use of a religious structure was given special significance. The completion of a project was observed with an inauguration of the structure, **an event appropriately accompanied by sacrifice and joy**. Rites of inauguration have their place. Elsewhere, with the use of other vocabulary, greater emphasis is given to the consecration of people to God.”

(Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament)

John 10:22-23 KJV*

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World History & Prophecy.

- Babylon.
- Medes-Persians.
- Alexander the Great (Greece).
- Diadochi – 4 rulers.
 - Ptolemy (Egypt)
 - Cassander (Greece)
 - Lysimachus (Turkey/Asia)
 - Seleucus (Mesopotamia, Syria, Judah, Samaria)

Antiochus IV 'Epiphanes'



Antiochus Turns on Jerusalem.

“When these happenings were reported to the king, he thought that Judea was in revolt. Raging like a wild animal, he set out from Egypt and took Jerusalem by storm. He ordered his soldiers to cut down without mercy those whom they met and to slay those who took refuge in their houses. There was a massacre of young and old, a killing of women and children, a slaughter of virgins and infants. In the space of three days, eighty thousand were lost, forty thousand meeting a violent death, and the same number being sold into slavery.”

2 Maccabees 5:11-14

Torah Observance Outlawed.

2 Maccabees 6:1-4

“But not long after the king sent a certain old man of Antioch, to compel the Jews to depart from the laws of their fathers and of God: And to **defile the temple that was in Jerusalem, and to call it the temple of Jupiter Olympius:** and that in Garazim of Jupiter Hospitalis, according as they were that inhabited the place. And very bad was this invasion of evils and grievous to all. For the temple was full of the riot and revellings of the Gentiles: and of men lying with lewd women. And women thrust themselves of their accord into the holy places, and brought in things that were not lawful...”

Torah Observance Outlawed

“And king Antiochus wrote to all his kingdom, that all the people should be one: and **every one should leave his own law**. And all nations consented according to the word of king Antiochus. And many of Israel consented to his service, and they sacrificed to idols, and profaned the sabbath. And the king sent letters by the hands of messengers to Jerusalem, and to all the cities of Juda: that **they should follow the law of the nations of the earth...**

1 Maccabees 1:43-47.

Torah Observance Outlawed

...And should **forbid holocausts and sacrifices**, and atonements to be made in the temple of God. And should **prohibit the sabbath**, and the **festival days**, to be celebrated. And he commanded the **holy places to be profaned**, and the holy people of Israel. And he commanded **altars to be built, and temples, and idols, and swine's flesh to be immolated, and unclean beasts**. And that they should **leave their children uncircumcised**, and let their souls be defiled with all uncleannesses, and abominations, to the end that they should *forget the law, and should change all the justifications of God.*" 1 Maccabees 1:43-47.

The Madman Anti-Messiah.

Outlawed:

- Morning and Evening Sacrifice
- Burnt Offerings
- Shabbat, Feasts, New Moon Observance
- Circumcision
- Eating Kosher
- Studying Torah.

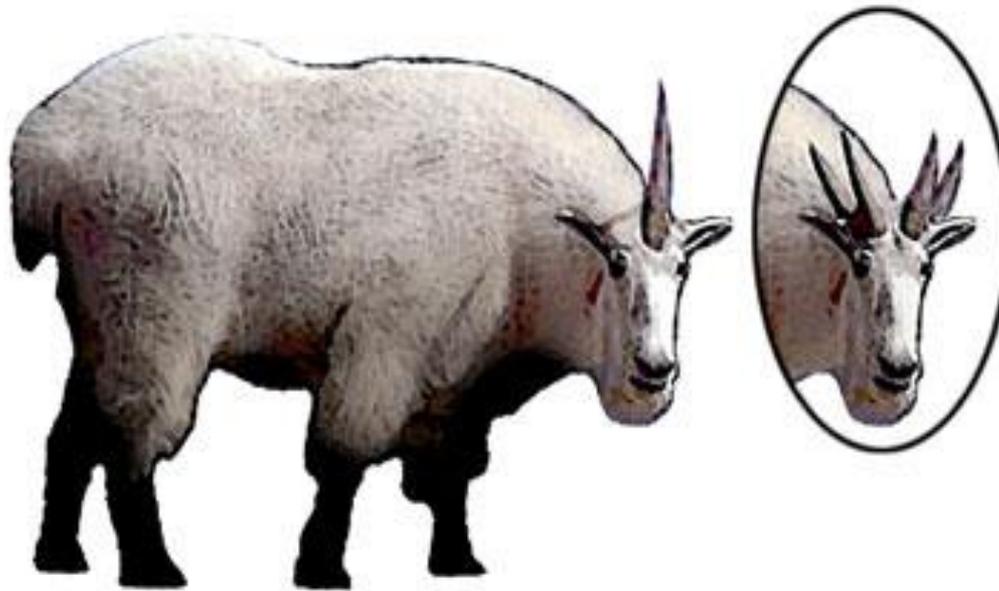
Under penalty of death!

Death for Torah Keepers

“The altar also was filled with unlawful things, which were forbidden by the laws. And neither were the sabbaths kept, nor the solemn days of the fathers observed, neither did any man plainly profess himself to be a Jew...And there went out a decree into the neighbouring cities of the Gentiles, by the suggestion of the Ptolemeans, that they also should act in like manner against the Jews, to oblige them to sacrifice: **And whosoever would not conform themselves to the ways of the Gentiles, should be put to death:** then was misery to be seen.”

2 Maccabees 6:5-6, 8-9

Daniel Saw the Madman



2nd Beast

- Greece
- 1 notable horn
- Defeats the Ram
- horn is broken off
- 4 new horns grow up in its place
- out of one of these 4 horns would come a little horn

Daniel 11:29-30 KJV.

“At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter. For the ships of **Chittim** shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant....”

Daniel 11:31-33 KJV*

“And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate. And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their Elohim shall be strong, and do exploits. And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days...

Daniel 11:34-35 KJV

“Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries. And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.”

Daniel Prophesied About Antiochus IV

- Antiochus would take military control of Jerusalem, and the temple: “Forces from him shall appear ...” (v. 31a).
- He would cause the sacrifices to cease: “Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering” (v. 31).
- He would “set up the abomination that makes desolate” (v. 31b).

Daniel Prophesied About Antiochus IV

- Antiochus would prefer and protect those who “violate the covenant” (v. 32a).
- Antiochus would meet resistance (vv. 32b-33).
- The righteous would suffer intense persecution (vv. 33-34a).
- There would be imposters among the righteous (v. 34b).
- These events would result in a purification of the people of God (v. 35).

Josephus, Antiquities 10.11.266-7

“But it is fit to give an account of what this man did, which is most admirable to hear...and now he is dead, he retains a remembrance that will never fail, for the several books that he wrote and left behind him are still read by us till this time; and from them we believe that Daniel conversed with God; for **he did not only prophesy of future events, as did the other prophets, but he also determined the time of their accomplishment.**”

Josephus, Antiquities, 10.11.276-7

“And indeed it so came to pass, that our nation suffered these things under Antiochus Epiphanes, according to Daniel's vision, and what he wrote many years before they came to pass...All these things did this man leave in writing, as God had showed them to him, insomuch that such as read his prophecies, and see how they have been fulfilled, would wonder at the honor wherewith God honored Daniel...”

What Happened Next?

“Then Mattathias answered and spake with a loud voice, Though all the nations that are under the king's dominion obey him, and fall away every one from the religion of their fathers, and give consent to his commandments: Yet will I and my sons and my brethren walk in the covenant of our fathers. God forbid that we should forsake the law and the ordinances. We will not hearken to the king's words, to go from our religion, either on the right hand, or the left.” 1 Maccabees 1:19-22

Mattathias Breaks Bad

“And Mattathias cried throughout the city with a loud voice, saying, Whosoever is zealous of the Torah, and maintaineth the covenant, let him follow me.”

1 Maccabees 2:27.

1 Maccabees 2:41.

“And they determined in that day, saying: Whosoever shall come up against us to fight on the Sabbath day, we will fight against him: and we will not all die, as our brethren that were slain in the secret places.”

Flee to the Mountains!



1 Maccabees 1: 36-40

“Then said Judas and his brethren...let us go up to cleanse and dedicate the sanctuary. Upon this all the host assembled themselves together, and went up into mount Sion. And when they saw the sanctuary desolate, and the altar profaned, and the gates burned up, and shrubs growing in the courts as in a forest, or in one of the mountains, yea, and the priests' chambers pulled down; They rent their clothes, and made great lamentation, and cast ashes upon their heads, And fell down flat to the ground upon their faces, and blew an alarm with the trumpets, and cried toward heaven.”

1 Maccabees 1:36-40

1 Maccabees 4:52-54.

“Now on the **five and twentieth day** of the ninth month, which is called **the month Casleu** (KJVA for **Kislev**), in the hundred forty and eighth year, they rose up betimes in the morning, **And offered sacrifice according to the law upon the new altar of burnt offerings**, which they had made. Look, at what time and what day the heathen had profaned it, even in that was it dedicated with songs, and citherns, and harps, and cymbals.”

1 Maccabees 4:55-58

“Then all the people fell upon their faces, worshipping and praising the God of heaven, who had given them good success. And so **they kept the dedication of the altar eight days** and offered burnt offerings with gladness, and sacrificed the sacrifice of deliverance and praise. They decked also the forefront of the temple with crowns of gold, and with shields; and the gates and the chambers they renewed, and hanged doors upon them. Thus was there very great gladness among the people, for that **the reproach of the heathen was put away.**”

Josephus, Antiquities 12.7.6.320-322

“As it happened, these things took place on the very same day on which, three years before, the divine worship had been reduced to an impure and profane form of worship; for the Temple had remained desolate for three years after being made so by Antiochus...And the desolation of the Temple came about in accordance with the prophecy of Daniel, which had been made four hundred and eight years before; for he had revealed that the Macedonians would destroy it.”

What Were They Thinking?

“And they kept the **eight days** with gladness, **as in the feast of the tabernacles**, remembering that not long afore they had held the feast of the tabernacles, when as they wandered in the mountains and dens like beasts. Therefore **they bare branches, and fair boughs, and palms also, and sang psalms** unto Him that had given them good success in cleansing His place.”

2 Maccabees 10:6-7

What Were They Thinking?

“In the year 169, when Demetrius the Second was king of Syria, we wrote to tell you about the persecution and the hard times that came upon us in the years after Jason revolted against authority in the Holy Land. Jason and his men set fire to the Temple gates and slaughtered innocent people. Then we prayed to the Lord and he answered our prayers. So we sacrificed animals, gave offerings of grain, **lit the lamps in the Temple**, and set out the sacred loaves. **This is why we urge you to celebrate in the month of Kislev a festival similar to the Festival of Shelters...**” 2 Maccabees 1:7-9

What Were They Thinking?

“On the twenty-fifth day of the month of Kislev we will celebrate the Festival of Rededication just as we celebrate the Festival of Shelters.”

2 Maccabees 1:18

Festival of Lights?

“And from that time to this we celebrate this, which we call the Festival of Lights [phôta], because, **I imagine**, beyond our hopes this right was brought to light [phanênai], and so this name was placed on the festival.”

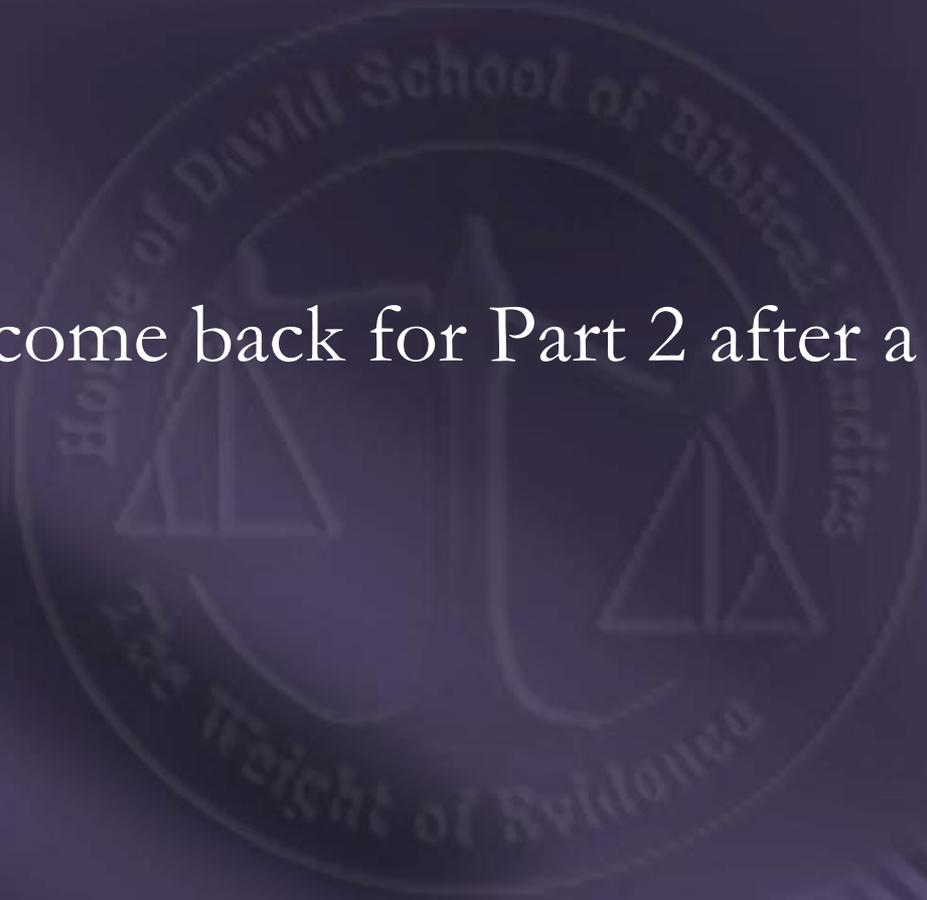
Josephus, Antiquities 12.7.6.325

Simchat Beit Hashoevah

- “Happiness at the House of the Water Drawing”
- Part of Sukkot nightly festivities
- Four 75’ tall golden candelabras, 4 bowls each
- Each held 10 gallons of oil, wicks made from priests old garments
- Priests put on a ‘light show’ with torch dances, juggling, Levites played harps, lyres, cymbals and trumpets

Intermission

We'll come back for Part 2 after a break.



John 10:22-23 KJV*

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Yeshua Was There On Purpose

- Winter: sandals, cold, rainy season
- Moneychangers – but no whip this time.
- “Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever He doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.” John 5:19
- “For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me.” John 6:38

Solomon's Porch?

“Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.”

John 10:24 KJV

ἐκύκλωσαν οὖν αὐτὸν οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι καὶ ἔλεγον αὐτῷ
Ἔως πότε τὴν ψυχὴν ἡμῶν αἴρεις εἰ σὺ εἶ ὁ Χριστός
εἰπὲ ἡμῖν παρρησίᾳ

Solomon's Porch?

οὕτως = “then” = Strong's G3767

Means: a conjunction indicating that something follows from another necessarily. Hence it is used in drawing a conclusion and in connecting sentences together logically, *then, therefore, accordingly, consequently, these things being so...*”

Because Yeshua was walking in Solomon's Porch, the Jews asked him if He was the Messiah or not.

Yah's Glory Leaves the Temple

“Then the glory of Yahweh went up from the cherub, and **stood over the threshold of the house**; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of Yahweh's glory.” Ezekiel 10:4
KJV*

Yah's Glory Leaves the Temple

“Then the glory of Yahweh departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims. And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and every one stood at the door of the east gate of Yahweh's house; and the glory of the Elohim of Israel was over them above.”

Ezekiel 10:18-19

Yah's Glory Leaves the Temple

“Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels beside them; and the glory of the Elohim of Israel was over them above. And the glory of Yahweh went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city.”

Ezekiel 11:22-23

Yeshua Ascends

“And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up**; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Yeshua, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**”

Acts 1:9-11 KJV*

Yeshua Ascends

“Then returned they unto Jerusalem **from the mount called Olivet**, which is from Jerusalem a Sabbath day's journey.”

Acts 1:12

The Glory of Yahweh Returns

“Afterward he brought me to the gate, even **the gate that looketh toward the east**: And, behold, the glory of the Elohim of Israel **came from the way of the east**: and his voice was like a noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory.”

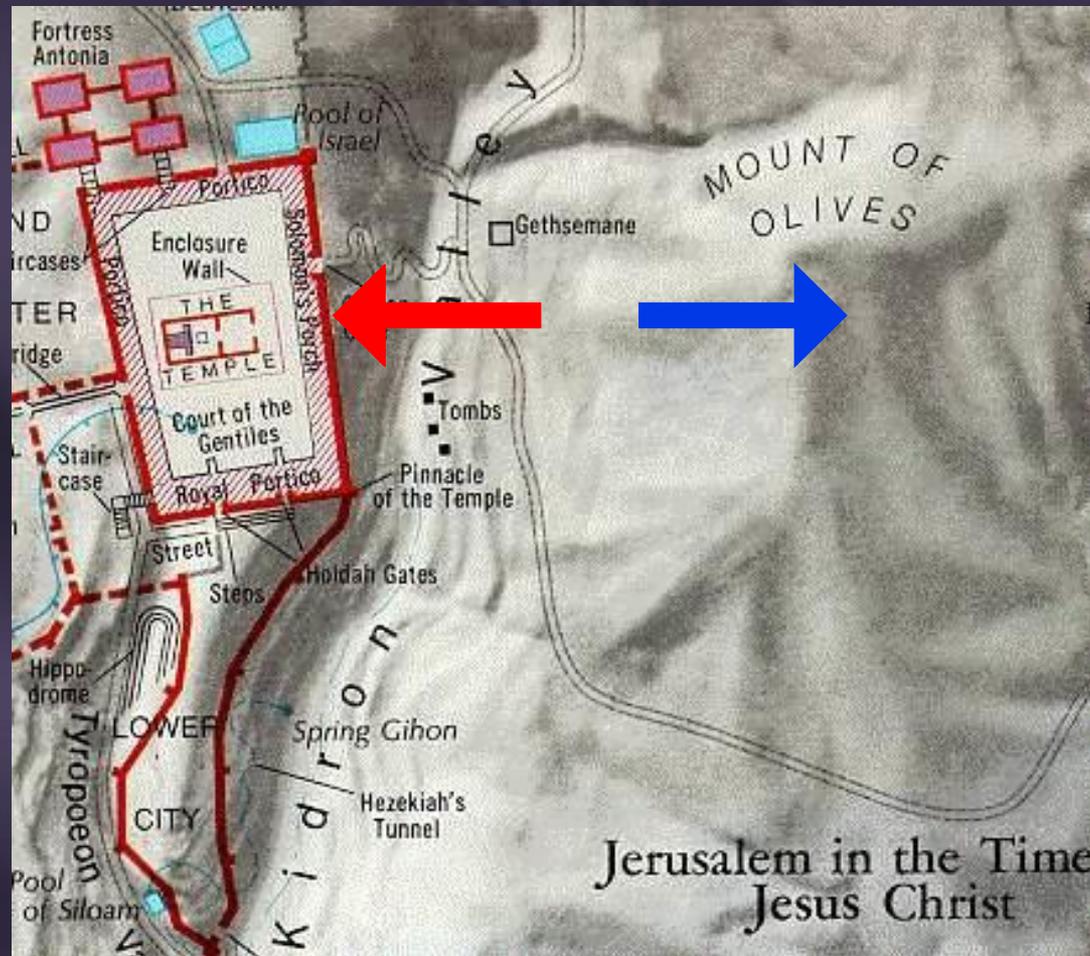
Ezekiel 43:1-2

Messiah's Return.

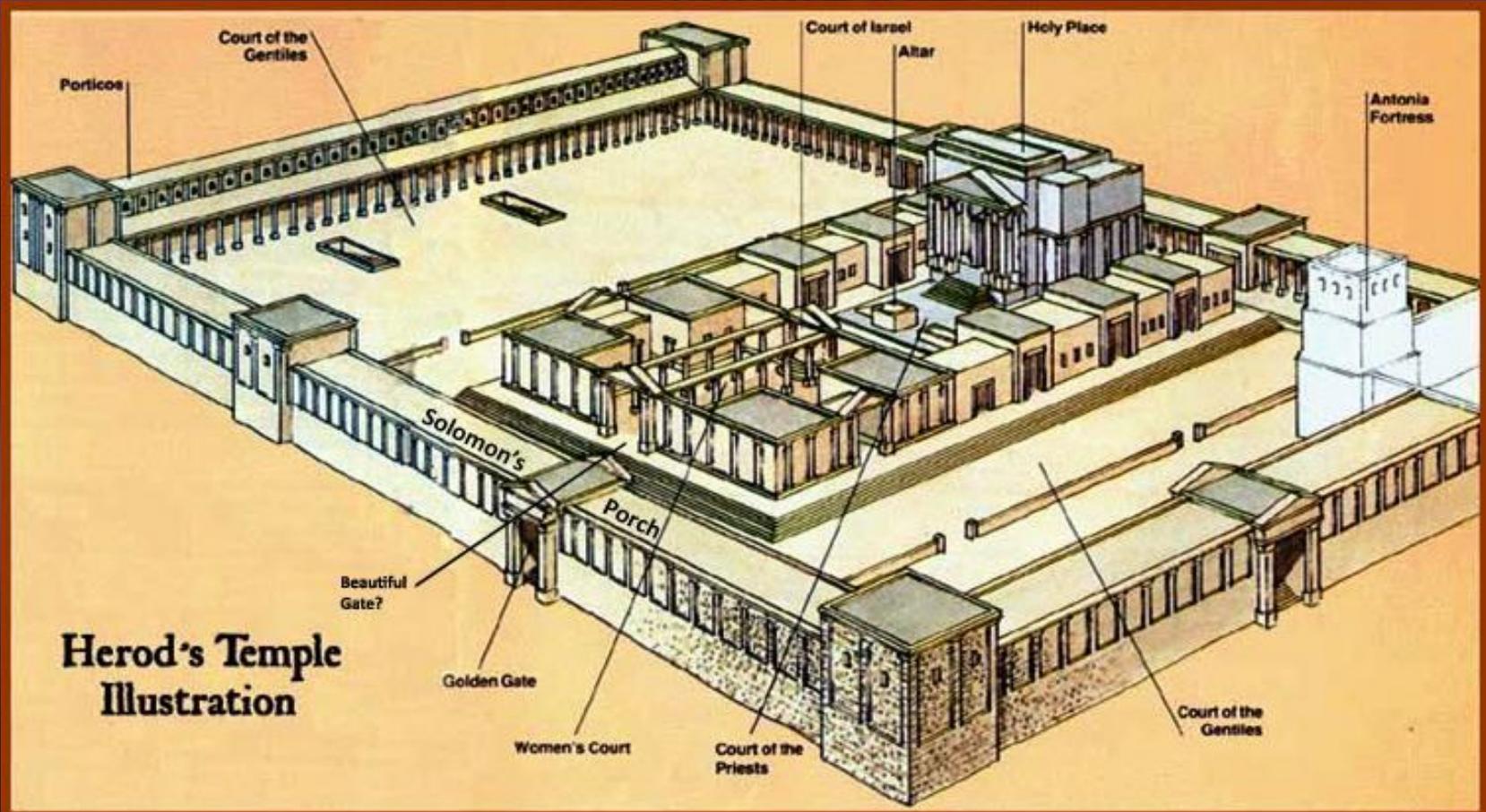
“Then shall Yahweh go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And **his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives**, which is **before Jerusalem** on the **east**, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.”

Zechariah 14:3-4

Mt. of Olives Opposite Temple



East Gate into Solomon's Porch



Matthew 24:3

“And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the age?”

Matthew 24:4-7 KJV*

“And Yeshua answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Messiah; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.”

Matthew 24:8-12 KJV

“All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they **deliver you up to be afflicted**, and **shall kill you**: and ye shall be **hated of all nations for my name's sake**. And then shall many be offended, and **shall betray one another**, and **shall hate one another**. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, **the love of many shall wax cold.**”

Matthew 24:13-16 KJV

“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the **abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place,** (whoso readeth, let him understand:) **Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:...**”

Matthew 24:17-21

“Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not **in the winter**, neither **on the Sabbath day**: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

Haggai's Coincidence?

“Consider now **from this day and upward**, from **the four and twentieth day of the ninth month**, even from the day that the foundation of Yahweh's temple was laid, consider it. Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth:

from this day will I bless you.”

Haggai 2:18-19 KJV*

Haggai's Coincidence?

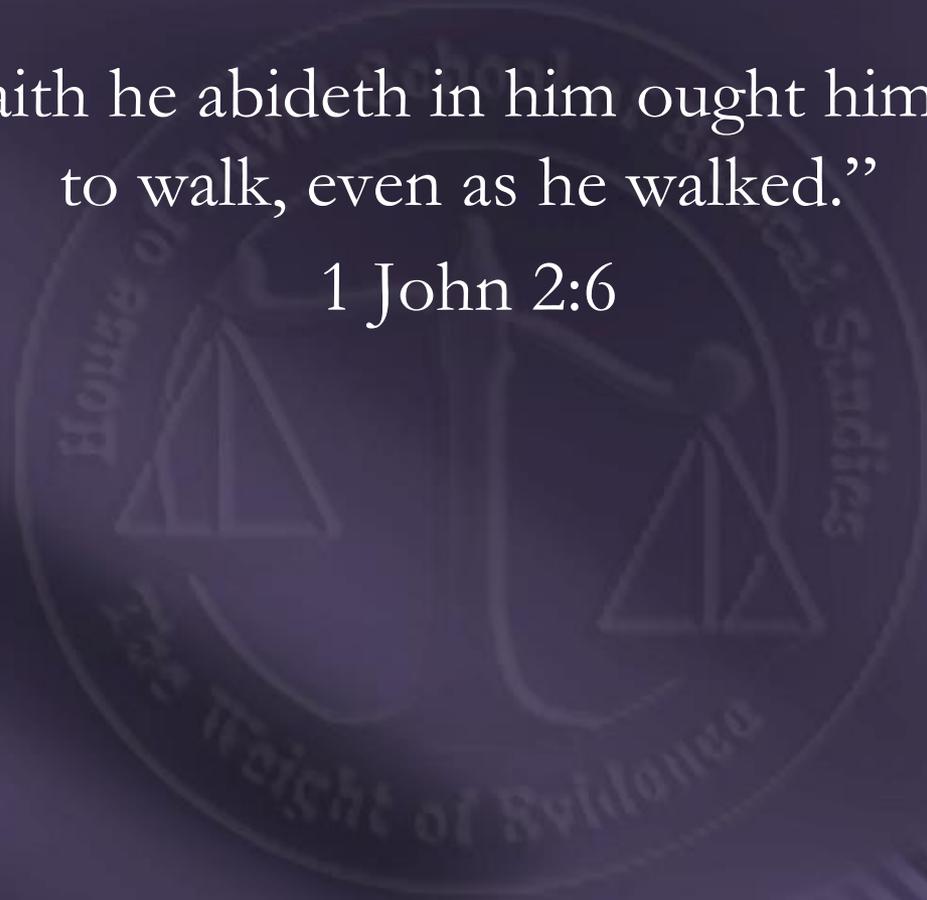
“And again the word of Yahweh came unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying, Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth; And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and **I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen**; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. In that day, saith Yahweh of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith Yahweh, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith Yahweh of hosts.”

Haggai 2:20-23 KJV*

Walk as He Walked

“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”

1 John 2:6



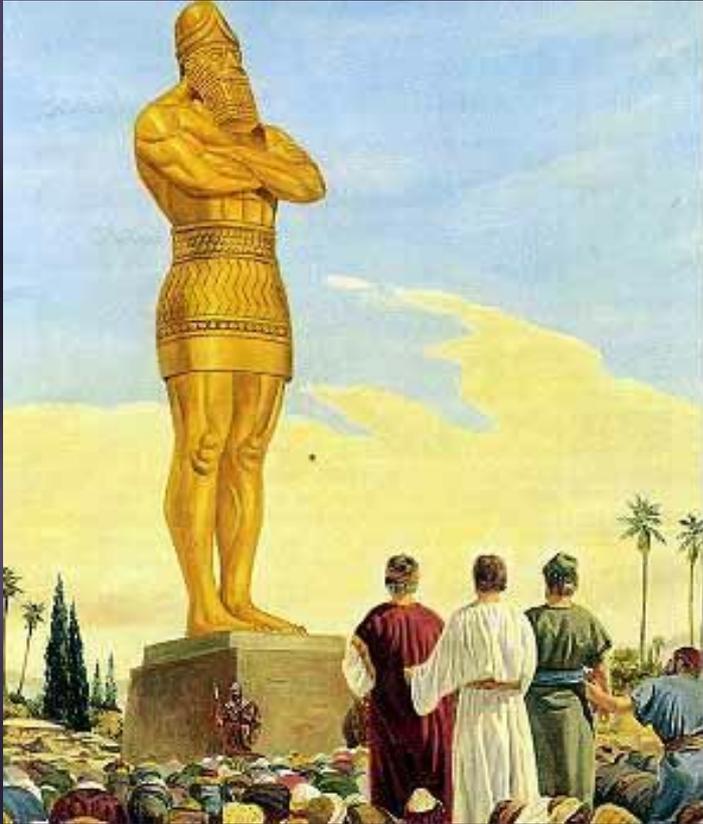
Hebrews 11:33-35

“Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

Hebrews 11:36-38

“And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.”

Assimilation or Annihilation



‘Miracle’ of the Oil?

“What is the reason for Hanukkah? **For our rabbis taught:** “On the twenty-fifth of Kislev are the days of Hanukkah, which are eight on which lamentation for the dead and fasting are forbidden” [Megillat Ta’anit]. For when the Greeks entered the Temple, they defiled all the oils therein, and when the Hasmonean dynasty prevailed against and defeated them, they made search and found only one cruse of oil which lay with the seal of the High Priest, but which contained sufficient for one day's lighting only; yet a miracle was wrought therein and they lit [the lamp] therewith for eight days. The following year these [days] were appointed a Festival with [the recital of] Hallel and thanksgiving.”

Brayta in Baylonian Talmud, Shabbat 21b.

The “Westernmost Lamp”

“But it is a testimony to mankind that the Divine Presence rests in Israel. What is the testimony? — Said

Rab: That was **the western branch [of the candelabrum] in which the same quantity of oil was poured as into the rest, and yet he kindled [the others] from it and ended therewith.**”

Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 22b .

The “Westernmost Lamp”

“Our Rabbis taught: During the last forty years before the destruction of the Temple the lot [‘For the Lord’] did not come up in the right hand; nor did the crimson-coloured strap become white; **nor did the westernmost light shine**; and the doors of the Hekal (Temple) would open by themselves...” Babylonian Talmud, Yoma 39b

“Forty years before the destruction of the Temple, **the western light went out**, the crimson thread remained crimson, and the lot for the Lord always came up in the left hand. They would close the gates of the Temple by night and get up in the morning and find them wide open.” Jerusalem Talmud, The Yerushalmi, p.156-157.

Not the Same!

Temple Menorah



Hanukkiah



Hanukkah Shamash



Yeshua as Servant.

“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28 KJV

Other Traditions

- Eat fried foods like doughnuts and latkes
- Playing the Dreidel Game
- Giving gifts
- Read books of Maccabees and Biblical prophecy
- Sing Maoz Tzur
- Get together with friends and family
- Recite Blessings while lighting candles
- Light the Hanukkah each night for 8 nights

Hanukkah's Bottom Line.

“Then Mattathias went through the town shouting,
Everyone who is faithful to God's covenant and
obeys his Law, follow me! With this, he and his sons
fled to the mountains, leaving behind all they owned.”

1 Maccabees 2:27-28

