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The Hanukkah Story

Again...And Again...And Again

What would the world look like today if the Jews and Judaism had been totally snuffed out?

For 3500 years, all the mightiest empires in the known world have attempted to...through assimilation, forced conversion, and mass murder...



Jewish Self-Rule



Davidic Kingdom/First Temple Era
(1100-930 BCE)

Kingdom of Judah
(930-586 BCE)

Hasmonean Dynasty
(140-63 BCE)

State of Israel (1948-? CE)

Empires & Jewish Persecution



ANCIENT EMPIRES

Egyptian Empire (1800-1400 BCE) [From Joseph to Moses]

Assyrian Empire (720 BCE) [Prophet Isaiah → Exile]

Babylonia Empire (586 BCE) [Prophet Daniel → Exile]

Persian Empire (538 BCE) [Prophet Daniel → Exile]

Greek/Hellenist Empires (332-64 BCE)

Roman Empire (64 BCE-?) [Yeshua → Exile]

MEDIEVAL & EARLY MODERN EMPIRES

Byzantine Empire [Eastern Roman] (324-638 CE) [Exile]

Islamic Caliphates (638-1099 CE) [Exile]

Crusader States (1099-1187 CE) [Exile]

Ayyubids & Mamluks (1187-1517 CE) [Exile]

Ottoman Empire (1517-1917 CE) [Exile and Return]

MODERN ERA

British Empire (1917-1948 CE) [Exile and Return]

Isaiah 46 [740-701 BCE]



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Isaiah 46 [740-701 BCE]



6 They squander the gold from their bags and weigh silver on a scale; they hire a goldsmith to make a god, before which they fall down and worship! 7 It is borne on shoulders and carried, then set in its place; and there it stands. From its place it does not move. If one cries to it, it cannot answer or save anyone from his troubles.

Isaiah 46 [740-701 BCE]



8 Remember this, and stand firm. Keep it in mind, you rebels. 9
“Remember things that happened at the beginning, long ago —
that I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none
like me. 10 **At the beginning I announce the end, proclaim in
advance things not yet done; and I say that my plan will hold, I
will do everything I please to do.**

Isaiah 46 [740-701 BCE]



11 I call a bird of prey from the east, the man I intended, from a distant country. I have spoken and will bring it about; I have made a plan, and I will fulfill it. 12 Listen to me, you stubborn people, so far from righteousness: 13 **I am bringing my justice nearer, it is not far away; my salvation will not be delayed, I will place my salvation in Tziyon for Isra'el my glory.**

The Feast of Dedication

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Spoken of Long Ago



Daniel 8 [628-538 BCE]



(8) The **male goat** then became extremely strong; but when it was strong, the **big horn was broken**; and in its place arose what appeared to be **four horns** in the directions of the four winds of heaven. (9) Out of one of them came a **little horn** which grew extremely big in the directions of the south and east, and in the direction of **the Glory**.

Greece

A

4 Generals

Antiochus IV

Jerusalem

Daniel 8 – The Hanukkah Story



(21) The shaggy male goat is the kingdom of Greece, and the prominent horn between its eyes is the **first king**. (22) As for the horn that broke and the four which rose up in its place, **four kingdoms will arise** out of this nation, but not with the power the first king had. (23) In the latter part of their reign, when the evildoers have become as evil as possible there will arise **an arrogant king** skilled in intrigue.

Daniel 8 – The Hanukkah Story



(10) It grew so great that it reached the army of heaven; it hurled some of the army and the stars to the ground and trampled on them. (11) Yes, it even considered itself as great as the prince of the army; the regular burnt offering was taken away from him, and the place of his sanctuary was thrown down. (14) The first said to me, "Two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings, after which the sanctuary will be restored to its rightful state."

The Temple

Daniel 8 – The Hanukkah Story



(24) His power will be great, but not with the power the first king had. **He will be amazingly destructive, he will succeed in whatever he does, and he will destroy the mighty and the holy ones.** (25) He will succeed through craftiness and deceit, become swelled with pride, and destroy many people just when they feel the most secure. He will even challenge the prince of princes; **but,**
WITHOUT HUMAN MEANS, HE WILL BE BROKEN.

The Spread of Greek Hellenism



Alexander the Great
(356-323 BC)



“The Big Horn Was Broken”

Civil War: Split of The Greek Empire



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ANTIOCHUS III'S
SELEUCID EMPIRE:
197 BC

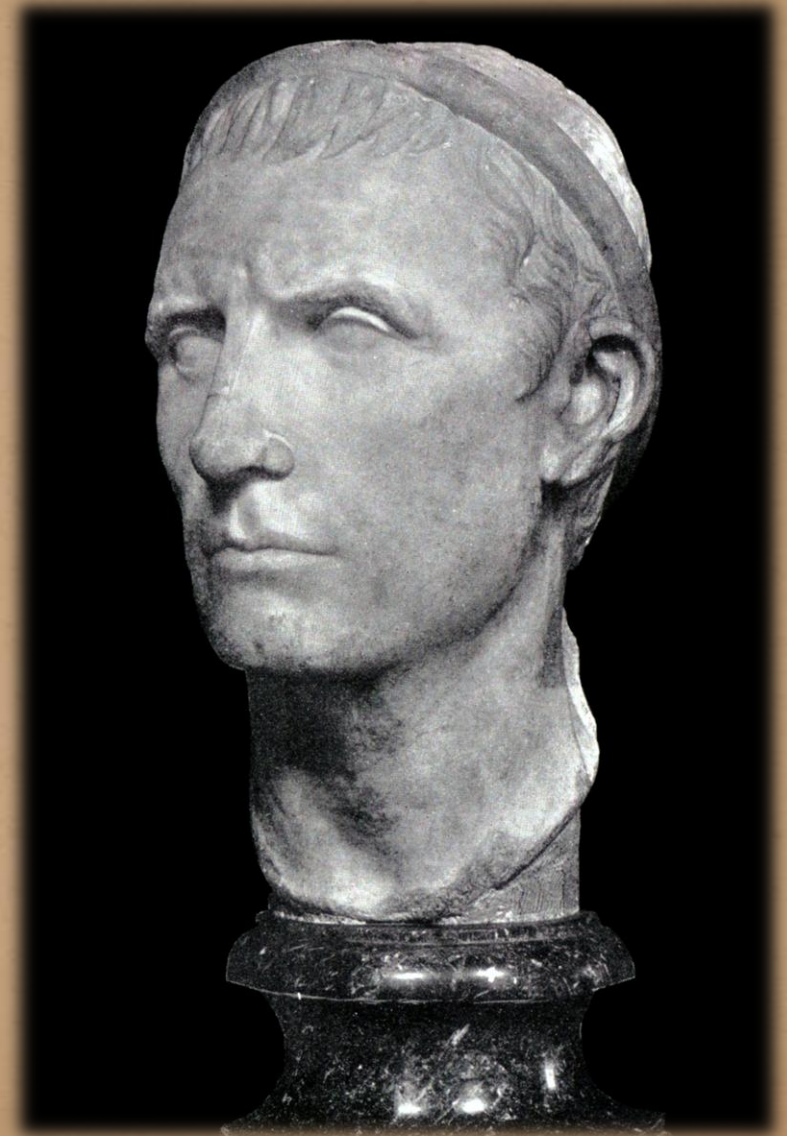


Antiochus IV “Epiphanes”



Epiphanes means “God Manifest”

The Jews of that period called him
Antiochus “Epimanes” – which in
Greek means “The Mad”
Antiochus “Harasha” – which in
Hebrew means “The Wicked”



Antiochus IV Epiphanes



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The Desolation of the Holy Temple



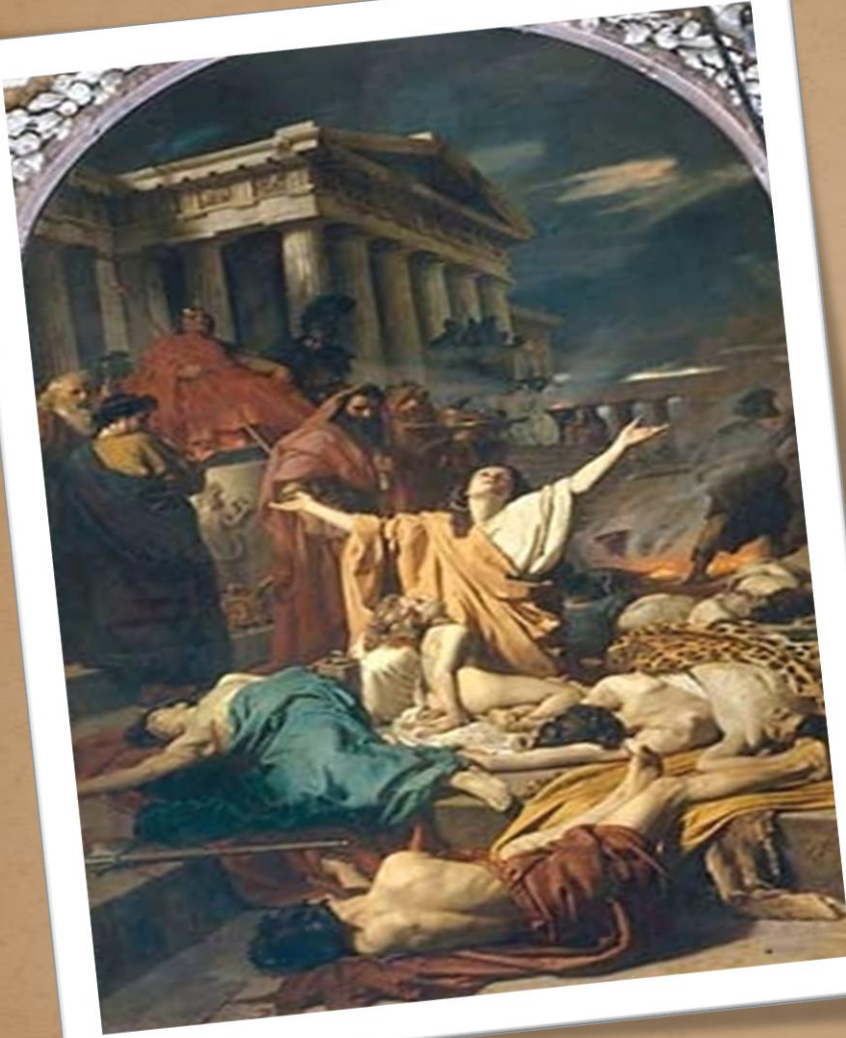
Rebellion began to stir in Judea...when news of this civil unrest in Jerusalem reached Antiochus, he proceeded to completely sack the city indiscriminately and slaughtered thousands of its citizens.

During this siege, he entered the holy Temple and stole the gold and silver, including the incense altar, the table, and the menorah.

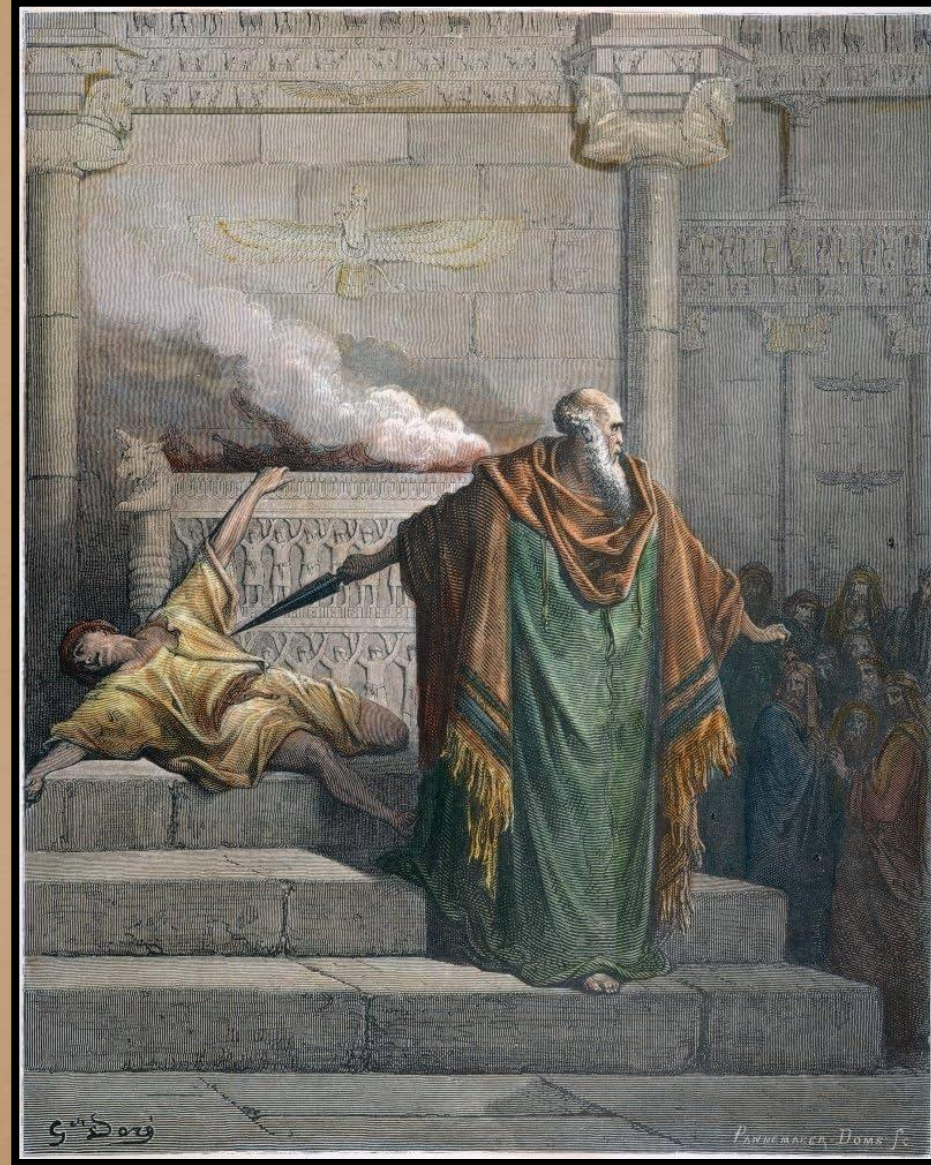
The daily sacrifices were discontinued, and the Temple was converted into a Temple to Zeus. On the fifteenth day of the month of Kislev, the Syrian-Greeks erected an image of Zeus in the Temple.

Ten days later, they began to sacrifice pigs to the idol upon the altar of the LORD.

Standing Fast to the Covenant



Matityahu & His Sons



I Maccabees 2: 15-22



The king's officers who were enforcing the apostasy came to the town of Modi'in to make them offer sacrifice. Many from Israel came to them; and Mattathias and his sons were assembled. Then the king's officers spoke to Mattathias as follows: "You are a leader, honored and great in this town, and supported by sons and brothers. Now be the first to come and do what the king commands, as **all the Gentiles and the people of Judah and those that are left in Jerusalem have done**. Then you and your sons will be numbered among the Friends of the king, and you and your sons will be honored with silver and gold and many gifts."

I Maccabees 2: 15-22



But Mattathias answered and said in a loud voice: “Even if all the nations that live under the rule of the king obey him, and have chosen to obey his commandments, every one of them abandoning the religion of their ancestors,

I and my sons and my brothers WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE BY THE COVENANT OF OUR ANCESTORS. Far be it from us to desert the law and the ordinances. We will not obey the king’s words by turning aside from our religion to the right hand or to the left.”

Zealous for the Torah of God



1 Maccabees 2 then tells of Mattityahu killing a fellow Jew who was about to sacrifice a pig at the pagan altar. He then killed the king's officer and tore down the altar.

Verse 26: “Thus he burned with zeal for the law.”

They knew this act of insurrection would bring wrath down upon them, so the elderly Mattityahu called out to all the people of Modi'in, shouting, “Whosoever is zealous for the Torah, and keeps the covenant, let him follow me!” Then he and his sons fled into the mountains (1 Maccabees 2:27-28).

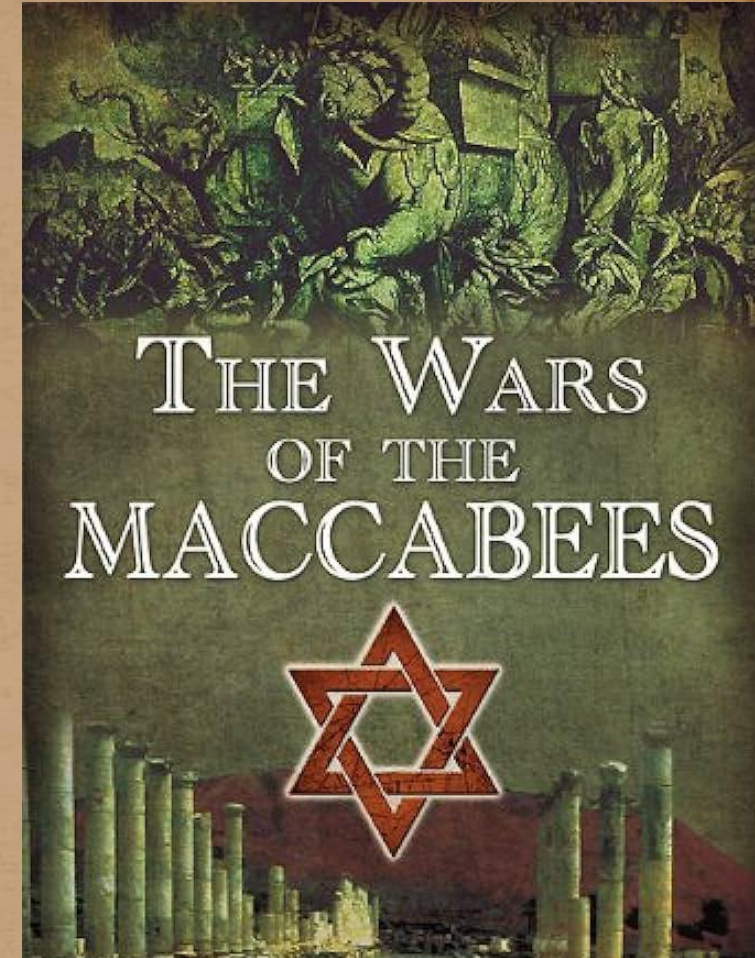


The Miracle of Hanukkah



I Maccabees 3:18-22

Judas replied, “It is easy for many to be hemmed in by few, for in the sight of Heaven there is no difference between saving by many or by few. It is not on the size of the army that victory in battle depends, but strength comes from Heaven. They come against us in great insolence and lawlessness to destroy us and our wives and our children, and to despoil us; but we fight for our lives and our laws. [God] himself will crush them before us; as for you, do not be afraid of them.”



The Maccabees



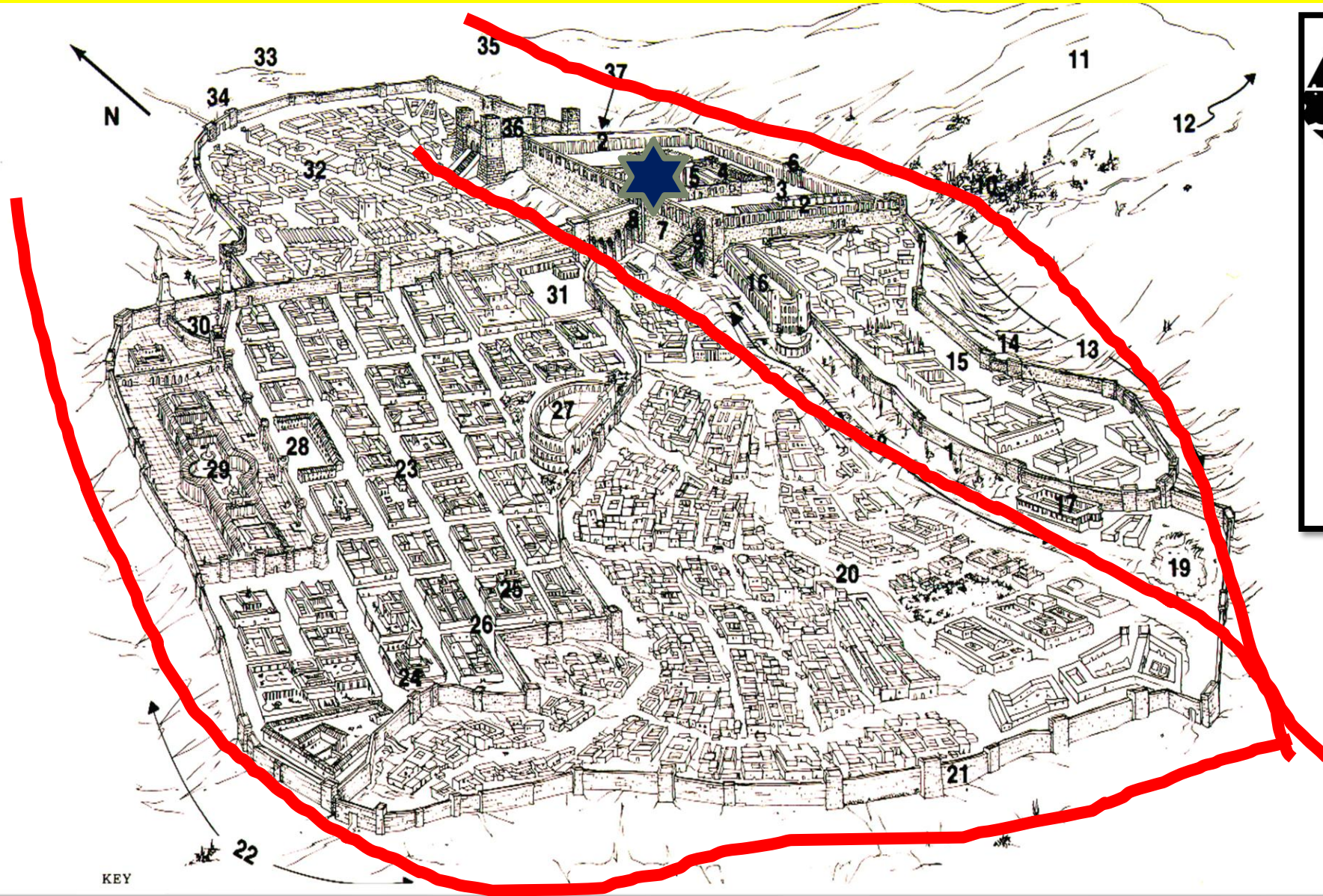
In a stunning reversal, the LORD overthrew the massive army before the small band of rebels. It was clearly a miracle from heaven, not otherwise possible in human terms.

Judah and his brave Maccabees fought many battles for several long years. They suffered defeats, but also achieved many miraculous victories. In battle after battle, the few overpowered the many; the weak overturned the strong.



They pushed forward despite overwhelming odds. Miraculous intervention shifted the battles in the Maccabees' favor until, at last, **they were able to reclaim Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem – 175 BC



Hanukkah - Rededication



Upon entering Jerusalem, Judah and his brother priests were absolutely devastated to see the Temple desolate, the altar profaned, the gates burned, and the holy courtyard overgrown with weeds.

They tore their garments, cried out to heaven, and sounded the shofar. Before the last of the enemy had even been rooted out of the strongholds of Jerusalem, Judah and his men set about restoring the Temple.

They tore down the defiled altar and built a new one. They fashioned new implements and furnishings from the material that was available.

The Temple Rededication



It was on the twenty-fifth day of Kislev, **exactly 2300 days** after the first pig had been sacrificed on the altar, that Judah and his men reinstated the daily burnt offerings to the LORD. They celebrated the rededication of the Temple for eight days. The days of dedication came to be remembered and celebrated as the festival of Hanukkah.

Daniel 8:14 – The first said to me,

"Two thousand three hundred evenings and mornings, after which the sanctuary will be restored to its rightful state."

The Oil of the Lord



According to the Talmudic legend:

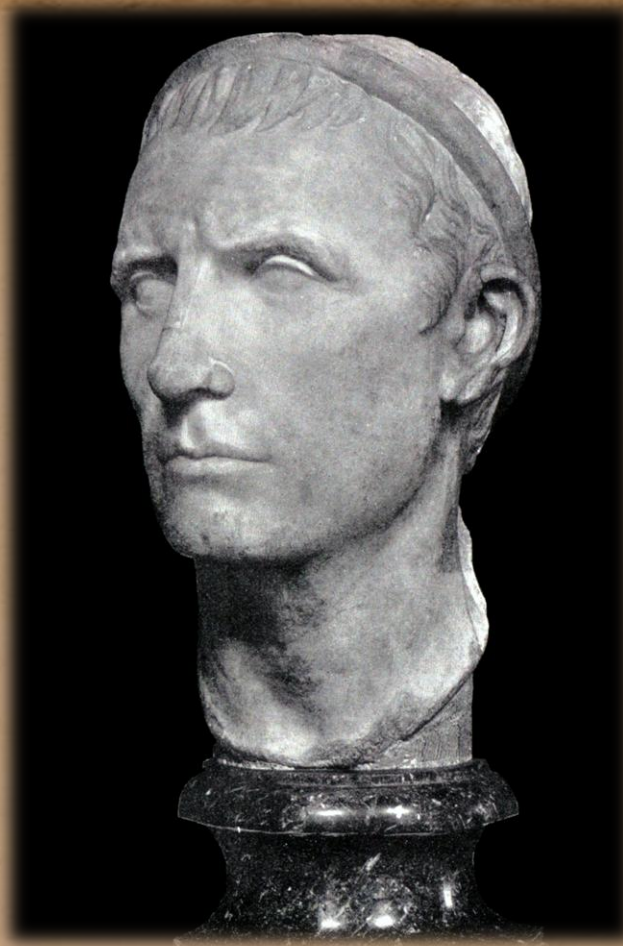
When Judah and his brothers searched the Temple, they were only able to find one cruse of olive oil with the priestly stamp upon it. It was enough to fuel the lamps of the menorah for only one day.

Based on the Levitical instructions, it would take eight days before they could procure more olive oil fit for use in the menorah.

Uncertain of what to do, they decided to keep the commandment of lighting the menorah as best as they were able.

They lit it, fully expecting it to be extinguished the same day.

Miraculously, the oil lasted for eight days, until new oil could be obtained. Some say this is the reason Hanukkah is celebrated for eight days.



What Became of Antiochus “Epiphanes”?

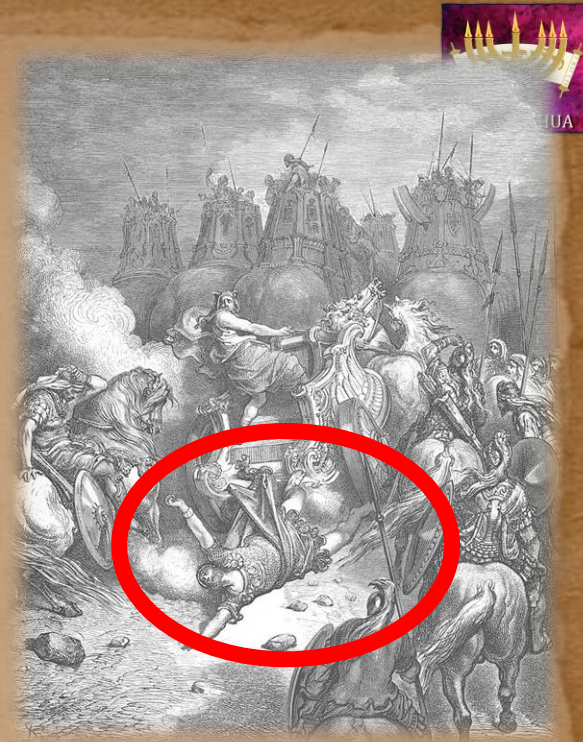
2 Maccabees 9:5-9

5 But the all-seeing Lord, the God of Israel, struck him with an incurable and invisible blow. As soon as he stopped speaking he was seized with a pain in his bowels, for which there was no relief, and with sharp internal tortures—

6 and that very justly, for he had tortured the bowels of others with many and strange inflictions.

7 Yet he did not in any way stop his insolence, but was even more filled with arrogance, breathing fire in his rage against the Jews, and giving orders to drive even faster. And so it came about that he fell out of his chariot as it was rushing along, and the fall was so hard as to torture every limb of his body.

8 Thus he who only a little while before had thought in his superhuman arrogance that he could command the waves of the sea, and had imagined that he could weigh the high mountains in a balance, was brought down to earth and carried in a litter, making the power of God manifest to all.

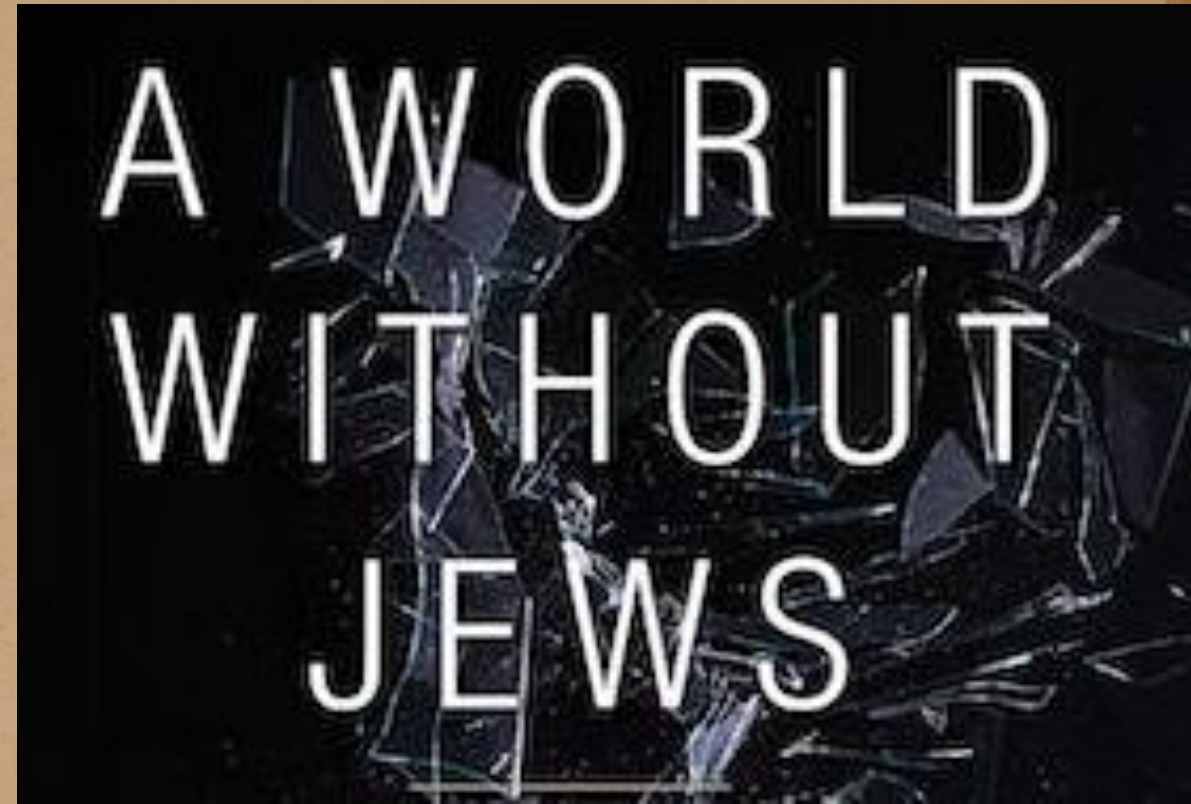


“He will even challenge the prince of princes; but, without human means, he will be broken.” - Daniel 8:25

Antiochus IV Epiphanes died suddenly of disease in 164 BC.

Revelation 12

¹⁵ The serpent spewed water like a river out of its mouth after the woman, in order to sweep her away in the flood; ¹⁶ but the land came to her rescue — it opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon had spewed out of its mouth. ¹⁷ The dragon was infuriated over the woman and went off to fight the rest of her children, those who obey God's commands and bear witness to Yeshua.



The Spread of Murderous Ideologies



Humanism rejects religion.
It attributes nothing
to the so called
"supernatural."
In this there is an
awakened liberty
that releases us
from the shackles
and servitude
mentality of old
superstitions so that we
may realize our full potential.

CURRENT MAJOR IDEOLOGIES OR WORLDVIEWS COMPETING FOR THE MINDS OF MEN

- **Marxism**
 - **Atheistic**
 - **Materialistic**
 - **Statist**
 - **Classless society**
- **Secular Humanism**
 - **Atheistic**
 - **Naturalistic**
 - **Moral relativism**
 - **Self-actualization**
 - **Statist**

Death By Christendom



Orthodox Christianity – Catholic and Eastern

Early Christendom

Charlemagne

The Crusades

The Inquisition

Orthodox/Protestant Christianity

The Hussite Wars

European Religious wars

Witch Hunts

The Taiping Rebellion

Anti-Jewish Persecution

Holocaust

60,000,000
Deaths

Death By Islam



“Islam’s’ 1400-year history is largely a record of conquest and subjugation. By one estimate, approximately 170 million people have been killed in the name of Allah, making Islam the greatest killing force in history by far.”

“Academics have estimated from 90,000,000–1.2 billion people have died as the result of Islam and it’s continuous war of religious expansion since the 7th century to the current day across three continents [Africa, Asia, and Europe].”

“Hindu genocide by Muslim invaders in the Indian subcontinent over the course of 500 years reached upwards of 80,000,000.”

Death By Atheism/Marxism



China – 1928-49

- 10.1 million people murdered

People's Republic of China – 1949-87

- 87.6 million people murdered
- Does not include 3.5 million murders by Chinese communists during the 1927-49 civil war

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics – 1917-87

- 61.9 million people murdered
- Includes 54.8 million within the Soviet Union, plus 6.9 million in areas conquered by the USSR.
- Josef Stalin's rule (1929-53) accounts for 43 million.

Hanukkah in the Scriptures

John 10:22-23

Now it was the Feast of
Dedication in
Jerusalem, and it was
winter.

And Jesus walked in the
temple, in Solomon's
porch.





The Promise Kept to a Thousand Generations

For 3500 years nation after nation, kingdom after kingdom, despot after despot has tried to annihilate this small group of Abraham's direct offspring – the people given the responsibility of preserving the Torah and the truth of the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob.

Antiochus Epiphanes is but one example of this.

Adolph Hitler was the most well known and was responsible for the murder of 6,000,000 from 1938-1946

One Final Time



- Soon there will be entire nations of Anti-Messiahs committed one final time to the genocide of the Jewish people and to usurping the covenant land and the City of the Great King
- Like all the others, they will fail...but, this time, they will fail at the greatest price of all

One Final Time



Zechariah 12

A prophecy, the word of *ADONAI* concerning Isra'el — here is the message from *ADONAI*, who stretched out the heavens, laid the foundation of the earth and formed the spirit inside human beings: ² “I will make Yerushalayim a cup that will stagger the surrounding peoples. Even Y’hudah will be caught up in the siege against Yerushalayim. ³ When that day comes, I will make Yerushalayim a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who try to lift it will hurt themselves, and all the earth’s nations will be massed against her...

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⁹ “When that day comes, I will seek to destroy all nations attacking Yerushalayim; ¹⁰ and I will pour out on the house of David and on those living in Yerushalayim a spirit of grace and prayer; and they will look to me, whom they pierced.” They will mourn for him as one mourns for an only son...

Revelation 12



¹¹ “They defeated him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the message of their witness. Even when facing death, they did not cling to life...

Jew & Gentile...Who's Side Are You On?



Zechariah 8:22-23

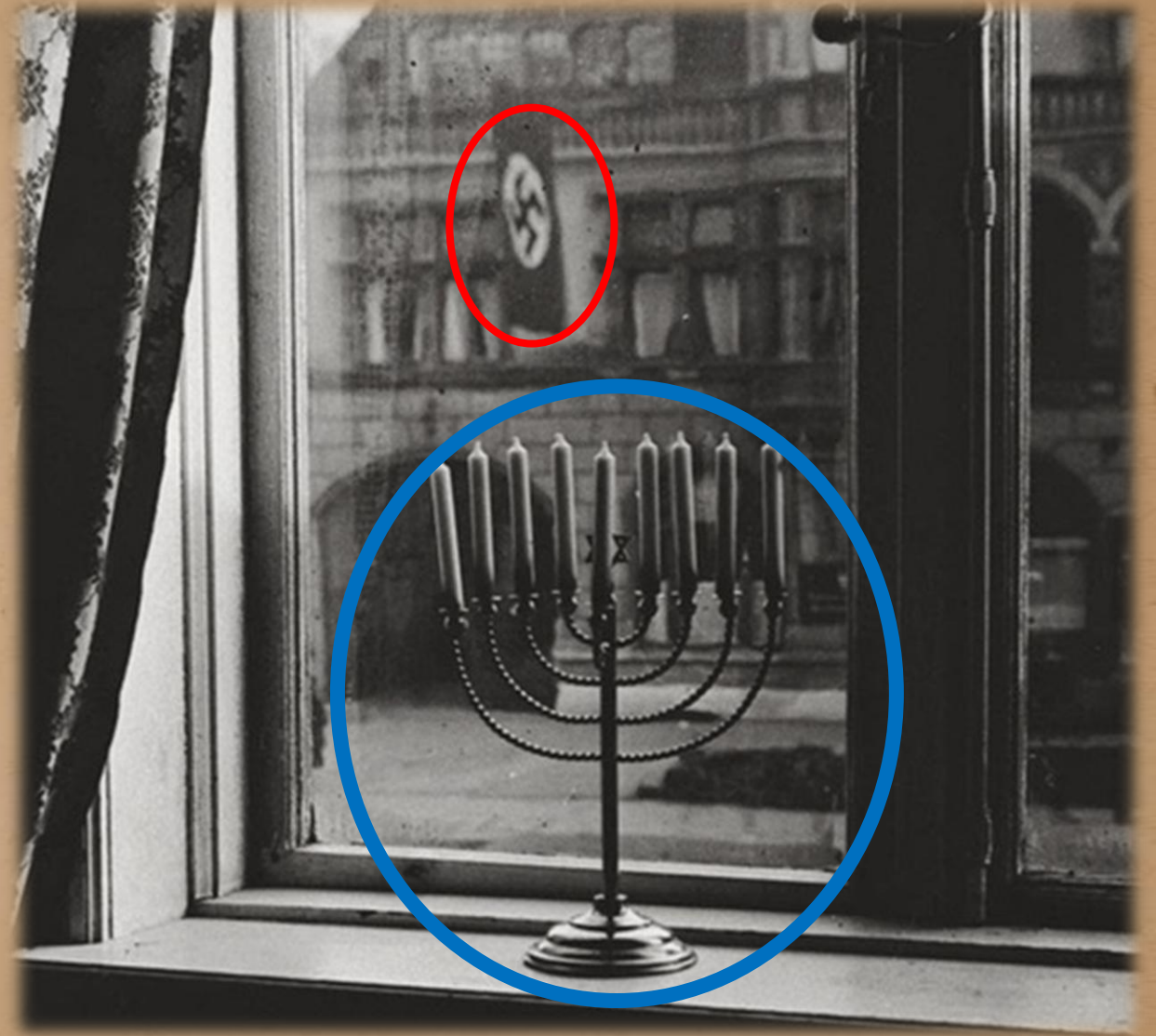
Yes, many peoples and powerful nations will come to consult *ADONAI-Tzva'ot* in Yerushalayim and to ask *ADONAI's* favor.' *ADONAI-Tzva'ot* says, 'When that time comes, ten men will take hold — speaking all the languages of the nations — will grab hold of the cloak of a Jew and say, "We want to go with you, because we have heard that God is with you."'"

John 10 – The Messiah Revealed



(24) So, the Judeans surrounded him and said to him, "How much longer are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us publicly!" (25) Yeshua answered them, "I have already told you, and you don't trust me. The works I do in my Father's name testify on my behalf, (26) but the reason you don't trust is that you are not included among my sheep. (27) My sheep listen to my voice, I recognize them, they follow me, (28) and I give them eternal life. They will absolutely never be destroyed, and no one will snatch them from my hands. (29) My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all; and no one can snatch them from the Father's hands. (30) I and the Father are one."

"'Death to the
Juden,' so the
flag says,
'Judah will live
forever,' so the
light answers."



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Amos 9:13-15

13) "The days will come," says ADONAI, "when the plowman will overtake the reaper and the one treading grapes the one sowing seed. Sweet wine will drip down the mountains, and all the hills will flow with it.

14) I will restore the fortunes of my people Isra'el; they will rebuild and inhabit the ruined cities; they will plant vineyards and drink their wine, cultivate gardens and eat their fruit.

15) I will plant them on their own soil, no more to be uprooted from their land, which I gave them," says ADONAI your God.



The Two REAL Miracles of Hanukkah



1. The survival of the descendants of Abraham, their preservation of Torah and the worship of the one true God – the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – the God of Israel
2. YOU

One New Man – Jew & Gentile in Messiah



As we celebrate Hanukkah, let us honor the God Who preserves, Who redeems us for eternity as He keeps covenant for a thousand generations

AND

Let us also honor the millions of souls over the last 3500 years who gave their lives to preserve the possibility of our redemption, of the Messiah's first coming 2000 years ago and those who will yet give their lives before Messiah's imminent return

NO HANUKKAH, NO YESHUA
KNOW HANUKKAH, KNOW YESHUA



Prayer Over the Candle Lighting



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ

kid·de·sha·nu 'a·sher ha'·o·lam me·lekh e·lo·hei·nu Adonai at·tah ba·rukh

sanctifies us who King of the universe our God LORD You Blessed

בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

cha·nuk·kah shel ner le·had·lik ve·tsi·va·nu be·mits·vo·tav

Chanukah of light to kindle and commanded us with his mitzvot

Yeshua HaMashiach – The Light of the World



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,

ha'·o·lam me·lekh E·lo·hey·nu Adonai at·tah barukh
the universe king (of) our God Lord are you Blessed

אֲשֶׁר נָתַן לָנוּ חַגִּים, חֻקֹּת, וּמוֹעֲדִים לְשִׂמְחָה,

le·sim·chah u'·mo·a·dim chuk·kot chag·gim la·nu na·tan a·sher
for gladness and seasons customs holidays has given to us who

לְכָבוֹד יֵשׁוּעַ הַמָּשִׁיחַ אֲדוֹנֵינוּ, אֹר הָעוֹלָם.

ha'·o·lam or A·do·nei·nu ha·ma·shi·ach Ye·shu·a likh·vod
the light of the world our Lord Yeshua the Messiah for the glory of