

Chanukah

The Festival of Dedication

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The Chanukah Holiday

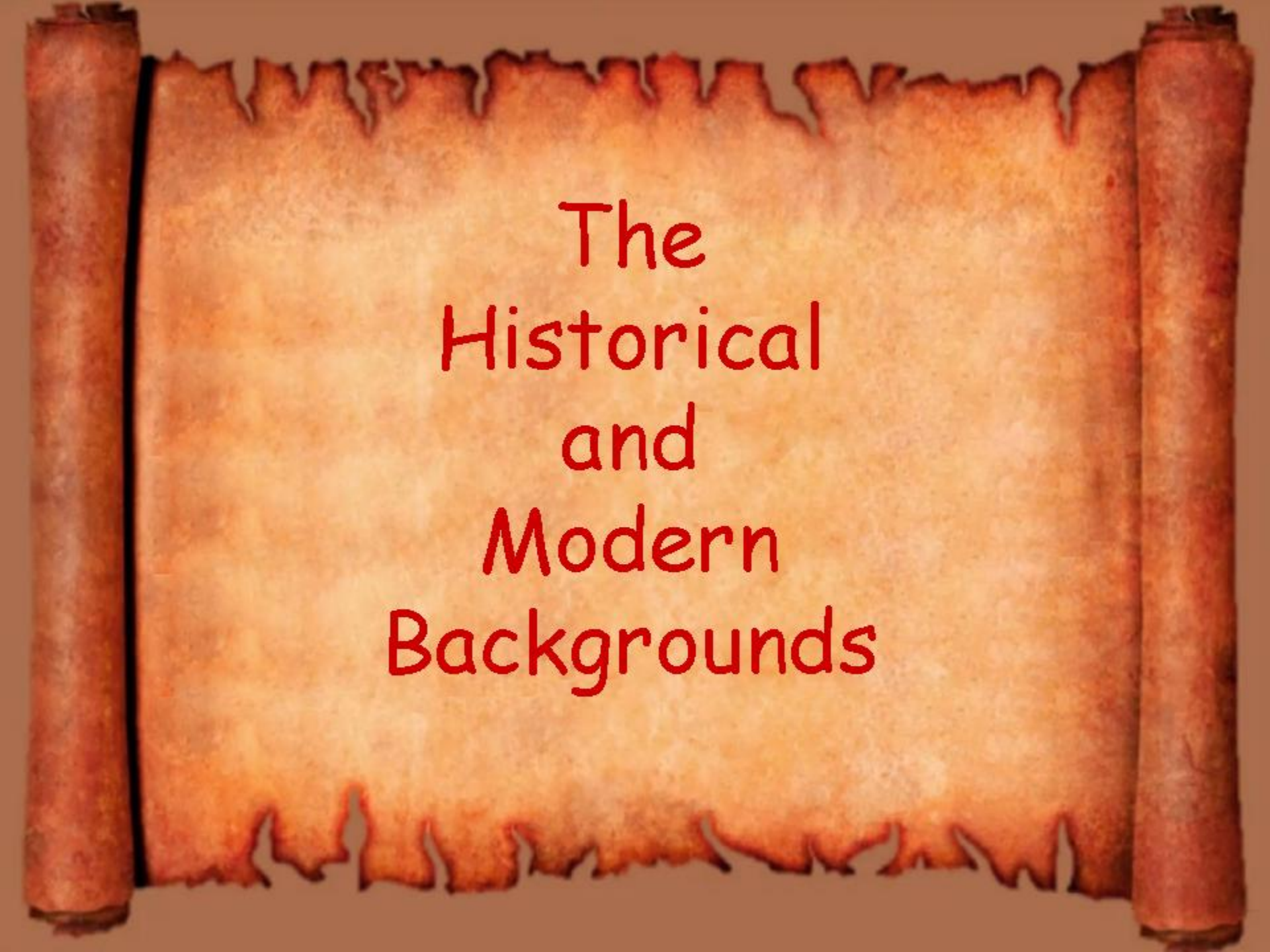
- **Key Scripture: John 10:22-23** – *“It was winter, and Yeshua was in Jerusalem at the time of the Festival of Dedication, and he was walking in the Portico of Solomon inside the Temple.”*
- **Date Of Holiday:** Kislev/Tevet (November/December) generally between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day.
 - Chanukah is celebrated each fall, generally between Thanksgiving Day and New Year’s Day. According to the scripture above, Yeshua was amongst the many who celebrated the yearly festival.
- **Key Words:** Lampstand, Light, Menorah
- **Actions:** The Menorah candles are lit, starting with the center Shamash (servant) candle, and each subsequent candle is lit from the center candle.
- **Fulfillment:** Yeshua is the Servant Candle.

Other Names for Chanukah

- **Chanukah:** Can be spelled as: Chanukkah, Hanukah, or Hanukkah.
- The Hebrew word Chanukah [חֲנֻכָּה - H2598] means: to dedicate, consecrate, or train up.
- It comes from the root word, chanak [חָנַךְ - H2596]. The name, Enoch [2585] comes from the same root. In Greek, the word is egkainia [ἐγκαίνια - G1456].
- **Festival of Dedication:** Celebrates the cleansing and re-dedication of the Temple during the period of the Maccabees.
- **Festival of Light:** Celebrates the miracle of the burning of the Menorah for eight days despite having only one day's supply of oil.

Meaning of the Holiday

- Chanukah was prophesied by Daniel: *“In his place a despicable person will arise, on whom the honor of kingship has not been conferred, but he will come in a time of tranquility and seize the kingdom by intrigue”* (Daniel 11:21), and *“Armed forces will come at his order and profane the sanctuary and fortress. They will abolish the daily burnt offering and set up the abomination that causes desolation”* (Daniel 11:31).
- Chanukah prophecies events that transpired in the time of the Maccabees will transpire again during the Tribulation Period – that apostasy will again come in part from within the religious circle – the priests will give in to the political leader of the day; the Antichrist or Beast, who will set up another Abomination that causes Desolation.
- Chanukah is also a time of thanksgiving.
- Chanukah celebrates the restoration of the Holy Temple after its desecration by Antiochus IV, also known as Antiochus Epiphanes.
- Chanukah commemorates an important victory over tyranny.

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The Chanukah Holiday: Historical Background



Antiochus IV, also known as Antiochus Epiphanes, which means “god manifest” was one of the successors of Alexander the Great. He oppressed the Jews severely, placed a Hellenistic priest in the Temple, massacred many Jews, prohibited them from practicing circumcision and other rites, and desecrated the Temple by placing a statue of Zeus while sacrificing pigs on the altar in 167 BC. (Daniel and Yeshua reference this as the Abomination That Causes Desolation – (Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15, and Mark 13:14).

The Jews even had a nickname for Antiochus: “Epimames,” which means “the mad man”!

Many Jews chose to comply with the new laws, forsaking Torah to save their lives. Others stood fast to the covenant, and paid with their life for their convictions.

The Chanukah Holiday: Historical Background



Mattathias the Hasmonean, a Kohen (Priest), and his son Yehudah (Judah) Maccabaeus joined forces and were able to retake the temple. Upon doing so, they found only enough oil to keep the Menorah lit for one day but miraculously it burned for eight days, the time needed to prepare a fresh supply of oil for the Menorah.

It was on the 25th day of Kislev, exactly three years after the first swine had been sacrificed on the altar, that Yehudah and his men reinstated the daily burnt offerings to the Lord in 164 BC in memory of the cleansing of the Temple from the pollution of Antiochus IV.

The re-dedication of the Temple was celebrated for eight days, which came to be remembered and celebrated as the Festival of Chanukah.

The festival centers around the lighting of the candles on the Menorah.

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Another tradition is called the Dreidel game, which commemorates when the Jews had to conceal that they were still studying Torah.

They gathered in caves or private places, posted a lookout to let them know when the authorities were coming, and spun the dreidel.

The dreidel is marked with four Hebrew letters: Nun, Gimmel, Heh, and Shin. The letters represent the Hebrew phrase, “nes gadol hayah sham”: “a great miracle happened here.”

The entire story of the abomination that causes desolation and the retaking and cleansing of the temple can be found in the ***Apocrypha*** in **Books 1-4 Maccabees**.

The Chanukah Holiday: Modern Background



Each year, Jews light the candles on a nine branched Menorah called a chanukiah [חֲנֻכִּיָּה].

The center candle, known as the shamash [שַׁמַּשׁ] which means: attendant or servant, is raised higher than the other candles. This candle is lit first. All the other candles are lit from this center candle. The candles are progressively inserted into the Menorah, starting from the right and ending with the far left candle, but are lit on successive nights from left to right as one honors the newer thing first.

Chanukah is eight days long and is symbolic of something that is one step above the natural order, above nature and its limitations. The greatly outnumbered Maccabees' resolve to battle the Greeks wasn't logical or natural but took faith and courage that are not part of normal human nature. This resolve, therefore, merited a miracle higher than nature—a miracle that lasted eight days.

The Chanukah Holiday: Christian Background



Yeshua is the light that has come into the world (**John 8:12, 9:5, 12:46**, etc).

Yahweh has not only the Temple in Jerusalem, but also has another Temple: Christians are the temple of the living word – believers in Him are a temple for Him, and He dwells in them.

Like the Menorah in the stone Temple, Yeshua is the light in our temple of flesh. Yeshua is THE servant candle!

In ancient times, the Temple of Jerusalem was desecrated by pagan invaders. Without the presence of Yahweh's Ruach Ha'Kodesh we become a temple of desecration, defiled, darkened, filled with idols . . . a temple created to be holy but fallen from its purpose.

The Mission Today: celebrate your own Chanukah, remove the idols, cleanse your chambers, rededicate and reconsecrate your temple to Yahweh / Yeshua, and the Ruach Ha'Kodesh – to Elohim.

Chanukah Dates According to the Dead Sea Scrolls Calendar

December 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 Dec 05	23 Dec 06	24 Dec 07	25 Dec 08 Hanukkah 1	26 Dec 09 Hanukkah 2	27 Dec 10 Hanukkah 3	28 Dec 11 Hanukkah 4
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Chanukah Scriptures

John 8:12

“I am the light of the world; whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life.”

Ego eimi phos kosmos akoloutheo ego peripateo ouk un peripateo en skotia alla echo phos zoe.
ἐγώ εἰμί φῶς κόσμος ἀκολουθέω ἐγώ περιπατέω οὐκ μὴ περιπατέω ἐν σκοτία ἀλλά ἔχω φῶς ζωή

Psalm 27:1

“Yahweh is my light and salvation; who do I need to fear? Yahweh is the stronghold of my life; of whom should I be afraid?”

miy pachad chay ma'owz Yahweh yare miy ve'yesha owr Yahweh
מִי פָחַד חַי מְעוֹז יְהוָה יָרֵא מִי וְיִשְׁעָ אֹר יְהוָה

Chanukah Blessings

The First Blessing:

Barukh atah Yahweh Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam, asher kideshanu be'mitzvotav ve'tzivanu lehadik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us with his commandments, and inspired us to kindle the Chanukkah light. Amen

The Second Blessing:

Barukh atah Yahweh Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam, she'asah nissim la'avoteinu bayamim he'hem bazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the Universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time. Amen

The Third Blessing:

Recited only on the first night (or the first time lighting the Hamukiah)

Barukh atah Yahweh Eloheinu, melekh ha'olam, shehechyanu ve'kiyemanu ve'higi'anu lazman hazeh.

Blessed are You, Yahweh our God, King of the Universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion. Amen

The Chanukah Holiday: Lighting the Chanukkiah



Day One Day Two Day Three

First night:

Read: Isaiah 51:1-4; Proverbs 6:23; Matthew 25:1-4; Proverbs 13:9; Lamentations 2:9; Proverbs 29:18.

Discuss: The importance of a new understanding of what Torah really means.

Question: What was the light Messiah brought to the nations?

Prayer: That Yeshua would bring His light into any darkness in our own lives.

Isaiah 51:1-4 – “Listen to me, you pursuers of justice, you who seek Yahweh; consider the rock from which you were cut, the quarry from which you were dug – consider Abraham your father and Sarah, who gave birth to you; in that I called him when he was only one person, then blessed him and made him many. For Yahweh will comfort Tziyon, will comfort all her ruined places, will make her desert like ‘Eden, her desert like the garden of Yahweh. Joy and gladness will be there, thanksgiving and the sound of music. Pay attention to me, my people! My nation, listen to me! For Torah will go out from me; I will calm them with my justice as a light for the peoples.”

Proverbs 6:23 – “For the mitzvah is a lamp, Torah is light, and reproofs that discipline are the way to life.”

Matthew 25:1-4 – “The Kingdom of Heaven at that time will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible. The foolish ones took lamps with them but no oil, whereas the others took flasks of oil with their lamps.”

Proverbs 13:9 – “The light of the righteous [shines] joyfully, but the lamp of the wicked will be extinguished.”

Lamentations 2:9 – “Her gates have sunk into the ground; he destroyed and broke their bars. Her king and rulers are among the Goyim, there is no more Torah, and her prophets do not receive visions from Yahweh.”

Proverbs 29:18 – “Without a prophetic vision, the people throw off all restraint; but he who keeps Torah is happy.”

Second night:

Read: Psalm 119:1-24.

Discuss: How living out the Torah is what makes us light in this dark world.

Question: What does Psalm 119:18 mean to you?

Prayer: That Yahweh would open our eyes to see wonderful things in His Torah.

Psalm 119:1-8 א (Alef) "How blessed are those whose actions are blameless, who obey the law of Yahweh. How blessed are those who observe his rules, and seek him with all their heart, who, moreover, do no wrong, but follow in his footsteps. You demand that your precepts be carefully kept. If only I were predisposed to keep your statutes! Then I would not be ashamed, if I were focused on all your commands. I will give you sincere thanks, when I learn your just regulations. I will keep your statutes. Do not completely abandon me!"

Psalm 119:9-17 ב (Bet) "How can a young person maintain a pure life? By guarding it according to your instructions! With all my heart I seek you. Do not allow me to stray from your commands! In my heart I store up your words, so I might not sin against you. You deserve praise, O Yahweh! Teach me your statutes! With my lips I proclaim all the regulations you have revealed. I rejoice in the lifestyle prescribed by your rules as if they were riches of all kinds. I will meditate on your precepts and focus on your behavior. I find delight in your statutes; I do not forget your instructions."

Psalm 119:17-24 ג (Gimel) "Be kind to your servant! Then I will live and keep your instructions. Open my eyes so I can truly see the marvelous things in your law! I am like a foreigner in this land. Do not hide your commands from me! I desperately long to know your regulations at all times. You reprimand arrogant people. Those who stray from your commands are doomed. Spare me shame and humiliation, for I observe your rules. Though rulers plot and slander me, your servant meditates on your statutes. Yes, I find delight in your rules; they give me guidance."

Third night:

Read: Psalm 119:25-48.

Discuss: Having borders or fences to protect us is good, not bad.

Question: What is the significance of Psalm 119:44-45?

Prayer: That we may see Torah as what Yahweh has given us to protect us.

Psalm 119:25-32 † (Dalet) “I lie prostrate in the dust; revive me, in keeping with your word. I told you of my ways, and you answered me; teach me your laws. Make me understand the way of your precepts, and I will meditate on your wonders. I am melting away from anxiety and grief; renew my strength, in keeping with your word. Keep deceitful ways far from me, and favor me with your Torah. I choose the way of trust; I set your rulings [before me]. I cling to your instruction; Yahweh, don’t let me be put to shame! I will run the way of your mitzvot, for you have broadened my understanding.”

Psalm 119:33-40 † (Heh) “Teach me, Yahweh, the way of your laws; keeping them will be its own reward for me. Give me understanding; then I will keep your Torah; I will observe it with all my heart. Guide me on the path of your mitzvot, for I take pleasure in it. Bend my heart toward your instructions and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; with your ways, give me life. Fulfill your promise, which you made to your servant, which you made to those who fear you. Avert the disgrace which I dread, for your rulings are good. See how I long for your precepts; in your righteousness, give me life!”

Psalm 119:41-48 † (Vav) “May your grace come to me, Yahweh, your salvation, as you promised; then I will have an answer for those who taunt me; for I trust in your word. Don’t take away completely my power to speak the truth; for I put my hope in your rulings; and I will keep your Torah always, forever and ever. I will go wherever I like, for I have sought your precepts. I will speak of your instructions even to kings without being ashamed. I will delight myself in your mitzvot, which I have loved. I will lift my hands to your mitzvot, which I love; and I will meditate on your laws.”

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Day Four Day Five Day Six

Fourth night:

Read: Psalm 119:49-72.

Discuss: What do we value more: riches or Torah?

Question: What does Psalm 119:53 mean to you?

Prayer: That we may learn to put a higher value on what Yahweh says, than on what man says.

Psalm 119:49-56 י (Zayin) “Remember your promise to your servant, through which you have given me hope. In my distress my comfort is this: that your promise gives me life. Though the arrogant scorn me completely, I have not turned away from your Torah. Yahweh, I keep in mind your age-old rulings; in them I take comfort. Fury seizes me when I think of the wicked, because they abandon your Torah. Your laws have become my songs wherever I make my home. I remember your name, Yahweh, at night; and I observe your Torah. This [comfort] has come to me, because I observe your precepts.”

Psalm 119:57-64 ה (Het) “Yahweh, I say that my task is to observe your words. I beg your favor with my whole heart; show pity to me, in keeping with your promise. I thought about my ways and turned my feet toward your instruction. I hurry, I don’t delay, to observe your mitzvot. Even when the cords of the wicked close around me, I don’t forget your Torah. At midnight I rise to give you thanks because of your righteous rulings I am a friend of all who fear you, of those who observe your precepts. The earth, Yahweh, is full of your grace; teach me your laws.”

Psalm 119:65-72 ו (Tet) “You have treated your servant well, Yahweh, in keeping with your word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge, because I trust in your mitzvot. Before I was humbled, I used to go astray; but now I observe your word. You are good, and you do good; teach me your laws. The arrogant are slandering me, but I will wholeheartedly keep your precepts. Their hearts are as thick as fat, but I take delight in your Torah. It is for my good that I have been humbled; it was so that I would learn your laws. The Torah you have spoken means more to me than a fortune in gold and silver.”

Fifth night:

Read: Psalm 119:73-96.

Discuss: The faithfulness and longevity of Yahweh's Word.

Question: What does Psalm 119:89-91 mean to you?

Prayer: That Yahweh would settle His Word in each of our lives.

Psalm 119:73-80 ׀ (Yud) “Your hands made and formed me; give me understanding, so I can learn your mitzvot. Those who fear you rejoice at the sight of me, because I put my hope in your word. I know, Yahweh, that your rulings are righteous, that even when you humble me you are faithful. Let your grace comfort me, in keeping with your promise to your servant. Show me pity, and I will live, for your Torah is my delight. Let the proud be ashamed, because they wrong me with lies; as for me, I will meditate on your precepts. Let those who fear you turn to me, along with those who know your instruction. Let my heart be pure in your laws, so that I won't be put to shame.”

Psalm 119:81-88 ׀ (Kaf) “I am dying to know your salvation; my hope is in your word. My eyes fail from watching for your promise; I ask, “When will you comfort me?” For I have shriveled like a wineskin in a smoky room; still, I don't forget your laws. How long can your servant stay alive? When will you bring judgment on my persecutors? The arrogant have dug pits for me to fall in; this is not in keeping with your Torah! All your mitzvot [show your] faithfulness; they are hounding me with lies; help me! They have nearly ended my life on earth, but I have not abandoned your precepts. In keeping with your grace, revive me; and I will observe your spoken instructions.”

Psalm 119:89-96 ׀ (Lamed) “Your word continues forever, Yahweh, firmly fixed in heaven; your faithfulness through all generations; you established the earth, and it stands. Yes, it stands today, in keeping with your rulings; for all things are your servants. If your Torah had not been my delight, I would have perished in my distress. I will never forget your precepts, for with them you have made me alive. I am yours; save me because I seek your precepts. The wicked hope to destroy me, but I focus on your instruction. I see the limits of all perfection, but your mitzvah has no bounds.”

Sixth night:

Read: Psalm 119:97-120.

Discuss: How Yahweh's Word is what lights our path, so we won't fall.

Question: What does Psalm 119:103-105 mean to you?

Prayer: That the anointing of the Messiah would fuel the flames of our faith, illuminating the Kingdom of God to those around us so they won't fall.

Psalm 119:97-104 ם (Mem) "How I love your Torah! I meditate on it all day. I am wiser than my foes, because your mitzvot are mine forever. I have more understanding than all my teachers, because I meditate on your instruction. I understand more than my elders, because I keep your precepts. I keep my feet from every evil way, in order to observe your word. I don't turn away from your rulings, because you have instructed me. How sweet to my tongue is your promise, truly sweeter than honey in my mouth! From your precepts I gain understanding; this is why I hate every false way."

Psalm 119:105-112 ן (Nun) "Your word is a lamp for my foot and light on my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, that I will observe your righteous rulings. I am very much distressed; Yahweh, give me life, in keeping with your word. Please accept my mouth's voluntary offerings, Yahweh; and teach me your rulings. I am continually taking my life in my hands, yet I haven't forgotten your Torah. The wicked have set a trap for me, yet I haven't strayed from your precepts. I take your instruction as a permanent heritage, because it is the joy of my heart. I have resolved to obey your laws forever, at every step."

Psalm 119:113-120 ם (Samekh) "I hate doubleminded people, but I love your Torah. You are my hiding-place and shield; I put my hope in your word. Leave me alone, you evildoers, so that I can keep my God's mitzvot. Uphold me, as you promised; and I will live; don't disappoint me in my hope. Support me; and I will be saved, always putting my attention on your laws. You reject all who stray from your laws, for what they deceive themselves with is false. You discard the wicked of the earth like slag; this is why I love your instruction. My body trembles for fear of you; your rulings make me afraid."

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Day Seven Day Eight



Seventh night:

Read: Psalm 119:121-141.

Discuss: Why does Yahweh's servant want Yahweh to go to work?

Question: What do Psalm 119:125-126 and Psalm 119:135-136 mean to you?

Prayer: That we can comprehend our new identity, respond to the call to be lights, and recognize our servanthood to the King.

Psalm 119:121-128 א ('Ayin) "I have done what is just and right; don't abandon me to my oppressors. Guarantee your servant's well-being; don't let the arrogant oppress me. My eyes fail from watching for your salvation and for [the fulfillment of] your righteous promise. Deal with your servant in accordance with your grace, and teach me your laws. I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I can know your instruction. The time has come for Yahweh to act, because they are breaking your Torah. Therefore I love your mitzvot more than gold, more than fine gold. Thus I direct my steps by [your] precepts; every false way I hate."

Psalm 119:129-136 פ (Peh) "Your instruction is a wonder; this is why I follow it. Your words are a doorway that lets in light, giving understanding to the thoughtless. My mouth is wide open, as I pant with longing for your mitzvot. Turn to me, and show me your favor; in keeping with [your] judgment for those who love your name. Guide my footsteps by your word; don't let any kind of sin rule me. Redeem me from human oppression, and I will observe your precepts. Make your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Rivers of tears flow down from my eyes, because they don't observe your Torah."

Psalm 119:137-141 צ (Tzadeh) "You are righteous, Yahweh; and your rulings are upright. You have commanded your instructions in righteousness and great faithfulness. My zeal is destroying me, because my foes have forgotten your words. Your word is refined to complete purity, and your servant loves it. I may be small and despised, but I do not forget your precepts."

Eighth night:

Read: Psalm 119:145-176.

Discuss: Peace comes from Torah.

Question: What does Psalm 119:165-167 mean to you?


Prayer: That Yahweh will help you to be a shining light in Yeshua.

Psalm 119:145-152 ק (Kuf) “Wholeheartedly I am calling on you; answer me, Yahweh; I will keep your laws. I am calling on you; save me; and I will observe your instruction. I rise before dawn and cry for help; I put my hope in your word. My eyes are open before the night watches, so that I can meditate on your promise. In your grace, hear my voice; Yahweh, in keeping with your justice, revive me. The pursuers of carnality are getting close; they are distancing themselves from your Torah. You are close by, Yahweh; and all your mitzvot are truth. Long ago I learned from your instruction that you established it forever.”

Psalm 119:153-160 ר (Resh) “Look at my distress, and rescue me, for I do not forget your Torah. Plead my cause, and redeem me; in keeping with your promise, revive me. Salvation is far away from the wicked, because they don’t seek your laws. Great is your compassion, Yahweh; in keeping with your rulings, revive me. Although my persecutors and foes are many, I have not turned away from your instruction. I look at traitors with disgust, because they don’t keep your word. See how I love your precepts, Yahweh; in keeping with your grace, revive me. The main thing about your word is that it’s true; and all your just rulings last forever.”

Psalm 119:161-168 ש (Shin) “Princes persecute me for no reason, but my heart stands in awe of your words. I take joy in your promise, like someone who finds much booty. I hate falsehood, I detest it; but I love your Torah. I praise you seven times a day because of your righteous rulings. Those who love your Torah have great peace; nothing makes them stumble. I hope for your deliverance, Yahweh; I obey your mitzvot. My soul observes your instruction, and I love it so much! I observe your precepts and instruction, for all my ways lie open before you.”

Psalm 119:169-176 ת (Tav) “Let my cry come before you, Yahweh; in keeping with your word, give me understanding. Let my prayer come before you; in keeping with your promise, rescue me. Let my lips speak praise, because you teach me your laws. Let my tongue sing of your promise, because all your mitzvot are righteous. Let your hand be ready to help me, because I choose your precepts. I long for your deliverance, Yahweh; and your Torah is my delight. Let me live, and I will praise you; let your rulings help me. I strayed like a lost sheep; seek out your servant; for I do not forget your mitzvot.”

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Chanukah's Prophetic Nature

Ecclesiastes 1:9 – *“What has been is what will be, what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun.”*

Genesis 12:3 – *“I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”*

The Greek nation waged war against the Jews, trying to instill their philosophies and teachings into the Jewish mindset. It only lasted for a short time!

Eventually, Biblical faith would replace Greek paganism. As the Greeks had left the Temple of Jerusalem desolate, today the temples of the Greeks and their gods are abandoned.

The invasion of Antiochus Epiphanes and his Abomination of Desolation was just a shadow of the coming Abomination under the Antichrist or Beast. The desolation begins when an evil king sets up an idol in the holy place. Antiochus set up a statue of Zeus. The False Prophet will create an image of the Beast that all will be required to worship (**Revelation 13:14-15**).

Chanukah's Prophetic Nature

Chanukah foretold the apostasy of Yahweh's people and foretells the future great apostasy of the people of the world.

Just as the priests, rabbis, and people of ancient Israel turned away from Torah and embraced the ways of the Greek nation, so it will be during the Tribulation Period. People will abandon any worship of Yahweh and embrace the lies of the Beast and the False Prophet, worshipping them instead (**Daniel 9:27, 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, Revelation 13:7-9**).

Alexander the Great and his generals tried to bring the Hellenistic culture to the entire world. During the Tribulation Period the Beast will try to form a One World Government, One World Religion, and One World Economy.

They sought to merge all cultures into one and to compel everyone to abandon their faith. Any culture, faith, people, or person that stood in its way, it tried to stamp out.

The Beast will try to do the same.

Chanukah's Prophetic Nature


The Beast system will try to establish a global culture, persecute Yahweh's people, criminalize moral living, abolish the Bible, blaspheme the Name of God, desecrate all that is sacred, and prohibit observing the Sabbaths and other Biblical celebrations.

The Beast system will try to merge all cultures into one and to compel everyone to abandon their faith. Any culture, faith, people, or person that stands in its way, it will stamp out.

Just as in the days of Antiochus, many will abandon their faith in Yahweh and will take the Mark of the Beast.

Chanukah prophesies both an early Jewish apostasy and takeover, and a global apostasy and take over. Only the return of Yeshua will reverse this vile takeover, reestablish the Holy Temple and accomplish its rededication.

Chanukah is a very specific prophecy of what is going to happen in the end times.

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The
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Lessons

The Lessons of Chanukah

- **Everyone has a purpose** – one is not to fail to stand up for Yahweh, his people, or, in this case, his Temple.
- **Yahweh answers prayer** – He is in control. Yahweh has covenanted with the Jewish people to be their God. Yahweh will not allow another to take his place, no matter how hard they try.
- **Be Faithful To Yahweh in all you do** – Bowing only to Yahweh may land you in trouble, but Yahweh is more than able to overcome any obstacles you face, even against principalities, powers, rulers, and the spiritually wicked in high places (Ephesians 6:12).
- **Yahweh can turn mourning into joy** – The Temple was retaken and rededicated.

A scroll of aged parchment with a textured, yellowish-brown surface and irregular, torn edges. The scroll is unrolled, showing two cylindrical ends on the left and right. The text "Interesting Correlations" is written in a simple, orange-brown font in the center of the scroll.

Interesting
Correlations

It's all about Chanukah

In Matthew Chapters 24 and 25 we see many aspects of Chanukah being repeated.

- When Yeshua begins with the phrase of "*wars and rumors of wars*" the thoughts of his Jewish hearers would turn to Chanukah.
- When Yeshua speaks about "*many being offended and betraying each other*" and the "*love of many waxing cold*" his Jewish hearers would say: "*That's exactly what happened during Chanukah!*"
- When he speaks about seeing "*the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place*" his Jewish hearers would say: "*This is exactly what happened 170 years earlier during Chanukah!*"
- When Yeshua says, "*Then let them which are in Judea flee into the mountains*" these are the exact words of the Maccabees after they killed the officer of Antiochus.

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- When Yeshua talks about the good and evil servants his Jewish hearers would say that during Chanukah there were faithful (good) Jews who held to the Torah and unfaithful (evil) ones who adhered to the Greek mindset.
- Finally, when Yeshua tells the parable about the wise and foolish virgins and the wise have oil to relight their lamps, his Jewish hearers would have immediately thought about the one day supply of oil that kept the Menorah lit for eight days during the time of the Maccabees.

It is Chanukah all over!

Hmmmm

Luke 21:25 – *“There will be signs in sun and moon and stars . . .”*

- According to some calculations it is possible that Yeshua was conceived on Chanukah. We all walk in darkness and need a miracle to uphold the light within. Only Yeshua can do so.
- In 2013 Chanukah began in the evening on Wednesday, November 27th and ended on the evening of Thursday, December 5th. This is the last time that Chanukah and Thanksgiving will be celebrated on the same day for the next 75,000 years, according to [Mark Biltz](#) of El Shaddai Ministries.
- Comet Ison, officially known as comet C/2012 S1, was also currently gracing our 2013 skies. It was hoped to become the brightest comet to grace our skies, even brighter than Venus, said some astronomers. It had already brightened by a factor of 10 since its initial sighting. Ison will swoop quite close to the Sun on November 28th which will enable it to light up dramatically, “coincidentally” on the first day of Chanukah! Perhaps Yahweh lit his Chanukah candle in our heavens to signal the imminent return of Yeshua.

Y'varekh'kha Yahweh v'yishmerekha

Ya'er Yahweh panav eleikha vichunekka

Yissa Yahweh panav eleikha v'yasem l'kha shalom

Yahweh blesses you, and keeps you;

Yahweh makes His face shine upon you, and is gracious to you;

Yahweh lifts up His countenance upon you, and makes you whole.