



THE TRUTH OF HANUKKAH

WHY DON'T WE KNOW ABOUT HANUKKAH? WHY DO WE NOT UNDERSTAND THE EVENT ON WHICH YESHUA WENT UP TO THE "FEAST" WHERE HE WOULD DECLARE, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"? IT'S BECAUSE IT'S NOT IN YOUR BIBLE – **AT LEAST, NOT ANYMORE.**

In 1825, the book of Maccabees was taken out of the King James version of the Bible. It was stripped from us, leaving us bereft of the necessary information to understand what the Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah) is all about.

During the time that the Greeks occupied Israel, Antiochus Epiphanes invaded Jerusalem and banned anyone from reading the Holy Scriptures. He outlawed the worship of the God of Abraham (YeHoVaH) and desecrated the Temple. He set up a statue of Zeus (Jupiter) in the temple on December 25 (Zeus's birthday), declaring Zeus to be God. He then ordered that a female pig be slaughtered on the altar, defiling it. This was the first fulfillment of the abomination of desolation.

All appeared lost, but a handful of priests decided they were not going to submit to the Greek king's demands. Vastly outnumbered and facing armored elephants, they marched on in the name of YeHoVaH, destroyed the Greek army, and rededicated the temple.

This implausible victory happened exactly three years after the abomination of desolation, on December 25 — in other words, Christmas (the abomination) and Hanukkah (the rededication) happened on the very same day. In fact, the Hebrew word Hanukkah means "the dedication."

To this day, Hanukkah is an eight-day event because it took eight days to rededicate the temple; it is NOT because of a so-called miracle (legend, really) that one day's worth of oil burned for eight days in the temple menorah. That never happened.

The point of Hanukkah is to celebrate the power of the Almighty's people over those who want to destroy our faith. It is an expression of the fact that the Almighty will not be outlawed and his Word will not be subverted. It is a reminder to dedicate ourselves to him, to remain faithful, and to stand strong for him. It is a reminder that we are priests and kings in the court of the Almighty; we are to be righteous judges now and in the future. It is a reminder that we are strong because our strength comes from YeHoVaH. Hanukkah is a feast for all of the Almighty's faithful!

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THE 12 TRUTHS OF CHRISTMAS

MODERN CHRISTIANITY DOESN'T GET MUCH RIGHT ABOUT YESHUA'S BIRTH – BUT THIS TIME OF YEAR IS A PERFECT TIME TO SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES THE TRUTH OF HOW AND WHEN HE CAME.

HERE ARE 12 TRUTHS THAT CAN HELP YOU EXPLAIN HOW EACH PIECE OF THE TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS NARRATIVE (REGARDLESS OF ITS INACCURACIES) FITS INTO THE TIMELINE OF WHAT REALLY HAPPENED!

- ① Yeshua was not born on December 25th. But those who were include Nimrod, the Babylonian sun god, reborn as Tammuz; Rah, the Egyptian sun god; Zeus, the Greek god; and Mithra, the Roman sun god.
- ② Yeshua was born on the 15th day of the 7th month of the biblical calendar, the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles (a High Sabbath), which always occurs in autumn. On the Julian calendar, it was Thursday, September 26, 3 BCE.
- ③ Yeshua was born on a High Sabbath (15th day of the 7th month), circumcised and named on a High Sabbath (22nd day of the 7th month), and raised from death on a Sabbath (17th day of the 1st month).
- ④ Yeshua was not placed in a feeding trough when he was born. He was placed in a "manger" which is the same word as "sukkah" in Hebrew – a three-sided temporary dwelling erected at the autumn Feast of Tabernacles, the true timing of his birth.
- ⑤ Yeshua was wrapped in "swaddling" cloths, part of an initial dedication of a child of the king. The cloths were made from priests' garments that were no longer in use; most likely, Elizabeth sourced them since her husband, Zechariah, was a priest in the temple.
- ⑥ The town in which Yeshua was born, Bethlehem (beit lechem), literally means house of bread, which ties into what he said of himself in John 6:51 – "I am the living bread which came down from heaven!"
- ⑦ The concept that there were three "wise men" that came to visit Yeshua is assumed; there were three gifts, not three people.
- ⑧ The great sign in the heavens that the "wise men" saw was the constellation Bethulah (the virgin) along with the planet HaTzaddik (Jupiter or the "righteous") coming into conjunction with the star HaMelech (the king) within the constellation of Ariel (the lion of Judah).
- ⑨ The so-called "wise men" who came to see Yeshua as a toddler were descendants of the Chaldean astronomers, which the prophet Daniel had trained and entrusted with his treasure – the treasure given to Yeshua and his parents.
- ⑩ The wise men arrived with their gifts for Yeshua when he was 14 months old; the very next night, Joseph and Miriam were able to use the treasure to finance their escape to Egypt to avoid Herod's infant death sentence.
- ⑪ The gold, frankincense, and myrrh presented to the toddler Yeshua were traditional gifts presented to royalty. The pure oils of frankincense and myrrh were more valuable than their weight in gold.
- ⑫ We know that Joseph and Miriam were financially poor because their offering at Yeshua's dedication in the Temple was the "poor man's offering" of two young pigeons.

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