

# ROOD REVIEW

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HOW MUCH WE DO... IS UP TO YOU

I GOT INTO MINISTRY FOR ONE REASON — IT WAS MY DUTY. THE ALMIGHTY HAD GIVEN ME A VITAL MESSAGE ABOUT WHAT I HAD BEEN OBSERVING IN CHURCHIANITY SINCE I WAS A TEEN. SOMETHING WASN'T QUITE RIGHT, AND IT WAS MY JOB TO TEACH THE TRUTH.

Thanks to your obedience to the Almighty, that truth is now reaching farther than ever! Your support is changing lives. You make it possible for people to finally understand what they've been missing. You are the reason for every "Rood Awakening." And the best is yet to come in 2022!

But how much more we do **is up to you.**

I need you to think ahead with me. Together, you and I need to plan this ministry's activities for 2022 right now... we need your support to determine how much we can do. The end of 2021 is upon us and you have a choice to make:

1. You could pay more tax than you need to and watch Washington waste it.
2. You could support A Rood Awakening! International and bring the truth to more people than we have ever reached before.

You know as well as I do that the money has to go one way or the other. I'm asking you to put it to good use — put it into a ministry that rides the razor's edge, pushing every dollar as far as it will go, and risking everything to do what the Almighty has asked us to do.

Don't worry, I'll do the hard part. I'll get the word out to places you've never dreamed. I'll take the heat from those who don't like to hear the truth. All I'm asking you to do... Help me, to help you, help the world. We have made lots of materials available for you to reach out to your friends, your neighbors. We're reaching the world in several languages now. So, this is your opportunity to help, and we thank you in advance.

**See you when the smoke clears,**

  
Michael Rood



# IT'S THE MOST \*CRITICAL\* TIME OF THE YEAR

**WHILE THE REST OF THE WORLD SINGS CAROLS OF YESHUA'S BIRTH TWO-AND-A-HALF MONTHS LATE, WE'RE PUSHING TO REACH OUR FUNDING GOALS FOR 2022 – SO THAT NEXT YEAR, MORE PEOPLE WILL KNOW THE TRUTH AND BE CELEBRATING THE FEASTS OF THE LORD INSTEAD!**

Speaking of funding, you know we run a tight ship here at A Rood Awakening! International. The funds that come in are immediately turned around to produce attention-getting teachings that are sent out to the world, free of charge. But why do we do it this way? Why do we spend the money on top quality staff, movie-like special effects, social media advertising, weekly broadcasts, and a dynamic app with all the bells and whistles? Why not just set up a cheap camera in front of a blank wall and throw it on YouTube?

Because competition for the world's attention is more intense than ever – and if we want them to listen, we have to invade their space. That's what Yeshua did. He walked right into their synagogues and their temple services that were riddled with rabbinic traditions that were not of him, but he used the opportunity to bombshell the truth when they least expected it. Brilliant!

There's no better strategy than Yeshua's and that's why we follow his example today.

Not to mention, we don't know how much time we have left on platforms like YouTube and Facebook, both of which have corporate strategies that mandate increased pressure on organizations like ours, whom they deem to be discriminatory or otherwise opposed to their secular ideals. That's why we have the MichaelRood.tv app and why we push out Michael's teachings through so many online avenues – we don't know which one will be threatened next.

If you're blessed by this ministry, we ask that you stand with us especially at this time. Step up and help us in our fight to propagate the truth. In order to continue educating the public and continue ending biblical illiteracy and biblical ignorance, we need to know you're with us, now.

Think about it. Pray about it. Then, make your BEST donation before December 31 – this is your opportunity to give to a ministry that propagates truth to the world, instead of giving it to government coffers at tax time.

**Thank you for standing with us!**

*Jedd Clayton*  
Chief Operating Officer

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# 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!

# H A N U K K A H

# THE 12 TRUTHS OF Yeshua's birth 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, whom 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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